




**ANNUAL
REPORT
2015**

Matthew  **Ministries**



FACES OF HOPE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you had walked into our Processing Center in mid-December expecting business as usual, you would have been greatly surprised. You may have even wondered if you were in the right place. How did you end up in a Christmas wonderland? For the second year in a row, Matthew 25: Ministries had the honor of hosting a Christmas party for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Many of these children spend more time at doctors' appointments and hospital visits than they spend playing make-believe or dress-up. These families face difficult challenges every day.

Our staff spent days emptying portions of our warehouse to make space for a child's dreamland. Pallets and boxes were replaced by arcade games, laser tag, superheroes, princesses, acrobats, a candy forest, Santa's workshop and more. Hundreds of wide-eyed children and parents came to our facility for the opportunity to put aside their various challenges and have fun for the afternoon.

As I walked through during the party, the words of Jesus came to mind like a whisper: *"I was sick and you cared for me."* These children are fighting terrible illnesses, and with the help of our many volunteers, partners, and donors, Matthew 25: Ministries was able to offer them an opportunity to just be kids.

I then thought of the millions of people we help each year. I wondered how many "parties" take place when aid arrives, as the recipients experience hope in the midst of very difficult situations. Parties of relief, thankfulness, faith, joy. The Christmas party was a single representation of the work we all do daily.

In 2015, we shipped 788 containers of supplies, helping nearly 20 million people in need. We responded to the earthquake in Nepal, the Syrian refugee crisis in Europe, and tornadoes, floods and wildfires throughout the United States. We sponsored educational and job development programs in Haiti, supported beekeeping and greenhousing programs in Nicaragua, and provided more than 125,000 pounds of food to local pantries and shelters. These programs and more are described for you in this report. It was truly a remarkable year.

As we look ahead, we are thrilled to celebrate Matthew 25: Ministries' 25th anniversary in 2016. Since I founded the ministry in 1991, we have grown from carrying supplies in suitcases to shipping more than 160 million pounds of aid throughout the United States and in more than 60 countries worldwide.

It's truly amazing to reflect on the journey thus far and the many people who have contributed to our work of caring for the "least of these." Thank you for supporting Matthew 25: Ministries. We sure have a lot to celebrate!

God's Blessings,

Rev. Wendell 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.

IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURING

Matthew 25: Ministries supplements outside donations by manufacturing, assembling, repurposing and reblending products in-house at our facility. These programs provide consistent access to frequently-requested items.

- ▶ **Notebook Manufacturing Center** uses industrial printing equipment and low-cost bulk paper to make school notebooks for children in need. These notebooks help ensure that each student, regardless of income, has a chance to learn, grow, and earn an education.
- ▶ **Pencil Making Center** uses recycled paper that is rolled and glued around a lead insert, dried, cut and polished, encased in a sleeve and topped with an eraser, creating a fully functional, high-quality pencil.
- ▶ **Rainbow Paint Reblending Center** rescues and reuses leftover paint to provide a high-quality, reblended/recycled latex paint.
- ▶ **Prasco Food Processing Center** packages a nutritionally enhanced rice-soy blend for only 10-cents per serving.





2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Shipped over 15 million pounds of humanitarian aid and disaster relief to the U.S. and 26 countries around the world.
- ▶ Shipped 788 forty-foot containers worldwide.
- ▶ Helped nearly 20 million people.
- ▶ More than 58,000 volunteers donated approximately 140,000 hours of time.



SHIPMENT DETAILS

DESTINATION

Alabama USA	3
Arizona USA	23
Armenia	3
Azerbaijan	0.5
Belarus	0.5
Belize	6
California USA	5
Colorado USA	2
Czech Republic	1
Dominica	11
Dominican Republic	16
El Salvador	31
Estonia	4
Florida USA	31

DESTINATION

Georgia	6
Ghana	2.5
Greater Cincinnati USA	48
Greece	2.5
Grenada	8
Guatemala	92
Guyana	40.5
Haiti	148
Honduras	30
Idaho USA	1
Illinois USA	1
Indiana USA	2
Jamaica	52
Jordan	6

DESTINATION

Kazakhstan	1.5
Kyrgyzstan	5
Latvia	1
Michigan USA	1
Moldova	2.5
Montana USA	2
Nebraska USA	2
New Jersey USA	6
New Mexico USA	19
Nicaragua	40
North Dakota USA	16
Oklahoma USA	1
Pennsylvania USA	28
Rhode Island USA	19

DESTINATION

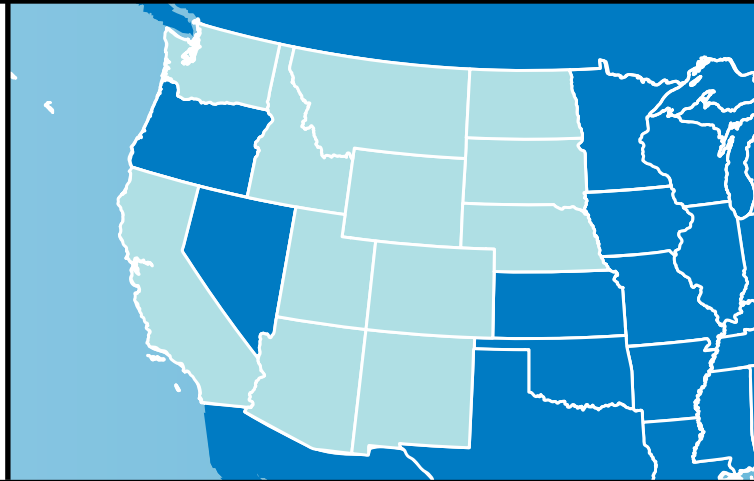
South Carolina USA	17
South Dakota USA	19
St. Lucia	4
Texas USA	9
Trinidad	9
Ukraine	3
USA Various	0.5
Utah USA	1
Washington USA	1
West Virginia USA	3
Wyoming USA	1
TOTAL	788

A CLOSER LOOK

In 2015, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped more than 15 million pounds of aid, helping nearly 20 million people in need worldwide.

AMERICAN INDIANS ▶

Matthew 25: Ministries provided aid to American Indians living on remote and poverty-stricken reservations in the Great Plains and Southwest. Some of these products were used in work-incentive programs, which encourage people to be active in their community.



NEARLY 20 MILLION PEOPLE HELPED WORLDWIDE IN 2015

SYRIAN REFUGEES ▶

In 2015, large numbers of Syrian refugees crossed into European Union (EU) member states, fleeing their homes due to war, shortages of food and water, and other unacceptable living conditions. Matthew 25: Ministries shipped aid to several of the EU countries accepting refugees. Items included new clothing and shoes, personal care items and cleaning supplies.



◀ APPALACHIA

Matthew 25: Ministries continued our ongoing work in Appalachia, with a specific focus on an impoverished mining community in rural West Virginia. During the summer, we led a mission group to do basic maintenance on school buildings and run an educational day camp for the students. In the fall we distributed winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to students at one of the elementary schools. And in December, Santa and Mrs. Claus traveled from Matthew 25 to deliver presents to these very special students. We also provided ongoing shipments of aid to the county to help improve educational opportunities for these children.



MILESTONES

- ▶ 100,000 visitors to the Global Village
- ▶ 150,000,000 cumulative pounds of aid

HONORS

▶ *Rev. Wendell Mettey, Founder & President*

Rev. Wendell Mettey was featured on The 2015 Power 100, Cincy Magazine's list of the most influential leaders in the Tri-State area.

▶ *Tim Mettey, CEO*

Tim Mettey was named one of the People to Know in Nonprofits 2015, The Cincinnati Business Courier's spotlight on individuals who are front and center in their industries.

▶ *Michael Brandy, Jr, Chairman of the Board*

Michael Brandy, Jr was awarded the Outstanding Directors 2015 Award. This honor is given by The Cincinnati Business Courier as an acknowledgement of exceptional board directors from the Greater Cincinnati area.

LOCAL PROGRAMS



HOLIDAY PARTY

Matthew 25: Ministries hosted a very special Christmas party for families with children who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses. We transformed our Processing Center into a winter wonderland, featuring holiday crafts, games, laser tag, photos with superheroes and princesses, a candy forest, aerial acrobats, facepainting, Santa's workshop, and more!

Earlier in the year we sponsored a zoo "adventure" for these same families.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION LUNCH GIVEAWAY ►

As a way of saying thank you to the local community for its ongoing support of our work, Matthew 25: Ministries hosted three Community Appreciation Days throughout the summer.

In total, we served over 2,800 free lunches.



◀ FIGHTING HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

To celebrate the tenth annual Fighting Hunger 5K Run | Walk and raise awareness of local hunger, CEO Tim Mettey spent an entire week on the roof of Matthew 25: Ministries. The Fighting Hunger event raised more than 125,000 pounds of food for local pantries and shelters.



SEVERE WEATHER

In early 2015, temperatures hit record lows in the Greater Cincinnati area, causing an increased risk to the homeless population in the area. Matthew 25: Ministries responded to this dangerously cold winter weather by distributing approximately 1,400 blankets and 2,000 bottles of water to local partner organizations.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

As part of our ongoing work in Greater Cincinnati, Matthew 25 provided support to at-risk youth, homeless families, individuals suffering from emotional and mental crises, children recovering from abuse, individuals recovering from addiction, active and veteran military, and more.



We had a great time! It's nice to get to have a break from illness! It meant so much to us.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



◀ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Rama Key Community Development Project provided 23 families with new houses, home water connections, and sanitation solutions. This was our first community development project on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua.

Rama Key is a small island located 238 miles from the capital. Most of its population earns a living by fishing, farming, and making handcrafts on a very small scale.

CLUBFOOT

Working with partners, Matthew 25: Ministries supported the reduction of clubfoot in Nicaragua using the Ponseti Method, an effective, non-surgical treatment that makes it possible to address the issue of clubfoot inexpensively.

ONGOING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Matthew 25: Ministries continued to support the improvement of safety, hygiene and quality of life for orphans at a large urban orphanage in Haiti.

MICROENTERPRISE ▶

Matthew 25: Ministries funded a Beekeeping Program and a Greenhouse Program, which help participants generate higher family incomes and work toward sustainability. Both programs include money-management and re-investment education as a component.

Additionally, we continued to support and mentor a micro-enterprise program, which provides the opportunity for girls living in an orphanage to develop marketable skills, improve job readiness, and gain the opportunity to earn an income.



JOB PLACEMENT

In December we hosted a job fair in Haiti, providing interview opportunities with a variety of employers to 22 orphaned young adults. We also launched an Apartment Subsidy Program providing successful job candidates with an opportunity to transition into independent housing and helping them achieve success as adults.

EDUCATION ▶

Matthew 25: Ministries continued to sponsor an English Language Program at an orphanage in Haiti. Learning English opens the door for these students to have more job opportunities and marketability. We also funded Phase II of Grace Emanuel School construction, benefiting approximately 300 children in and around the town of Source Matelas in Haiti.



Matthew 25 gave me a chance to learn English, taught me to crochet professionally, and to have a sense of responsibility. I am so proud of my present and future because M25M chose me to work for Bel Fle Missions Hotel, to be able to pay my schooling and to live in a good apartment. I was a little ant and became a caterpillar. A million thanks to all of you. May God bless you all!

NAICA, HAITI

BEL FLE MISSIONS HOTEL ▶

In 2015, Matthew 25: Ministries administered the construction and opening of Bel Fle Missions Hotel. This facility serves a unique, multi-layered purpose: providing high-quality, low-cost accommodations to missionaries and mission teams; and providing employment, skill development, and additional benefits to Haitian workers.



DISASTER RELIEF

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE ►

In April, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal, killing more than 8,000 people and injuring more than 17,000. A few weeks later, Nepal was hit by a second major earthquake, registering 7.3 on the Richter Scale.



A Matthew 25: Ministries staff member went to Nepal to coordinate initial relief efforts with our partners on the ground, including surgical clinics as well as the distribution of food, tents, tarps, and other supplies in areas hard hit by the earthquake. We are continuing to support recovery efforts through the reconstruction of two schools in the disaster area. We are also building a health clinic, which will support a vocational school and the surrounding community.

▼ ONGOING RELIEF IN THE PHILIPPINES

In January 2015, Matthew 25: Ministries' mission team returned to Bantayan Island in the Philippines to continue supporting people impacted by Typhoon Haiyan. The team held a medical clinic for the community and met with several local organizations to discuss ongoing rebuilding and sustainability programs. We sponsored the construction of 30 sturdy homes on the island as well as replacing local fishermen's wooden boats damaged or destroyed in the typhoon with fiberglass boats to help re-stimulate the local economy.



U.S. DISASTER RESPONSE ►

Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to tornadoes, flooding, and wildfires throughout the United States.

In total, we distributed 521,619 pounds of disaster relief around the world, helping more than 600,000 people in need.



On my way home from Chicago today, I passed a convoy of about 5-7 vehicles from Matthew 25: Ministries en-route to the tornado victims. Thank you M25M for being the hands of Christ during this terrible time for those that need help the most.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended 12/31/15 subject to final audit

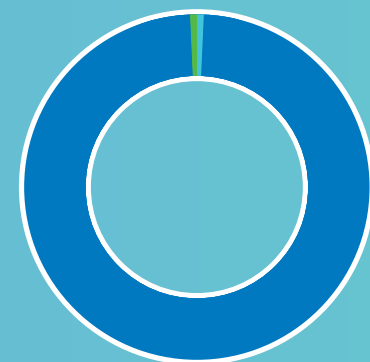
REVENUES

Donations – In-Kind	\$ 162,345,000	95.9%
Donations – Cash & Equivalents	\$ 4,073,000	2.4%
Donations – Restricted	\$ 419,000	0.2%
Container Fees	\$ 2,181,000	1.3%
Other Revenue, Net	\$ 286,000	0.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 169,304,000	100.0%

EXPENSES

Clothing Shipments	\$ 63,000,000	
Personal Care Shipments	\$ 45,000,000	
Medical Supplies Shipments	\$ 35,000,000	
Household & Cleaning Items Shipments	\$ 14,800,000	
Food Shipments	\$ 2,500,000	
School Supplies Shipments	\$ 1,000,000	
Sewing Supplies Shipments	\$ 1,000,000	
Other Program Expenses	\$ 4,920,000	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 167,220,000	99.3%
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	\$ 670,000	0.4%
MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	\$ 510,000	0.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 168,400,000	100.0%
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 904,000	

99.3% OF ALL
CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS
WENT TOWARD PROGRAMS IN 2015



● PROGRAMS ● FUNDRAISING ● MANAGEMENT



Matthew 25: Ministries is one of the most outstanding organizations with which I've had the privilege of working. The nonprofit is truly committed to its mission, helps major companies provide a charitable outlet to their employees, is well organized and staffed with wonderful people.



FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended 12/31/15 subject to final audit

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$ 1,169,000
Receivables	\$ 158,000
Investments	\$ 5,647,000
Donated Inventory	\$ 32,400,000
Property & Equipment, Net	\$ 4,789,000
Other Assets	\$ 16,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 44,179,000

LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 230,000
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 43,705,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 244,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 44,179,000





KEY LEADERSHIP

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Rev. Wendell E. Mettey
Montgomery, OH

CEO

Tim Mettey
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

For almost 25 years, Matthew 25: Ministries has been serving the poorest of the poor worldwide in innovative and creative ways. Starting as “garbage pickers for the Lord,” Founder and President Reverend Wendell Mettey rescued products bound for the landfill and began shipping them to people in desperate need. From simply carrying loads of supplies to Nicaragua in suitcases, the ministry has grown to ship over 160 million pounds of aid since 1991.

Under the exceptional leadership of Reverend Mettey and CEO Tim Mettey, Matthew 25: Ministries is continually expanding its reach and developing new ways to care for a needy world. Lives are being changed every day through the tireless work of our staff and volunteers. Just look at the numbers – we have helped over 100 million people throughout the United States and in more than 60 countries worldwide in just 25 years.


One of the innovative ways we cared for the people of Haiti this year was managing the construction and opening of Bel Fle Missions Hotel. We have always believed the old proverb that if you give a man a fish, he eats for one day; but if you teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime. The Bel Fle Missions Hotel is a unique project that provides low-cost accommodations to missionaries and mission teams serving in Haiti, while also providing employment to Haitian workers. Bel Fle (meaning beautiful flower) is enabling more people to serve in Haiti as well as providing full-time employment and job training to many Haitians, including several of the children we have watched grow up in an orphanage we support. This inventive project is just another example of how Matthew 25: Ministries meets the needs of people across the globe.

As we look forward to 2016, we anxiously anticipate the celebration of Matthew 25: Ministries’ 25th Anniversary. Thank you for joining us on this journey. We look forward to serving with you for the next 25 years.

Michael Brandy, Jr
Chairman of the Board





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