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A Message from our Lead Director

If I had to name a theme for 2025 in Mission Ministries, it would be “where faith met uncertainty.” This past year brought rapid change, tested long-held norms, and left many discerning what was true amid growing skepticism. For the most vulnerable, these challenges were especially significant.

Some of this uncertainty stemmed from changes in federal government operations. The dismantling of USAID during the summer directly affected communities where Resurrection partners serve vulnerable children and families. Closer to home, a prolonged government shutdown disrupted critical safety net programs, creating real strain for many in our own neighborhoods. Yet in the midst of these challenges, the Church responded.

You responded.

Through your generosity and compassion, you helped meet urgent needs and offered hope in tangible ways—demonstrating a deep commitment to loving your neighbors.

Over the past several years, we have been walking alongside global partners in holistic community development—work that values local leadership and long-term transformation. Through education, job training, sustainable agriculture, small business development, and healthcare, communities are not only surviving but beginning to thrive. In places like Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Honduras, and Haiti, families are gaining stability, building resilience, and discovering new hope for the future. This work has always been about more than meeting immediate needs—it is about restoring dignity and fostering self-reliance. And because of you, that vision is becoming reality.

Here at home, when the Kansas City community was impacted by the government shutdown, you gave generously of your time and resources to ensure families did not go hungry. During the holiday season, your support helped provide meals for Thanksgiving and gifts for children at Christmas—reminders that no one is forgotten.

This report represents only a portion of what God has done through you this year. Thank you for being a church that not only proclaims faith but lives it out—sharing the light of Christ with others, both near and far.

With deep gratitude, and behalf of the entire Mission Ministries staff team,

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Extraordinary Hunger Support - Government Shut Down

Families across the Kansas City metro faced unexpected hardship due to the October/ November government shutdown and the disruption of SNAP benefits. As food insecurity increased almost overnight, Resurrection responded quickly, mobilizing resources and volunteers to meet urgent needs with compassion and dignity.

With the extraordinary generosity of the Resurrection congregation, we expanded our hunger response in meaningful ways. Additional financial and food donations allowed us to increase donations to local area food pantries. The Resurrection Food Mobile, stepped up to serve 75 families per stop instead of the usual 60, providing consistent access to fresh, nutritious produce, dairy and protein items.

Resurrection also launched three pop-up drive-through food distributions to respond directly to the crisis. These events were hosted at:

- **East High School in Kansas City, Missouri**
- **KCK Early Childhood Center in Kansas City, Kansas**
- **Operation Breakthrough, just days before Christmas**

Volunteers distributed full boxes of food to 300 families, ensuring access to nonperishable items, milk, eggs, fresh meat, and produce. In total, these pop-up pantries supported 900 families during a season when many were facing uncertainty and loss of essential benefits.

These efforts were made possible by the generosity of donors, the flexibility of volunteers, and strong partnerships with schools and community organizations. At a time when systems failed many of our neighbors, the church stepped in—offering not just food, but stability, care, and hope.

The response to the 2025 government shutdown reflects Resurrection's commitment to being present in moments of crisis, stewarding resources wisely, and meeting immediate needs while continuing to build long-term relationships across our community. Together, we lived out our call to love our neighbors when it mattered most.



Flourishing in the Giving Garden

In its third season, the Giving Garden at Resurrection continued to grow into something far beyond growing produce—it has become a place where community flourishes. In 2025, nearly 500 unique volunteers of all ages and abilities came together, offering hundreds of hours of service to care for the garden and one another. We welcomed 16 outside groups, along with multiple men's and women's groups, small groups, staff teams, and more from within Resurrection, creating a space filled with connection and purpose.

For many of these groups, the garden became part of a broader, wrap-around mission experience that was paired with visits to our food pantry and moments of reflection with the Resurrection stained glass window. This helped connect service, story, and faith in a deeper way. From a beautiful immersion baptism service where 17 people publicly declared their faith, to a Harvest Festival that gathered more than 300 people in celebration, the garden has become sacred ground where lives are nurtured as much as the food we grow!

That impact continues to multiply. In 2025 alone, the garden provided 101,683 pieces of fresh, organic produce totaling more than 10,500 pounds to neighbors across Kansas City experiencing food insecurity. New partnerships allowed us to support organizations like Shelter KC Women's Shelter with plants and gardening resources, while we also began equipping other non-profits through Kansas City Community Gardens with seeds and plant starts, extending our reach even further.

Through generous giving, we raised the funds to build a greenhouse, allowing us to extend our growing season and deepen our impact in the year ahead. Every seed planted, every hand that served, and every gift given helped provide hope, one act of love at a time.

101,683 pieces of produce  10,500 pounds

For the Love of Reading...

The Bookmobile ministry continued to grow as one of the most tangible and relational ways we invest in students and schools across our community. Over the course of the year, we distributed 57,454 new and gently used books across 102 events, placing books directly into the hands of children who need them most.

What makes this impact even more meaningful is where those books are going. The Bookmobile consistently shows up at 8 partner elementary schools, and 5 partner Pre-K programs. It extends beyond to 10 additional schools during the academic year and 12 summer programs, ensuring access to books doesn't stop when school is out.

When we look back over the past several years, the growth of the Bookmobile tells a powerful story. What began as a simple effort to increase access to books has become a consistent, trusted presence in schools and community programs across Kansas City. Each year, more students are reached, more partnerships are strengthened, and more opportunities are created for children to build a love of reading.

But the impact of the Bookmobile is about more than numbers. It's about...

- The student who gets to choose books of their own for the very first time
- Teachers who see reading confidence begin to grow
- Showing up again and again, building trust, and reinforcing these students and schools are seen and supported

While schools continue to face academic and resource challenges, the Bookmobile remains a simple yet powerful tool, removing barriers, sparking joy, and supporting literacy in a way that is both immediate and lasting.

As we look ahead, the opportunity is clear: continue to expand access, deepen relationships, and ensure that every child we serve has the opportunity to learn, grow, and discover the joy of reading.

School Makeover at Woodland Early Learning Center

Volunteer engagement in the annual School Makeover has grown steadily, demonstrating a deepening commitment from our congregation to serve our local schools. In 2023, 187 volunteers filled 427 available serving time slots. In 2024, participation increased to 291 volunteers filling 487 time slots—a 55% increase in volunteer engagement. In 2025, this momentum continued as 409 volunteers filled 568 time slots at the Woodland ELC building, more than doubling volunteer participation over a two-year period. This year's volunteers painted classrooms and hallways and helped build community gardening spaces at the neighboring Samuel U. Rogers Health Center.

This growth is more than a statistic—it represents hundreds of people showing up to love their neighbors in practical ways. Through painting hallways, refreshing classrooms, improving outdoor spaces, and completing long-overdue projects, volunteers help schools start the year with renewed pride and encouragement. These improvements directly support school districts by reducing maintenance burdens and allowing educators to focus more fully on teaching and caring for students.

Equally important, the School Makeover often serves as a gateway into deeper, ongoing relationships. Many volunteers who first serve during the makeover return throughout the year to read with students, support teachers, assist with events, and build meaningful connections with children and staff. What begins as a one-day project frequently grows into sustained partnership and presence.

The School Makeover is just one of several ways people can engage with our Partner School Ministry, but it remains a powerful example of how collective service can strengthen schools, support districts, and reflect Christ's love in our community—one classroom, one hallway, and one relationship at a time.



Foster Adopt Community Meets Critical Needs

The Foster Adopt Community at Resurrection felt a clear calling to focus our mission on teens aging out of foster care this past year, working to close the gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be. Through Bright Futures, 108 teens were paired 1:1 with mentors who walked alongside them as they learned essential life skills like budgeting—practiced through a \$100 shopping experience that built both confidence and dignity. At our resource fair, more than 20 colleges, trade schools, and employers stood ready to say, “You belong here,” helping these young people begin to see a future filled with possibility and hope.

Because of your generosity, that hope extended far beyond a single program. Foster and adoptive families were supported through shared meals and an 8-week Conscious Discipline training, while spaces like 2nd Saturdays at Joy Meadows and the Cornerstones of Care Pathways Christmas Party reminded children and families that they are seen, known, and deeply valued. Through CarePortal, an online platform matching churches with the urgent needs of families, \$22,058.24 funded tangible supports across Kansas City—helping stabilize families, create safe foster placements, and move children toward reunification whenever possible. Every dollar, every hour, every act of compassion helped bring us one step closer to the world God intends—where every child is safe, every teen is supported, and every family can thrive.



Hospitality for Our Newest Neighbors

Our Immigration and Refugee Ministry, Team Welcome, had a busy and impactful 2025. Throughout the year, the ministry supported Jewish Vocational Services, Della Lamb, and Mission Adelante through both volunteer service and financial assistance, benefiting hundreds of local newcomers. Volunteers responded to agency invitations to participate in the House to Home program, furnishing and setting up homes for newly arrived immigrant and refugee families.

Over the course of six months, 60 volunteers walked alongside 43 newcomers, providing transportation and support with life skills, education needs, medical appointments, and more. We also became intentional about rotating our local immigration agencies on Serve Saturdays and exposed many new individuals to the mission.

In March, Team Welcome hosted a community-wide event, "The State of Immigration in KC," which featured participation from several local agencies and drew strong attendance. The ministry also helped launch the bi-monthly KC Immigration Coalition, led by Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR), which has experienced significant growth among local agencies, immigration attorneys, and engaged community members.

Additionally, Team Welcome participated in and supported World Refugee Day in June and partnered with Global FC for a Back-to-School Fair, benefiting more than 60 local immigrant youth. The ministry has had active representation in the Welcome KC initiatives. Volunteers also served through English language tutoring, citizenship classes, youth mentoring, and a variety of pop-up support opportunities throughout the year.

2025 Easter Offering Recipient – Jewish Vocational Services

Over the last year, changes in federal immigration policy had far reaching consequences for refugee and immigrant communities. Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) continues to meet urgent needs with compassion and clarity by offering tangible support as families work to build secure futures. Rather than scaling back their commitment in the last year, JVS prioritized the most urgent client needs and aligned resources to maintain stability for vulnerable families.

Support from Church of the Resurrection, in the form of a \$100,000 community transformation grant at Easter, ensured JVS had flexibility at a time of significant uncertainty for refugee and immigrant communities in Kansas City. As federal support for newly arrived refugees continued to shift, flexible operating dollars ensured that JVS could respond quickly and responsibly to emerging needs without disrupting critical services. While the core mission of JVS remains unchanged, they streamlined programs to ensure continuity of services, serving 4,824 individuals representing 19 different nationalities and 26 different languages through employment, education, health care access, mental health support, and legal assistance services.

In a thank you to the church, JVS wrote, "we have only been able to serve as a trusted anchor for refugees and immigrants because of the generous giving from individuals, families, and churches in Kansas City. Together we are helping families achieve safety, stability, and long-term self-sufficiency, while strengthening the broader Kansas City community."

Helping Hands Provide Skilled Labor

Helping Hands, our volunteer housing and construction ministry, completed 19 projects providing improvements to 9 different community agencies, including Operation Breakthrough in KC, MO and The Hub in KCK. Volunteers served 944 hours, or about 50 hours per project, with 62 unique volunteers participating in projects. Half of these volunteers worked on multiple projects over the year.

Resurrection also had volunteers donate over 300 hours of service time with Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City building projects. Church members are frequently out in the community, completely on their own initiative, working on a variety of construction projects than benefit nonprofit organizations. We celebrate these gifts of service, whether or not they are done through the church, as all are an expression of faith lived out in tangible ways.

Community Justice

We continue to focus on non-partisan ways to enhance civic engagement and encourage all of us to live out our faith in tangible ways through acts of kindness and justice.

2025 marked 5 years since the church made the strategic decision to add a dedicated staff position to serve as the Pastor of Community Justice, a role that has been filled by Rev. Cheryl Jefferson Bell since its inception. Resurrection's Community Justice Ministry continues to live out our Vision 2030 mandate to Close the Justice and Kindness Gap. Through our efforts via existing and new ministries, we strive to help Kansas City to be more like the Kingdom of God!

To enhance efforts to live out this vision through all of our nine physical locations, discussions were held with every Location Pastor and staff where each shared their visions and hopes for Justice and heard our hopes of expanding the ministry. The conversations were fruitful and we look forward to incorporating new ideas and partnering more closely with our various locations.

Community Justice also partnered to develop an online version of our Cultural Competency, which is our Missions community volunteer training. Pastor Cheryl also continues to lead this course in person throughout the year.

Racial Justice

Striving for racial justice as a congregation is an ongoing priority. The primary way we do this is through our partnership with St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. In the summer of 2016, amidst news of racial tension and strife across the country, the two senior pastors of our area's largest predominantly white and predominately black United Methodist churches came together to see what our congregations could do to make a decisive difference. The seed was planted and Allies for Racial Justice was formed by dedicated congregants from both churches.

In 2025, Allies for Racial Justice continued to live out our three vital priorities of bringing people together to CONNECT (educational and artistic events); UNITE (build authentic relationships) and ACT (support racial justice activities). Through social events, learning opportunities and programs, we are helping people to build bridges across racial lines. Our annual June-teenth program was hosted by St. James and was well-attended by members of both congregations.

A Civil Rights trip conducted to Tulsa Black Wall Street and the Osage Nation provided members with up front experiences with and in areas where significant civil rights struggles occurred. A day trip was also taken George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri. Trips like these have proven to be an effective way for individuals to be moved by the past wrongs of our nation and motivated to make a difference in the present. We will continue to offer long and short-term trips for continued awareness and education.



Good Faith Network

We completed our 5th year as a member congregation with the Good Faith Network (GFN). (<https://www.the-goodfaithnetwork.org>) Our Nehemiah Assembly, held in May, was well attended by over 1500 people and accomplished most of its goals. Working with 30 other faith communities is evidence when justice is the goal, much can be accomplished.

A new goal for 2025 was Eldercare and Aging in Place. The GFN Research team not only found a viable program, CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place, Advancing Better Living for Elders) but the State of Kansas committed to help fund this in Johnson County. We also saw the opening of Johnson County's Mental Health Crisis Center, the culmination of a previous goal set for addressing mental health. Ribbon cutting took place in November 2025. We continue to work on Housing Justice, focusing on Homelessness and Affordable Housing. Working as a collective community provides the leverage needed to make things happen.

QIC and Pride Events

Resurrection continues to be supportive of our LGBTQ+ community through our Queer Inclusive Collective (QIC) ministry, which provides opportunities at various locations for fellowship and study in supportive settings. We are grateful to our denomination for eliminating negative language from our United Methodist Book of Discipline, and Resurrection provides further community support through the sponsorship of events that strengthen continuing efforts to lift up our LGBTQ+ siblings. Showing up at events such as the KC Pride Festival, AIDS Walk, and Johnson County Pride Festival, is a tangible way to let our community know that Resurrection cares.



Global Serve Trips

Sent - Changed - United

There are moments when faith moves... and moments when it sends us. In 2025, we were sent across oceans and borders, into cities and villages, 247 people from our Resurrection community stepped into something bigger than themselves. Forty went to Costa Rica. Thirty-two to Honduras. Forty to Malawi. Eleven to the Borderlands. Twenty-five to South Africa. Twenty-one to Uganda. Fifty-two to Omaha. Twenty-six to St. Louis.

Numbers tell only part of the story of what God has done because something happened in the going. We were changed. Fear gave way to courage. Strangers became friends. Worship crossed languages. Meals became communion. In classrooms, clinics, churches, and dusty roads, we encountered Christ — not as strangers bringing Him, but as people discovering He was already there, waiting for us.

And we did not go alone. From across Resurrection locations and online, our church moved as one body. Different paths, same Spirit, different places, same calling, and along the way, something even deeper took root. We were united with global partners who welcomed us not as guests, but as family. With communities who gave as much as they received. With one another, bound not by proximity, but by purpose. These relationships are not moments — they are threads, woven into something lasting and alive.

So, to our global partners, thank you for sharing your lives with us, and to Resurrection, thank you for being a church that goes. We recognize and celebrate the sacrifices made to make these trips possible and we thank God for the life-changing impact these gifts continue to make possible.



208 Youth from our Student Ministries were sent to serve in Kansas City, Costa Rica, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Asheville, North Carolina

Lighting the Path to Education in Malawi

In Malawi, where nearly 83% of the population lives in rural areas and only a small fraction has access to electricity, daily life is shaped by energy scarcity. With just 15% of the country connected to the national grid—and only 5% of rural communities—most households rely on batteries, candles, firewood, or other limited light sources. For a nation where more than half the population is under 18, this lack of reliable lighting presents a serious barrier to education, preventing children from studying after dark and limiting opportunities for long-term growth.

The Solar Village for Quality Education (SVQE) project, led by Oplence, is addressing this challenge by bringing solar-powered light directly into homes and schools. Designed to support children ages 3 to 21, the initiative not only provides clean, reliable lighting but also fosters a culture of reading and learning in off-grid communities. In 2025 alone, an additional 1,000 families received solar light kits — expanding access to safe, consistent light for thousands of students.

At the heart of the SVQE project is a commitment to community ownership and sustainability. Village committees, made up of trained local volunteers, play a vital role in ensuring long-term success. In 2025, 10 additional leaders were trained in governance, financial management, and conflict resolution—bringing the total number of trained volunteers to 200 since the project's inception. These committees manage monthly contributions, coordinate with project leaders, and serve as trusted liaisons within their communities. To further strengthen local capacity, solar technicians were trained to install and maintain the systems. Their work ensures that



households receive timely support and that systems remain functional, minimizing disruptions.

The impact of the SVQE project extends far beyond education. Today, more than 28 villages and approximately 5,000 households in the Mfumu Chakhaza area of Dowa are benefiting from solar lighting. As homes and pathways are illuminated at night, communities are experiencing increased safety and security. Families report greater peace of mind, as the presence of light helps deter wildlife threats, including hyenas, and protects livestock.

As the program looks ahead, Oplence is committed to expanding its reach to additional villages, enhancing training for both technicians and community leaders, and strengthening partnerships with local and national stakeholders. What began as an effort to improve educational outcomes has grown into a catalyst for safer, more empowered, and more connected communities. Through the power of light, the SVQE project is not only illuminating homes—it is illuminating futures.

Community Development in Honduras with CASM

This year marked the beginning of Resurrection's work with our community development partner in Honduras: the Mennonite Social Action Commission (CASM). The scope of our partnership is in the Ciudad España community, where our partner school, Juan Wesley, is located. In our initial diagnostic phase, Resurrection partnered with CASM to identify a group of community leaders that we engaged with to hear concerns

about the community and collaborate on opportunities for us to partner in development work.

As a result of community surveys, CASM identified three areas for community development for Resurrection to engage with: 1) the creation of a Community Council representing diverse sectors, 2) strengthen family and community entrepreneurship

through training and microfinance, and 3) equip and support the local vocational school to expand its availability to the community.

Resurrection is excited to continue our work with CASM as we collaborate on meaningful projects that will make a positive social and economic impact on the community of Ciudad España into the future.

Supporting Families in the Borderlands

Resurrection first sent teams to the U.S./Mexico border in 2024 to visit our partners at an organization called Abara, who specializes in listening and learning educational trips that help to communicate the theology, history, and realities of immigration. In 2025, we deepened our relationship with Abara through a partnership with them as part of our annual Joy in Serving initiative.

In the communities where Abara serves, they have recognized a need from impoverished migrant families for health and hygiene kits, as well as play kits for kids. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised over \$10,000 which supplied around 400 kits so children and families in the El Paso community might have a fun and clean Christmas season. This investment by the Resurrection community strengthened our relationships with our partners, empowered them to continue to expand their impact, and most importantly, provided relief to a particularly vulnerable population during the Christmas season.

Zoe Empowers: From Survival to Stability



Zoe Empowers is a three-year empowerment program serving vulnerable—often orphaned—children and youth across the Eastern Hemisphere. The program equips young people with the tools they need to build sustainable futures through a holistic focus on food security, education, financial stability, hygiene, housing, and community leadership.

Resurrection has made an annual commitment for the past 13 years to support to five new Zoe groups through the 3-year program in Malawi. In 2024, Resurrection also helped Zoe launch in Uganda,

extending the program's life-changing impact to even more young people.

In 2025, eight Resurrection-supported groups graduated from the Malawi program, marking a significant milestone. These graduating groups represented 212 families, typically led by a young head of household between the ages of 16 and 22 who cares for younger siblings. Together, participants launched 537 income-generating projects, ranging from agriculture to small businesses, and 75 youth completed vocational training, positioning them for long-term economic independence.

Housing stability was another major outcome of the program. Of the 212 graduating families, 190 either built a new home, repaired an existing one, or moved into a safer, better rental home, creating healthier and more secure living environments.

The impact on food security has been especially dramatic. At the start of the program, only 5% of participants reported that they “usually have enough to eat,” and none reported “always” having enough food. By graduation, that number rose to 99% reporting they “usually or always have enough to eat.” Economic growth also extended beyond participants' own households: 80% (up from 0%) hired others to help with their income-generating projects, creating jobs within their communities.

Perhaps most inspiring is the spirit of generosity these young people demonstrate. Over the past year, 97% of graduates (up from just 6%) shared food or other resources with individuals outside the Zoe program. These youth have not only moved from begging to business ownership—they are blessing others with the fruit of their labor and strengthening their communities for the future.

Educating Some of the Youngest Students

Across Africa, only about 30% of children have access to early childhood education. For many families, this is due to limited financial resources or a lack of understanding about how critical early learning is to a child's long-term development.

With 90% of a child's brain development occurring before the age of five, early education provides vulnerable children with a strong foundation for learning, confidence, and future success. Through the generosity of Candlelight Christmas Eve offerings and individual sponsors, Resurrection is investing in early childhood education by supporting 18 preschools in rural Malawian villages and one preschool in Mooiplaas, an informal settlement in South Africa.

In Malawi, your support in 2025 helped educate 877 pre-schoolers, each receiving not only quality instruction but also a daily meal and essential teaching materials. Teachers have been trained in Montessori methods, and classrooms are equipped with hands-on learning manipulatives that promote engagement and effective learning. For many families, the preschool made possible by your generosity is the only early childhood education option available in their community.

In South Africa, your support provided education for 96 preschoolers and 24 children enrolled in Open School. These children live in a community without running water or electricity, and many are refugees from other African nations. Alongside learning their letters and numbers, they are also learning a new language—gaining skills that will help them integrate, thrive, and build a brighter future.



Mindset Change: A Capacity-Building Model in Malawi

Across economically vulnerable communities around the world, well-intentioned relief efforts have provided food, medical supplies, and clean water to families in need. While these efforts address immediate crises, long-term reliance on aid can unintentionally foster a hand-out mentality—where families feel dependent on outside help rather than empowered to create change themselves. Over time, this cycle can diminish confidence, initiative, and community ownership.

In Malawi's Dowa District, Opulence, a local non-profit partner, is working to break that cycle. Through holistic community development initiatives, Opulence is helping reshape hearts and minds by creating pathways that require community participation, responsibility, and shared investment. Rather than simply distributing resources,

communities are asked to contribute and actively engage in their own development.

One of the most impactful strategies is Opulence's "give-back" animal club model. When a community requests assistance with livestock, Opulence forms an animal club composed of local community members who commit to training and collaboration. Participants receive hands-on instruction in animal husbandry and project sustainability. A typical club will receive six pigs or goats to begin, 5 female and 1 male.

Within 12 to 18 months, once the animals have multiplied, the club gives back six animals of equal age and size to the program. These animals are then used to establish a new animal club in another approved community. In addition, the original club members are responsible

for passing along the training and knowledge they received, ensuring that skills—not just livestock—are multiplied.

This approach does more than expand resources; it cultivates a mindset of stewardship, dignity, and accountability. Communities learn to work for what they receive, invest in one another, and take pride in shared progress. The model fosters sustainability while reinforcing the belief that transformation comes from within.

In 2025, through Resurrection's support, 14 animal clubs were trained and provided with livestock. Already, reports are coming in of piglets and kids growing and thriving—living signs of a cycle of empowerment that will soon bless the next community.

By shifting the focus from charity to capacity-building, this partnership is helping communities in Malawi move from dependency to self-determined growth—creating lasting change that multiplies for generations.



Uganda UCSS – The Hub: A Centre for Transformation and Sustainability

After years of operating from rented premises, Uganda Counseling & Support Services (UCSS) took a bold step of faith by establishing a permanent home – the UCSS Hub. This multi-purpose facility strengthens their mission by providing space for discipleship, leadership development, community services, and income-generating initiatives.

Through your support, you've helped The Hub grow from a foundation to several stories high in 2025. The Hub serves as a Discipleship Center, Counseling and Mental Health Center, Vocational and Skills Training Center, and administrative office space. Plans also include Airbnb accommodations to create sustainable income to support ministry activities in rural communities such as Bulike, Buluya, and Nakalama.

While buildings are only partially constructed, over 70 pastors, youth, and staff are benefiting from discipleship trainings, weekly Bible Study Missional Communities continue to reach surrounding areas, and 40 individuals have committed their lives to Christ through outreach efforts.

Designed to transform communities spiritually, emotionally, socially, and economically, the UCSS Hub is more than a building – it is a foundation for long-term impact and sustainability, advancing the vision to reach over 500,000 people each year.

Ditshego House of Laughter - Sewing Skills Empowerment Project



While many are familiar with the Ditshego Preschool supported by Resurrection in South Africa, 2025 also marked meaningful progress in economic empowerment initiatives made possible through your generosity.

The Sewing Skills Development Project was established in response to

high unemployment rates and limited income opportunities among women in the Mooiplaas informal settlement.

The project seeks to:

- Equip participants with practical sewing and production skills
- Foster dignity and self-reliance through skills development
- Create income-generating opportunities through the production and sale of quality sewn goods
- Progress toward long-term financial sustainability

Your 2025 investment strengthened operational capacity by supporting the purchase of materials

and enhancing training and skills development for participants. This investment empowered beneficiaries with practical, marketable skills that promote economic participation and increased household stability through making reusable shopping bags, aprons, Bible bags, and more.

In the future, revenue generated by the project will be used to purchase materials, equipment maintenance, and expansion of production capacity. This reinvestment model strengthens the foundation for future growth and increased impact within the Mooiplaas community.

Special Offering + Other Giving \$9,158,761

Denominational Missions & Ministry Commitments

● \$3,110,865

Missions Operational Funding

● \$1,870,739

Local Impact Missions

● \$2,631,802

Global Impact Missions

● \$1,545,355



Local Impact Ministries

Christmas Eve 2025	\$1,190,000
> Pre-K Initiatives	\$300,000
> Bookmobile	\$100,000
> The Hub (Argentina)	\$40,000
> Flourish Furnishings	\$50,000
> Foodmobile	\$150,000
> Overland Park Food Pantry	\$150,000
> Backpacks for Hunger	\$200,000
> Refugee Ministry	\$100,000
> Homeless Ministry	\$100,000
Backpacks for Hunger	\$106,545
Hunger Ministries	\$682,714
Immigration/Refugee - Jewish Vocational Services - Easter Grant	\$100,000
Disaster Relief & Response	\$217,747
Education/Life Skills/Literacy	\$14,550
Holiday Mission Fund	\$111,221
> Holiday Meals	\$42,350
> Winter Warmth	\$16,057
> Partner School Toy Drive	\$8,715
Partner School Support	\$50,231
Community Justice	\$17,999
Beds	\$7,490
Foster Child Ministry	\$16,000
Giving Garden	\$44,953
Homeless Ministry	\$49,874
Other Local Initiatives	\$22,476
Total	\$2,631,802

Global Impact Ministries

Christmas Eve 2025	\$1,046,000
> Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$50,000
> ZOE (3 yr commitment)	\$121,00
> Global Education (Juan Wesley, Ditshego, Malawi Preschool/Vocational/ Uganda Nakalamas)	\$280,000
> Haiti Food MUSO & food security projects	\$58,000
> Honduras Economic Empowerment	\$10,000
> NGO Support (Haiti, Malawi & Uganda)	\$280,000
> South Africa Community Development	\$8,000
> Clean water	\$55,000
> Malawi Partnership projects (food security, Health, Capacity building)	\$135,000
> Africa University Scholarships	\$49,000
Global Education Sponsorships	\$227,354
Holiday Mission Fund	\$22,750
> South Africa Student Food Baskets	\$11,560
> Border Kid-Hygiene Kits	\$11,190
Global Water Initiatives	\$116,664
Uganda Counseling and Support Services	\$25,110
Community Development International	\$62,465
Ukraine Response	\$9,405
Costa Rica Counseling Center	\$15,000
Other Global Initiatives	\$20,608
Total	\$1,545,355

Missions Spending \$9,147,947

Denominational Missions & Ministry Commitments

● \$3,110,865

Missions Operational Funding

● \$1,388,640

Local Impact Missions

● \$2,500,490

Global Impact Missions

● \$2,147,953



Local Impact Ministries

Backpacks for Hunger	\$352,071
Beds	\$5,909
Community Justice	\$53,059
Education & Life Skills/Literacy	\$11,287
Bookmobile	\$58,954
Foster Child Ministry	\$54,631
Furnishings	\$101,375
Giving Garden	\$37,498
Homeless Ministries	\$153,151
Housing & Construction	\$30,916
Hunger Ministry	\$727,428
> FoodMobile	\$276,111
> Overland Park Food Pantry	\$178,142
> Partner Pantry Support	\$148,785
> Meal Ministry/Sack Lunches	\$74,375
Immigration/Refugee Support	\$191,490
> Jewish Vocational Services - Easter Grant	\$100,000
Holiday Meals/Family Sponsorships/Winter Warmth	\$43,614
Mission Vehicles	\$22,576
The Hub Argentine	\$40,000
Partner School Support	\$51,627
Pre-K Initiatives	\$365,170
Resurrection Mission Centers (RMC)	\$138,710
School Makeover	\$6,047
Serve Saturday	\$4,418
Strategic Partnerships	\$49,030
Victims of Violence - Parade shooting support	\$1,530
Total	\$2,500,490

Global Impact Ministries

Clean water initiatives/Boreholes	\$127,354
Costa Rica Initiatives	\$33,000
Disaster Response	\$280,613
> Ukraine Support	\$66,330
> Los Angeles Wildfires	\$98,600
> Heart to Heart Hygiene Kits	\$26,700
> Texas Floods	\$50,000
> Kansas Tornadoes	\$10,000
> Hurricane Melissa	\$20,000
Global Education Sponsorships	\$456,002
Haiti Initiatives	\$113,904
Honduras Initiatives	\$12,143
Malawi Initiatives	\$263,364
Malawi Food Security	\$42,915
Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$75,000
South Africa Initiatives	\$13,012
South Africa Student Food Baskets	\$11,518
Palestinian American Medical Association	\$100,000
Tanzania Annual Conference Support	\$10,000
Trip Training & Supplies	\$20,017
Uganda Initiatives	\$299,111
ZOE	\$290,000
Total	\$2,147,953