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Annual Report 2023

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Undaunted is the word that comes to mind as I hear from our Members and Partners, brothers and sisters in Christ, that are engaged in mission.

Last year the word was **HOPE**. Globally and at home, amid challenging years, people sharing Gospels of John were full of hope. Those receiving Gospels of John were responding to the person of hope – Jesus.

Hope is still radically present, but I am sensing something **DEEPER**. It is the utter determination of our Members and Partners to reach the world for Christ while universally facing opposition or worse.

This opposition takes on many forms:

- In **India**, evangelists and pastors, equipped with Gospels of John, have been beaten, jailed, and given their life to reach their countryman for Christ.
- In **Pakistan**, as the Taliban's reach spreads, Imams are being told to sell women and girls in sexual slavery. Instead, they are finding Jesus, in the Gospel of John.
- On the **African continent**, in the face of corrupt governments and widespread violence, they keep asking for Gospels.
- **Digitally**, The Pocket Testament League's Read Carry Share® APP is being downloaded over **25,000 per day**, in the spiritually darkest places on the planet.
- In **America**, amid ridicule and ridiculously coordinated efforts to remove God from everything, rather than be marginalized, Christians are sharing Jesus.

In every location, as opposition grows, members and partners are **UNDAUNTED**. Collectively they have presented a 2024 mission of reaching **16 million** people with God's Word.

In the following pages, stories and numbers seek to provide accountability to you and unpack what God is doing through you.

As I share this report, what strikes me the most is how, universally, Jesus's followers are not backing down. They are moved by the love of Jesus that they have received and are determined, even undaunted, to share it.



Your brother in Christ,

David Collum
President/CEO
The Pocket Testament League

AMERICAS

3,618,882 million people invited

Two universal concerns come from those who *run with The League* - our country and members of their family who have yet to meet Jesus. We have heard this message loud and clear. God is providing more opportunities for His Word to go into the United States, including in some of the toughest cities and neighborhoods.

And we are going beyond just our country, reaching north and south.

In the last 12 months, undeterred by the world:

- 41,240 League Members and 178 Partners have reached 3,135,695 people to meet Jesus, and
- 483,187 people across North and South America have sought Jesus through downloading the **READ CARRY SHARE® APP** onto their phones to meet Him.

4.62 million - that is the need in the next 12 months.

REACH AMERICA: JESUS WEEK

PHILADELPHIA, PA

PTL Members and staff came together in Philadelphia for Jesus Week—an outreach event targeting the toughest parts of the city with the hope of the Gospel.

During the event, many people received the Gospel and were introduced to Jesus.

One Member shared an experience that really touched her heart. As she was handing out pocket-sized Gospels, a woman named Michelle approached her. Michelle seemed intrigued by the small booklets and wanted to know what was inside. When she found out they were Gospels, Michelle explained that she struggled with addiction and was living in temporary housing but knew she needed to make significant life changes for herself and her family.

The Member shared, ***“She told me she wanted to get her own life back together but also wanted to pass on God’s Word to her grandchildren. It was very touching.”***

Michelle accepted a “God’s Love” Gospel for herself and also took a few children’s “God’s Word to You” Gospels with her to gift to her grandchildren. The lives of Michelle and her family could be forever changed thanks to the small but powerful pocket-sized Gospels.

“God’s Word is a source of encouragement, even for people in the toughest places” the Member explained. ***“When you hand them something that speaks to their value as a human being, they connect with that message.”***



Canada "I shared a Gospel of John with a refugee I met at work, and we have been meeting regularly for coffee. Recently, he asked me for more - a whole Bible. Even though he is not yet a believer, he is on the path towards Jesus!"
—Roman P. from Ontario, Canada

USA "I am a dedicated street evangelist and was recently in Buffalo, NY. I felt led to share about Jesus with ten people one day. We invited people on the street to hear the Gospel, and ten people chose to follow Jesus."
—Todd P. from Ashland, VA

USA "As I handed out hygiene bags with Gospels of John, a young man excitedly pulled out the pocket Gospel. As he walked away to a nearby food line, I watched as he eagerly read the Gospel as he waited."
—Tiffanie T. from Seattle, WA

ARGENTINA "I never had a relationship with God, and then a young woman handed me a Gospel of John. From then on, I could feel God’s presence and had newfound comfort and peace. I am now praying for God to miraculously save my father who struggles with alcoholism."
— Lorena from Argentina

- REGIONAL PARTNERS**
- Bible League of Puerto Rico
 - Big Life
 - Blue Ridge Women’s Center
 - Border Outreach
 - C12
 - Convene
 - DRP Performance
 - FCA
 - Groundwire
 - Multiplication Network Ministries
 - Meis Foundation
 - NCCAA
 - Operation Care
 - Urban Hope NYC
 - Various Prison Ministries

Number of Gospels shared: <10,000 10,000 - 100,000 100,000 - 1M > 1M

EUROPE, AFRICA, & WESTERN MIDDLE EAST

3,148,976 million people invited

The theme that runs from Belarus, through Ukraine and Moldova, passing through Italy into the African continent, all the way to Cape Town...is despair. It has different sources. War, corrupt government, tribal violence, disillusionment with generational issues; all these and more weigh down the average person.

Our partners on the ground teach us time and again, as they minister to very real physical and emotional needs of the people, that the Gospel destroys despair.

In the last 12 months, by putting their trust in God

- League Partners have reached 1,440,250 people to meet Jesus, and
- 1,708,726 people across Europe, Africa, and Western Middle East have sought Jesus through downloading the **READ CARRY SHARE® APP** onto their phones to meet Him.

4.68 million - that is the need in the next 12 months.

SOLDIER OF THE CROSS

Anja L. from South Africa, International Global Voice of Prayer

She is not a superhero. In fact, Anja says,

"I am not a Batman, a Superman, or a Spiderman, but I am a soldier of the Cross! And I live by God's instruction to "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil."

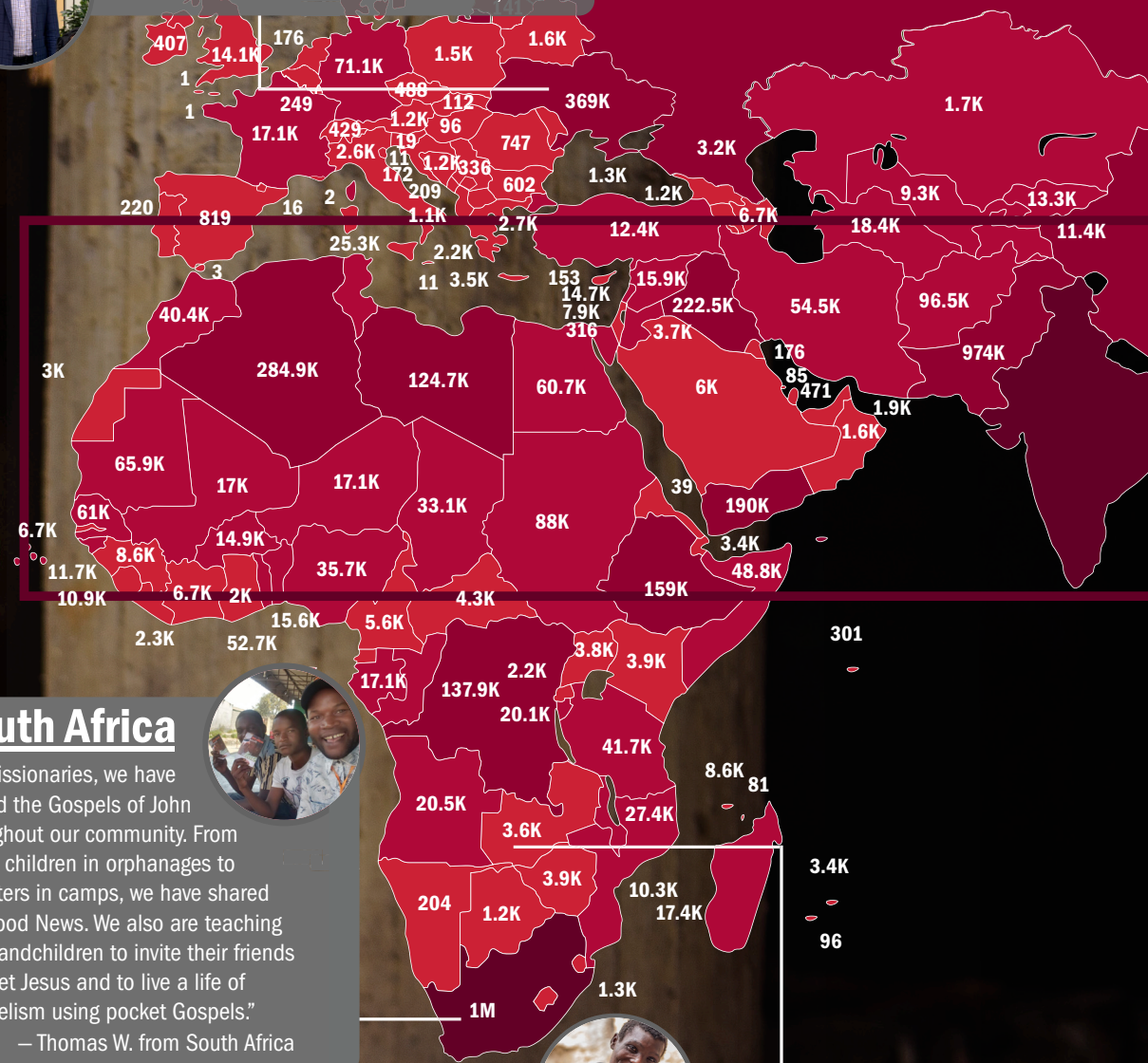
One afternoon, Anja participated in a gathering of about 95 boys and girls. Their goal was to reach the children with the message of Jesus through games and songs. Anja described that they fed the children, snacks, and had many fun activities including singing about Jesus in Afrikaans, but one thing stood out to Anja:

"Many kids gave their lives to the Lord. They left with a Gospel of John booklet in hand and now desire to serve the Lord!"



Ukraine

"We have started sharing the Gospel, which is spiritual bread, along with physical bread. God is on the move and needy people in the cities of Ukraine are reading the Gospel of John during this time of great suffering."
- Pavel T. from Mission Eurasia/ Ukraine



South Africa

"As missionaries, we have shared the Gospels of John throughout our community. From young children in orphanages to squatters in camps, we have shared the Good News. We also are teaching our grandchildren to invite their friends to meet Jesus and to live a life of evangelism using pocket Gospels."
- Thomas W. from South Africa



Zambia

"I prayed and stepped out in faith by offering my taxi driver, Mwamba, a pocket Gospel and inviting him to meet Jesus. God answered my prayer as Mwamba responded to the invitation and is now a child of God! He even wrote down the date to remember this life-changing moment."
- Stephen M. from Zambia



REGIONAL PARTNERS

- African Enterprise
- Global Voice of Prayer
- Jonah Inheritance
- Judea Harvest
- Word of Life - Nigeria



EASTERN MIDDLE EAST, CHINA, SOUTHEAST ASIA, & INDIA

7,012,791 million people invited

Number of Gospels shared: <10,000 10,000 - 100,000 100,000 - 1 M > 1M
10/40 Window:

Pakistan "Mr. Jelanie is a local fruit vendor who is part of a Muslim extremist group. We gave him the Gospel of John, and he started reading it. Mr. Jelanie was especially impacted by the Gospel message of love, peace, and salvation. God is truly working in his life because now he is distributing PTL Gospels to all who buy fruit from him!"
— League Partner from Pakistan

Russia "In our small village we are praying for revival and are even giving Gospels to believers in other villages. We share Jesus with our children's and grandchildren's friends. This winter we made a sled and invited friends over to ride it. Afterwards, everyone came to our house for tea and to continue conversations about Christ. We were able to give each of them pocket Gospels."
— Anna I. from Russia

China "I own a business and, after sharing pocket Gospels of John over many years, I have seen many people decide to follow Jesus. God's name is worthy of praise. As long as we try our best to sow the seeds, God will make the seeds spread and grow. The fields are ready for harvest. I hope we can all use these pocket Gospels to share with people and win more souls!"
— Jack from China

India "While we were praying, police barged into our home and ripped our Bibles. We were arrested and placed in prison for five months. When I was released, I had an emotional reunion with my family. My mother's first question to me was, "Beta (my son), I hope you have not renounced your faith and forgotten your God." To which I responded, "Never! Nothing can stop me from worshipping my God!"
— Ashish from India

REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Gawahi Mission Trust
- Mission Eurasia
- New Life Ministries
- School Without Walls
- Word of Life - Phillippines

NOTE: Our Partners in China and India ask that we not share their names.

IN THE FACE OF DEATH

It is not an exaggeration. People who share the Gospel in this part of the world are daily facing death. This is true in other locations on the globe, but what is striking is that, in these countries, it is normative as governments turn a blind eye.

Weekly we receive reports in stereo. We hear how people are turning to Jesus in large number. We hear the cost: loss of a home, beating, jail, and deaths are expected.

League Partners are not stopping. In the last 12 months,

- League Partners have reached 2,682,950 people to meet Jesus
- 4,329,841 people across the Eastern Middle East, China, and India have sought Jesus through downloading the **READ CARRY SHARE® APP** onto their phones to meet Him..

7.16 million - that is the need in the next 12 months.

FAITH THROUGH THE UNTHINKABLE

Member from China

In October 2022, Bill's family came from their home province to ours for medical treatment, and our sister kindly opened up her home to them to live in.

During our first visit, we used the Gospel of John to share truth with the family, and they listened attentively. We accompanied Bill's family to Sunday worship following the first visit. The Sunday message touched Bill and his father, and the elders invited them to follow Jesus. In the evening, several enthusiastic members set up the "Bill Cheering Station" and the ministry journey truly began.

Bill, a child with an advanced tumor, continued receiving medical treatment for six months. Our brothers and sisters frequently visited them, encouraged them, accompanied them, and shared the Gospel.

When Bill's condition worsened, they decided to stop the treatment and return home. The next day when we visited them, a sister was moved by the Holy Spirit and asked if they were willing to be baptized. Bill's father agreed, and later Bill also expressed his willingness to become a true child of God. The elders baptized them, and as they finished reading Psalm 23, "And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever!", Bill, who had been curled up on the bed, touched the most painful part of his body and sat up eagerly waiting for this sacred moment. There were many tears of joy as we saw light shining in Bill's and his parents' eyes. Soon after they returned home, Bill went to his heavenly home.

Bill's mother, who before was not very firm in her faith, now was set firm in the truth. When faced with the death of their child, Bill's parents were ready to faithfully face this trial because of the hope of the Gospel.

*Where necessary we have changed names and deleted locations for safety

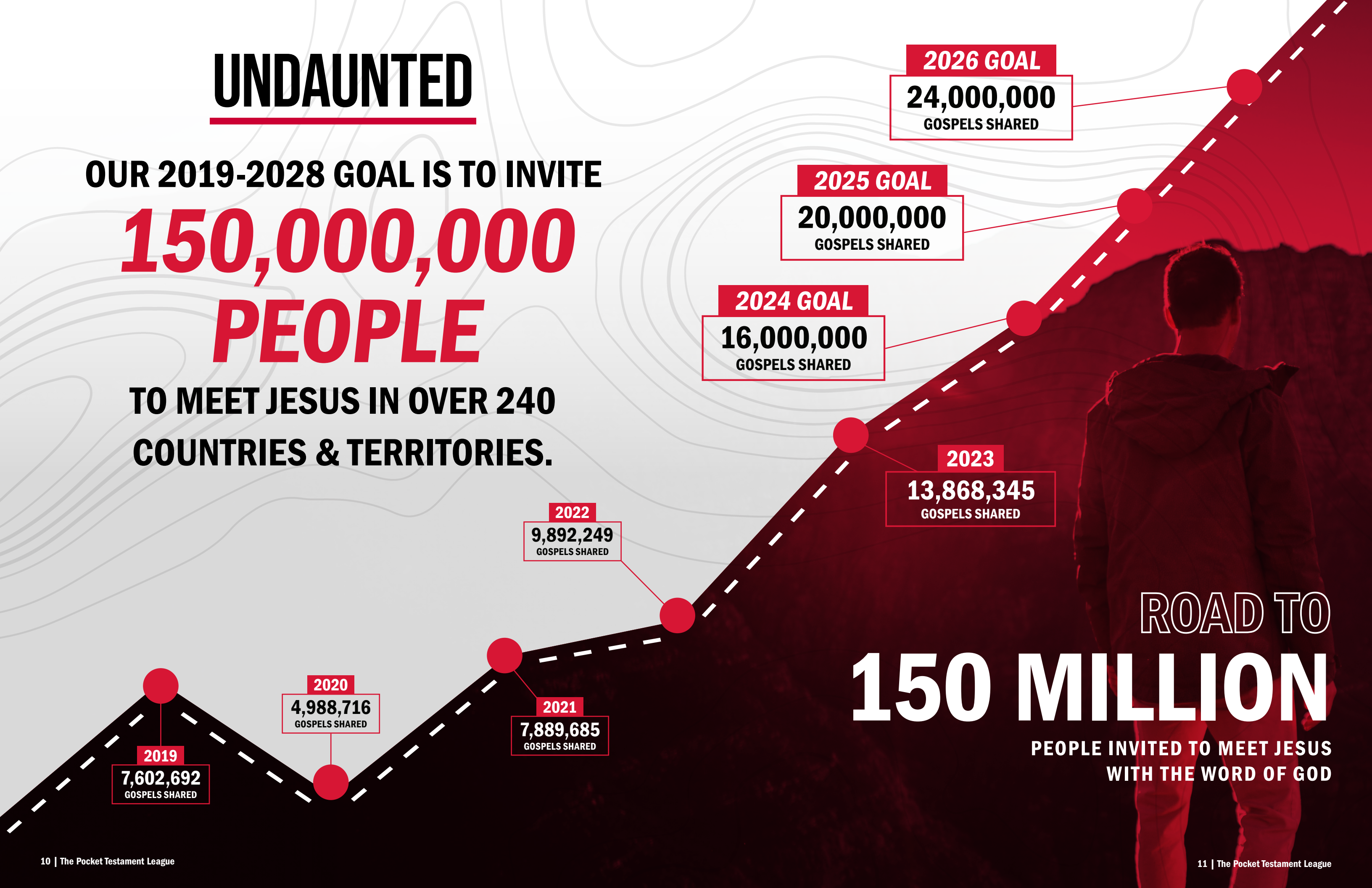


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OUR 2019-2028 GOAL IS TO INVITE

150,000,000
PEOPLE

TO MEET JESUS IN OVER 240
COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES.



ROAD TO
150 MILLION

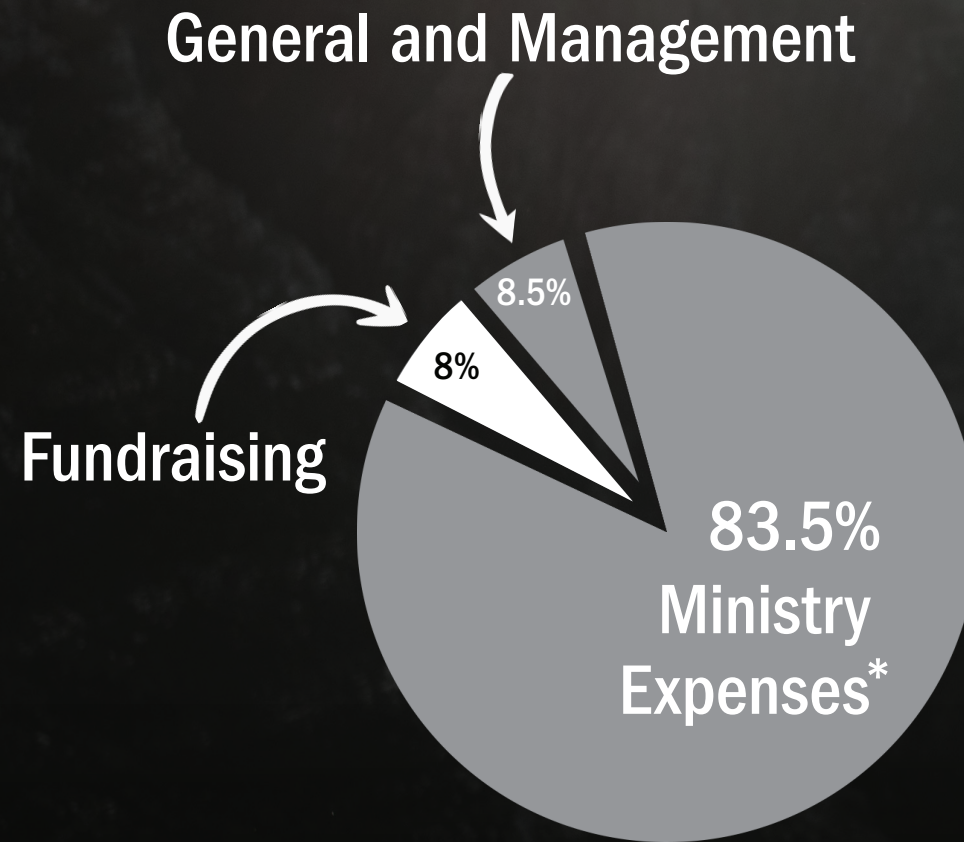
PEOPLE INVITED TO MEET JESUS
WITH THE WORD OF GOD

OUR FINANCIALS

For every 37 cents a person is invited to meet Jesus with the Word of God.

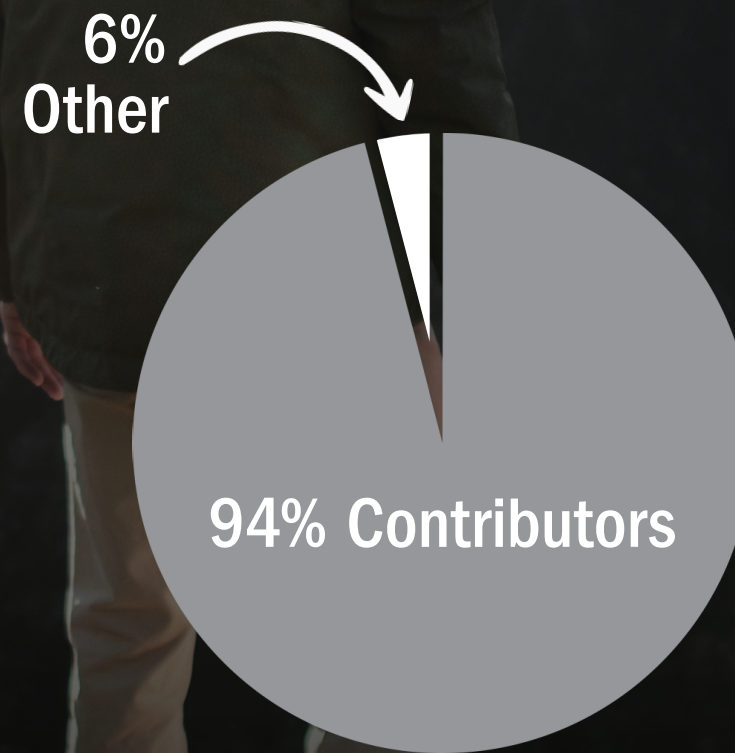
OPERATIONS EXPENSES

based on FY 2022 audit



OPERATIONS SUPPORT & REVENUE

based on FY 2022 audit



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