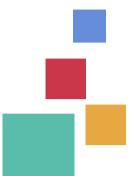
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# **ANNUAL** REPORT

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### Message From The President

God's Kingdom is expanding at an amazing rate around the world. We are witnessing incredible stories of life change through our missionaries, local leaders, and partner organizations. From the African bush to European cities to coastal communities in the South Pacific (and many more!), God is working in AMAZING ways.

As we share this report from the work of God through Missionary Ventures in 2022, I pray you are encouraged to have just a glimpse of all that God has done. Despite the ever-changing dynamics of the world, we are confident in God's purpose and plan, and that He will carry it out to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6).

Please pray with us for the people around the world who are following Jesus into new areas, both physical and spiritual. God's Kingdom is at hand.



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Bill Snell 🥢 President, Missionary Ventures International

### **Ministry Impact This Year**

Every year we ask our missionaries to complete a short survey about the approximate number of people impacted through their ministry. This looks different for everyone. Some programs offer in-depth discipleship training with just a few people, others have a broad ministry equipping thousands. The type and scope is incredibly varied, but we see God using each missionary and partner to further His kingdom. Combined, the following numbers give a glimpse of the worldwide impact this year through MVI.



#### **Nations Impacted** 74

These countries around the world have been directly impacted by an MVI missionary, team, or leader equipped with transportation.



#### Leaders Equipped 470 with Transportation

Our partnership with the Christian Motorcyclists Association dates back to 1986 and we have now equipped nearly 16,000 leaders.



#### **Christian Schools** 386 Engaged

Around the world, we serve local Christian Schools by strengthening them to carry out their Kingdom calling.



### 1,363 Ministries Equipped

Partnership is essential to fulfill the Great Commission, and we help many different schools, organizations, and churches to grow and be more effective in ministry.





#### 7,410 Leaders Empowered

We empower leaders not only through our transportation ministry, but also with support, teaching, and training leaders in many other contexts.



#### 19,602 Vulnerable Women and Children Served

This number includes women and children served in birthing centers, renutrition centers, health clinics, feeding programs and other aspects of our Health and Community Development initiative.

#### 3,598 Bible School Students

We have ongoing Bible school programs, both large and small, in many countries around the world. This is a best estimate of the total number of students.

### 1.5 million New Believers

This number comes largely from the calculated impact of our transportation ministry. From each form of transportation gifted, an average of 180 new believers is reported each year. Even with 20% attrition estimated, we still estimate more than 1 million new believers every year.







## To Latvia, With Love

When the war began in Ukraine, the Baltic School of Ministry in Latvia, led by MVI missionaries Mauro and Julia Martinez, let local people know they were open to receiving refugees and helped connect others with open



homes. Within just a few weeks, they were hosting 14 refugees in addition to the 16 students and staff. "Since the refugees we accepted are not Christians, local churches have tried to connect with them and invite them to their services," says Mauro, "It is a joy to see that some have quickly accepted the invitation. Not only did they express their desire to attend services, but they also asked for ways to get involved in serving. Simply inspiring! We are trying to be light in the midst of such terrible darkness and to bring the hope we once received from our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Throughout the year, the school has hosted more than 50 refugees.



### **Graduation Day**

Celebrations abounded in Africa as many students graduated from Christian schools, vocational schools, and Bible classes.

In Zambia, eight students graduated from the two-year training program at the Luzibo Christian Training Centre. As a result, these present and future church leaders are now better equipped to make an impact for Christ.

In Uganda, at the Great Commission Comprehensive Vocational School, 36 people graduated from tailoring school, and 12 graduated from hairdressing school. There were more than 1,000 people at the graduation ceremony. "These students come from hard places, really hard places," said MVI missionary Melinda Guynn, "and completing a vocation and getting equipped was truly a miracle in their lives."

Also in Uganda, near the border with South Sudan, 127 South Sudanese refugees graduated from Bible school Level 1. They live in a refugee camp with more than 130,000 people and more arriving by busloads every week. Please pray for these graduates as they minister among their fellow refugees. Ne don't know the truth of Maribel's\* backstory. It's one of two horrible possibilities: either her mother trafficked her or sold her because she didn't have enough money. But we do know that she came to live at the Restoration House in Peru five years ago without a family. Her story was misunderstood and unresolved. With such a complicated legal past, adoption seemed highly unlikely.

MVI missionaries cared for Maribel and started the process of getting her a national i.d. card. Due to her unresolved history, it took years to obtain. They connected with a local judge who was willing to hear cases with complicated stories like Maribel's. Technically, without an i.d. card, she wasn't even supposed to attend school, but a local Swiss-funded school made annual exceptions. Maribel proved to be very bright and learned English from her house mom, MVI missionary Melinda Green.

Thankfully, she didn't show signs of significant trauma like many other children at the Restoration House. But still, she watched as her friends were adopted out to loving families while she stayed behind.

Then a pastor and wife from Lima, unable to have children of their own, were connected with Maribel. The circumstances of their complicated adoption story and Maribel's difficult past came together in a Godordained way, and Maribel is now in Lima with her new family. She is even nearby to some of the other children from the Restoration House who were adopted earlier. We rejoice at a beautiful resolution to Maribel's story. The best for her is definitely yet to come.





## Seeing Their Value Through God's Eyes



"...they are created by God for a purpose and they are human beings like all other tribes..." In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, unreached people groups are within reach for pastors like Pastor Sethi Munenwa, who lives about 300 km (186 miles) from the Pygmy forest tribes. These tribes have historically been devalued by almost everyone. Through both colonialism and discrimination from other tribes, they have often been thought of as the lowest of people groups. Some even believe it themselves. They don't like to mix with other tribes and have even been killed by other tribes for ritual purposes. They live isolated in the forests in poverty. Many believe in witchcraft and practice ancestral worship.

But Pastor Sethi knows their value in God's eyes and he and other pastors have spent the last five years reaching out to them with the message of Christ. He has been equipped through Missionary Ventures South Africa with transportation through our partnership with Christian Motorcyclists Association. He and two other pastors are now able to travel more regularly to bring the Word of God and other encouragement to the Pygmies, as well as food, clothing, and other societal help.

"We have journeyed with Pastor Sethi these last five years," says MV South Africa director Pastor Lloyd Thabatha. "He and other pastors are reaching the Pygmy tribes to build their esteem by teaching them that they are created by God for a purpose and they are human beings like all other tribes in the DRC. Through their teaching many are beginning to be motivated about life."

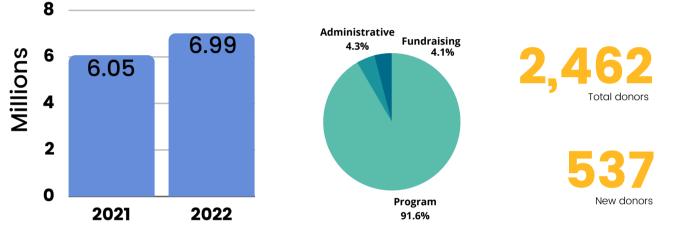
Last Christmas they baptized 15 people, and 11 more on Easter. A small church has begun.

While the need remains great, we are encouraged at this group of Pygmies who are now following Jesus instead of witchcraft and finding their worth in Him instead of the views of others.





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**Financials** 



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