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FOUNDED ON THE ROCK

MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES' 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Looking back on this past year, I am reminded of *Matthew 7:25*, which says, “*And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*” This message reflects our work at Matthew 25: Ministries, as we see God strengthen and uphold our ministry day after day, year after year. Matthew 25: Ministries was founded upon the rock of faith, growing from one man’s vision, Rev. Wendell Mettey (*Founder*), who was led by God to care for the poorest of the poor. We are truly blessed to have incredible volunteers, donors, and staff who enable us to carry out this mission.

With our newly added warehouse space already filled to capacity, I am confident that God will continue to lead us in helping even more people. It is humbling to see the impact this expansion has already had on our work. This year, we responded to tornadoes that devastated areas of Dayton and Celina, Ohio. Our new space enabled us to process and deliver desperately-needed supplies right after the storms hit. In total, we shipped over half a million pounds of aid to the Dayton and Celina areas in 2019, and are still continuing to send supplies. As I delivered aid as part of our Disaster Response Team to homes in the devastated areas immediately following the tornadoes, I saw first-hand how the supplies were a comfort to these people through a horrific time.

In 2019, we also helped those impacted by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, as well as other disasters. We sent humanitarian aid throughout the United States and around the world to continue our mission to help those in need. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from the year and can see how God has led us to care for the “least of these.”

Thank you for your support. I’m looking forward to another year, and a new decade dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. We greatly appreciate your partnership in this work and I look forward to what is to come. The rock upon which Matthew 25: Ministries was founded will allow us to continue helping those in need.

God’s Blessings,

Tim Mettey
CEO



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 around the world.

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 semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the U.S. and around the world.

We supplement outside donations by manufacturing, assembling, repurposing, and reblending products in-house at our facility in Blue Ash, Ohio.

“
As you did it to the
**LEAST OF
THESE**
my brothers and sisters,
**YOU DID IT
TO ME.**”
MATTHEW 25:40



LOCAL PROGRAMS

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

OVER 700,000 POUNDS OF AID were distributed to local partners, including disaster response supplies to Dayton and Celina, Ohio.

NEARLY 90,000 POUNDS OF FOOD were provided to 45 local pantries and shelters through the annual Hunger 5K Food Drive, giving thousands of local families access to much-needed meals during the holiday season. Since the food drive began, over **1 million pounds of food** have been distributed to people in need in Greater Cincinnati.

APPROXIMATELY 2,600 WINTER COATS were distributed to partners in the Greater Cincinnati area to help the needy and homeless in our local community.

GREATER CINCINNATI

Matthew 25: Ministries continued the expansion of our local partnerships in 2019, responding to requests from more than 100 local partners. We supplied products ranging from food to personal care items to medical supplies, household items, school supplies, cleaning products, blankets, and clothing. These products help fill empty stomachs, keep homeless individuals warm during the winter, and also supply shelters with the items they need to serve the community. Matthew 25 is able to serve our local partners on a customized basis, providing a variety of products in smaller quantities that meet the specific needs of the requesting organization.



In 2019, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to the devastating tornadoes that impacted areas in Dayton and Celina, OH (*more information on this topic can be found in the Disaster Response section of this report*). In addition, Matthew 25 distributed food to local pantries and shelters through our annual Hunger 5K Food Drive, provided warm coats during our fall coat distribution, and hosted our annual Holiday Party for local children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

Matthew 25 also opened the newly expanded Global Village Market in 2019, where volunteers and the general public are welcome to shop through an array of crafts and gifts from locations in the U.S. and around the world. Proceeds from the market benefit our work with those in need.



CAMP KIRKWOOD

Camp Kirkwood continued to thrive in 2019. Camper participation doubled from 2018 and we anticipate it will continue to grow with this year's additions of new lodging, more activities, and new trails. As camp participation has increased, the number of summer staff also increased. With students filling many of these roles, we consider it an opportunity to build and develop lifelong skills on the job, as well as encouraging personal and professional growth. We look forward to making additional improvements to the property in 2020, including opening the RV park area—providing even more opportunities for visitors to enjoy a stay at Kirkwood.



NATIONAL PROGRAMS



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The gift of warm coats, hats, and gloves to our school not only provides the practical value of keeping the students warm during the cold winters, they also allow the children to enjoy playing outdoors in the crisp snow.

WV SCHOOL TEACHER

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More Than
**4 MILLION
POUNDS**
*of aid distributed throughout
the United States*

In 2019, 29% of Matthew 25: Ministries’ distributions stayed here in the United States, helping over 5 million people in need. More than 4 million pounds of product was distributed throughout 17 states and included items such as food, clothing, personal care items, school supplies, building materials, cleaning supplies, and more. Through our domestic partners, these items are distributed to those in need including immigrants, migrant workers, active military and veterans, and American Indians.

We also continued our support of children in rural Appalachia this past year. In July, a team of Matthew 25: Ministries’ staff and volunteers traveled to West Virginia and hosted an educational summer camp for elementary students, as well as completed maintenance projects on a number of schools in the county. In the fall, Matthew 25 provided outerwear for the students, including coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to ensure the children stay warm throughout the cold winter months, as well as delivering Christmas gifts for the children in December.





INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

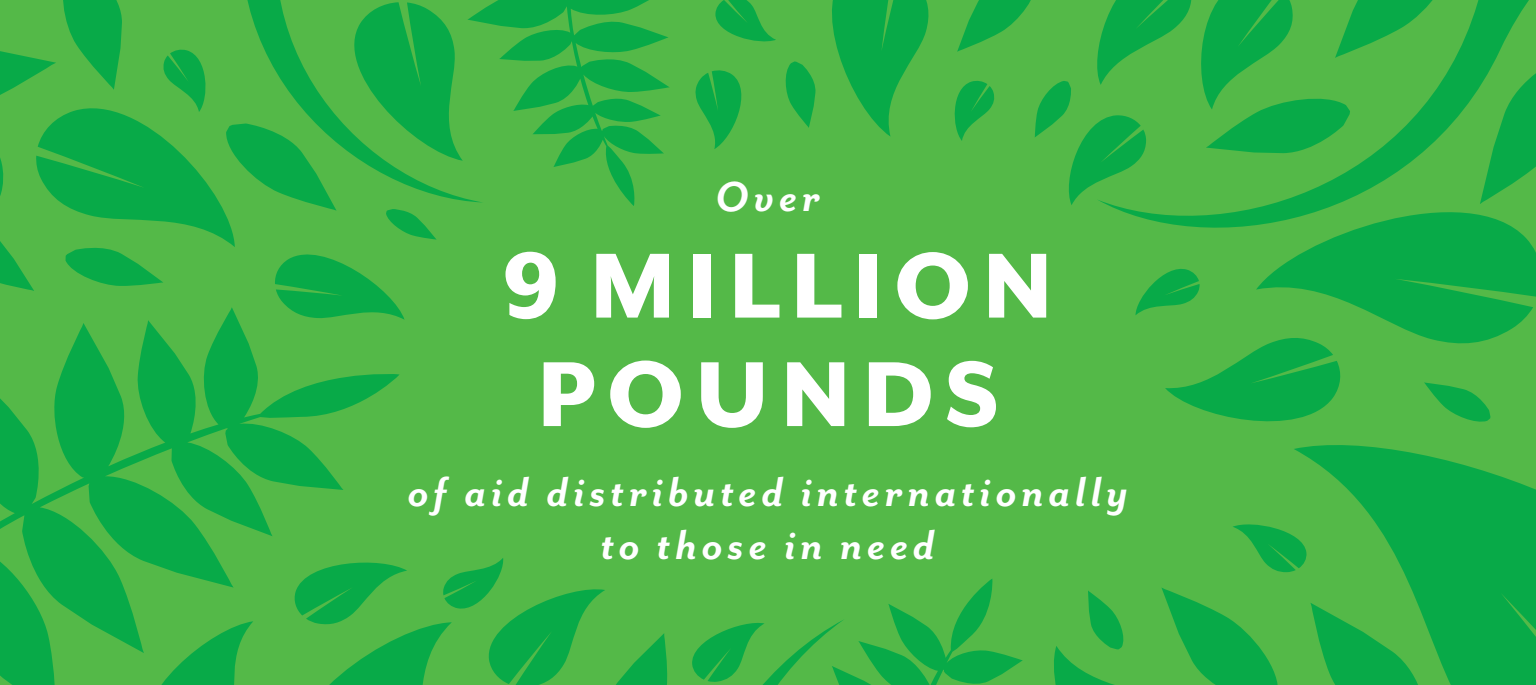
In addition to our work in the United States, Matthew 25: Ministries also shipped aid to partners in 34 countries worldwide in 2019, helping over 13 million people internationally.

We actively support a number of special programs that are designed to meet specific needs throughout the world. In 2019, we continued operation of Bel Fle Missions Hotel in Haiti, which is dedicated to serving mission teams offering support to Haitian communities, as well as providing employment and training to Haitian workers. Matthew 25 also supports a large urban orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti which houses over 130 children. Matthew 25 assists with job preparedness training and job placement for young adults transitioning out of the orphanage.

“

I want to thank you for the donation that you gave me for the well being of my dear little boy... I always say 'thank you' when I see the result of my son's work at school. It warms my heart.

BEL FLE STAFF MEMBER ”



Over
**9 MILLION
POUNDS**
*of aid distributed internationally
to those in need*



Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries continued support of a program in Nicaragua which is working to reduce clubfoot deformities, as well as supporting the community of Paso Real—one of our earliest outreach programs in Nicaragua.

With Matthew 25's help, the area has become a vibrant, well-organized community where residents are developing agriculture, animal husbandry, livestock, and forestry skills that will continue to improve community productivity and provide them and their villages with additional sources of income.

Over
1 MILLION
PEOPLE

*helped through
disaster response efforts*



DISASTER RESPONSE

In 2019, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to natural disasters locally, nationally, and internationally, providing aid to victims of tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires. Nearly 2.5 million pounds of product were shipped in response to these disasters—helping more than 1 million people in need. Our Disaster Response Program provides aid to those affected immediately following devastating disasters, as well as continuing long-term relief to areas impacted by disasters months, or even years, later. These products and services deliver hope to those in need during the darkest of times, whether it be clean, fresh clothes for a family to wear, supplies to help them begin to clean and rebuild their homes, or simply a smiling face to show them that someone cares.



HURRICANE DORIAN

Hurricane Dorian swept into the Bahamas in September as a Category 5 hurricane and lingered over the islands as a powerful storm, devastating the islands with dangerous winds, storm surge, and flooding; destroying property and submerging entire towns. Immediately following the storm, Matthew 25: Ministries completed a series of airlifts to the Bahamas delivering over 10,000 pounds of personal care kits, paper products, bottled water, first aid and medical supplies, food, cleaning supplies, blankets, diapers, laundry supplies, and more. We are continuing to assist these areas by shipping containers of aid to our partners and are planning a medical trip in February 2020 to provide badly needed care to the affected communities. To date, we have shipped approximately 40,000 pounds of product to partners throughout areas affected by the hurricane.





DISASTER RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

NEARLY 2.5 MILLION POUNDS

of disaster relief supplies shipped in 2019, including more than half a million pounds locally in response to the Dayton and Celina tornadoes.

OVER 3,600 PERSONAL CARE KITS

distributed this past year, providing essential hygiene products to those affected by disasters.

NEARLY 3,000 FIRST AID & SAFETY KITS

provided to disaster victims, helping them recover and rebuild during their time of need.



DAYTON & CELINA TORNADOES

On Memorial Day weekend, strong tornado-producing storms moved across Ohio, causing extreme damage throughout the cities of Dayton and Celina. Matthew 25 launched a full-scale response, setting up a central donation and distribution hub in Montgomery County. Our response team of staff and volunteers distributed tens of thousands of pounds of supplies to communities across the affected areas, as well as completing over 900 loads of laundry. We have continued to serve these areas throughout 2019, distributing over half a million pounds of disaster supplies to our partners across Ohio.



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Thank you so much for bringing food and supplies as we helped our fellow parishioners to clear out their demolished homes. After hours of work, food was such a blessing! God bless you all in the work you do.

DISASTER RELIEF PARTNER

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U.S. DISASTER RESPONSE

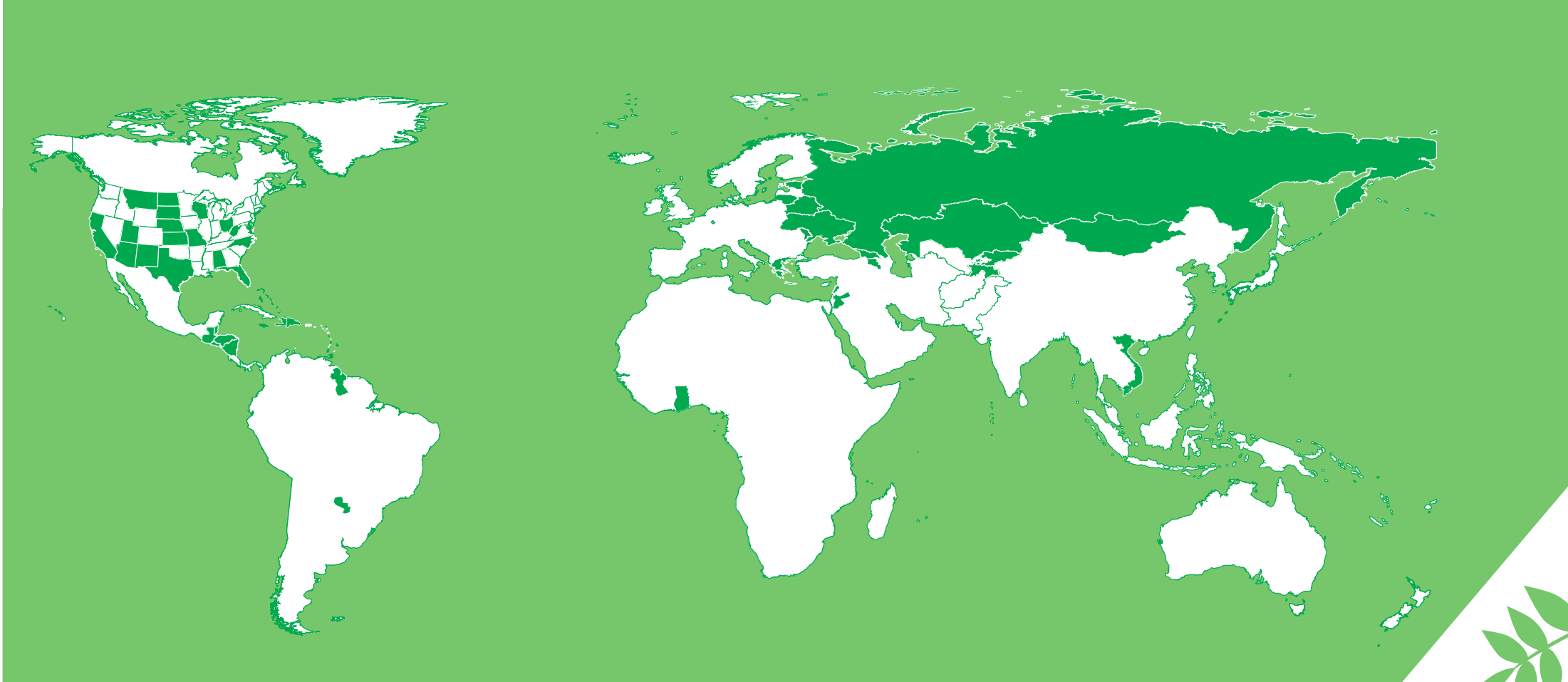
Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to tornadoes in Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, and Texas, as well as flooding in Nebraska and Texas, and wildfires in California.

Matthew 25: Ministries determines how we can best serve the needs of each disaster region through shipments of supplies as well as through services provided by our Disaster Response Team, including laundry services, producing bags of ice, and the distribution of personal care items, first aid and safety products, cleaning supplies, paper products, and more.



SHIPMENTS

746 CONTAINERS
shipped to
35 COUNTRIES
in 2019



DESTINATION

TRUCKLOADS

Alabama | *USA*
Antigua
Arizona | *USA*
Armenia
Bahamas
Barbados
Belarus
Belize
California | *USA*
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Estonia
Florida | *USA*

7
1
33
0.50
3.50
1
0.25
12
17.25
2.25
10
50
3
21

DESTINATION

TRUCKLOADS

Georgia (*country*)
Ghana
Greater Cincinnati | *USA*
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
International
Jamaica
Jordan
Kansas | *USA*
Kazakhstan

3
3.25
13
0.25
12
110.50
27.50
112
56
0.25
59
1
3
4

DESTINATION

TRUCKLOADS

Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Lithuania
Missouri | *USA*
Moldova
Mongolia
Montana | *USA*
Nebraska | *USA*
New Mexico | *USA*
Nicaragua
North Carolina | *USA*
North Dakota | *USA*
Ohio | *USA*
Paraguay

3
0.50
0.50
7.25
1
1
3.50
12
6
4
2
1.50
32
2

DESTINATION

TRUCKLOADS

Russia
South Dakota | *USA*
St. Lucia
Tajikistan
Texas | *USA*
Trinidad
Ukraine
Utah | *USA*
Vietnam
West Virginia | *USA*
Wisconsin | *USA*

1
7.25
2
12
46.50
23.25
8.50
0.25
1
1.25
0.25

TOTAL **746**

FACILITY EXPANSION



Matthew 25: Ministries completed the first phase of our much-needed facility expansion in 2019. Our 34,000 square-foot, 45-foot-tall warehouse addition is now open and already housing thousands of pallets of much-needed aid. We also added two dock doors, which will increase our ability to ship truckloads of aid even faster.

CONTAINER OFFICES

Our facility has also been re-configured from the inside out, relocating the majority of our offices to another part of our building and adding more office space. Most of the new offices are built from shipping containers, which is a unique representation of our work with those in need around the world. Along with re-configuring our current facility layout, this newly added space will enable us to accept more incoming product donations, send out more shipments of much-needed aid, welcome more volunteer groups, and help us help even more people.

We look forward to breaking ground on our next building phase in late 2020.



LEADERSHIP



KEY LEADERSHIP

FOUNDER

Rev. Wendell E. Mettey
Montgomery, OH

CEO

Tim Mettey
Mason, OH

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



2019 was a remarkable year for Matthew 25: Ministries. The construction of our 34,000 square-foot, 45-foot tall warehouse expansion is now complete and it is truly amazing to already see the space filled with life-saving product. These goods will be shipped all over the world and thanks to this extra space, we will be able to ship to those in need more quickly and efficiently. During the construction process our team didn't miss a beat: continuing to accept donations, welcoming volunteers, and shipping 746 truckloads of desperately-needed aid to 35 countries.

I had the opportunity once again to see Matthew 25: Ministries' mission fulfilled first-hand while helping our Disaster Response Team respond to tornadoes that devastated areas of Dayton and Celina, OH. It was not just an eye-opening experience, but incredibly impactful; witnessing the devastation of these storms and seeing the community come together to help their neighbors, family, and friends during such a difficult time. This experience was a great reminder that not only does Matthew 25's work help people around the world, but also those right here in our local community. In 2019, 29% of all products stayed in the U.S.—over 4 million pounds of aid distributed throughout 17 different states.

It's incredible to see the community of our many corporate and individual donors who have given product, finances, and time to make Matthew 25: Ministries' work possible. In 2019 alone, we shipped over 13 million pounds of product; the majority of which was carefully sorted and prepared for shipment by our dedicated volunteers. We welcomed over 63,000 volunteers serving approximately 145,000 hours of time in 2019. All these numbers truly attest to the strong leadership of CEO Tim Mettey, as well as the dedication of the entire staff.

Thank you for your generosity and belief in Matthew 25: Ministries. We simply could not do what we do without the support of each and every one of our volunteers, donors, and partners in service.

Michael Brandy, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Over **63,000 VOLUNTEERS** gave approximately **145,000 HOURS** of time

746 TRUCKLOADS of aid shipped worldwide

Over **13 MILLION POUNDS** of humanitarian aid and disaster relief shipped

Helped more than **18.5 MILLION PEOPLE** in need around the world

2019 MILESTONES

Exceeded **226 MILLION POUNDS** of aid distributed since 1991

More than **11,000 TRUCKLOADS** of aid shipped since 1991

Topped **\$2 BILLION DOLLARS** of aid shipped cumulatively



FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended 12/31/19 subject to final audit

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	1,448,000
Receivables	\$	779,000
Investments	\$	5,751,000
Donated Inventory	\$	87,496,000
Property & Equipment (Net)	\$	13,412,000
Other Assets	\$	14,000
Total Assets	\$	108,900,000

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	\$	2,598,000
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$	105,652,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$	650,000
Total Net Assets	\$	106,302,000

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	108,900,000
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended 12/31/19 subject to final audit

REVENUES

Donations – In-Kind	\$	226,802,000	95.6%
Donations – Cash & Equivalents	\$	5,786,000	2.5%
Donations – Restricted	\$	1,690,000	0.7%
Container Fees	\$	1,865,000	0.8%
Other Revenue (Net)	\$	1,005,000	0.4%
Total Revenues	\$	237,148,000	100.0%

EXPENSES

Clothing Shipments	\$	89,191,000	
Personal Care Shipments	\$	39,423,000	
Medical Supplies Shipments	\$	35,974,000	
Household & Cleaning Items Shipments	\$	19,572,000	
School Supplies Shipments	\$	3,914,000	
Food Shipments	\$	3,076,000	
Sewing Supplies Shipments	\$	2,050,000	
Other Program Expenses	\$	7,996,000	
Total Program Expenses	\$	201,196,000	99.3%
Fundraising Expenses	\$	870,000	0.4%
Management Expenses	\$	650,000	0.3%
Total Expenses	\$	202,716,000	100.0%
Increase in Net Assets	\$	34,432,000	

ACCREDITATIONS

AMERICA'S BEST CHARITIES

Matthew 25: Ministries has been awarded the **Best Charities in America** seal from the Independent Charities of America, recognizing our high standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU (BBB)

Matthew 25: Ministries is accredited through the **BBB Wise Giving Alliance**, as well as receiving the most prestigious award the BBB can present: **The Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics**. The BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability are the most comprehensive of any charity review program, helping donors make informed giving decisions.

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Matthew 25: Ministries is a **Top-ranked 4-star Charity** on Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities, recognizing our commitment to financial responsibility, accountability, and transparency.

GUIDESTAR

Matthew 25: Ministries has earned the **Platinum Seal of Transparency** on Guidestar by identifying and sharing goals, strategies, capabilities, indicators, and progress.

View additional accreditation info online at www.m25m.org.



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