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FULL BELLIES
AND THE PROMISE OF A...
Hopeful Future
Did you ever play the game Show and Tell when you were a kid? I think it’s a great example of how we should live the Christian life. Too often, as believers in Christ, we want to tell everybody about Jesus, but we don’t back it up by showing them what He’s like. It usually does more harm than good if we just tell people about Jesus and don’t back up our words with actions. We need to show them God’s love.

Being like Jesus means loving others. In Matthew 22:37, Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and in verse 39, He says, And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself (AMPC).

I am very grateful that from the beginning of Joyce Meyer Ministries, God gave me the understanding that we always need to reach out to the poor. It’s something He put in my heart and He’s given us the grace and endless opportunities to do that.

We started in small, very simple ways, and as we did what we knew to do, over time our outreaches have
increased in amazing ways. Today, we are able
to invest millions of dollars into humanitarian
works that also share the Gospel.

I love being able to help people by teaching the
Word, but it’s also great when we can show
God’s love by doing things like washing a child’s
feet, putting shoes on them and telling them,
“Jesus loves you and He’s
going to take care of you.”
You never know how
something like that may
impact a child. In their
darkest moment, they may
remember that and real-
ize, “Jesus loves me and
He gave me these shoes.”
That’s the moment when
God’s love is real to some-
one who has been hurting
and hopeless.

The bottom line is, it’s al-
most useless to preach if
you aren’t going to help
love people in practical
ways that meet their needs.

I like to call sharing Christ and loving
people—or show and tell—the power twins.
Put them together in action and astounding
things happen. The pages of this book are
full of wonderful examples—things we have
all been a part of together.

Acts 10:38 (AMPC) says that Jesus went about
doing good. We follow His example by doing our-
reaches all over the globe, and God has done so
many phenomenal things through them.

We’ve encountered so many people who
don’t even know what it means to have a
dream for their future...they have no idea
what hope is. But as we’ve shared the love of
Christ, we’ve shown them
how to hope and dream.

There is a hidden group of
people in a very remote
part of the African nation
of Tanzania. What God has
done there is a beautiful il-
\lustration of this. Their
needs were great, but not
hidden from God. He has
led us to them, and as we
began to meet their physi-
cal needs, their hearts
were opened to the Gospel. You will be thrilled
to read about the joy you have brought them.

This is what makes life worth living. I’ve
lived a lot of years and have discovered that
we are never really happy when we’re only fo-
cused on ourselves. Real joy comes when we’re
doing what we can to be a blessing to someone
else—making their life better. And that’s when
we’re really like Jesus!
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
We were told this would be a difficult trip. It was the peak of the dry season in Tanzania, and our team was about to embark on an exciting journey deep into the African bush. Our mission: to connect with the Datooga tribe, one of the most unreached people groups in the world.

Our expedition began in a city near the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, where the land was lush and green with vibrant coffee farms and red banana trees. The daylong drive to our base camp started out on paved roads, which turned into gravel roads, then dirt roads...and eventually no roads. And after about seven hours of very bumpy travel, we even got lost.

The farther we traveled, the drier it became, until there was hardly any greenery at all. The earth became dusty, brown and cracked from a lack of water. And it was clear we had entered “the bush of the bush.”

Our destination—a village called Gijeedeshdaghat—is a place where tribes had warred against one another over water. A place where half of all the children died before the age of five due to dehydration. A place where, especially at this time of year, the people have very little food, and they are hungry and thirsty.

But in this one tiny spot on the globe—about as remote a place as you’ll ever find—something beautiful has been rising from the African dust.

Just a short walk from our campsite was a water well that was dug by the friends and partners of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope. This well was the beginning. Alongside that well, you helped us build a school, where the first generation of Datooga children are learning. And beside that school, the community rallied and built a church, where the Gospel message has finally come to this area and is now flowing freely. And that is changing everything.

It’s amazing when God opens the door for us to meet a practical need, such as providing a village with clean water. It makes a way for Him to come in and change people’s hearts. Just a few years ago, there were zero believers in this village and lives were ruled by the need for water. But today—in a culture steeped in witchcraft—many of the children are coming to know Jesus and they are sharing with their families what they’ve learned.

Before the well, 14-year-old Udagutuk’s family would have water only once every two days...and her mother’s journey to the distant, dirty...
watering hole was marked by danger. Udagutuk, who calls herself Lydia since accepting Christ, was certain her life would be the same as the generations of women who walked before her; she would be married off at puberty and spend the rest of her days raising children, shepherding livestock and searching for water.

But after God opened the door for us to help her village, Udagutuk began to see the possibility of a different future, one that's all her own. Because of the school, she became the first in her family to receive an education and has been spared from the tradition of marrying young. She has given her life to the Lord and is helping shape the next generation of believers as she rounds up her 11 siblings to sing songs of praise to God.

And this never would have happened without water. Dolfi and Gil Maunda, missionaries to the Datooga and our partner in the area, at first went hut to hut to share the Gospel with the people. But there was a major problem with their method...no one was ever home. That's because from early in the morning until late at night, the people would be in the mountains in search of water.

Dolfi and Gil prayed and prayed for God to open a door for a well to be established in the region. And eventually, their prayer was answered through a divine connection with WorldServe International, experts in digging wells, in partnership with Hand of Hope.

Drilling a well in that area was far from easy, but with God's help and hand on the project, we persevered. And that spectacular day when water first gushed forth became an incredibly life-changing moment for the Datooga people. From that point, women and children would no longer spend their days looking for dirty, diseased water...and opportunities for the message of Christ would begin to flow.

Because without water, there could never be a school...and without water, there could never be a church. But now, the well brings life and health to an entire village; the school brings safety, education and healthy lunches to growing children; and the church brings the Word of God to some of the most beautiful people on all the earth.

This is what sharing Christ and loving people really looks like, and this is what we at Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope are all about. So from the bottom of our hearts—and from the depths of the African bush—we want to say thank you for joining with us to make stories like these possible.
Meet Maria

I learned about Jesus in school!

The school and church I go to is called "Yamawega".

It means "changed life."

I love to read stories!

I get to eat tasty beans and corn.

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A NOTE FROM DAVID

My wife Shelly and I have witnessed firsthand the things God is doing in Tanzania, and it’s nothing short of amazing. Providing fresh, clean water is making life better for everyone. Children are growing stronger, and our school offers an education and a lot of new opportunities for these young people who now have so much to look forward to. Greatest of all? These communities are now turning away from witchcraft and hopelessness and looking to Jesus Christ!

I’m honored to tell you that the incredible things happening in Tanzania are also happening around the world. I see it on a regular basis and I know what a huge role you play in every single part of it.

Hand of Hope, the outreach arm of Joyce Meyer Ministries, is all about Sharing Christ and Loving People. Our primary goal is to win people to Jesus and then help them to really enjoy their personal walk with Him. Almost everything else we do is to help a person get to that point.

When we dig a freshwater well, build a school, or feed a child, it is a tool—it’s an expression of love that helps them physically. And we’ve learned from experience that you can only show a person compassion and kindness for so long before they eventually want to know why.

Time and time again, they have literally asked us, “Why are you doing this for me?” Then bam! The door is open for us to share Christ with them and amazing things begin to happen.

When we arrive in an area so remote that the women are walking two days to fetch the water they need just to live, it shows us how much they need help. So, when we dig them a well and provide enough...
fresh water for them and their animals, it gives us the opportunity to provide education and build churches onsite. And when that happens, so many people turn their lives over to Jesus.

And that’s exactly what’s happening in the Lake Eyasi area of Tanzania, and in many other countries.

When we’re able to rescue a 13-year-old girl out of the sex slave industry—when we provide her with shelter, good food, a loving environment, and an education...then watch her give her heart to the Lord—we see firsthand the incredible change God is doing right before our eyes!

And that’s exactly what’s happening at the Gabrielle House in Thailand.

When we go into a school where the kids are quite poor (if they’re lucky, they get one meal a day and are expected to be good students), we see how the odds are stacked against them. But because of the support of our awesome friends and partners, we’re able to come in and feed the kids, allowing them to concentrate on their school work.

And we don’t stop there—we also add a spiritual class as a part of their curriculum so they can better know who they are in Christ.

And that’s exactly what’s happening in Eastern Cape, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Together, God is allowing us to be a part of so many wonderful things...and we have many more opportunities ahead.

For instance, we currently feed more than 80,000 children on a regular basis. However, we can’t stop there! The need is so much bigger, and we must do more. And with your help, we can do more. So, I look to the future with enthusiasm, eager to see what God has in store.

But now, as I look back at 2016, I am filled with gratitude for all that God has allowed us to accomplish together. So, in the pages ahead, we are honored to give you an account of what God is doing through your faithfulness.

It’s also an account of what you have given: Food for the hungry, relief from pain and sickness, encouragement for the weary, safety for those in danger, hope for those in despair...and the lifesaving message of the Gospel to people all around the world.

And, in the end, what greater gift can any of us ever give?

On behalf of Hand of Hope and our entire support team worldwide, thank you so much for your incredible love, prayers and support. You have literally made the difference for thousands of precious people all around the world.

David Meyer is CEO of Hand of Hope, Joyce Meyer Ministries World Missions. He oversees the ministry’s international and field offices, foreign broadcasts, and coordinates humanitarian aid and international festivals. His travels for Christ have taken him to more than 150 nations.
Tucked away in a little corner of southern India is the village of Munagala. It’s colorful, quaint and full of character…but if you lived there, all of that would soon be overshadowed by a scarcity of water.

While the monsoons bring some relief, the dry seasons have left the people struggling to find water. And since the lone bore well in their village didn’t yield drinkable water, the community has been forced to either travel long distances to collect it from the municipal taps or buy costly water cans.

But a pastor in this village began to encourage his tiny church to pray for an answer to this problem. Meanwhile, the church grew from two families to a sizeable number, and they started to run out of space in the house they met in. This led them to pray fervently about one more thing...a church building of their very own.

Sure enough, God answered both of their prayers by bringing a team from Hand of Hope, Joyce Meyer Ministries to the village of Munagala. There, thanks to the support of our partners, we were able to drill a clean-water well and build a beautiful new church—what we call a Well of Life.
Now, everyday life in the village is punctuated with the laughter and friendly banter of the people gathered around the well as they patiently wait for their turn at the pump. And the sound of water falling into the pots mingles musically with the worship from within the church building, creating sounds of praise to God.

With every cup that’s filled and every sip that’s taken, you are there. You are bringing health, safety and new life in Christ to people who have been in dire need of this most basic life necessity. Yet with nearly one in 10 people who still do not have access to clean water close to home,1 we know there’s still so much to do.

But be encouraged! In 2016, your support made it possible for us to partner with organizations to install 98 new freshwater wells in nine countries. Just think of all the lives that have been changed!

That’s 13 new clean-water wells in Myanmar, 21 in Zambia, and nine in Laos. Thirty-nine in India, and so many more... Thank you so much for all you’re doing to quench people’s thirst and bring to them the Living Water.

Women collect clean water at a Well of Life outside Hyderabad, India.

1. who.int (World Health Organization)
A plate of food is no small gift. It’s quite amazing that providing something as simple as a meal to a child in need can open the door for a whole family to come to know Jesus. And that is the heart behind our feeding programs.

Young Rinah lives with her mother, father and older sister in Antondrimanana, Madagascar. Their family practices exhumation, the religious act of digging up, preparing and celebrating with the bones of deceased relatives. But since joining one of our feeding programs, many things have changed for this precious girl.

The program has enabled Rinah to be fed physically, but it’s also put in her a hunger for God. She’s begun to understand God’s Word and is a light to her whole family. The nine-year-old takes every teaching she receives at the feeding center and enthusiastically shares it with her household. And someday she wants to share Christ with even more people as a missionary.

God has begun doing such an incredible work in her family. Rinah’s parents recently stopped practicing the dark cultural ritual, and she and her sister have gotten involved in a good church. They’re believing that their parents will soon join them.

Through helping meet a practical—yet essential—need, you’re making a way for thousands of families like Rinah’s to hear the life-changing message of Christ. Just last year, you provided more than 28 million nutritious meals to hungry people in 32 nations around the world. And we want you to know your gifts have a major impact on so many lives.

Through the St. Louis Dream Center, an urban church and outreach of Joyce Meyer Ministries, you helped provide 620,998 meals to hungry people right here in the United States. You have been regularly feeding families in need, as well as the elderly and homeless in North St. Louis and its surrounding communities through a food pantry, soup kitchen and food distributions.
IN 2016, you fed 80,055 children on a regular basis.

Also to date, 860 wells have been completed around the world.

A Church meets a community’s spiritual needs. What is a Well of Life? Church + Well meets a community’s physical needs.
On an entirely different continent, in Peru, Hand of Hope is feeding 1,200 children on a regular basis. Little Javier is among them. The four-year-old’s mom raises him and his three siblings all on her own, and her pay as a cook just doesn’t suffice.

But the warm, healthy meal Javier receives at the feeding center has made a huge difference for the family. When Javier first started coming to the feeding program, he was very timid and shy. But now he is beginning to blossom. Because of the Christian environment he’s in, Javier is learning about Jesus and sharing the Word of God with his family. And that is changing everything!

Every time we lovingly hand a plate of nutritious food to a child, you are there. Our heart’s desire is that when a child attends one of our feeding programs, they’re not just receiving a good meal...they’re also receiving the hope that’s found in Jesus. And we are so amazed at how God is taking every gift we give Him and turning it into new life and expectation every day.

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As my husband, David, and I travel around the world looking for opportunities and partnerships to help people, we see much heartbreak. It is the joy that we see—the difference we are all making together through feeding, providing clean water and sharing Christ that keeps us going. And it is clear that there is much more to be done.

My heart breaks for the pain and suffering we see. Especially the pain and injustice girls and women endure. I think of my own daughter.

I remember watching her play as a little girl, pretending to be a doctor or princess or even a preacher. She had so many dreams and hopes for her future. She didn't have to worry about where her next meal would come from. She didn't have to care for younger siblings because she had lost her mother to AIDS or because she had been abandoned by her father.

But these are the realities of many little girls around the world. So many of the little girls we meet don't have dreams or hopes. They only know the struggle to survive from day-to-day. There is fear of the future.

Last summer, in Gulu, Uganda, I held a precious baby girl named Brenda in my arms. Brenda's mother was a 13-year-old girl who suffered from epilepsy. Her father is unknown. Before Brenda was even four months old, her mother drowned in a river and a local woman was then arrested for trying to traffic Brenda into a neighboring country.

Her critically ill grandmother tried to care for her, but she soon began to lose weight due to lack of proper nutrition. Local authorities brought her to Baby Watoto, a home we support in Gulu where Brenda received care and she is now thriving. This is the story of three generations of girls. Brenda's mother and grandmother's lives may have been tragic, but now Brenda has the chance to have a life with a future and hope because of your support.

We won't stop. We are encouraged by new opportunities before us and energized by your support and God's grace. And I can't wait to see where the future takes us all.

Shelly Meyer is the International Relations Officer for Hand of Hope, Joyce Meyer Ministries World Missions. Her passion is to share God's love by meeting the practical needs of people, opening their hearts to receive His Word.
A NEW INITIATIVE TO GUIDE, RESTORE AND LOVE

If you haven't already, turn back one page and read the story about Brenda. Now, just imagine what could have happened to Brenda’s mom and grandma if they had received opportunities to live a full life, to fully blossom into the beautiful women God created them to be...

That’s exactly our hope for a brand-new focus of Hand of Hope called Project GRL (pronounced girl), working to guide, restore and love girls and women who need an understanding of God’s unfailing love and who’ve been marginalized by society.

Women who’ve endured unbelievable heartbreak and pain. Girls who’ve never stepped inside a classroom. Women who’ve been told their bodies can be sold to the highest bidder.

Girls who silently starve, while their brother eats. Women who can’t care for their children because they spend hours walking for water.

Far too many women and girls simply do not understand how truly valuable they are, and our desire is to do everything we can to meet their basic needs, share with them just how much God loves them, and give them hope for a brighter future.

For years, we’ve been reaching out in many ways to women and girls all around the world. We are personally seeing the incredible impact God has made in their lives...and we know He is calling us to do even more.

Birthed out of Joyce’s own personal experiences, Project GRL represents her heart to see young women across the globe healed and restored as she was. After years of sexual abuse, Joyce felt angry, unlovable and worthless. When God reached in and put the pieces of her life together, she knew she had to do something to help other women. Her mission is to help others feel whole and valuable.

Fai is free from her abuse and flourishing at the Gabrielle House in Thailand.
back together, she was filled with a passion to reach further—to facilitate that same transformation and impart that same knowledge of God’s love to girls of all ages...just like Fai.

Fai lives at the Gabrielle House in Thailand where we care for women and girls who’ve been trafficked, abused and more. At just 20 years old, Fai has seen her share of severe abuse and struggle.

Originally from Burma, Fai’s family migrated to Thailand when she was just a young girl. Because they didn’t have citizenship, opportunities were scarce and they ended up working in the rice fields just to survive. At only seven or eight, she was helping the family, spending long, arduous days working the land. Fai wasn’t able to go to school much because of the work that had to be done...and as the oldest, she felt a strong sense of responsibility to care for her younger siblings.

At 16, she was thrust into a marriage to a local man 15 years her senior. This new life turned from bad to worse after he became addicted to drugs shortly after their son was born. That’s also when the abuse started. Her dreams to help her family and maybe even one day have a job as a seamstress seemed impossible.

After the threats from drug dealers started coming, she made the courageous decision to protect her child and leave her husband. Illiterate and with nowhere to go, she ended up working in bars and at late-night restaurants. All seemed lost until she was introduced to the Gabrielle House in Chiang Rai, a home for human trafficking victims and women struggling to make it on their own.

Through Project GRL, we’re reaching out to women and girls around the world and showing them how much God loves them.

Project GRL represents Joyce’s heart to see young women across the globe healed and restored as she was.
Today, Fai is seeing her dream to be a seamstress and provide for her son become a reality. She’s experiencing the love of Christ, learning to read and write, and gaining the skills needed to experience a full and happy life after leaving the home. A future that once seemed hopeless, is now much, much brighter.

Helping women and girls like Fai is exactly why Project GRL exists. Because in a world that tells girls they are unworthy of an education, we are teaching them. Where women and girls must walk for hours to gather dirty water, we are providing safe, clean water right in their village. Where human traffickers are snatching hope from young women, together, we are restoring them.

And where girls are told they aren’t worthy of basic human rights like dignity, respect and life, we are going to love them as Christ does.

We are excited to share Project GRL with you and would love for you to help us spread the word and join with us. You can get more info about current Project GRL initiatives and see how you can get involved at joycemeyer.org/ProjectGRL.
As you just read over the last few pages, many girls who are denied education often end up in a cycle of poverty that leads to some pretty hopeless situations. But God has given us an exciting opportunity to be part of the solution.

Through a new Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope initiative—called Classrooms of Hope—we’re providing a happy place of refuge for many boys and girls in one of the poorest provinces of South Africa, the Eastern Cape. The classrooms replace dilapidated structures that leaked when it rained or were near collapse.

So what exactly does that look like? Well, with the help of local engineers, we’re transforming shipping containers into modular classrooms...a creative and cost-effective solution for villages across the area.

These classrooms not only offer a way out of poverty through education, they open the door for children to hear the life-changing message of Christ. The students are learning to read from a Bible-based curriculum so their education is straight from the Word of God. And we’re able to provide each child with a much-needed nutritious meal, which draws even more children to the preschools. The opportunities to reach and teach these children are truly endless.

For Xoliswa, going to school was a dream that was never possible. She simply didn’t have access to education where she lived. Today, she sells apples on the streets of Mthatha and carries the heavy burden of being the sole provider for her household.
But after a Classroom of Hope was delivered to her village, she began to see a much brighter future for her granddaughters, who live at her home. Lukhona and Somilangaya are incredibly enthusiastic about school and Jesus, and they hardly ever miss a day. Instead of feeling trapped by poverty, Lukhona dreams of being a policewoman and Somilangaya wants to become a doctor.

Because of your support, these girls and many, many other children have the chance to move toward a brighter future. You're making such a big difference in these little one’s lives.

She was lost, broken and alone—desperate to leave her war-torn Syrian home and to find a place of safety. But the question never far from her mind was, how. She had little money and no family left to help.

She heard about a man who could arrange transport to get her to Greece and provide her with a good job there. With nowhere else to turn, she placed her trust in a stranger.

Within the first 24 hours of her journey, she realized her trust had been shattered. The “job” was a ruse for a horror she never imagined and in trying to escape one nightmare she walked unknowingly into another. And she was not alone.

Refugees are among the world’s most vulnerable to human trafficking. They are being exploited for manual and sexual labor against their will by the thousands. Desperation becomes an open door to predators who prey on people who have no one watching out for them.

The same vulnerabilities are true for runaways and the homeless, and women and children are most at risk. Twenty-seven million are currently estimated to be in bondage around the world.
Today, many determined people are taking notice and watching out for the vulnerable. They are taking a stand to fight human trafficking and to provide opportunities for those rescued to find healing and restoration.

*Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope* is working in many countries around the world, including the United States where we partner with the *Dream Center of Los Angeles* to work alongside local and state agencies to rescue women and offer them safety and a loving place to heal.

Together with *A21*, we are active in Australia, Bulgaria, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States.

And in Ethiopia, Cambodia and Thailand, we are entrusted with many women set free and finding new skills, opportunities, and hope beyond trafficking.

You see, we don’t stop at rescue, training or even new opportunities. The most important steps are rebuilding trust, restoring hope and renewing faith. Those things only come through the redeeming message of Christ. It is through the love we express and the time we invest that they begin to realize it is only because of His grace that any of us have life.

Human trafficking is unarguably a massive problem but with every individual who God allows us to help, each woman who walks away whole and loved, every new beginning that not only impacts a woman but her children, in our hearts we know it is worth the battle. Each one that we reach together is one less lost, broken and alone.
80% of all trafficking victims are women & girls.
She is clothed in strength and dignity.

Proverbs 31:25 (NLT)

200 million girls have been killed because of gendercide.

What is gendercide? It is murder based on gender.

Worldwide, there are over 62 million girls denied education.

Current ProjectGrl initiatives:
- Sharing God’s Word
- Feeding Programs
- Clean Water
- Providing Education
- Anti-Human Trafficking
- Safe Environments
Ever wonder why God spends so much time in His Word telling us how valuable we are to Him and how much He loves us? Perhaps it is because this world works so very hard to knock us down and tell us we simply don't matter.

My family raised me with the daily encouragement that I had value and potential. I was continually reminded that I could do all things through Christ; that my apparent limitations and any challenges I may face were nothing in comparison to His love and grace.

I was in the minority. As you have read, that is not the case for too many women around the world or for victims of human trafficking who desperately need to be shown that God holds them in the highest esteem. And today there are ever increasing numbers of marginalized people who feel utterly forgotten.

I believe that those of us blessed with the knowledge of God’s immeasurable love have a greater responsibility to share that gift with others. God’s love for them is equally immense—the difference is, they don’t know it yet.

Through sharing the truth of God’s Word and our various Hand of Hope outreaches, together we are extending that love to individuals and groups who are often on the fringes. Veterans, people with special needs, and refugees are all groups who often feel forgotten. That’s why it is such an honor that God is giving us all opportunities to reach out to them.

I will never forget one family I met in a refugee camp in Greece. The Albadawy family fled their Syrian home with little more than the clothes on their backs. So when they invited me into their tent to share a meal with them, I knew they were offering no small gift.

They passed a tiny can of something I couldn’t identify, the only food they had, and as each person took a single bite and passed it along, I was overwhelmed with the full weight of their sacrifice of hospitality.

Most of all I was humbled and grateful that we could respond with an expression of Christ’s love—food, water, clothing and friendship. The Albadawy’s were aware of why we came and the One who sent us, and they were incredibly appreciative.

We are God’s hands and His physical demonstration of love. Our job is to show them that they are not and never will be forgotten and God’s Holy Spirit does the rest.

Ginger Stache is an award-winning TV producer and Chief Media Officer of Joyce Meyer Ministries. She has traveled to many nations with her passion to help others and share the love of God with them.
According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, we are now witnessing the highest levels of displaced people on record.

An unprecedented 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from home. Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18.

*Hand of Hope* has been actively helping refugees for a very long time, so now, in a world where nearly 34,000 people are forcibly displaced every day as a result of conflict or persecution, we have a great deal of work ahead and more opportunities than ever before to respond in a Christ-like way.

We met Rahmani at the Gare de L’Ert train station in Paris, his makeshift home. Since he fled his home in Afghanistan, he has been living on the streets with thousands of other refugees.

While we can’t fix the problems that forced Rahmani to run for his life or provide political answers for his situation, we are showing him love and care through warm meals, blankets and supplies, including toilet-ry items and the Word of God found in Joyce’s books.

In Hamburg, Germany, we learn that the emotional pain of refugee children is great and very difficult for them to understand or express. By providing opportunities for them to share their feelings through art and loving ears to listen, we help them work through their trauma and teach them how very much God loves them.

Wherever we go, kids are still kids. These refugee children left their homes behind. They still play and laugh but need life’s essentials to thrive.
It was Dunkirk, France, where we met Qasm and his family. He fled Iraq with his wife and four children, leaving absolutely everything behind when ISIS threatened their lives. If it weren’t for the clothes and food provided by you and our partner in France, Eclat de Soi, he says they would have nothing. They face a long road ahead but these gifts bring glimmers of hope.

Refugees are flooding into the nation of Lebanon, and there we are helping families and children like Mariam with medical care, clothing and bags of food. And we are able to give something much more personal: home visits with loving arms to hug and provide support and ministry to women and children. We see traumatized children able to laugh and just be kids again, as well as many people coming to a new relationship with Jesus.

And we will never forget Sami who told us through sobs how he and his family were forced from their home in Syria. He softly repeated the words, “All gone,” as he talked about his extended family, friends, career and the life he knew and loved. Our hearts broke with his.

In moments like these, it is the opportunities God gives us to make a difference that keep us going. We are exceptionally grateful that we can do our part to make Sami’s time in this refugee camp outside of Thessaloniki, Greece, just a bit more bearable.
In Greece, we combine efforts with our ministry partner A21, who found this crisis literally developing in their backyard. An organization dedicated to combatting human trafficking, they quickly realized that these people are at extreme risk of being trafficked and God was compelling them to get involved.

With your support, they sprang into action with many forms of help, including a creative way to provide clean water and facilities where people could shower, brush their teeth, and clean their clothes.

The refugee crisis our world faces is one of the greatest humanitarian challenges of our time. These displaced and desperate men, women and children are the real life faces of an incredibly complex and difficult situation.

Psalm 57:1 (ESV) says, *Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

We continue to do what we can to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs, always pointing them to God as their refuge. We are very grateful that you, our partners, have positioned us to be poised and ready to show God’s love to refugees in many countries.
It was 2 a.m. in Louisiana and Theresa had just let out the family dog. The ground was dry so there was no way to be prepared for what was headed her way. As the hours ticked by, water began to creep toward her beloved home that she’d shared with her husband for more than four decades.

By 6 a.m. water began to lap against the siding and slither under doors. And then it started to rise. They moved as much as they could to higher ground, but the water rose so fast they found themselves trapped with no way out. Thankfully rescue came, but as the boat zoomed away with them in it, Theresa knew she had lost everything.

“I was devastated; I was heartbroken. We’ve been in this house for 44 years, raised our children in this house. And I could see everything was gone.”

Theresa was one of so many in Louisiana who was devastated by flooding this past year...first in March and then her neighbors got hit with flooding again in August, which many call the worst disaster in the U.S. since Hurricane Sandy. As you can imagine, she felt like her entire world, what she’d known for most of her adult life, was falling apart.

Thankfully, help arrived at just the right time. Hand of Hope partnered with Church of the King and volunteers showed up immediately after the storm. Their immense help, faithful prayers with the family and incredible love restored Theresa’s broken heart.
“I don’t feel the devastation in my heart. We prayed before we started and after we got out there, and I truly believe God is here,” Theresa shared when we met up with them during cleanup.

This past year was definitely one for the record books. Each year, we do everything we can to bring help immediately after disasters strike, both here in the U.S. and around the world. Thanks to the generous donations of our friends and partners, those relief efforts can happen.

Here’s a quick snapshot of how you helped us share Christ and love people after disasters in 2016. Through your faithful support, we were able to partner with many local organizations to help provide immediate relief:

As the year began, we were continuing flood relief efforts in our hometown of St. Louis. Hand of Hope was able to work with great...
organizations like Convoy of Hope and Service International to help mobilize 200 volunteers to help with cleanup and to distribute more than 135,000 pounds of food, water and supplies.

And just like Louisiana, Houston, Texas, was hit twice with disastrous flooding. We also were able to help provide relief for flooding in West Virginia and Sri Lanka.

Tropical cyclone Winston hit Fiji on February 22, causing widespread damage, killing more than 50 and leaving thousands homeless. Hand of Hope partnered with Victory Church in Pevely, Missouri, to provide basic necessities to families in need of food, water and clothing.

When a disaster strikes, people lose so much more than just a building or simple earthly possessions.

After three powerful earthquakes rocked Italy, Ecuador and Japan, our partners were on the ground right away providing much-needed relief. Through our partnership with Italy for Christ, Centro Cristiano and Latin America Child Care, Hand of Hope was able to help reach those in need. In Japan, a 7.0 earthquake and continuous aftershocks slowed the relief efforts, but volunteers persisted and our partners, Rod Plummer and Jesus Lifehouse, were able to get relief to those immediately affected.

In the fall, Hurricanes Matthew and Otto made landfall, causing widespread destruction in Haiti, the U.S. eastern seaboard and Costa Rica (Otto). After Hurricane Matthew, Hand of Hope helped support our longtime partners in Haiti, Love A Child, as well as Community of Hope, to provide food, supplies, medicine and more. As the storm moved up the U.S. coast, we partnered with Bethel Church-Redding and Seacoast Church to provide cleanup and vital supplies like food, water and medicine.

Throughout the year we also joined with Convoy of Hope to bring clean water to residents plagued by the Flint, Michigan water crisis and brought relief after wildfires destroyed more than 1,600 homes in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.

When a disaster strikes, people lose so much more than just a building or simple earthly possessions. Like Theresa, there are millions of memories wrapped up and washed away in the debris. So that’s why our hearts are set to reach out and bring hope, restore broken hearts and help them start a brand-new journey. Thank you for coming along with us and helping each and every one.
Hundreds of people in need of health care lined up, patiently awaiting our medical/dental team’s arrival to one of the poorest areas in Panama. Among the crowd was 37-year-old Juanita, who brought her children to receive free treatment offered by Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope.

After Juanita’s husband was killed in gang activity, she was left to raise their three children all on her own and struggled to make ends meet. When Juanita arrived at the clinic, our team discovered she had several abscesses infecting her upper and lower teeth, causing her lots of pain. But we were able to quickly administer the medication and treatment she had waited so long for. And adding to her relief, this precious mother was able to see her little ones receive a checkup for the very first time in their lives.

In so many of the remote places we visit, people often die from health complications that are easily treated elsewhere. High fevers caused by malaria, diarrhea, cuts and scrapes, and difficulties in childbirth are some of the major culprits.

Such was the case in Uganda, where our team met a mother who was in labor for more than 12 hours without any pain medication. With her final push, her baby boy was born with the look of death. And if our medical team had not been there to assist in the baby’s delivery, he would not be alive today.

He was born strangled by his umbilical cord, which encircled his neck three times. Our nurses immediately cut the umbilical cord and began CPR—a practice that the local midwives were grateful to learn. Within a few minutes, this newborn’s life was restored—he wiggled his tiny arms and legs, and cried!

So often, our extraordinary volunteers go above and beyond to care for their patients...looking for creative ways to meet their needs.

In a small rural town outside Niger’s capital city, a grandmother came into our clinic with a tiny baby she was attempting to breastfeed. We quickly learned the one-month-old’s mother died during childbirth and the grandmother wasn’t able to nurse the baby.
The baby had all the signs and symptoms of malnutrition, and our volunteers quickly sprang into action, filling a bottle with instant formula to satisfy some of the hunger pain. Our team was also able to buy the struggling family a goat...an animal that will provide milk for the baby on a regular basis.

After teaching the grandmother how to properly feed the infant, she was elated! Through this simple act of love, she finally had hope that her grandchild would live.

During each clinic, our teams address so much more than just physical needs. After seeing our doctors, each patient also visits our ministry area, where they have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and allow us to pray for them. This year, more than 6,000 people who were treated made a decision to follow Christ!

Near the equator in Ecuador, a man came into our clinic with severe back pain. The doctor soon identified the man's back was curved at his lower spine.

The doctor called over our prayer team, and they rallied around the man to pray. As they ministered to him, he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior...and miraculously, his pain vanished!

Amazed by the miracle, the doctor asked him to try and bend over one more time. The patient found he was not only pain free, but he was able to touch his toes...his spine was now perfectly aligned. With the encouragement and prayers of many around him, the man began to smile and laugh with joy because of all the Lord had done.

On our 75th medical/dental outreach, we met an elderly Haitian man who came to share his testimony with our team. For many years, he didn't feel like he had a purpose in life.

In 2015, he attended a medical/dental clinic we held in his village in Haiti, and he received a book by Joyce Meyer that was translated into his native language. He experienced the love of Christ at the outreach and came to understand God's Word through reading the book...leading him to begin a relationship with Jesus. And that's what this is all about.

"Someone cares enough about me to come to my country, love me, and give me a means that has changed my life," he said as he hugged members of our team.

Thank you so much for sending us to these far corners of the world to bring life-changing care to so many in need. You're providing reading glasses, delivering babies, soothing toothaches, treating malaria, mending wounds...and above all, introducing a hurting world to the Healer.
BE MERCIFUL TO ME, O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, FOR IN YOU MY SOUL TAKES REFUGE;

IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS I WILL TAKE REFUGE,
TILL THE STORMS OF DESTRUCTION PASS BY.

PSALM 57:1 (ESV)

providing meals
The word of God
in one of Joyce's books
Blankets

MEDICAL CARE
CLOTHES
CLEAN WATER
HELPING CHILDREN

HELPED PROVIDE RELIEF
AFTER 16 DISASTERS WORLDWIDE
WE HELD MEDICAL-DENTAL OUTREACHES IN ELEVEN NATIONS!
It’s no secret that information is moving faster than ever. From tweets to pins, posts to status updates, we are front row to the incredible pace of communication. Because of it, there are many times that communication and media simply become “white noise”—lots of chatter but not a lot of meaning. It reminds me of 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NIV) when it says, *If I give all I possess to the poor... but do not have love, I gain nothing.* Without love I am nothing but a clanging cymbal (see v 1). If in the middle of all our works we forget to love the people all around us, if we don’t share the Gospel and teach God’s Word, we’ve missed out big time!

For example, I’m always amazed at how many people respond to our social media posts. I’ve read comments like, “This is just what I needed at the right time,” and “That post kept me from suicide.” It reminds me that God is always working and He is doing it in ways that we never even imagined before. That means more people are getting help right then and there, which is what it’s all about.

That’s why I am very excited about new digital opportunities—ones emerging almost daily—that we are using in our efforts to reach more people and truly **share Christ and love people right where they are.**

However, what I find most amazing—what puts a smile on my face—is when I see the effect the Gospel has when applied to these mediums. It’s true, these forms of communication can be divisive, but when I see a social post with a powerful scripture and a lesson God taught my mom in her everyday life, I am reminded that He is still the author of everything. That He can cut through the noise of our lives and send something that encourages and keeps us going.

I don’t think anyone could have predicted the current reach of media and technology, and that Joyce Meyer Ministries would be at the forefront of using it for spreading the message of Jesus, but I’m grateful. I’m grateful that millions of people allow us into their homes. I’m grateful that people interact with us on a daily—even hourly basis—because they know the lessons my mom shares are ones that she’s lived through; that it’s not just some lofty idea to her, but practical lessons that have radically changed her life.

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Daniel Meyer is CEO of U.S. Operations for Joyce Meyer Ministries. Driven by a passion to see lives changed around the world, he is committed to positioning the ministry for the next generation and beyond, and communicating the irreplaceable role of the partners.
Who would have ever thought in Jesus’ time—when they were traveling on foot and by camel to spread the Gospel—that one day it could all take place from the palm of our hand!

A couple years ago we were amazed to see satellite dishes in remote villages in Africa. But today, technology has spread like wildfire and in an instant, through live video on Periscope, Facebook Live, Instagram Live and more, Joyce can share a message with millions.

And on top of that, the thousands of hours of teachings she’s shared at conferences around the world and in her studio here at the ministry are available 24/7 through TV, radio, joycemeyer.org, tv.joycemeyer.org for our international audiences, social media, thumb drives, devices like Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Prime and Fire TV. You can literally take the Gospel with you wherever you go. See joycemeyer.org/everywhere for more on that!

Currently, Joyce’s Enjoying Everyday Life program airs on over 1,000 television and radio stations worldwide in more than 91 languages, including Farsi, French, Greek, Bosnian and Arabic. In all, we reach a potential broadcast audience of over 4.5 billion people. When you factor in the potential audience whose television is connected online, that number increases sharply.
We’re touching lives in nearly every corner of the world, including those in Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Iran and other Middle Eastern nations closed to the Gospel.

Each year, millions access our programs at joycemeyer.org and through our mobile app—watching when they want, where they want.

Modern technology doesn’t change our mission though—we still want to reach people in every way possible with the Gospel. But we are amplifying the Gospel through technology. Wherever a cell phone signal or Wi-Fi is available, the Gospel is available—and that’s exciting!

At the heart of it all, we really want people to fall in love with studying the Word. Another great resource we’ve put together for you is our study page, The Word, at joycemeyer.org/study. From first accepting Christ into your life, to becoming a regular student of the Word, this page is filled with a variety of Bible and topical studies to help you grow in your walk with God.

You may still be wondering, Why is all this new technology and emerging media so important? For us as a ministry, the answer is pretty simple, as it goes to the core of who we are. If we want to influence more people, then we need to go where the people are and communicate in the way they prefer. It’s a very exciting time because it’s allowing us to reach a new audience and a new generation.

And you are a part of all of it. When you share, like, post and favorite these videos, shows, pictures and more, you’re helping us share Christ and love people who may not even know anything about Joyce Meyer Ministries or the Gospel for that matter. You’re helping us reach the world.
We are committed to using whatever tools are available to share Christ and love people.

52% of visitors view on a mobile device.
31% of visitors view on a computer.
11% view on a tablet.

Nearly 20 million followers on social media.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

- Mark 16:15
In Luke 10:29, an expert in the law asked Jesus a question: And who is my neighbor?

Jesus replies with the story of the Good Samaritan, a man who helped someone he saw that was in need.

You know who your neighbor is? Our neighbor is the person God puts in our path—who we can touch and help—where we know we can reach into the situation to make a difference. These are our neighbors.

Going to the grocery store can be just as holy as going to church, if you go with God. Everywhere you go, you want to give somebody a word of encouragement, put a smile on someone’s face, make somebody feel better…. You want to watch out for needs and be ready to meet those needs.

That’s exactly what we hope to do through every outreach across the United States…to love our neighbors in need and to bring joy amid hardships and poverty.

One way we’re doing that is by partnering with a vital outreach just down the road from Joyce Meyer Ministries.

Play Differently is Missouri’s first sensory and motor room for kids with special needs. Located in Chesterfield, Missouri, this program gives par-
ents the opportunity to go to church, go on a date, or even simply have a moment of rest. *Hand of Hope* was able to come alongside Gateway:61 to provide the resources needed to make this room a reality.

When her daughter was diagnosed at nine months with Cerebral Palsy, Terri Desloge, the founder of Play Differently, obviously had a lot of questions of, “Why?” But after listening to Joyce for more than 20 years, she knew she had a choice to make. She could either “be bitter or better.”

“Even though having a special needs child has been the most exhausting thing, I knew that God would be faithful [to my family]. I decided I wasn’t going to get bitter; I was going to get better. And I decided I was going to help make our community better by creating a place of respite for the families of kids with special needs.”

We simply love the heart behind this project: to help make the community better. That’s something we strive to do with each of our outreaches.

One way we can do that is through our Multiply Hope collections at Joyce’s U.S. Conference Tour. In 2016, Joyce held free three-day conferences in 12 cities across the country, in addition to the annual *Love Life Women’s Conference* in St. Louis—the only event that has paid registration. During these conferences, we invite attendees to join with us to help boost local ministries and their communities.

From coast to coast, items like food, household items, toys, hygiene items, school supplies, diapers and wipes, winter wear, books and backpacks were collected and distributed to 11 local ministries.

One of those ministries is the *St. Louis Dream Center*, our church and outreach center that is located in one of the poorest areas in St. Louis. This thriving ministry is helping people year-round through a food pantry, kid’s programs, a clothing boutique, homeless outreaches, church services and more.

From various back-to-school events, Easter egg hunts, family fun days, Thanksgiving and Christmas events, we were able to help bring hope to the whole family.

“People who have a lot of need and a lot of pain in their lives...at these events you’ll see them laughing and smiling and that’s exactly what we want...to help provide a little relief for them, especially in the holiday season. You’ll see kids playing, parents have a chance to be parents and everyone’s getting a break,” Joyce shared from the 15th annual Urban Youth Impact Christmas event in West Palm Beach, Florida.
It all comes down to this: “If we can put a smile on someone’s face, then I believe we’ve made God happy with the effort we’ve made that day,” shared Joyce.

We are so incredibly thankful for our friends and partners and the generous donations they make to bring events like this all across the nation. They truly are a blessing to so many.

We owe much to the military personnel who have served us and to their families, who sacrifice in many ways. That’s why we have also reached into the lives of our military. We are honored to partner with a group called They Serve 2 to bring encouragement, resources and support.

Deployments and the effects of war can leave spouses feeling lonely and exhausted from taking care of families on their own. By providing gifts and a day of fun, our hope is to give them a day where they can relax and recover from pressures and stress that comes with military life.

In addition, we wanted to be able to provide lasting care for our veterans. Soldiers often return home broken, both physically and emotionally. They’ve lost limbs, are struggling to recover from post-traumatic stress disorder, and are doing their best to get back to “normal” life. For many, this can be too much to handle on their own.

Curtis served his country in Korea and says life never was the same since he came home from war. And after his divorce, life began to spiral...
out of control. He ended up in an abandoned house, drinking himself into a stupor just about every night and smoking crystal meth.

He arrived at the Dream Center of Los Angeles, one month before a home just for veterans opened, but God made a way for him. “I saw God in action, and I don’t have any doubt that He had his hand in that because I had nowhere to go. There’s not enough I could do or enough gratitude I could give for what you’ve done.”

This transitional living floor at the Dream Center, which was renovated by Hand of Hope, our missions outreach, includes 24 beds and gives veterans a chance to get back on their feet.

“Change doesn’t come with just a place to stay or a bed to live in, but it comes from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This has been on our heart, but I know we couldn’t do it on our own. It takes all of us working together to make it happen,” shares Pastor Matthew Barnett.

The whole campus provides an atmosphere of hope. They know they can come and relax in the love of Christ.

Another great place for veterans is Eagle Summit Ranch, a 3,000-square-foot gym tucked away in the Texas hill country, not far from San Antonio. Hand of Hope provided the funds to build this facility, the Chris Kyle Foundation provided the equipment, and Operation Warrior Reconnect works with the men and women daily to help them transition back into the lives they left behind. It’s truly a beautiful example of many people coming together to share the love of Christ with our veterans!

“When people see this gym, we make sure that they see this, not as something they can’t do anymore, but what they can do now and how far they can go,” shared Brandon Ayers, U.S. Air Force (ret).

Brandon was struggling with deep depression when he first came to the program. He felt he’d lost everything when his leg was amputated below the knee. “I don’t have a leg anymore, but I come in here and get on the treadmill and do what I can. [This gym] represents a whole other avenue of hope that these guys didn’t see possible anymore.”

Our friends and partners may have helped us make a one-time donation to build this facility and renovate the floor in Los Angeles, but it’s really an investment for soldiers and their families for years to come.

Your support has given a soldier hope...you gave a family hope. And you’ve given kids their dad or mom back with a whole new vision for life. Thank you so much for all you’ve done to help these heroes.
beatrice grew up in a somewhat religious home in Switzerland, but didn’t know much about the Bible. She’ll even admit that she wasn’t quite sure exactly who Jesus was and that God and faith weren’t a big part of her life. Still in times of difficulty she found herself strangely drawn to the church...finding refreshment and strength.

But the story of how she came to know Christ personally, started in the most unusual place…a prison cell in Pennsylvania.

In 2006, she became pen pals with an inmate who was awaiting execution on death row. He had become a Christian and encouraged his newfound friend to find a Bible and start reading. Shortly after, he sent her a package filled with two books—Beauty for Ashes and Battlefield of the Mind—by a woman she’d never heard of.

Within minutes she had found our website and was watching her first message from Joyce. That very night she read Beauty for Ashes all the way through and was deeply touched. She found Joyce on TV, attended her conference in Basel, made a public confession of faith and became a partner with the ministry.

Those books, which opened the door for her to come to Christ and grow in her relationship with Him, had been distributed by our prison outreach team. Over the past 18 years, more than 3 million inmates have received gifts like this, filled with a book by Joyce and personal hygiene items. These expressions of God’s love for them, even as they are behind bars, have changed many lives.

And not only did that gift reach him, while he sat on death row…they made their way from that prison cell all the way to a lady in Switzerland. Thank you for making our prison outreaches possible, for sharing the Gospel through these books and loving people in such a deep and practical way.
When I hear a story like Beatrice’s and see the incredible impact of our prison ministry, I am absolutely amazed by God’s goodness and faithfulness. In 1998, when we conducted our very first prison outreach, reaching inmates in 53 countries was something that seemed nearly impossible. Of course, that was a challenge that spurred Joyce on!

So now, years later, it’s been a tremendous honor to hand out our three millionth gift bag, containing hygiene items and one of Joyce’s books. In fact, I was privileged to personally deliver it at a men’s prison in Bonne Terre, Missouri—it was a day I will never forget.

I almost can’t convey just how appreciative the men are. They’ve gotten so used to being a part of the “forgotten society,” sometimes going for years without a visitor. So, when our team walks in with gifts and encouragement, letting them know just how much God loves them, they are tremendously blessed.

The truth is that people make mistakes and anyone could be in their position. Most people aren’t in prison because they planned to be, so to let them know they are...
not forgotten and that God has something better for them is very important.

I also have a special place in my heart for veterans. I believe in patriotism, which means to love one’s country, protect its rights and defend it from harm. That’s what veterans do—they risk everything to defend our freedoms and protect us from danger. However, veterans aren’t always treated the way they should be. This is especially true for wounded veterans who return from active service and face a completely different life at home.

As a young man, I served my country overseas for two and a half years, and I came home in good condition without ever seeing combat. But even then, coming home was a major adjustment. You expect life to go back to the way it was, and it doesn’t. You come back to a different life!

So, I can’t even imagine the intense challenges that wounded veterans face when they come home—all the physical and mental adjustments they have to make.

This is why I believe so strongly that we need to wholeheartedly support our veterans in any way we can. They are the ones who are protecting our freedom and keeping us safe. They are risking their lives so we can have a better life.

When Joyce and I sit back and look at everything God has accomplished through this ministry in 2016, we are truly grateful and amazed. And we know that we only see a portion of the lives that are changed!

I can still vividly remember the days after Joyce and I first got married (over 50 years ago!) Because of the abuse she suffered growing up, she didn’t even really know what love was. Her mind, her emotions and her entire life was in need of God’s healing.

But even then, the Lord had a great plan to heal Joyce’s brokenness, then use her to help so many other people. I like to say that God “rewrote the script” for Joyce’s life, and it’s something He does for each and every one of us as we trust Him.

We are so thankful for God’s grace that allows us to fulfill what He is calling us to do. You are also an important part of our calling, and being able to serve the Lord with you is pretty amazing. Each and every day, Joyce and I are so humbled to do what we do. And we are so honored to do it together with you.

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Dave Meyer is Joyce’s husband and Vice President of Joyce Meyer Ministries. His passion is to share about this country’s rich Christian heritage and motivate people to get involved by praying, learning about the issues, and taking action.
2016
a year of MILESTONES

Over 26,000 patients treated
We increased our 74th short term medical outreach
We added
We completed our 850th fresh water well!

80,000 children

27

Added NEW Book translations bringing the total to 1,426 languages

TV & radio translations was increased to 91 languages

Distributed our 3 millionth hygiene gift bag to prisoners

But THIS is our greatest milestone.

Loving the one
All you have seen within these pages, every story, each victory, and all the outreaches making a difference are a direct result of the support and prayers of you, our faithful partners.

Christ is the foundation on which Joyce Meyer Ministries is built. Our partners have been described as the lifeline, the blood flowing through the veins of this ministry, the hands and feet of Jesus Himself. God has allowed us all to play a part in sharing His Word and loving people as His representatives because you have said yes to His call.

And what is most amazing about you lies not only in what you do, but in who you are in your everyday lives: mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandparents, aunts and uncles...walking out your day-to-day lives with an abnormal calling: to do whatever you can to help others. To give out of your lives so that others might be able to have a better one. That those who are distant from God will learn about Him and become part of the family.

With that in mind, we are honored to share some of your stories—the why behind the what you do. To see your heart and the why you’ve felt called to come alongside Joyce Meyer Ministries. We know that without God, we could never accomplish the big plan He’s put in motion...and without you, we wouldn’t be where we are today.
ARTHUR AND MARY live in Nashville. Arthur is a husband, father, grandfather, runner, and cardiologist. Mary is a wife, mother, grandmother, and cancer survivor. And they are both changing the world every single day.

Arthur and Mary came from religious backgrounds, but they had not spent time studying God's Word. That’s why they were drawn to Joyce’s teachings—because it was clear and to the point. And since they weren’t familiar with all of the stories in the Bible, this is what they needed. Mary started watching Joyce 17 years ago, and it was the beginning of them hearing the truth of the Gospel. God began to work in them and their hearts were changed. They even became partners.

Eight years ago, they joined us on a trip to India to see what Hand of Hope was doing. They saw the housing and schools and how the kids were fed and taught the Gospel. They saw the medical and dental teams at work and loved meeting the people of India and the other volunteers.

After this experience, Arthur and Mary say they continue to partner because they know Joyce Meyer Ministries is going where they can’t always physically go. They may not be able to travel to Russia and Madagascar, but as partners, they are there. They are helping people around the world hear the same truth of the Gospel that changed their lives years ago.

Their partnership has also impacted Arthur’s cardiology patients through what he learned in reading about the heart in the Bible and listening to Joyce’s teachings. A strong spiritual heart keeps you healthy physically and able to do what you need to do as God enables you.

RACHEL HAINBUCH’S mom used to say Rachel could squeeze a dollar out of a dime. So Rachel felt like she found her people when she discovered all the areas of outreach Joyce Meyer Ministries, Hand of Hope, is a part of.

Like many, when Rachel saw a video of hungry kids being fed, her first reaction was, “Oh no, here comes another tearjerk to pull at my heartstrings.” But she was blown away with the HOH story of the large busses they converted to a classroom where Bible/gospel lessons are taught, meals are eaten, and showers and new clothes are given for the kids at the dumpsites. Who would think you could do all that with a bus? She had to be a part. Rachel and her husband, Scott, even gave up their dream house to do so. Rachel shares what happened:
“To think that God knew how the sacrifice of one home could birth 30+ buildings to advance the gospel on the opposite end of the globe - only God could miraculously make that.”
Over many years, we saved up for our dream home. We had every detail selected and were set to break ground in a week, when suddenly, I had this awful feeling every time I thought of it.

One morning I sat on the edge of my bed and said, “Lord, we’ll do whatever You want us to do...just please let us know how to proceed.” I heard a whisper say, “Sell all you have and give to the poor.” Wait—what?! I thought I was prepared for any answer, but not that one.

My thoughts raced to, You’re just hearing things. But in my spirit, I knew. As I sat there thinking through all that it meant, I said, “Lord, there’s no way my husband is going to be receptive to this without You putting this on his heart as well. This is so huge I can’t even bring it up to him, so I’m asking You to.”

One weekend at church while I was out of town, a guest pastor spoke on—you guessed it—how God had told him to sell all he had and give it away. My husband called to tell me about this and I instantly had confirmation. He was somewhat taken aback when I shared what God had told me, but God had prepared his heart and within 24 hours, he knew this was what we were supposed to do. We called our realtor and we had an offer within 24 hours for the lot.

We knew we wanted to partner with the best stewards we know: Joyce Meyer Ministries and Hand of Hope, their missions outreach arm. We learned of a great need for preschool buildings in the poorest part of Africa. This would be a place where children could receive an education, as well as hear the Gospel, and we knew we wanted to be a part.

**EBONY HYPOLITE** is a thirty-something, building her career as a financial management consultant in Columbia, Maryland, and traveling the world in her free time. But when you meet Ebony, she won’t tell you about the current happenings in the stock market, or about the latest excursion she just returned from. She’s going to tell you about what is most important to her—seeing people come to know Christ. This is the reason she partners with Joyce Meyer Ministries. Every day, she is playing a part in reaching the world with the Gospel.

“Every year that I receive the annual report and see in it beautiful words and heartwarming pictures of what God’s children are doing around the world, I feel such joy at knowing my gifts helped make lives better and bring people to the Lord.”

Ebony learned early that, “Giving to others is actually a gift to ourselves.” Yes, sowing seeds will eventually reap a harvest, but the conscious act
MEET GARY. He is married to Terri and they have two daughters. On the outside, Gary and Terri look like any other couple you might meet in the growing town of Kernersville, North Carolina. However, what you don’t see is the precious little girl they just saved from a horrific life of human trafficking. You don’t see girls all around the world who are experiencing love and freedom for the first time ever because of them. Yes, they may look like your average couple. But the truth is, they are warriors on the battleground, fighting to share the love and hope of Christ with so many in desperate need. This is what being partners with Joyce Meyer Ministries makes them: warriors.

In the beginning, Gary and Terri had been drawn to Joyce’s straightforward and down to earth teaching and began learning about their attitudes. Having spent years focused on legalistic behaviors, God was using Joyce’s teaching to totally renew their minds and hearts. But it was at an event in their area in which the Hand of Hope vision was showcased that they were shaken to their cores. The narrator saying that just a few hundred dollars per year could save one girl from human trafficking and change a life that they did not even know existed. Having two daughters of their own, it touched them deeply.

It was close to Christmas and they had planned to update the TVs in both their girls’ bedrooms as an extra Christmas surprise. However, they experienced a new revelation of how blessed they were and the
difference they could make. They immediately wrote a check for the amount they would have spent on the TVs. Their daughters would never miss the new TVs, but these enslaved girls, through *Hand of Hope*, would soon sleep safely.

**DOUG AND JACKIE** have lived a lot of life in the 40 years they have been married. They’ve experienced the good times; had kids and grandkids and moved a few times. But they’ve also experienced the hard times; multiple serious illnesses, watching their kids go through painful situations, and the ever-present financial stresses of life.

But what makes them different? Through the ups and downs, they live in peace. They don’t live by what their situations are, but instead by complete and utter faith in Christ. They have no doubt that Jesus is real—they’ve seen Him work miracles in their lives more than once. And as a way of helping other people experience God’s faithfulness, they partner with *Joyce Meyer Ministries*.

Jackie introduced Doug to *Joyce Meyer Ministries* years ago. Once he started really listening, he saw a lot of similarities in he and Joyce’s situations growing up. Raised in an alcoholic home with all the dysfunction and rage, Joyce talked his language. Real life stuff. Joyce showed him that even though He is a work in progress, a complete knuckle head at times, that it is his heart that God looks at. As Doug and Jackie learned these truths from God, they began giving hundreds of Joyce’s tapes and CDs to folks who were, and still are, searching for the truth.

Doug says, “Being a part of *Joyce Meyer Ministries*, to me means, that I am a part of probably the most honest, genuine body of Christ…and it gives all the benefits. I know we are prayed for, loved, we are constantly fed the Word...[and it’s also an] avenue for outreach. How does our partnership affect our daily lives? In about every way possible. I can’t express all the miracles, deliverance, healings, joy, etc. we’ve experienced in Christ while we’ve been partners. Every aspect of our lives has been enhanced by partnership.”
Thank you!

See how you can be a part of Sharing Christ and Loving People around the world.

joycemeyer.org/partnership
Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. expensed 84 percent of total expenditures for outreach and program services directed at reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting the physical needs of the less fortunate all over the world.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. voluntarily submits to an annual audit by an independent public accounting firm. Financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. voluntarily submits to an annual legal audit to ensure that the ministry is complying with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. issues an annual assertion letter provided by an independent public accounting firm that attests to our program service expenditures.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. issues an annual assertion letter provided by an independent public accounting firm that attests to the compensation of our President and Founder Joyce Meyer.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. requires all board members and employees to abide by a conflict of interest policy that encourages high standards of ethics and integrity. Our Board of Directors includes Joyce Meyer, Dave Meyer, David L. Meyer, Daniel Meyer, Pastor Don Clowers, Pastor Bob Yandian, Dru Hammer, Dr. Paul Osteen, Paul Schermann, Pastor Tommy Barnett, Kurt Warner and John Bevere.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. strives to ensure that all fundraising efforts clearly portray the purpose of the funds to be raised and that all contributions received are used for those specific purposes.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. protects the privacy of our donors by not marketing our mailing list.

Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. commits to posting our audited financial statements, as well as any assertion letters provided by our auditors, on our website and updating the information annually.
Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.
Fenton, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. (the Church), a nonprofit organization, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 10, 2017

Stanfield + O'Dell P.C.
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
**December 31, 2016**

### ASSETS

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<tr>
<th>Current assets</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
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<td>Certificates of deposit</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Due from affiliates</td>
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<td>Inventories</td>
<td>2,818,523</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses and other assets</td>
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<td><strong>Total current assets</strong></td>
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<th>Property and equipment</th>
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<td>Less: accumulated depreciation</td>
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<td><strong>Total property and equipment</strong></td>
<td>23,036,358</td>
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| **Total assets**                                                             | $48,951,193 |

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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<td>$3,196,796</td>
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<td>Accrued liabilities</td>
<td>863,062</td>
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<td>Deferred revenues</td>
<td>473,378</td>
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<td>Capital lease</td>
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<td><strong>Total current liabilities</strong></td>
<td>4,546,707</td>
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<th>Long-term debt</th>
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<td>Capital lease, net of current portion</td>
<td>24,696</td>
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| **Net assets - unrestricted**                                                | 44,379,790 |

| **Total liabilities and net assets**                                        | $48,951,193 |

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

### Changes in unrestricted net assets

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<tr>
<th>Revenue and other support</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions, less direct donor benefits of $2,056,411</td>
<td>$92,045,314</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions from meetings and conferences</td>
<td>2,800,967</td>
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<td>Contributions and revenues from foreign affiliated ministries</td>
<td>3,765,467</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
<td>1,147,380</td>
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<td>Sale of Christian materials</td>
<td>5,092,238</td>
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<tr>
<td>Women’s conference and other registrations</td>
<td>1,654,974</td>
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<tr>
<td>Honorariums from speaking engagements</td>
<td>123,000</td>
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<td>Interest income</td>
<td>48,410</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>640,570</td>
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<td><strong>Total unrestricted revenue and other support</strong></td>
<td>107,318,320</td>
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<th>Operating expenses</th>
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<td>Program services</td>
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<tr>
<td>Meetings and conferences</td>
<td>11,096,293</td>
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<td>Print media</td>
<td>15,055,982</td>
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<td>Radio and television ministry</td>
<td>30,907,558</td>
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<td>Missions and outreach</td>
<td>29,605,149</td>
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<td>Christian materials distribution</td>
<td>6,220,870</td>
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<td><strong>Total program services expenses</strong></td>
<td>92,885,852</td>
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<th>Support activities</th>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>12,520,441</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>4,629,631</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total support activities expenses</strong></td>
<td>17,150,072</td>
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| **Total operating expenses**                                                 | 110,035,924 |

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<th>Decrease in unrestricted net assets</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net assets at end of year</strong></td>
<td>(2,717,604)</td>
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| Net assets at beginning of year                                             | 47,097,394 |

### The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities
Decrease in net assets $ (2,717,604)
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization 3,367,496
Realized and unrealized gain on investments (140,381)
Gain on disposal of property and equipment (70,213)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Decrease in accounts receivable 161,823
Decrease in due from affiliates 74,288
Increase in inventories (366,033)
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets 28,681
Decrease in accounts payable (788,113)
Increase in accrued liabilities 26,016
Increase in deferred revenues 322,616
Net cash used in operating activities (101,424)

Cash flows from investing activities
Purchases of certificates of deposit (2,750,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments 1,090,000
Purchases of investments (1,090,000)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment 122,911
Purchases of property and equipment (864,683)
Net cash used in investing activities (3,491,772)

Cash flows from financing activities
Principal payments on capital lease (28,174)
Net cash used in financing activities (28,174)
Net decrease in cash (3,621,370)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year 16,062,549
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year $ 12,441,179

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND CHURCH VISION
Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc., headquartered in Fenton, Missouri, is organized and operated as a church dedicated to Christian and charitable purposes. In its ministry as a church, Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc., (the Church or JMM) conducts regular services locally and worldwide, teaching biblical principles. Through its daily media outreach, millions of people receive the life-changing biblical teaching through the Church’s television and radio programs, CDs, DVDs, digital downloads, books, websites and conferences. The Church’s missions and outreach programs include rescuing people from human trafficking, medical/dental outreaches, water relief, feeding programs, clothing the unclothed, visiting those in prison, helping in inner cities, ministering to the elderly and reaching out and training people of all ages. The Church provides funding and helps oversee several children’s homes that supply food and shelter to needy children. The Church provides global humanitarian aid to hurting people and disaster relief when possible to those in devastating situations. As of December 31, 2016, the Church employs 447 individuals to carry out its Christian and charitable purposes.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Accounting
The financial statements of the Church have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

2. Revenue Recognition
The Church reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. Gifts and contributions received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the asset are reported as restricted assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose of the contribution is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. No amounts have been reflected in the statements for donated services since no objective basis is generally available to measure the value of such services; however, a substantial number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of time to the Church’s program services. During 2016, approximately 42,000 hours were donated from volunteers for meetings and conferences.

The Church commonly exchanges educational resources with donors based on a designated contribution. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the cost of these direct donor benefits was approximately $2 million. These costs are included as an offset to unrestricted contributions in the statement of activities.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

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<tr>
<th>Meetings and Conferences</th>
<th>Print Media</th>
<th>TV and Radio Ministry</th>
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<tr>
<td>Advertising</td>
<td>$289,471</td>
<td>$98</td>
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<td>Books and other outreach expenses</td>
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<td>499</td>
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<td>Broadcast time</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>405,630</td>
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<td>Contract labor</td>
<td>713,458</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of Christian materials</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation and amortization</td>
<td>2,003,906</td>
<td>14,570</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dues, subscriptions and fees</td>
<td>95,456</td>
<td>630,427</td>
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<td>Equipment rental</td>
<td>1,546,838</td>
<td>4,412</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>506,084</td>
<td>808,402</td>
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<td>Missions and outreach</td>
<td>55,464</td>
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<td>Payroll taxes</td>
<td>121,954</td>
<td>211,921</td>
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<td>Pension</td>
<td>77,199</td>
<td>79,445</td>
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<td>Postage</td>
<td>141,575</td>
<td>3,248,641</td>
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<td>Printing and production</td>
<td>121,423</td>
<td>4,907,586</td>
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<td>Professional fees</td>
<td>443,668</td>
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<td>Promotional costs</td>
<td>73,422</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>1,215,682</td>
<td>2,145</td>
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<td>Repairs and maintenance</td>
<td>208,324</td>
<td>66,092</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>1,890,951</td>
<td>3,048,414</td>
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<td>Speaker honorariums</td>
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<td>Staff training</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<td>366,593</td>
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<td>Taxes and licenses</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td>9,189</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>910,653</td>
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<td>Utilities</td>
<td>43,157</td>
<td>176,617</td>
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$11,096,293  $15,055,982  $30,907,558

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2016

3. Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

4. Cash and Cash Equivalents
The Church considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents for the purposes of the statement of cash flows. Deposits in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s (FDIC) coverage were approximately $5,600,000 at December 31, 2016. The Church maintains sufficient cash resources to cover near-term working capital needs.

5. Accounts Receivable
Accounts receivable are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. Management believes these amounts to be fully collectible. Accounts receivable consists principally of reimbursements and refunds from vendors.

6. Inventories
Inventory consists of books, CD’s, DVD’s and all other related items utilized in the media operation of the Church. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with cost determined on the first-in-first-out basis.

7. Fixed Assets and Depreciation
Expenditures and donated fixed assets in excess of $5,000 are recorded at cost if purchased or estimated fair market value if donated. Depreciation of fixed assets is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis, ranging from 30-40 years. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to operating expense as incurred.

8. Certificates of Deposit and Investments
Certificates of deposit held for investment that are not debt securities are carried at cost. Interest rates on the certificates of deposit range from 1.40% to 1.65% at December 31, 2016. The certificates of deposit held by the Church as of December 31, 2016 will mature during 2019; however, the Church has the ability to redeem the certificates prior to their maturity.

Investments consist of investments in mutual funds and a hedge fund and are recorded at fair value as further described in Note C. Dividend, interest and other investment income is reported in the period earned as increases in unrestricted net assets unless the use of the assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions, in which case the earnings are reported in the same category as the donations.

9. Compensated Absences
Full-time employees of the Church receive paid vacation and personal days off, depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. Compensated absences earned but not paid as of December 31, 2016 have accrued.
### FALSE VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Church has adopted ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, for all financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The statement defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The statement also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

**Level 1:**
- Unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Church has the ability to access.

**Level 2:**
- Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

**Level 3:**
- Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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**NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

### 10. Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues are generated from registration fees collected for 2017 conferences and medical outreaches.

### 11. Income Taxes

The Church is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is further classified as a church; as such, the Church does not file income tax returns.

### 12. Expenses

**Advertising Costs** – Are expensed as incurred.

**Allocation of Fundraising Costs** – The Church allocates fundraising costs in accordance with ASC 958-720-05, *Accounting for Costs of Activities of Not-for-Profit Organizations and State and Local Governmental Entities that Include Fundraising*. Joint costs affecting programs and fundraising have been reviewed by management and meet the criteria established by the accounting standard. During 2016, approximately $4.6 million of television and radio ministry expenses, meeting expenses, monthly mailing costs, and other expenses have been allocated to fundraising.

### 13. Subsequent Events

The Church has evaluated subsequent events through April 10, 2017, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED
The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment’s level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Church’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment.

The Church’s investments in mutual funds are valued at the daily closing prices as reported by the fund, which are actively traded, open-end funds required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price.

The Church’s investment in a multi-strategy “fund of funds” hedge fund is valued at the NAV reported by the fund. Because the Church does not have the ability to redeem its investment in the hedge fund in the near term (shares are redeemable as of the last day of any calendar quarter, after giving 95 days’ written notice, subject to other specified redemption terms), it reports this investment in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values of investments as of December 31, 2016 are determined as follows:

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<th>Level 2</th>
<th>Level 3</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Mutual funds</td>
<td>$400,421</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hedge fund</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>3,802,996</td>
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The changes in the fair value of the Church’s Level 3 investments held for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

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<td>Beginning balance</td>
<td>$2,590,694</td>
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<td>Purchases</td>
<td>1,090,000</td>
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<td>Unrealized gains</td>
<td>122,302</td>
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<td>Ending balance</td>
<td>3,802,996</td>
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Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market risk, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term may materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

NOTE D - INVENTORIES
Inventories include the following at December 31, 2016:

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<td>Books</td>
<td>$1,128,978</td>
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<td>Supplies to produce finished goods</td>
<td>418,424</td>
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<td>CD's</td>
<td>368,072</td>
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<td>Novelties</td>
<td>351,851</td>
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<td>Kits</td>
<td>246,399</td>
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<td>Food and household items</td>
<td>137,861</td>
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<td>DVD’s</td>
<td>87,006</td>
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<td>Other inventory items</td>
<td>79,932</td>
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<td>$2,818,523</td>
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NOTE E - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT
Property and equipment includes the following at December 31, 2016:

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<td>Land and land improvements</td>
<td>$4,728,899</td>
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<td>Buildings</td>
<td>25,749,670</td>
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<td>Transportation equipment</td>
<td>20,340,674</td>
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<td>TV, computer and other equipment</td>
<td>17,312,968</td>
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<td>68,132,211</td>
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<td>Less: accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>45,095,853</td>
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<td>$23,036,358</td>
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NOTE F - CAPITAL LEASE
The Church is the lessee of equipment under a capital lease. The assets and liabilities under capital leases are recorded at the fair value of the assets. The assets are depreciated over the life of the leases or over the estimated useful lives of the equipment. Depreciation of assets under capital lease is included in depreciation expense.
At December 31, 2016, assets with a cost of $210,350 and accumulated depreciation of $144,615 are included in the statement of financial position. Future minimum lease payments are $13,471 for 2017, $13,471 for 2018, and $11,225 for 2019.

NOTE G - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Airtime
The Church has radio and TV airtime contracts extending to 2017. These contracts may be terminated with a fourteen to sixty day notification. The average monthly cost of these contracts is approximately $2.2 million.

Self-Insurance
The Church self-insures for workers’ compensation and employee health claims. Operations are charged with the cost of claims reported and an estimate of claims incurred but not reported. Availability of unpaid claims and the associated claim expenses is recognized as an expense and accrued at year-end. The determination of such claims and expenses and the appropriateness of the related liability are continually reviewed by management and a third party. The Church has purchased stop-loss insurance to supplement the plans, which will reimburse the Church for workers’ compensation claims in excess of $400,000. Medical stop-loss insurance is purchased to reimburse individual medical claims in excess of $100,000 and $7,777,324 in the aggregate.

Litigation
The Church is occasionally involved in litigation as either a plaintiff or defendant arising in the normal course of its activities. The results thereof are not expected to be significant to the Church’s financial position or operating activities.

NOTE H - RETIREMENT PLANS
The Church maintains retirement plans that cover full time employees who participate and are at least 18 years of age. Contributions to the plans during 2016 were approximately $669,000.

NOTE I - SUPPORT OF OTHER MINISTRIES
During the 1990’s, Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. began to finance the establishment of similar international ministries called Joyce Meyer Ministries Canada (Vancouver), Joyce Meyer Ministries Australia, Joyce Meyer Ministries England, Joyce Meyer Ministries South Africa, Joyce Meyer Ministries Germany and Joyce Meyer Ministries India. During 2016, the Church received approximately $2.9 million in contributions from affiliates and earned approximately $882,000 in revenues for sales of services to affiliate organizations. The Church had outstanding loans of approximately $973,000 to its international affiliated ministries as of December 31, 2016.

The Church provides broadcasting airtime, supplies, and various other services including marketing and distribution services to some of its international affiliated ministries without charge. Total donated goods and services provided to affiliates totaled approximately $7.3 million in 2016 to support the mission of those entities. All expenses incurred by the Church on behalf of these affiliates have been recognized as missions and outreaches in the statement of activities.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT TO SUPPORTERS REGARDING COMPENSATION

April 10, 2017

To Supporters of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.

In 2016, the compensation approved by the Board of Directors and provided to Joyce Meyer, as President of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc., included salary and fringe benefits of $250,000, a housing allowance and contributions to retirement plans. During 2016, the Ministry’s gross profits from Joyce’s books and the honorariums received by the Ministry from Joyce’s speaking engagements exceed her total compensation stated above.

The Ministry is voluntarily releasing this information to our partners to provide transparency regarding the Ministry’s operations.

Sincerely,

Delanie Trusty, CPA, CTP, CGMA
Chief Financial Officer

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT ASSERTIONS

Independent Accountant’s Report on Management Assertions

To Supporters of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.

We have examined the assertion of management of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. (the Church) that, during the year 2016, compensation approved by the Board of Directors and provided to Joyce Meyer consisted of salaries, including taxable fringe benefits, of $250,000, a housing allowance and contributions to retirement plans. We also examined the assertion that during 2016, gross profits received by the Church from the sale of Joyce Meyer’s books and honorariums received by the Church for Joyce Meyer’s speaking engagements exceeded her total compensation stated above. Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.’s management is responsible for the assertions. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertions based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting management’s assertions and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management’s assertions referred to above are fairly stated, in all material respects.

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 10, 2017
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT ASSERTIONS

Independent Accountant’s Report on Management Assertion

To Supporters of
Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.

We have examined management’s assertion that for the year ended December 31, 2016, 84 percent of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.’s total expenses were used for outreach and programs directed at reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.’s management is responsible for the assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting management’s assertion and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, management’s assertion referred to above is fairly stated, in all material respects.

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 10, 2017

Delanie Trusty, CPA, CTP, CGMA
Chief Financial Officer

JOYCE MEYER
MINISTRIES
Sharing Christ – Loving People

Finance Director

April 10, 2017

To Supporters of
Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc.

During 2016, 84 percent of total expenses were used for outreach and programs directed at reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

Delanie Trusty, CPA, CTP, CGMA
Chief Financial Officer
Thank you!

This year, you helped us share the love of Christ with so many people near and far.

Check out some of the milestone moments made possible through your support.

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