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Matthew 25: Ministries



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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Have you ever lost something valuable to you? Not necessarily something of high financial worth, but something of great meaning and significance. As you may have heard me mention previously, every day I wear a handmade, black cross necklace. I bought this necklace on one of my early trips to Nicaragua from a young child, dust-covered and dressed in rags, selling wares to help support her family. She was frail, yet determined. She carried her baby brother, naked and hungry, on her hip. Their shoeless feet were scraped and dirty. Two children suffering in a harsh world. This necklace serves as a daily reminder of the poverty I've seen, and the urgent work at hand for Matthew 25: Ministries. I've worn this necklace every day since I bought it—until recently.

One morning, I went to put on this handmade token, but it was not in the place that I always keep it. Where could it have gone? I searched to no avail. My cherished necklace was lost.

A few more days passed, and I still couldn't find the necklace. I considered that although I'm not sure of its current location, the necklace is not truly lost—it's just misplaced for now. I was reminded of the Lord's words, "I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. . . . I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak" (*Ezekiel 34:11, 16*). In His faithful goodness, God never gives up searching for and looking after His people, His treasure. We are never truly lost from His reach.

I believe He has called Matthew 25: Ministries to share in this work. We are called to search out those who have been displaced by tragedies and poverty. Those who are hidden by despair and struggle. Those who may have been misplaced by their circumstances, but are certainly not lost in the Lord's eyes.

We have the privilege of helping to look after them, bind up their injuries and strengthen them.

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries helped an estimated 16 million people, shipping more than 15 million pounds of humanitarian aid and disaster relief. As you'll read in this report, we provided aid in approximately 30 different countries, including the U.S. We helped those who suffered from tornadoes in Oklahoma and Illinois, flooding in Colorado, and the devastating Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. By providing basic necessities for daily survival, we reminded our brothers and sisters that they are not forgotten, they are not lost.

As we look ahead at 2014, we know there is much more work to be done, and we look forward to the grand opening of our building expansion. This 40,000 square-foot addition will give us more space for processing and shipping aid to those in need. Thank you for joining with us in this noble calling.

As yet, I haven't located my cross necklace, but that's okay. Its absence has become an even greater reminder to me of the work we need to do. We must never stop searching for and caring for "the least of these," those who have simply been misplaced.

God's Blessings,

Rev. Wendell E. Mettey  
*Founder and President*



“ AS YOU DID IT TO  
THE LEAST OF THESE  
MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
YOU DID IT TO ME.  
MATTHEW 25:40 ”

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Matthew 25: Ministries is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40 of the New Testament by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill and humanitarian supplies to those in need. Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries is committed to fulfilling Matthew 25:40 by educating people on the conditions and needs of the “least of these” and by providing ways they can help.



## OUR PROCESS

Our mission is accomplished primarily by soliciting obsolete, slightly distressed or overstock products from corporations, organizations and individuals nationwide. These goods include clothing, medical supplies, school supplies, personal care products, cleaning supplies, food and other items essential for daily survival and maintaining an acceptable standard of living.

With the help of thousands of volunteers, these goods are processed at Matthew 25: Ministries and then shipped via forty-foot seagoing containers and by semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world.

## SPECIAL FACILITIES

Matthew 25: Ministries supplements outside donations by manufacturing, assembling, repurposing and re-blending products in-house at our 132,000 square-foot facility in Blue Ash, Ohio.

In our Notebook Manufacturing Center we produce school notebooks, which help low-income students gain a better education and move toward breaking the cycle of poverty. In 2013, we produced more than 100,000 notebooks.

Our Prasco Food Processing Center packages a nutritionally enhanced rice-soy blend which has been distributed locally, nationally and internationally, including during times of disaster. In 2013, we produced approximately 1,155,000 meals.

Our Rainbow Paint Reblending Program rescues and re-blends donated latex paint to improve and upgrade structures and reduce the amount of hazardous waste in landfills, public waterways and sewer systems. We re-blended nearly 90,000 gallons of paint in 2013.

# NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

*In 2013, 39% of Matthew 25: Ministries' aid stayed here in the United States, helping approximately 6.3 million people in need.*

## GREATER CINCINNATI

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries sponsored a week-long summer camp for teens from under-served areas of our community. The goal of the camp was to develop and nurture the seeds of responsibility and leadership in local youth, enabling them to become peer leaders. This project was particularly significant to Founder and President Rev. Wendell Mettey, who grew up in an inner-city neighborhood of Cincinnati. The campers were overwhelmingly positive about their experience. We plan to make the camp a yearly event and to expand the program in order to impact more youth.

Matthew 25: Ministries also continued our ongoing work with local organizations to provide school supplies to under-privileged students, personal care items and winter jackets to the homeless, household items to families overcoming homelessness or abusive situations, professional clothing to those in job readiness programs, and much more. We distributed 45,000 pounds of food to local pantries and shelters as part of our annual Fighting Hunger Food Drive, for a cumulative total of 345,000 pounds since the start of this drive nine years ago.

## NATIONWIDE

Matthew 25: Ministries continued our work throughout the United States this year. We shipped aid to remote and poverty-stricken American Indian reservations in the Great Plains and Southwest. These products were used in work-incentive programs, which offered people a way to give back to their communities. We also provided aid to low-income farmworkers and their families in Florida.

Matthew 25: Ministries continued our work in Appalachia, with a specific focus on a very rural elementary school. We provided products such as cleaning supplies, educational materials, sporting equipment and more to benefit the day to day operations of the school. We led a mission trip to perform basic maintenance on the school and to run an educational day camp. We also provided new winter coats, hats and gloves to all the students.

We responded to natural disasters throughout the country, including tornadoes and flooding. More details about these efforts can be found in the Disaster Relief section of this report.

# INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

*In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped 650 containers of aid to the U.S. and 29 other countries, helping approximately 16 million people. Below are a few highlights of our international work this year.*

## HAITI

Matthew 25: Ministries launched an education and life-skill development program at one of the orphanages we support in Haiti. Approximately 50 girls at the home are being taught English, which will help these girls find a good job when they transition out of the orphanage. This program has received extremely positive feedback so far, and we are looking forward to continuing it in 2014. Matthew 25: Ministries also led medical and support staff on a mission trip to Haiti in April, providing clothing to 160 orphans and medical care to approximately 400 people in need.

## NICARAGUA

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries participated in the Corn Island Community Development Project in Nicaragua. This project included the construction of 25 houses, 25 residential sanitary solutions (latrines) and 25 domiciliary water connections, helping approximately 155 people. These facilities drastically improved the living conditions of the Corn Island families, many of whom were previously living in makeshift huts.



# DISASTER RELIEF

## OKLAHOMA TORNADOES

Moore, Oklahoma was hit in May 2013 by a tornado approximately 1 mile wide with a path 17 miles long. At least 24 people died, more than 200 people were injured, and entire neighborhoods were leveled. Matthew 25: Ministries' Disaster Response Team, led by CEO and Disaster Relief Coordinator Tim Mettey, responded immediately, working with partners to distribute aid to the people affected by the storm. We received an enormous outpouring of donations from the local and national community. With this support, we were able to ship a total of 68 truckloads of aid, including personal care kits, blankets, tarps, beverages, paper products, baby supplies, and more than 90,000 of Matthew 25: Ministries' rice-soy meals.

## ILLINOIS TORNADOES

In November, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to devastation left behind by tornadoes in Illinois. Again, our Disaster Response Team departed immediately. Included in these efforts were our two new delivery vehicles, co-branded respectively with P&G and Cintas, which provided P&G and Cintas products for disaster victims, along with other basic supplies like water, tarps, baby products, and more. In total, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped 2 truckloads of disaster relief supplies to help families recover from this devastation.



2,454,723 POUNDS  
OF DISASTER RELIEF SHIPPED IN 2013



## COLORADO FLOODING

Matthew 25: Ministries responded to massive flooding in and around Boulder, Colorado. Parts of the region experienced a rainfall of more than 15 inches, washing out roads, destroying homes, and isolating entire communities from access. Matthew 25's Disaster Response Team, led by CEO and Disaster Relief Coordinator Tim Mettey, set up distribution locations with partners in the hardest hit areas. In total, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped 7 truckloads of aid, including blankets, water, personal care kits, paper products and cleaning supplies.

## DISASTER RESPONSE FLEET

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries expanded our Disaster Response Fleet in order to better serve victims of natural disasters. With the generous support of private foundations and organizations, our fleet now includes additional pick-up trucks, P&G and Cintas co-branded delivery vehicles, a mobile ice-making unit (which can produce 12,000 pounds of ice a day), and two trailers.

All vehicles saw service in 2013 in domestic disasters including Oklahoma, Colorado and Illinois. These vehicles greatly increase our capacity to help with immediate response efforts.



## TYPHOON HAIYAN

Typhoon Haiyan, a category-5 storm, hit the central islands of the Philippines on Friday, November 8. More than 6,000 lives were lost, and hundreds of thousands of survivors were left without access to food, water, shelter and medicine.

Matthew 25: Ministries' medical mission team, led by CEO and Disaster Relief Coordinator Tim Mettey, arrived in the Philippines soon after the storm to provide medical care and disaster relief products to approximately 400 people affected by Typhoon Haiyan. The group also met with partners in the Philippines to solidify distribution channels for long-term relief efforts.

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped a total of 6 forty-foot containers to the Philippines, carrying over 175,000 pounds of supplies, including water, rice-soy meals, medical supplies, blankets, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, clothing, shoes, and personal care kits. We will be scheduling additional loads throughout 2014 as part of our continuing relief efforts.



“ WE THANK GOD  
FOR HE HAS NEVER FAILED US AND THAT HE USED  
MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES  
AS A CHANNEL OF HIS BLESSINGS. ”  
PASTOR GUENARES,  
PHILIPPINES



MATTHEW 25 HELPED APPROXIMATELY  
**150,000** PEOPLE  
AFFECTED BY TYPHOON HAIYAN  
IN THE PHILIPPINES



# SHIPMENTS

DESTINATIONS	40-FOOT CONTAINERS	DESTINATIONS	40-FOOT CONTAINERS
Antigua	2	Jamaica	71
Arizona - USA	37	Jordan	2
Armenia	3	Kazakhstan	1
Azerbaijan	5	Kyrgyzstan	1
Belarus	5	Lithuania	10
Belize	5	Moldova	2
California - USA	3	New Jersey - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	4
Colorado - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	7	New York - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	2
Dominica	8	Nicaragua	25
Dominican Republic	20	Oklahoma - USA	1
El Salvador	30	Oklahoma - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	68
Estonia	3	Pennsylvania - USA	22
Florida - USA	10	Philippines ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	6
Ghana	2	Rhode Island - USA	16
Greater Cincinnati - USA	33	Russia	1
Greece	1	South Carolina - USA	9
Grenada	8	South Dakota - USA	30
Guatemala	49	St. Lucia	2
Guyana	28	Texas - USA	7
Haiti	76	Texas - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	1
Honduras	9	Trinidad	6
Illinois - USA ( <i>Disaster Relief</i> )	2	Ukraine	16
International (Various)	.5	USA (Various)	.5

TOTAL 650

# GLOBAL VILLAGE EXPANSION

In 2013, Matthew 25: Ministries opened the expansion of our Global Village to make the impact of this display even greater. Our Global Village Expansion incorporates more examples of impoverished living conditions with a specific focus on American

Indian reservations, Appalachia, and a developing country garbage dump. We also have incorporated the devastating effects of natural disasters by adding life-size displays of the aftermath of floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes and other disasters to which Matthew

25: Ministries has responded. Since the opening of the expansion, over 20,000 volunteers, guests, and visitors have toured the Global Village Experience, learning about how Matthew 25: Ministries serves the poorest of the poor and disaster victims worldwide.



# 2013 HIGHLIGHTS & MILESTONES

## HIGHLIGHTS

Helped approximately 16 million people.

Shipped more than 15 million pounds of aid.

Shipped 650 forty-foot containers of aid.

Welcomed more than 40,000 volunteers, who donated approximately 105,500 hours of their time.

Toured 20,000 people through the Global Village Expansion.

## MILESTONES

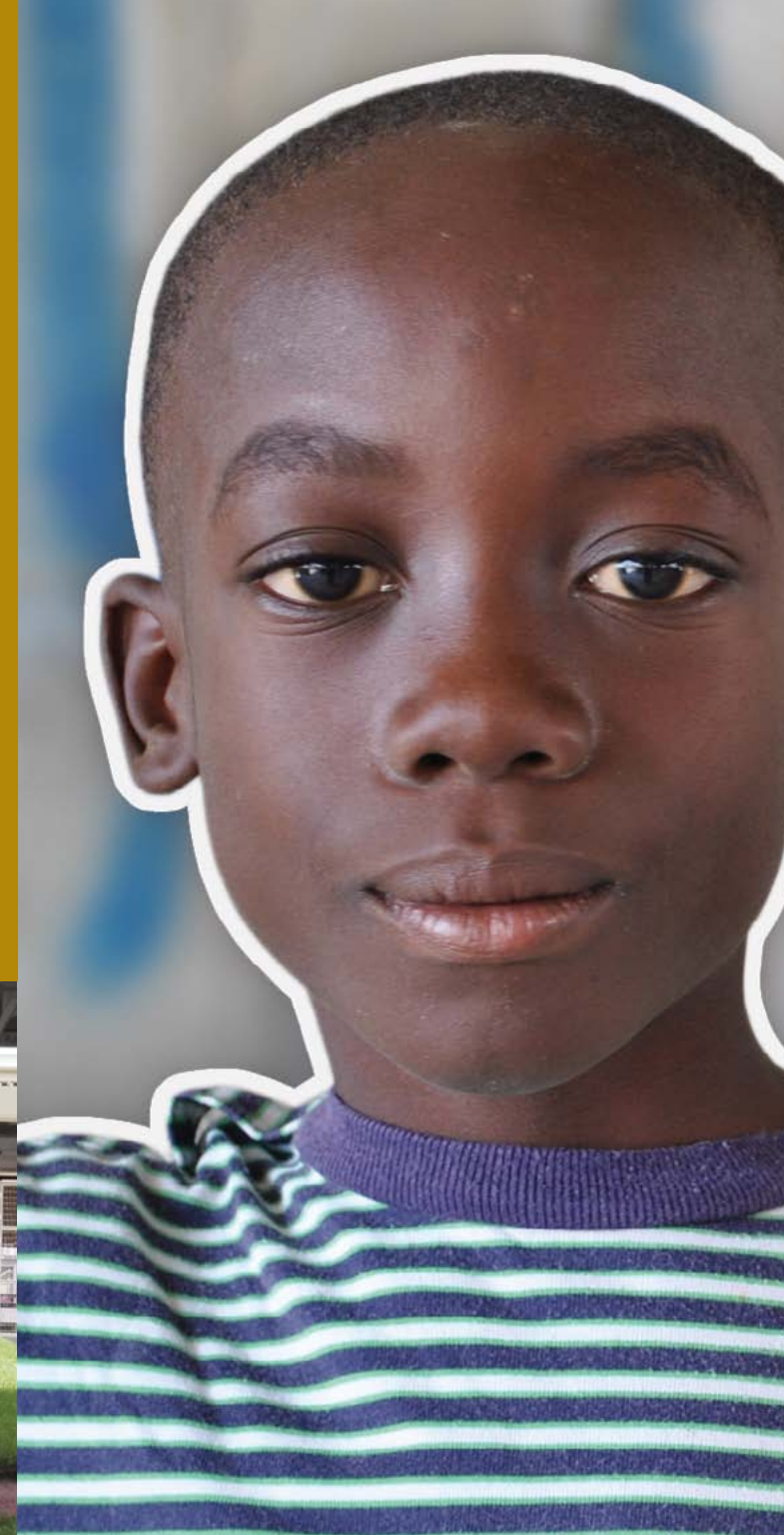
Shipped our 125,000,000th pound of aid in June 2013.

Packaged our 6 millionth meal in our Prasco Food Processing Center.

## NOTABLE HONORS

Matthew 25: Ministries was the grateful recipient of the Toyota Tundra that was on display at Great American Ball Park all season, courtesy of the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Toyota Dealers. The Tundra will be used for the benefit of the Greater Cincinnati community and will support domestic disaster relief as well.

In 2013, for the second time, the Great American Insurance Group donated \$250 for each "Insurance Run" scored by the Cincinnati Reds in the 6th, 7th and 8th innings at Great American Ball Park during the 2013 baseball season. Matthew 25: Ministries received \$14,000 from the Great American Insurance Run Program.



“ | CANNOT THINK OF  
A BETTER NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION THAN  
MATTHEW 25.  
| AM MOST IMPRESSED BY  
THIS ORGANIZATION'S  
EFFICIENCY & ABILITY  
TO USE 99% OF CASH  
AND IN-KIND DONATIONS  
TOWARD THEIR PROGRAMS.

AMY B,  
VOLUNTEER ”





# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended 12/31/13 subject to final audit

## REVENUES

Donations – In-Kind	\$ 138,000,000	95.5%
Donations – Cash & Equivalents	\$ 3,213,000	2.2%
Donations – Restricted	\$ 1,485,000	1.0%
Container Fees	\$ 1,700,000	1.2%
Other Revenues, Net	\$ 150,000	0.1%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 144,548,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## EXPENSES

Personal Care Shipments	\$ 50,400,000	
Clothing Shipments	\$ 48,800,000	
Medical Supplies Shipments	\$ 25,000,000	
Household & Cleaning Items Shipments	\$ 7,100,000	
Food Shipments	\$ 4,800,000	
School Supplies Shipments	\$ 1,800,000	
Sewing Supplies Shipments	\$ 200,000	
Other Program Expenses	\$ 3,300,000	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 141,400,000</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 713,000</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Management Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 428,000</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 142,541,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,007,000</b>	

# FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended 12/31/13 subject to final audit

## ASSETS

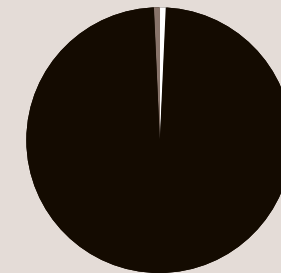
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,829,000
Receivables	\$ 185,000
Investments	\$ 4,540,000
Donated Inventory	\$ 26,300,000
Property & Equipment, Net	\$ 3,143,000
Other Assets	\$ 18,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,015,000</b>

## LIABILITIES

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 180,000</b>
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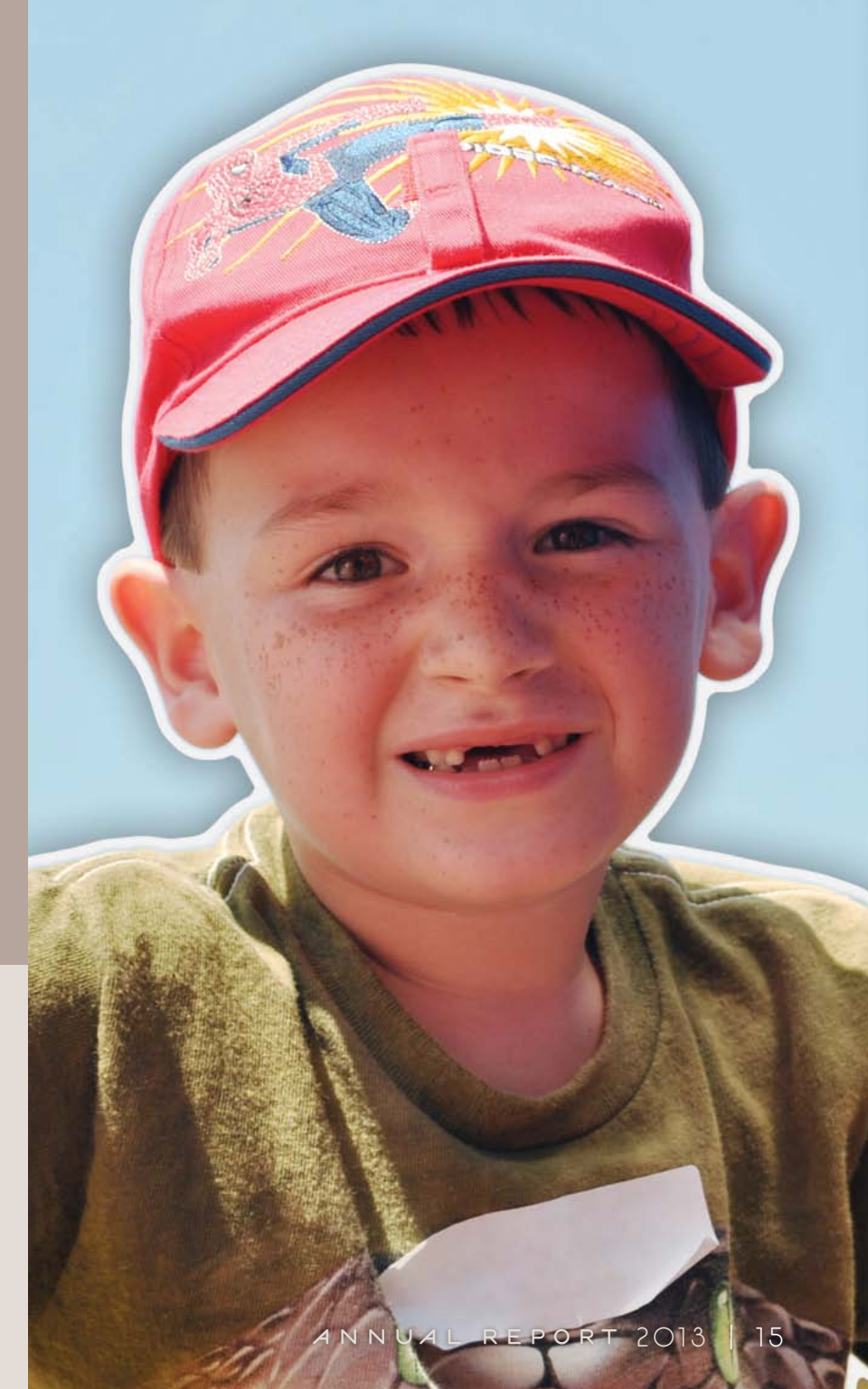
## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 35,438,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 397,000
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 36,015,000</b>



99.2% OF ALL  
CASH AND IN-KIND  
DONATIONS GO  
TOWARD PROGRAMS

■ Programs   ■ Fundraising   ■ Management



# KEY LEADERSHIP & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Rev. Wendell E. Mettey  
Montgomery, OH

## CEO

Tim Mettey  
Mason, OH

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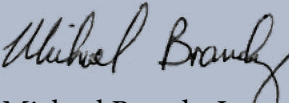
# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At its core, Matthew 25: Ministries is a supply organization. We specialize in rescuing off-spec goods from the landfill and reusing them to help the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. Founder and President Rev. Wendell Mettey developed this system more than twenty years ago when he first started Matthew 25: Ministries. Now, under his diligent and skilled leadership, as well as that of CEO Tim Mettey, the ministry continues to flourish using the same operational template.

And as the heart of the ministry stays the same, the work of the ministry expands. While continuing to rescue and reuse products is the essence of what we do, we are developing new ways of helping people and expanding special programs. Whether through community development, educational programs, life-skill development, or sustainability programs, Matthew 25: Ministries works hard to enhance the overall living conditions of the people we serve.

One program that I am especially thrilled to see expanding each year is our disaster relief work. As you've read in this report, Matthew 25: Ministries' Disaster Response fleet grew considerably in 2013 through the addition of new, specialized vehicles. These vehicles help us respond more effectively to those affected by disasters, especially here in the United States. During times of urgent need, Matthew 25: Ministries can now be there faster, with more supplies, and in a greater capacity. We project ongoing growth of these disaster relief efforts in the upcoming years, which will continue to expand our work nationwide.

In 2013, more than 99% of all cash and in-kind donations made to Matthew 25: Ministries went directly toward programs. This efficiency is truly remarkable. Thank you to Rev. Wendell Mettey and Tim Mettey for their ongoing leadership of this excellent organization. Thank you to their staff who work tirelessly to help others. And thank you to the thousands upon thousands of volunteers and donors who contribute so generously to this life-changing work.

  
Michael Brandy, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board



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