

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Caring for children alone**

The burden of single parenting is heavy for refugees who have lost a spouse

amina once had a good life in South Sudan. She and her husband owned a successful autoparts and repair shop, and Jamima sold cookies.

Then Jamima's husband died in 2012, and the war seemed to close in around her. She knew it was time to leave her home.

Now as a refugee in Uganda, Jamina has four children of her own and two orphans that she cares for.

She struggles to find food for her children. They receive less than half the rations they once did. She's considered starting a business but doesn't see anyone who can afford to pay her.

There are schools available in the camps but they are very poor. When she thinks about the future of her children she can't help but cry.

Still, she thanks God that although things are hard, they are alive. Your gifts allow Refugee Relief to provide food relief to Jamima and her family.

# What we do

ur vision is to invite the Church to join together to advance the Kingdom of Christ by providing relief to refugees struggling to survive in developing or impoverished countries. Your gifts and prayers bring hope in the name of Jesus to those forced to flee their homes due to war, persecution, violence and economic crisis. To accomplish this, we rely on your prayerful support to partner with in-country churches, ministries, and non-profit organizations already successfully serving the refugee population.

Our programs include food distribution, child education scholarships, adult vocational training, the Uganda Refugee Farm and grocery vouchers in Beirut. Through these, we have the opportunity to reach refugees for Christ. Our supporters include churches and Christians like you who have a passion for those in such dire situations.

# Where we work

Refugee Relief's work is focused on the most vulnerable refugees in impoverished countries. In 2022, we were active among South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda, Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Ethiopian refugees in Sudan and Ukrainian Refugees in Moldova. We are praying about other refugee crises around the world as they occur and asking God to open doors for us to minister in those areas.

### A note from the president



For almost 5 years now, Refugee Relief has brought the love of Jesus to refugees fleeing war and living in a neighboring, impoverished country. As I sit here to write this note, I have a full, grateful heart for all God has done. Through your faithful, prayerful, and loving gifts, we have been able to bring

Scott Steinloski President and CEO

hope and love to more refugees around the world than I would have ever imagined in this short time. We thank God for using this ministry to bring lifesaving aid and eternal hope to refugees living in desperation.

Last year we saw the start of the Ukrainian war, which continues to rage on. God opened doors when three shipping containers of food were donated to help Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. But we needed to pay for the shipping. We came to you with this opportunity and because of your prayerful gifts, we were able to send more than 800,000 meals to refugees in Moldova! Violence in South Sudan has continued in the face of a signed peace treaty and the number of refugees fleeing to Uganda continued to grow. The refugee-owned and managed farm you helped start continues to produce corn, beans, rice, and greens. It has fed thousands. Your gifts also helped purchase food locally in Uganda and distribute hundreds of relief kits.

At the end of the year, another 40-foot shipping container of fortified rice meals was shipped to our storage facility in Uganda. The container held another 285,000 meals for distribution to the most vulnerable.

We continued to bring relief to Syrian refugee families in Beirut, Lebanon with grocery store vouchers that help them buy nutritious foods for their families that they don't receive any other way.

I am deeply thankful for your prayers and support as we share the Good News of God's love to refugees. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8 NIV. Thank you for loving refugees.

## 2022 Impact

#### Your gifts and prayers were instrumental in helping us bring aid to refugees in 2022:

#### Syrian refugees in Lebanon



The economy in Lebanon continues to be the worst in the world. Skyrocketing inflation, political coruption, COVID, the Beruit Port explosion, and unrest have created a perfect storm of instability.

This creates a renewed uncertainty for the Syrian refugees who fled the conflict in their home country.

Last year, 150 Refugee families where twice provided grocery store vouchers that allow their families to purchase protein and vegetables that are not provided by any other rations. Our hope is that these staples can bring some comfort in the midst of the turmoil in Beruit, Lebanon.

#### South Sudan refugees in Uganda

In 2021, your gifts purchased 36-acres of land to start a farm, owned and operated by refugees. An initial 10-acres of corn was planted. In 2022, another 13-acres were planted with rice and beans, but the corn struggled against drought and strong winds. The quantity and quality of the corn suffered. However, the newly planted rice and beans did extremely well.

Another 40-ft. shipping container of 285,000 fortified rice meals were also sent to Uganda in December.

Many of you provided scholarships to 25 South Sudan children. Without your help, these children would not be able to afford the fees, books, and uniforms necessary to attend school.



Though your generosity, thousands of South Sudan refugees have been shown the love of Christ through relief projects.

#### Ukrainian refugees in Moldova



When the war in Ukraine broke out in February 2022, Refugee Relief reached out to partners to see how we could provide relief to refugees fleeing into impoverished areas.

We soon realized that the small, impoverished country of Moldova was the place we could help the most vulnerable refugees. This small country is the poorest country in Europe but hosts the largest number of refugees per capita. The Church in Moldova was tirelessly providing shelter, food and necessities to Ukrainian refugees. Refugee Relief sent three 40-foot containers of fortified rice meals to help the Moldovan churches with their relief efforts.

In winter, your gifts helped to keep Ukrainian refugees warm. Due to the war, energy prices had skyrocketed. Churches could not afford to keep the heat on. We were able to help churches pay their energy bills for refugees staying in converted Sunday school rooms, gymnasiums, and sanctuaries.

## By the numbers

According to the UNHCR, which tracks statistics on Refugee populations:



forcibly displaced people worldwide as of mid-2021



MILLION

children

million displaced are

36

PERCENT

originate from just five countries

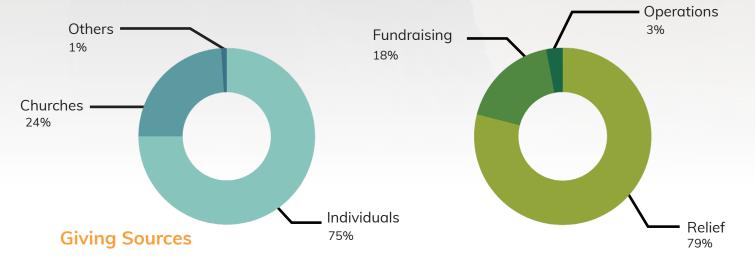


### PERCENT

of refugees are hosted by developing countries

### **Refugee Relief Financials**

Total Giving: \$126,756.50



Thank you for your involvement in coming to the aid of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Your impact is lasting and is cherished among the refugees we serve.



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