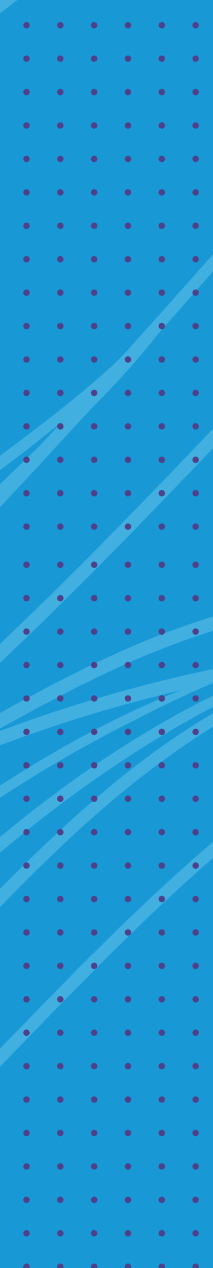


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Missions Annual Report



Resurrection
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INTRO



The theme for our Justice and Kindness campaign in 2022 was **“Be Just...Be Kind...Be Humble,”** inspired by Micah 6:8 which reads, *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”* Resurrection, your support of our mission efforts in 2022 exemplifies this passage. This was visible through your advocacy for local and global neighbors who suffer injustices, the kindness you show others, your attitude of humility to listen to and learn from others, so that the work we do together honors those we come alongside to serve.



Coming out of a pandemic provided both opportunities and challenges as we continued to support those most deeply impacted. At the same time we were able to more fully resume serving in person. You responded to natural and human-caused disasters including support and relief provided in response to the horrific war in Ukraine. You expanded our capacity to address food insecurity, and supported students and teachers as they returned to classrooms across the globe and worked to catch up on learning.

It's incredibly difficult to capture the depth and breadth of all your generosity and service makes possible in one report. There are ways you can stay up to date throughout the year via our church's website pages, social media posts, newsletters, blogs, and our new podcast, Bridging Cultures.

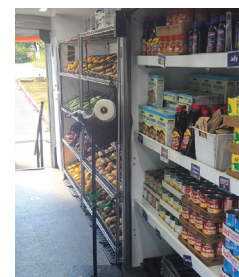
In celebration of all you are doing, and on behalf of our entire staff team...

Carol Cartmill
Mission Ministries Lead Director



HUNGER MINISTRY

The FoodMobile celebrated its first full year and the numbers are astounding. The team served 8,741 families that included 14,086 children and 3,366 seniors. They distributed 3,424 sack lunches and a whopping total of 283,988 pounds of groceries including produce, dairy and protein. The Partner Pantry team supplied 27 area pantries with food and financial grants. Our Overland Park Pantry served 31,738 individuals. In all, the church invested over \$1 million to feed our Kansas City area neighbors!



SERVED AT A GLANCE

 **3,424** sack lunches

 **283,988** pounds of groceries

 **34,319** individuals for FoodMobile

FOSTER/ADOPT MINISTRY - THE CARE PORTAL

Through Care Portal, an online platform that matches churches and individuals with children and families in crisis, we provided over \$12,000 worth of goods and other resources needed to keep families safe and intact. Some of the requests funded included payment for overdue rent and utilities, medical/dental care, car repairs, groceries, Uber cards and safety items such as a Ring doorbell. We also provided funding for cleaning and health supplies, many twin beds, dressers, car seats and baby supplies. These resources helped moms who were fleeing domestic abuse situations, dads who were unable to work due to illness, grandmas and aunts who took custody of children when their parents could no longer care for them. Over 200 children benefitted from the various resources provided throughout the year.

 **+200** children benefitted



PARTNER SCHOOLS - BACKPACKS FOR HUNGER

Over 60,000 bags of weekend food were distributed to children at our partner elementary schools and one preschool during the 2021-22 school year. These bags contain kid-friendly, non-perishable food that the students can enjoy over the weekend when they do not have access to the free breakfasts and lunches provided by their school.

At the start of the 2022 school year, the ministry began serving one of our newer partner pre-k's, Woodland Early Learning Center in KCMO. Originally the school requested bags for 60 students. Within a few weeks, that number increased to 192 bags.

"We started the program slow to get our processes down," said Head Start Family Advocate Heidi Garrett-McClain. "Many parents have reported that it gives them the ability to provide snacks to their children or offer them a meal that they couldn't afford to provide on their own. The children are always excited, smiling with delight, and proudly carry their food bag home. The families really appreciate the food...By working together, we will make a real and lasting difference in the lives of students and their families. We appreciate each of you and all that you do to make an impact through this program."

PRE-K INITIATIVE



1,500 quarterly at-home literacy kits

Our Partner School ministry is one of our most impactful programs. We expanded our already robust Partner School Ministry to include four Early Education Learning Centers: Project Eagle, Kansas City Kansas Early Childhood Center, Woodland Early Learning Center in the Kansas City MO school district, and Della Lamb ELC. This made access to our existing partner school programs – Classroom helpers, school supplies, Bookmobile, Backpacks for Hunger, Beds, School Makeover, etc. – available to our littlest learners. Volunteers assisted in classrooms and provided encouragement to staff and teachers. Financial support through grants and other initiatives provided scholarships to low-income families and expanded quality and access to Pre-K seats. We funded quarterly at-home literacy kits, which contribute significantly to kindergarten readiness, for 1500 children in partnership with Kansas City, KS Public Schools.



SERVING LOCALLY

Resurrection has been blessed by the Kansas City Farm School at Gibbs Road, who provides year-round urban farm volunteer opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. In 2022, we provided \$25k in start-up funding for their Farmers on the Rise apprenticeship program that is teaching agricultural and life-skills to Wyandotte County youth. We anticipate growing our investment into creation care, the community, and volunteers as this partnership blossoms.

The Helping Hands Construction team continued to commit two Saturdays a month to assisting agencies with infrastructure needs. While they worked at a handful of agencies, they were most likely to be found at Operation Breakthrough or The Hub Argentine, where they have developed close ties to leadership and their missions. In 2022, they dedicated nearly 700 hours of community service. Their leadership offered volunteer experience and data management expertise that shaped our volunteer engagement strategies with the recently released ROCK Church Management System that tracks membership and participation in the church's five essential practices.

Resurrection continued its support of Hillcrest Transitional Housing as a critical transitional housing ministry with locations in Independence, Sugar Creek, and Lee's Summit, Liberty, and Lathrop, Missouri and Overland Park and Kansas City Kansas. Our primary work was with their Kansas City Kansas location where we sponsor an apartment that is occupied 90 days at a time by a family needing a final catalyst to self-sufficiency. We've seen three families over the past year launch with the support of a strong volunteer team providing apartment transitions, weekly meals, and celebrations of special occasions. The volunteer team was so good at redecorating apartments that they've been invited to spruce up apartments that we don't sponsor. We continue to sponsor their annual gala as we have grown to believe in their work and depend on them as a reliable Serve Saturday partner.

REFUGEE MINISTRY

Refugee Resettlement has found its stride after providing critical volunteer and financial support through the Afghan Resettlement Crisis. Over 1,000 hours and financial support to Catholic Charities, Della Lamb, and Jewish Vocational Services have helped these agencies increase capacity to serve and directly to settle over 500 people in our community. Volunteer teams came alongside 3 families over a 6-month period to help welcome them and ensure they meet goals critical to them reaching self-sufficiency. Team Welcome continued to meet quarterly to learn from local experts, care for each other, and share about the experiences they were having. Our leadership team is excited about new relationships forming with Kansas City Public Schools Welcome Center, Mission Adelante, and a Congolese led worshipping community called Kuomba that is supported by Missouri's Heartland District of the UMC.



We look forward to many productive years for Community Justice and honor God by our efforts to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God!



[Global Efforts]

BRIDGING CULTURES PODCAST LAUNCHED!

<https://globalimpact.cor.org/bridging-cultures-podcast/>

Three Seasons of the Bridging Cultures Podcast dropped in 2022 amplifying the voice of average people doing extraordinary things. Listeners heard from our partners around the globe and how donations are used to change the world.



- **Season 1** – a variety of topics given from our partners' perspectives on stereotypes, culture, relationships, empowerment.
- **Season 2** – food insecurity and the creative ways our partners have found to help vulnerable families eat nutritious (and enough) food year-round.
- **Season 3** – countries are outlawing orphanages. But what is happening to the children in them? You can listen and find why and how the new plan is healthier for children and prepares them to become healthy adults.

You can find Bridging Cultures on your favorite podcast platform. Subscribe to ensure you don't miss any new episodes as additional seasons drop.

SOLAR LIGHT PROJECT - MALAWI

Vacation Bible School raised funds for rural Malawian families to receive solar light kits. The congregation was then challenged to match this donation and once again exceeded all hopes! Over 2,000 families in Malawi received solar kits that include four bulbs, a phone charging outlet, and radio. Two thousand more families will receive these in 2023. A key part of the project includes recipient families paying for roughly 1/3 of the actual cost of the solar kit over a 6 - 12-month period – based on the ability of the family to make payments.

All funds collected for the solar light kits go into a village fund. Local leaders will determine how they mobilize the funds for a project in their village. This process is important as it gives families the dignity to pay for their solar kit (at an affordable cost), responsibility and ownership of their solar kit, and launches a community betterment project with the funds paid by families.

GLOBAL PARTNER SCHOOLS

Did you know that Resurrection has 20 global partner schools? We support education via 16 preschools in Malawi, one preschool and one open school in South Africa, one K-12 school in Honduras and one K-6 school in Uganda. We believe that education is the pathway out of poverty and many families around the world can't afford for their child to attend school.



Donors change that by helping sponsor classrooms in any of these locations to close the gap between the cost a family can pay and the actual cost to operate the school. Sponsors can write notes of encouragement, will receive bi-annual updates from the school and can even visit their sponsored classroom. Even better, classes will pray for sponsors and sponsors can pray for teachers and their students. Classroom sponsorships are \$39 per month and open to all who wish to change the world through education.

HAITI GOATS

Our congregation is the GOAT! Joy in Serving 2021 raised enough funds to provide goats for over 400 families in Haiti that were distributed throughout 2022. Families were selected by local leaders who trained the family on basic goat care, and gave initial inoculations. Signed agreements covered the care goats must be given as well as commitments to donate the first offspring to another vulnerable family meaning the goat project continues in perpetuity.

SOUTH AFRICA GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The stress from COVID and increase in unemployment has found an increase in gender-based violence (GBV) around the globe. South Africa is unfortunately no different. Our partners have responded to this increase by sending counselors into the community to meet with families, counsel them, and support them through their current challenges. They have begun groups specifically for men to create a structure of support as well as education for prevention. Groups have begun for women and anyone on the receiving end of GBV. When the government fell short of helping fund this program, Resurrection stepped in to bridge the costs so that this important program could continue.

HONDURAS

CADERH (Access Center for the Development of Human Resources)/Alex Yanez

In Ciudad España Honduras CADERH equipped a third class of entrepreneurs in 2022. CADERH provides a series of weekend trainings where hopeful entrepreneurs craft their business plans and learn skills to successfully maintain and grow their small businesses. Upon completion of the program, CADERH provides

the entrepreneurs with loans for the purchase of needed supplies to start their businesses. These loans are obtained from seed money given by Resurrection.

One of the entrepreneurs, Alex Yanez made a go of it as a graphic designer. He founded his company Vector on February 16th and celebrates his first complete year of business. He completed several designs and is using funds to pay for transportation to the local university where he is studying English Education. His business is thriving. He contracted with a local printer to print his designs, and a local taxi driver to deliver his designs. In addition to building a fantastic network his talent speaks for itself. Alex designs thank you cards for our visiting teams and has completed save the date cards for a Resurrection staff member's upcoming wedding. All have been pleased with the results. Taking advantage of this training opportunity has allowed Alex to pursue his dreams and continue his studies. This program has been an amazing asset for business owners like Alex. Not only has this business helped Alex, it has also stimulated the local economy and created more work for existing business owners like the printer and the taxi driver. You can meet Alex and see some of his work by going on a serve trip to Ciudad España, Honduras in 2024.

COSTA RICA

Escuchar con Amor

In 2022 a large gift was given to complete a counseling center in Costa Rica. Through this generous memorial gift, Escuchar con Amor or Listen with Love was built and opened. Escuchar con Amor was the answer to a need that local missionaries Wil and Yolanda Bailey observed in their ministry setting. They own and operate a pre-school in their community. This pre-school serves predominately single mothers. These mothers and families had expressed a need for someone to talk to and spiritual direction. Yolanda now serves as the Spiritual Director to provide care and pray with these women. There is a Licensed Psychologist to make sure the mothers have access to the treatment they need. In 2021, Yolanda and Priscilla began their work very part time, out of Wil's tiny office. Through the generosity of one family and a few church partners they have been able build a facility with two private rooms for therapy sessions, and a large conference room for meetings, group therapy, and trainings. Not only are they able to work full-time now serving 25 women weekly, but they also have a waiting list. You can see the counseling center by going on a serve trip to Costa Rica in 2024 with Resurrection.

UGANDA

In 2022, we forged another brand-new partnership, Uganda! In Uganda, we partner with Uganda Counseling and Support Services, a non-profit organization focusing on holistic community development in Bulike, Bulaya, and Nakalama. We hope to support the launch of the Nakalama K-12 school as well as equipping and empowering local leaders. Another project we plan to engage in provides preventative healthcare. We will do this by partnering with and supporting existing local efforts to educate the community on preventative care measures.



WHAT'S COMING...

Take a trip to Mexico to work with organizations helping migrants.

- In 2023 a group of likeminded key volunteers will spend some time with our new partners Abara Borderland Connections and Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, TX/Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. We hope to work with these organizations to provide support, holy companionship, and to learn more about the humanitarian aid work that they do. These are not political partnerships but human partnerships. These organizations exist to make sure the needs of real people are being met. Consider joining us in 2024 on our inaugural trip to the borderland. The borderland is an in between space or a liminal space where we will serve, learn, and grow in relationship with God and one another.



FINANCIALS

SPECIAL OFFERING AND OTHER GIVING

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Local Impact Ministries	
Christmas Eve 2021	\$1,278,000
>>> Community Care Assistance	\$100,000
>>> Backpacks for Hunger	\$500,000
>>> Pre-K Initiatives	\$350,000
>>> Refugee Resettlement	\$100,000
>>> Care Portal Requests	\$48,000
>>> Cristo Rey	\$30,000
>>> Flourish Furnishings	\$50,000
>>> Habitat KC	\$50,000
>>> Heart to Heart International	\$50,000
Backpacks for Hunger	\$116,086
Hunger Ministries	\$334,827
Furnishings	\$14,581
Disaster Relief & Response	\$420,134
Education/Life Skills/Literacy	\$144,318
Holiday Mission Fund	\$133,441
>>> Holiday Meals	\$105,662
>>> Local Family Sponsorships	\$8,697
>>> Partner School Toy Drive	\$19,082
Partner School Support	\$59,151
Community Justice	\$20,028
Healthcare Encouragement	\$74,643
Immigration/Refugee Support	\$54,758
Beds	\$48,090
Foster Child Ministry	\$14,100
Other Local Initiatives	\$22,909
Total	\$2,735,066

Global Impact Ministries	
Christmas Eve 2021	\$727,500
>>> Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$150,000
>>> ZOE (3 yr commitment)	\$127,500
>>> Global Education (Juan Wesley, Ditshego, Malawi Preschools)	\$200,000
>>> Haiti Food MUSO & food security projects	\$75,000
>>> Dzaleka Refugee Camp (Malawi)	\$40,000
>>> Malawi Partnership projects (food security, Health, Capacity building)	\$135,000
Global Education & Scholarships	\$92,965
Holiday Mission Fund	\$19,378
>>> Honduras - Sunday School Kits	\$8,300
>>> South Africa - School Uniforms	\$2,826
Global Water Initiatives	\$33,500
Malawi Solar Lights	\$290,392
Ukraine Response	\$780,917
Other Global Initiatives	\$26,069
Total	\$1,970,721

Missions Operational Funding	\$907,869
Local Impact Missions	\$2,735,066
Global Impact Missions	\$1,970,721
Total	\$5,613,656

MISSIONS SPENDING

Local Impact Ministries	
Backpacks for Hunger	\$321,242
Beds	\$85,096
Collections (Clothing, Computers, Cars)	\$31,596
Community Care Assistance	\$1,070
Community Justice	\$131,088
Disaster Response	\$392,405
>>> Kentucky Tornado response	\$20,000
>>> Hurricane Ian Support	\$320,000
Education & Life Skills/Literacy	\$52,814
Foster Child Ministry	\$41,646
Furnishings	\$107,508
Healthcare Encouragement	\$90,188
Housing & Construction	\$71,129
Hunger Ministry	\$1,074,511
Immigration/Refugee Support	\$180,244
Thanksgiving Meals/Joy In Serving	\$101,626
Mission Vehicles	\$23,561
Partner School Support	\$144,917
Pre-K Initiatives	\$379,976
Reconciliation Services	\$105,045
Resurrection Mission Centers (RMC)	\$86,014
Serve Saturday	\$90,485
Strategic Initiatives	\$136,546
Total	\$3,648,705

Global Impact Ministries	
Clean water initiatives/Boreholes	\$150,998
Costa Rica Partnership	\$56,503
Disaster Response	\$128,146
>>> Cyclone Ana Relief	\$22,000
>>> Haiti Earthquake	\$33,590
>>> Hurricane Fiona Support	\$20,000
>>> Uganda - Ebola response	\$17,556
Eurasia Initiatives	\$7,000
Global Partner Scholarships	\$311,391
Haiti Partnership	\$104,014
Honduras Partnership	\$20,449
Malawi Partnership	\$373,046
Malawi Solar Energy	\$144,686
Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$100,000
South Africa Partnerships	\$62,415
Trip Training & Supplies	\$16,425
Ukraine Response	\$423,350
ZOE	\$125,000
Total	\$2,023,423

Administrative & Communications	\$15,422
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Denominational Missions & Ministry Commitments	\$2,974,980
Administrative & Communications	\$15,422
Local Impact Ministries	\$3,648,705
Global Impact Missions	\$2,023,423
Total	\$8,662,531