

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

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Hospitality is fundamental to our identity as Christians. While we were still enemies of God, Christ gave his life for us (Rom 5:10).

Like the prodigal son, we awakened to our alienation, hunger, and brokenness and longed for home. Rather than listening to our repentant speech or giving us conditions to prove ourselves, the Father ran to us, embraced us, dressed us in royal garb, and threw a welcome home party. Because of this lavish hospitality, we know that we are to welcome others – especially those marginalized and rejected.

Places of poverty, of illness, of ecological exploitation. These are the boundary lands of the displaced and trafficked, of the unwanted and those deprived of dignity. This is where Word Made Flesh seeks to practice hospitality. Yet, never ceasing to surprise us, we find that we are the ones who are repeatedly welcomed. In our meager attempts to share meals, to provide safe

places, and to affirm the belovedness of those often mistreated, they are the ones who show hospitality and sacrificial giving to us. In these unlikely places is where we discover the hospitable presence of God.

In the following pages, you will read about radical hospitality. These are testimonies of our daily missional practices of welcoming those on the margins, of the hospitality we receive by those in the harsh environments in which we serve, and of signs of the presence of God who reminds us that we are welcome and that God will ultimately make his home with us (John 14:23).

Our community in Rwanda tells how radical welcome sustained Word Made Flesh and a vulnerable family when the Kangondo slum in Kigali was violently razed in September. The Moldova community inspires with their own version of radical hospitality on the edge of the Ukrainian crisis. Romania reminds us of the power of listening as we make time to welcome people into our hearts. Our communities in Sierra Leone, the Navajolands, Brazil, and Papua New Guinea provide glimpses of their own radical hospitality.

Now we warmly welcome you. Grab a cup of coffee and settle in

with this special edition of *The Cry*. We pray that as you read you would be:

- reminded of God's ever open arms for you,
- encouraged by WMF's practice of radical hospitality among the vulnerable, and
- inspired to generously partner with us so that we may continue.

Thank you for the warm welcomes and gifts of hospitality that you have given to Word Made Flesh. Thank you for joining with us.

In The Entrance Room

May all be welcomed here,

Friend and stranger,
from near and far.

May each be blessed and
honored as they enter.

There is a friend's love

In the gentle heart
of the Savior.

For love of Him we
offer friendship wand
welcome every guest.

A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals,
by Enuma Okoro, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Shane Claiborne

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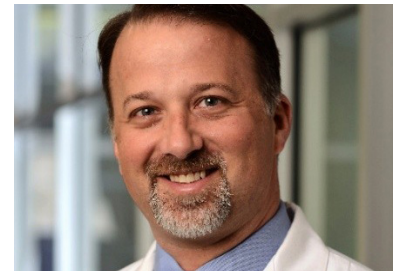
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Dear Friends and Partners
of Word Made Flesh,

Hospitality is a sacred beauty and calling for the Christ follower. Hospitality is an ancient and sacred gift that welcomes friend and foe, and which requires that we cross boundaries and dismantle social barriers. Cultural divides are spanned when genuine hospitality is practiced.

The importance and relevance of this understanding for our Word Made Flesh communities cannot be overstated; this is the condition where being the essence of hospitality toward each other, our environment, and all creatures, in all types of communities will bless our society. As we practice authentic hospitality, our fears of various cultural idiosyncrasies (of those unlike us) are conquered. We are called to be here at this time to do this work.

The Bible contains rich stories with symbols of hospitality from the past which guide our own practices today. A prime example is the Good Samaritan, who portrayed a sense of hospitality and moral courage while in hostile territory

– the courage to be compassionate, responsible, and respectful. Our conviction is to follow the lead of the Good Samaritan as we recognize that it is not enough to acknowledge hospitable values, but that these values must be put into action.

We ask that you join us in prayer and to put our prayers into action:

- that we would live out our faith in the ways of the Good Samaritan;
- that our discernment and conviction for great empathy will lead to a demonstration of lavish compassion and love that knows no boundaries;
- and that, like our Christ, we display an unlimited sense of love without end.

Grateful to be on this journey
with you,

Steve Behnke



**Word Made Flesh International
is a family of communities that
share vision, staff, and funding.**

**We focus our energy to make
Jesus known among the poor
while reconciling the church
with the poor.**

RADICAL HOSPITALITY IS COURAGEOUS!

REFLECTION

Hospitality is a practical way of serving God. When the Bible speaks of hospitality, it almost always relates it to foreigners and strangers—people who are not like us. If I had to propose a biblical definition of hospitality, I would say that it means giving a loving welcome to those outside our normal circles of friendship. It is opening our lives and homes to those who believe differently.

Even when we were living as his enemies, God came and saved us. He opened the door and invited us into his presence. God showed hospitality to us. When we extend hospitality to those around us, we show that we are truly grateful for the divine hospitality we receive.

I wonder if a warm dose of welcoming hospitality will surprise some people and open the door to opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ?

Because we are not alone, because we have chosen the company of people who are suffering, engaging in radically ordinary hospitality means that we invest enough time to build strong relationships with

both people who think differently than we do, and within the family of God.

You may be thinking that this is all obvious – but we often fail to do so. Start getting to know people, taking an interest in them, and listening to them.

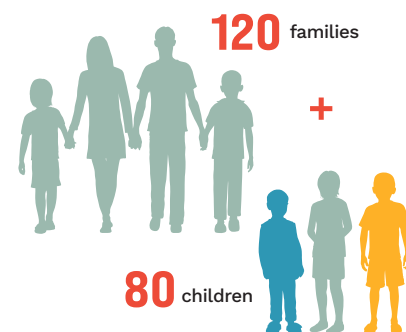
There are moments when I am sitting on the streets of downtown Rio de Janeiro talking to women who are forgotten by society, women who often just want someone to hear their stories. In these encounters, God simply wants our heart and our obedience. Our call is to give ourselves to them in our time, attention, and love. We are there to, without judgment, look in their eyes and show that we are listening.

When we are practicing radical and courageous hospitality, lives are changed—the lives of the receiver as well as the giver. It is a reciprocal and holistic transformation.

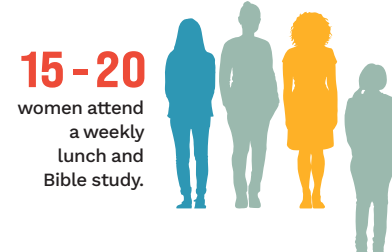
Jesus is inviting us to look at people with eyes of love.

How can we be hospitable today?

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who live in vulnerable situations have been enrolled for our assistance.



A PLACE AT THE TABLE



REFLECTION

Hai la masa! “Come to eat!” can be heard from the front door of La VIA Community Center, impatiently shouted by a 10-year-old boy who just arrived from school. He calls out to his classmates goofing around on the sidewalk in the warm autumn sun.

He knows that a bowl of hot soup or chicken and potatoes await him inside. He asks: “What is on the menu today?” No matter what, this third grader knows that empty stomachs will be filled (table manners taught), and maybe some new friendships formed around the lunch table at La VIA.

Along with healing, integrity, and action, *hospitality* is a core community value at WMF Moldova. Twenty boys and girls, aged 7-14, find their way to the Community Center after their last class at a school situated on the same city block.

Early in 2022 the tables at La VIA were full of food multiple times a day. Hot meals were served to toddlers, children, teens, parents and even a mother/daughter pair aged 60 and 83. In the context of war in neighboring Ukraine, anyone was welcome to share a meal at our table, rich or poor, young or old, traumatized or not.

Around this lunch table we listened to stories of love, fear, and anger. In fact, it was mainly after the meal, around tea and biscuits, when life journeys were shared, provisions embraced, and losses mourned.

Hundreds of thousands poured across the border into Moldova after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. At La VIA we served almost 300 portions of food to people fleeing war in Ukraine, and housed 43 in our homes, some for two nights and others for two months.

In June of this year, our cook had to resign due to health issues. The first to respond to our urgent need was a woman from the city of Mikolaev, Ukraine. Without missing a single day, the lunch table at La VIA continued to serve hot nutritious meals prepared by loving hands.

And a miracle began: even as we offered employment and a safe place for a cook with her grandson to spend the summer days as their country was attacked, we received in return the incredible gift of hospitality through delicious meals and sweets prepared with great love and gratitude. Each has a place to give and to receive at the table.



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2483
hot lunches were served,
with an additional 1548
portions of food sent home
during school closures
due to COVID-19.



OPEN
2
jobs created
for parents.

38
children attended
6 full days/nights of
summer camp.



OPEN DOORS, OPEN HOMES



The Navajo's community-centric approach to life is one of the beautiful components of the Native American culture.

REFLECTION

Throughout our work with the Navajo people, we have learned so many things about Native American culture as well as the people of the Bodaway community. We are continually encouraged to exhibit radical hospitality when we spend time with our generous Native American friends.



Recently, in a discussion with one of our Navajo friends, we learned that she did not understand the concept of homelessness until late in her twenties. As she explained, in the Navajo culture, homes are open. Family is always welcome to stop to visit, share a meal, or “crash on the couch.” She said she always knew that if she went through a difficult season that she would always have a parent, auntie, or uncle willing to provide a place to rest.

Leaders within the church and community live their lives in a posture of hospitality. Their church is always open as a gathering place for times of joy such as a party or wedding or times of challenge such as a funeral. They unite and open the church doors and provide space, food, and hospitality. Their community-centric approach to life is one of the beautiful components of the Native American culture.

What a joy it is to see the Navajo expression of hospitality in action. We count it a blessing to enhance our understanding of hospitality as we receive it from our Navajo friends.



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\$60,000+

raised to help pay for fuel, water barrels, trailers, water pumps, masks, and even a used heavy-duty truck to pull one of the water trailers.



650

barrels and 250,000 gallons of water delivered to 20+ communities on the Reservation. This effort provided clean water to children and families with no access to running water through partnership with a Navajo-led organization.



71

VBS bags and backpacks filled with school supplies, crafts, food and Bibles. WMF volunteers and members of the local Navajo church visited the homes of the children.

Please, join us in radical hospitality and donate today.



HUMBLE RECIPIENTS OF OUR VILLAGE'S HOSPITALITY

With a functioning dormitory we can offer hospitality to students from other villages and language groups in our province.

REFLECTION

When we first arrived in the remote village of Baku, we were penniless and clueless. We had spent most of our funds to simply get to Papua New Guinea, and our monthly salary wouldn't be deposited in our account until a week after we had left all paved roads behind. We arrived in our village without mosquito nets, without a coconut scraper, without a clue as to what was necessary for doing life in a remote village. In a humbling turning of the tables, we, the missionaries who came to serve, found ourselves the recipients of our village's generosity.

We look back on those first months as God's answer to our prayer to quickly build trust and community. Though what we had in mind was finding a way to serve the village, God had other plans: that asking for and accepting aid binds you to another in a way that "solutions" never can.

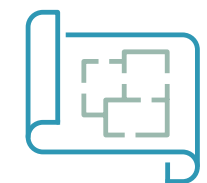
When we were making the decision to go to the PNG, underfunded and unprepared, the Bible passage that kept coming was from Luke, chapter 9, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there..." Jesus commanded His disciples to enter into a space of need, to ask for and receive hospitality of those they hoped to bless with the news of the Kingdom.

The circumstances of our introduction to our villages changed everything about how our relationships went forward. Instead of powerful Outsiders with money and a plan,

we were Ben and Mary, very much in need of family. In that place, our neighbors met us and did what they excel at. They took care of family. They took care of us when we were sincerely in need of their help.

Since our arrival, we have remained humble recipients of our community's hospitality. Our friends and neighbors have continued to deal generously with us as we have fumbled our way through language acquisition and cultural adaptation. They have taught us how to live a life wide open to the "interruptions" of relationship. They have navigated our mistakes with us and borne with us as we attempt to meet them in their felt needs. It is in this bond of community and mutual aid that a true partnership has formed over the years, and it is in this space of trust and relationship that we invite our friends into a life of following Jesus.

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2 projects funded through the Yamano Association.

Multiple Carpentry and Mill teams completed the community development center.



WELCOME TOGETHER



In a society where we worship comfort, Jesus invites us to allow ourselves to feel uncomfortable in order to experience something greater.

was mostly about inviting friends and people who hold high positions, over for meals — people who make us feel comfortable, safe, and share the same ideas. Inviting strangers who were poor, ill, or lonely seemed too risky — it would feel uncomfortable. Taking food to the poor, occasionally, seemed good enough, but inviting them into our homes wasn't viewed as a wise thing to do.

Jesus invites us to a different kind of wisdom. In a society where we worship comfort, he invites us to allow ourselves to feel uncomfortable in order to experience something greater than comfort. Jesus' wisdom is one driven by love, which is often uncomfortable in practice, and not by fear, which keeps us in a comfort zone. It is only active love that can drive out fear (1 John 4:18). This is not easy. Being hospitable in this way requires dying to self and following Jesus into the hardest places to experience him in unforeseen ways.

Radical hospitality as described by Jesus in the Luke-passage is an area of my life in need of much

growth in practice. So, I pray that He would teach my heart to allow moments of discomfort and view them as windows where hope and grace can enter and create connections that lead to abundant life and joy.

Serving Jesus among the vulnerable at Word Made Flesh Romania is an invitation to radical hospitality. It doesn't always feel safe or comfortable. But we continue to learn new ways to give ourselves to the other, to give our time, attention, and space so that the other can feel seen and heard. We find that most people in our community don't have a safe space where they can share their life experiences honestly, without being judged or looked down upon. They long for such a place. We all do. When we practice radical hospitality, lives are being changed — not only the lives of those who receive it, but also of those who offer it.

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40
children are cared for daily with a hot meal, showers, games, educational activities and tutoring.

78
individuals were helped with social and psychological counseling sessions.



220
meals were provided by the Community Center.



REFLECTION

When I think of radical hospitality, I think of how Jesus invites us to live it out in Luke 14:12-14: *He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or*

rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Jesus is inviting us to go beyond what is comfortable when we throw a party. Our times of celebration should not exclude those in greatest need of companionship, connection, and nutrition. Yet, I don't remember seeing this being practiced in the church communities that I was a part of most of my life. Hospitality



SHARING OUR VULNERABILITIES

REFLECTION

For seven years, Word Made Flesh Rwanda has been walking alongside vulnerable women in the Kangondo slum. But last May, we suddenly found ourselves the ones in need of help. Unable to continue paying rent for our beloved community center near Kangondo, we were preparing to put our ministry on hold until we found a new space. But God had other plans. Louise, a friend, and one of the women we serve, unexpectedly offered up her home for us to use so that our work could continue.

At the time, Louise lived in a very small house. Every Wednesday, she would stop her tailoring work and prepare her home so that our Bible study and Savings gatherings could continue to meet. By some miracle, we managed to squeeze 25 people into Louise's cramped dwelling and for three months her home was our new home base as we continued to serve the community. At the same time Louise was making our ministry in Kangondo possible, she took it upon herself to help us by visiting neighbors in need and praying with them in their homes.

When I asked what drove her to share the little she had with us, she



reminded me about how the Bible calls us to show radical hospitality to anyone in need – “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:2).

Louise also said that she believed that this was a season to show us that love is reciprocated. It was a time to love us as we have loved her and her neighbors.

“You showed us your vulnerability,” she explained. “So we embraced it as you have embraced our vulnerabilities for many years. Even in the worst situations, we will still be with you.”

These beautiful words of comfort and encouragement fortified us and strengthened our resolve to continue serving in the community even as the future of our ministry was uncertain.

This fall, the government demolished the Kangondo slum, including Louise's tiny shack which had sheltered our struggling ministry, and Louise and her family moved away.

God has blessed us with a new community center near another slum where many of the women we had been serving in Kangondo now live. And we have been able to reopen our craft workshop there, so that women can earn a living wage making handmade jewelry.

Our friend Louise now lives too far away to travel daily to our workshop where she used to make crafts to help support her family. But not so far away that we could ever forget her kind spirit and generous heart. One of our staff members, inspired by Louise's example, has welcomed



Louise to stay at her home near the center during the work week, so that she can continue to provide food for her family.

It is amazing how God has created the WMF Rwanda community a place of giving and receiving radical hospitality and how He has shown us that our homes, like everything else, are not really ours at all, but a gift from God to use for the furtherance of His Kingdom.



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1450
cups of porridge
shared.



55
families received
emergency food relief
during COVID lockdown
in 2021.



20
women supported
through WMFR
programs.



Please, join us in radical hospitality and donate today.



YOU ARE OUR FRIENDS

REFLECTION

Radical Hospitality for our community in Sierra Leone is summed up with the Krio sentence: “Una na wi padi dem”/ “You all are our friends”. Irrespective of someone’s background, tribe, religion or status, they can enter the gates of the Ale Ale House of Hope (our ministry center) and know that they are loved and accepted for who they are; we will be a friend to them. Our mission is to serve Jesus among the most vulnerable in the community of Kroo Bay; those who have been marginalized, judged, and rejected. Sometimes those that have run out of “second chances”. We desire to break barriers and bring transformation

through our radical way of hospitality/ welcome. A way of relationship, forgiveness, and hope.

Radical hospitality or welcome comes with its challenges. Sometimes we are deceived, or face challenges in our relationships with the people we work with. Sometimes we are rejected. Sometimes we are hurt by those we serve. Sometimes we get discouraged, knowing that we can’t meet every need. We have also lost many dear ones over the years; people that have become family.

But, we will always be here to welcome our friends, or to visit them wherever they are. Whether it be at home, school, work, joyous

celebrations, or extremely difficult visits such as to give condolences at funerals or visit friends in prison. With the extensive flooding this rainy season, one of our staff members went down into Kroo Bay with a few of our Lighthouse youth to hand bail water out of homes and help ensure people were safe. Afterwards, through a partnership with a local organization, we welcomed those most affected by the flooding into our community center to collect donations of clothes and blankets.

As we welcome those from our community, we receive abundant and beautifully unexpected hospitality in return. Every time

we walk into Kroo Bay and navigate through the narrow pathways in-between homes, we hear our friends calling “Ale Ale”. At our weekly children’s program, we say “Ale Ale, Hallelujah!” with the children, and so, have come to be known as “Ale Ale”. When we hear “Ale Ale”, we know we are welcomed. We receive radical hospitality when we sit down with our friends, who usually don’t have more than one meal a day, and we eat from the same bowl. We receive it when we are gifted fresh fish from a friend who could’ve sold the fish for profit. We receive it when one of the children goes out of their way to greet a staff member outside of working hours. Hospitality is so much a part of our community that even after the youth of our Lighthouse program graduate, they

often return to teach and pass on the welcome/hospitality that they received to the next generation, at our Saturday Good News Club.

We at Ale Ale House of Hope welcome and are welcomed with gratitude and appreciation. We practice radical hospitality because Jesus first radically welcomed us! He said “*Yu na mi padi*”/ “You are my friend”.



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43
Lighthouse group meetings with 40 youth.



90
Tutoring sessions for 55 children.



42
Good News Club meetings on Saturdays, with 300+ children.



We desire to break barriers and bring transformation through our radical way of hospitality, and a way of relationship, forgiveness, and hope.



AWAKENING HOPE AND OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Vincent nearly
dropped out of
school, because
his family couldn't
afford to pay for
internet to access
online education.

REFLECTION

Vincent* became part of the Children's program three years ago. Teased for being small and shy, he had suffered bullying for years and could hardly express his feelings. He didn't know how to defend himself or how to react to those situations. And he came to the drop-in center very insecure and with a deep desire for belonging.

Though most 14-year-olds just want to have fun, hang out with friends or maybe do school assignments, Vincent uses his spare time to help support his family. Since the pandemic greatly affected his family's economic situation, Vincent nearly dropped out of school, because his family couldn't afford to pay for internet to access online education. However, he received financial support from WMF to help cover this need, which enabled him to continue with his classes.

WMF also provided additional school support and workshops on self-esteem, conflict resolution and managing emotions. Through comprehensive intervention, a significant change and progress were identified in Vincent's life. From being intimidated and highly insecure, he began making friends, and became an exceptional and influential leader among his peers. Vincent is no longer unsure about expressing himself and making friends, and now stands out for his unique creativity and talent for drawing.

**"Now I can help my family
with my drawings..."**

When you see Vincent, you quickly notice that he is very optimistic and responsible. He already works, selling the backpacks that his family makes. But he is also visionary and plans to use his imagination to create unique designs for the family's business. Today, he is receiving financial support through WMFB in graphic design so he can begin his own serigraphic workshop. We are so proud of him!

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302

women and children
received crisis
intervention through
support in housing, food,
health and therapy.

685

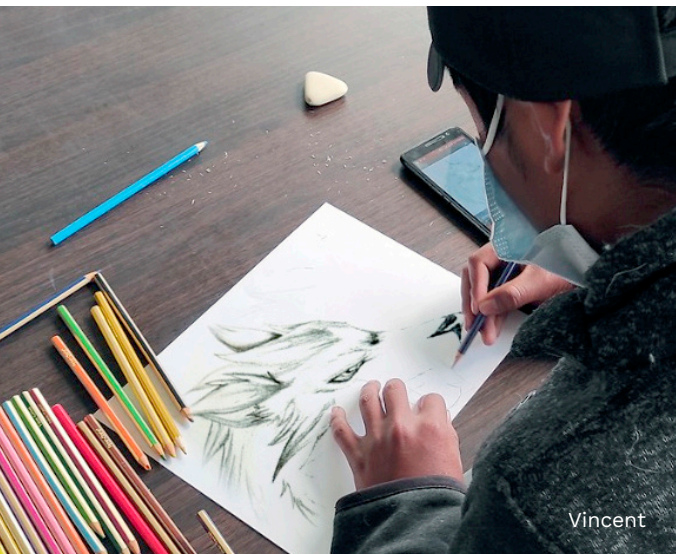
women and teens
received training in
workshops for nutrition,
health, protection
against violence and
human trafficking.



352

women and teens
received education and
skills development,
through workshops,
tutoring and a mentoring
program.

** Names have been changed to protect
their identities.*



Vincent



HOLISTIC HEALING FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS



Henriette is not only making tremendous progress in her business but, more importantly, she is able to care for her family.

REFLECTION

Henriette started her business on the street without hardly any entrepreneurial tools, including how to evaluate whether or not she was making a profit. After attending our Street Business School training and receiving coaching from our business trainers, she is not only making tremendous progress in her business but, more importantly, she is able to care for her family.



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2125
victims received
psychosocial support
and were rehabilitated.

75
displaced,
returnees
and residents
have been
reintegrated back
into the
communities.



3
centers have been
established in
Bujumbura, Cibitoke
and Muyinga.

LOVING THE UNLOVED IN THE NAME OF JESUS

REFLECTION

Siva Priya Sharon is a soft-spoken girl who works hard in her studies and has a strong commitment to live for the Lord. She lost both her parents to a deadly disease when just an infant. Though devastated by the loss of her family, she was chosen by the Lord to join our family when she was just three years old.

Today she is doing her 3rd year of university studies in engineering after having completed her diploma in polytechnic.

Factors like the death of parents to deadly diseases have forced

precious children like these to the very edge of the society to live a forgotten existence....But your partnership has made all the difference in their lives.



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15
hours per week
of counselling and
guidance.



12
hours per week
of tutoring.



40
people living
on the streets
fed a meal.



Our calling is to see Jesus among the least and the poorest of the poor in the community, especially children orphaned by AIDS and children living with HIV.



The Word Made Flesh International Office serves our staff around the world through member care, recruiting and sending interns and teams, communicating with donors and partners, and maintaining supportive administrative and financial processes.

Here are a few examples of what we do in the International Office.

Last year, we helped facilitate seven meetings of our Leadership Council, comprised of leaders from each of the communities in which Word Made Flesh does long-term mission around the world. At these meetings, leaders support one another through shared experiences and best practices and envision the direction of the global community.

We helped three staff (two from US and one from Sierra Leone) to complete the Certificate in Resilient Service (a nine month university program). Through eight coaches in our External Care Network that

provides emotional, mental, and spiritual support and care to staff, 83% of staff received at least four hours of care in the areas of counseling, spiritual direction, or pastoral counseling.

Also, we held a Gala to spotlight and raise funds to support the resiliency of our staff. We also focused a giving campaign on meeting urgent and developmental needs of children. Our work is assisted by interns. We had six interns in the office who contributed over 780 hours of service.

Recruiting at various universities across the United States, we sent two interns to serve with WMF communities around the world. Coming out of the pandemic in 2022, we saw these numbers increase to seven interns and thirteen on a team to the Navajo Nation. We assisted 2 students from Asbury University to access and win the Deese Grant Initiative, which covered the costs their six months

internships in Romania and in Sierra Leone.

A highlight from 2022 was the Staff Gathering organized for those employed through the U.S. and Canada. We listened to reflections on mission in light of our commitments to being devotional, incarnational, communal, missional, and marginal. We also received accredited training and certification from the Green Cross on trauma-informed, compassionate care, and natural disaster response. But the best part was simply being together.

We have big plans for the coming year. We will participate at the Urbana student conference over the last few days of 2022. We will lead a Discovery Team to the Navajo Nation in March and a Discovery Team to Romanian in May. We are also sending interns to help with equine therapy in Romania over the summer and plan to send interns to other communities as well.

I had the privilege of spending my summer in Galati, Romania. I had an amazing time getting to know the kids and all the people that I worked with. I worked at the Community Center for kids from around the area and at an equine center, doing equine assisted therapy and therapeutic riding. One of the biggest things that I learned this summer was to give my control to God.

Before I left for Romania, I was super stressed. There were a lot of unknowns that I was walking into: I did not know the family I was staying with; I did not know the language; and I had only met the person who was picking me up from the airport once over Zoom. After a whole fiasco at the airport in the US, I finally made to Romania, and my initial thoughts were “what did I get myself into?” Everything was so new, and it was happening so fast.

At this point, if I were not trusting God to get me through this, I would have gotten on the plane and went back home. People

always told me that I needed to trust in God’s plan for me, but until I was truly forced to this summer, I had never given up full control. There was always a little piece that I held onto for myself, but there was no chance that I could do that while in Romania.

Throughout the summer he kept using different moments to remind me that his plan was better than anything else that I could produce. I had absolutely no idea where I was going or what

time I needed to be there. I just had to trust that God would put me in the places I needed to be in at the right times, even if it was not where I thought I needed to be.

I am so thankful that I had this opportunity to grow in my faith and truly trust in God.

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WORD MADE FLESH FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

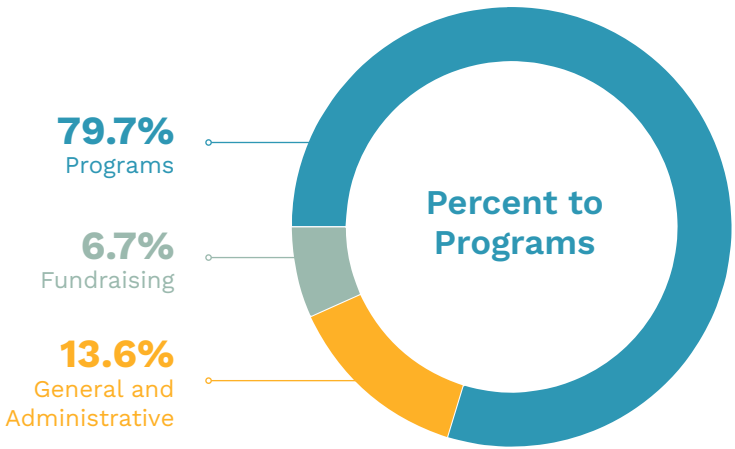
Cash on Hand and Annual Income 2021

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE	CHANGE
USA Operations & Ministries	\$134,764	\$363,538	\$294,099	\$204,203	52%
International Ministries	\$358,773	\$837,558	\$818,208	\$378,123	5%
TOTAL IMPACT	\$493,537	\$1,201,096	\$1,112,307	\$582,326	18%

Word Made Flesh carries no debt

GLOBAL FINANCIAL IMPACT

South America	\$260,832
Asia and Pacific	\$63,937
Eastern Europe	\$207,175
Sub-Saharan Africa	\$286,265
	\$818,208



Desiring to wisely steward the funds entrusted to us.



Word Made Flesh is made up of communities of people called and committed to serving Jesus among people who find themselves in some of the most vulnerable, poverty-stricken and oppressive situations in the world.

Our communities are located around the globe in South America, South Asia, Eastern Europe, North America, and West and Central Africa. The work we do in our different communities is dependent on the needs in that location.

Currently, we work with children who live and work on the streets. We work with children who have been forced to fight in civil wars. We work with women and children who have been trafficked into the commercial sex industry.

We work with families who are beset on all sides. We work together to seek holistic restoration of the dignity of all people.

In all our work we aim to infuse hope, empower others and amplify the voices of those who are often not heard.



Word Made Flesh is united in an intentional spirituality that is expressed through nine core values.

INTIMACY

We celebrate intimacy with Jesus to be our highest calling and our created purpose.

OBEDIENCE

We celebrate obedience as our loving response to the grace of Jesus.

HUMILITY

We celebrate humility before God and humanity.

COMMUNITY

We celebrate community as a means for discipleship and service.

SERVICE

We celebrate service as an expression of our fellowship.

SIMPLICITY

We celebrate simplicity as a privilege in identification with Jesus and the poor.

SUBMISSION

We celebrate submission to Jesus, each other and the poor.

BROKENNESS

We celebrate brokenness as our responsibility in ministry among the broken.

SUFFERING

We celebrate suffering as a willing sacrifice in serving Jesus.



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Jesus among the
most vulnerable
of the world's poor.

PRAY WITH AND FOR US!

Sign up for newsletter!



INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

are available to anyone who is interested in getting to know our communities better and offer the opportunity for community formation, discipleship, and service. Internships can range from 3 weeks to 12 months.

Learn more at:



Thank you for the many ways that you support the work of Word Made Flesh, the communities that we are in, and our staff. Each gift of prayer, words of encouragement, and financial support is meaningful. We cannot do this alone and are so glad for your accompaniment with us.

With deepest gratitude for your hospitality, Word Made Flesh.





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