

Fresh Hope Ministries International Annual Report 2023

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Overview

We express our deepest gratitude to the all those who supported Fresh through the challenges of 2023. God's in His unwavering faithfulness and enduring mercies have been our constant companions, and we humbly acknowledge His role in our journey. Despite the hurdles faced during the year, we successfully navigated through with His grace leading the way.

In moments of difficulty, His boundless love surrounded us, providing solace and strength to persevere. The favour we received empowered us to endure and overcome obstacles, reminding us that His divine intervention is ever-present in our endeavours. Above all, His abundant grace was our source of sufficiency, sustaining us through every trial.

It is with a heart full of praise and gratitude that we acknowledge the wonderful God we serve. Alleluia! All glory and honour belong to Him for His continuous support and guidance. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our esteemed donors whose unwavering support has played a pivotal role in our ability to weather the challenges of the past year.

As we reflect on the accomplishments and milestones of 2023, we are filled with optimism for the future. The rundown of activities during the year highlights the resilience, dedication, and impact made possible by the collective efforts of our organization and the invaluable support of our generous donors. Together, we look forward to achieving even greater milestones in the coming year, knowing that with divine grace and your steadfast support, we can overcome any obstacle that may come our way.

We hope you will join us as we seek God's blessing for this coming year in this ripe corner of the Kingdom of God

Jesus Film Project

Information provided by Fresh Hope's Country Director, Rev Alusine Massaquoi

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Gateway Church of Dallas, Texas for their generous donation of a set of projectors, which has proven to be invaluable in carrying out our Great Commission mandate. The impact of this contribution has been far-reaching, allowing us to effectively engage with diverse audiences through the screening of the Jesus film in various local languages.

As a result of this initiative, we have successfully reached out to hundreds of souls, touching lives and spreading the message of hope and salvation. In the course of the campaign, a remarkable 600 individuals embraced Christ, and we had the privilege of facilitating the baptism of 450 new believers. This significant achievement is a testament to the transformative power of community support and collaborative efforts in fulfilling our mission.

Gateway Church's commitment to empowering our outreach endeavours has played a pivotal role in making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. We are immensely grateful for their partnership, as it has enabled us to bring the transformative message of faith, love, and redemption to individuals in diverse communities.

Foster Plus Families information contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

We are thrilled to share the heartening news about the remarkable progress of the children in our foster homes.

An outstanding 90% of these young individuals are currently thriving in senior secondary schools, eagerly preparing for the next significant chapter of their academic journey – entrance into university.

This noteworthy accomplishment is a testament to their resilience, determination, and the positive impact of the nurturing environments provided by our dedicated foster families.

We are extremely grateful as we acknowledge the divine providence that has safeguarded and nurtured these young lives up to this point.

The journey of education and personal growth for these children has been marked by milestones and achievements, and we are immensely thankful for the continuous support that has made their success possible.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of these bright young minds, we invite you to witness their journey through the captivating photos in our 2023 Newsletter available from our website at <https://fresh-hope.org>. These images beautifully capture the joy, hope, and enthusiasm that characterize the lives of the children under our care.

We look forward to sharing more success stories as they continue to flourish and pursue their dreams.

Empowering Disciples, Transforming Communities

contributed by Rev Alusine Massaquoi—Country Director

From the inception of the ministry, our guiding principle has been to set a benchmark of excellence. Through unwavering commitment, we've achieved remarkable success in our church planting and discipleship campaigns. While diligently strengthening existing churches, we've also conducted a series of impactful seminars and outreaches. The outcome has been the cultivation of a thriving community where disciples are not only raised but also mentored to unleash their God-given potential.

Our approach has proven to be highly successful, with disciples being provided valuable opportunities to exercise and develop their unique gifts. This empowerment has resulted in the establishment of vibrant house churches led by these dedicated disciples, and the outcomes are nothing short of extraordinary.

These house churches are not just meeting spaces; they are vibrant hubs of spiritual growth, community engagement, and outreach. The success of these endeavours is a testament to the

effectiveness of our discipleship programs and the commitment of our ministry to fostering leadership and individual empowerment.

As we reflect on the journey so far, we are grateful for the transformative impact we've had on both individuals and communities. The ripple effect of our discipleship initiatives extends far beyond the initial planting of churches – it reaches into the lives of those who have become leaders and contributors to the spiritual fabric of their communities.

This success story is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our ministry, the dedication of our disciples, and the support of our partners. As we look forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to nurturing leaders, planting churches, and making a lasting impact on the spiritual landscape of the communities we serve. Your continued support is pivotal in ensuring that we can extend this legacy of positive transformation and empowerment. Together, let's continue to build a community where disciples thrive and spread the light of faith and love.

Harvesting Hope: A Year of Collaborative Growth and Kingdom Expansion

Building and extending the Kingdom is a collaborative effort, and our commitment to effective partnerships remains at the core of our mission.

To achieve our ambitious visions and goals, we actively collaborate with like-minded churches and ministries in the crucial work of church planting and disciple-raising.

Throughout the year, we conducted impactful seminars and discipleship sessions, culminating in significant baptismal events.

Our collaborative efforts have resulted in the establishment of over fifty churches and ministries with whom we proudly partner. Our role extends beyond mere collaboration; it involves equipping these entities with the necessary tools for successful church planting and providing training to empower their pastors and leaders to actively engage in the process.

This year, we celebrated the successful planting of ten churches through our collaborative efforts, witnessing the baptism of 450 individuals. Moreover, we have successfully trained and deployed 100 church planters, contributing to a total of 400 church planters actively engaged in the field.

Traditionally, at the close of each year, we bring together all our esteemed partners, pastors, and church planters for a moment of refreshment, evaluation, and assessment of the year's work. Unfortunately, due to political instability in the country, we were unable to host this gathering in December. Typically attended by over 600 pastors and church planters, this event serves as a powerful testament to the impactful movement of God in our collective endeavours.

Despite the challenges, we continue to be grateful for the remarkable progress and the transformative work taking place.

Technical and Vocational Training Institute

Information provided by Fresh Hope's Country Director, Rev Alusine Massaquoi

This institution stands as a beacon of hope and transformation for street girls and vulnerable young people, a testament to the incredible impact of our vocational school. We deeply appreciate and value the fact that our vocational school has not only trained hundreds of girls but continues to empower them to realize their God-given destinies. The unwavering commitment of David and Barbara, and our dedicated donors is instrumental in keeping this dream and vision alive.

The vocational school has become a catalyst for positive change, with numerous street girls experiencing profound transformations and emerging as valuable contributors to their families and society at large. This success story embodies the core mission of Fresh Hope – to imbue the lives of these girls with meaning and seamlessly integrate them into society.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we acknowledge the significant role our supporters play in this journey of empowerment. Thanks to their generosity and dedication, the vocational school has ascended to become one of the leading institutes in the city. Simultaneously, it continues to serve its primary purpose of transforming the lives of street girls, leading them to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The vocational school is not merely an educational institution; it is a vital force for societal change, reaching out to the most vulnerable and providing them with the skills, knowledge, and spiritual guidance needed to break the cycle of poverty and despair. As we showcase the tangible impact through stories of transformation, we invite you to be a continued pillar of support for this crucial project.

Your support is not just an investment in education; it is an investment in the future of these girls, offering them a pathway to self-sufficiency, dignity, and a life of purpose. As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to reaching out to more street girls, giving them the tools they need to build a brighter future. Together, let us continue to be champions of positive change and empowerment for these resilient young women.

7 New Babies Rescued and Fostered into Church Families

Background Baby 1

Discovered abandoned in the bustling market square, found refuge in our care thanks to the dedicated efforts of social welfare workers. Despite exhaustive searches, the child's parents remain elusive.

Background Baby 2

Born to mentally challenged parents, faced abandonment in a hospital until our rescue centre became a safe haven.

Background Baby 3

A testament to the harsh realities of street life, was left by a mother engaged in sex work, the father's identity shrouded in mystery.

Background Baby 4

Offspring of beggar parents, found sanctuary with us when his destitute family could no longer provide.

Background Baby 5

Abandoned in a market with no known family, symbolizes the fragility of life on the streets.

Background Baby 6

Orphaned due to tragic circumstances, was brought to us when the surviving family member, an aunt, found herself unable to care for the child.

Background Baby 7

An orphan from the moment of birth, has no kin to turn to after losing both parents within months.

Sowing Seeds of Transformation: The Ongoing Impact of Our Pig Farm Initiatives

Our pig farm continues to be a source of tremendous effectiveness in our mission. However, we've taken a strategic step to send the pigs to our community church planting sites, fostering continuity and realizing our dreams. These swine ambassadors have evolved into powerful access ministries, creating pathways for community engagement and transformation.

In the past year alone, the deployment of our pigs to various church planting sites has yielded remarkable results, resulting in the establishment of over six new churches. This achievement represents the fulfilment of a dream that continues to unfold, as we leverage the unique capabilities of our pig farm to not only sustain the initiative but also catalyse positive change in communities.

These pigs, once mere livestock, now play a pivotal role in our broader strategy of church planting. Beyond their traditional role, they have become symbols of growth, resilience, and community support. By integrating them into church planting initiatives, we not only contribute to spiritual development but also provide communities with a sustainable means to raise funds for their ongoing needs.

The success of this initiative underscores the importance of creative and sustainable approaches to community outreach. Through the ongoing support of our pig farm, we are not only fulfilling immediate needs but also fostering long-term, transformative change in the communities we serve. As we look ahead, we remain committed to exploring innovative avenues for impact, ensuring that our initiatives continue to be effective tools for positive change and community empowerment.

Income and expenditure

Our Total income for the year was £17,905. Admin costs amounted to £384. The total amount going out to the work on the ground in Sierra Leone was £17,236 with a balance carried forward of £2,243

We are especially thankful for the ongoing support of dedicated supporters both monthly and one of givers.

Accepted by the Trustees on 30th October 2024 who have regard to the Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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Appendix

Governing Documents

The charity is an unincorporated body founded by a Declaration of Trust by Deed in in November 2003 as Good Shepherd Ministries and amendment by Indenture in 28th February 2006 to Fresh Hope Ministries International.

The 'Objects' of the original Deed are stated as:

To advance the Christian faith in Northern Ireland and elsewhere by:-

(a) Holding Church services and public meetings for praise, worship, bible teaching, prayer, healing and fellowship;

(b) Providing activities, education and teaching for children and young people

Providing other social amenities and activities which are in sympathy with the other aims and objects of this Trust Deed

(d) Radio and television broadcasting;

(e) The recording of audio and audio-visual material and production and distribution of Christian literature and audio and audio-visual material:

(f) The support and encouragement of the Christian Church at home and overseas;

(g) Other activities incidental or conducive to the attainment and advancement of the said objects;

(h) Such other charitable acts and things as will (or will tend to) promote or encourage the Christian faith.

Trustees

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Only the existing trustees may choose to appoint other trustees from time to time on an unanimous basis.