2020 was a challenging year. And yet in the midst of it, Matthew 25: Ministries continued to see God’s remarkable provision. In Isaiah 54:2, God speaks to His people in exile, who have endured great suffering and oppression. God is calling them to “enlarge the place of their tents” and prepare for God’s blessing, even before they see it. Their circumstances seem bleak, yet He’s calling them to look ahead with hopeful expectation toward what God will do.

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread in early 2020, and all looked bleak, God was already preparing Matthew 25: Ministries. We were blessed with an abundance of supplies like masks, gloves, sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and other essential products, which we started distributing to frontline organizations immediately. This work continued throughout the year, and is still ongoing as I write this. By the end of 2020, we distributed more than 7,500 pallets of COVID-19 relief supplies to over 1,300 organizations across 46 U.S. states as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

And when disasters hit, we responded — sending aid to communities affected by hurricanes in Central America and the Gulf Coast, wildfires in the western U.S., the droughts in the Midwest, the explosion in Beirut, as well as tornadoes and flooding in the U.S.

Even in the hardship, with your support, we were able to “enlarge our tents” and help more than 23 million people in need and ship 946 truckloads of aid. This is more than we have ever previously accomplished in a single year! In a time of such great need, Matthew 25: Ministries was there. Thank you for being a part of this. I praise God for the work He has done this year through Matthew 25; yet I know there is still so much need here in our own nation and around the world. We at Matthew 25: Ministries are continuing to trust in His provision and look ahead toward what He will do in 2021. Thank you for choosing to partner with Matthew 25: Ministries and for helping us care for those in need.

God’s Blessings,

Tim Mettey
CEO

LETTER FROM THE CEO

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FRESH FOOD PROGRAM PARTNER

Thank you for your generous donation of 13,591 pounds of food in 2020. It was, without a doubt, an extremely difficult year, but we were able to double our production and donate 15,000 servings of food per week. We could not have accomplished this without your donation. We greatly appreciate your partnership and look forward to continuing many of those partnerships in 2021.

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FEEDING THE HUNGRY
During the COVID-19 pandemic, more people found themselves needing help with essentials, straining the resources of many food pantries, shelters, and feeding centers that assist underserved populations. To help address this growing need, Matthew 25 expanded our local food distributions to include fresh food as well as additional shelf-stable food. The Fresh Food Program receives approximately 28 pallets of food per week, which is then sorted and redistributed to partners throughout Greater Cincinnati. Approximately 1,500 – 1,700 families benefit from this program weekly. During its first four months of operation, the Fresh Food Program distributed more than 300,000 pounds of fresh and shelf-stable food.

We are thankful for this new program, as nutritional food makes a multi-faceted impact on people’s overall well-being and health. 2021 will be this program’s first full year of operation, and we expect it to continue to grow during that time.

Additionally, Matthew 25’s annual Hunger 5K Food Drive distributed approximately 80,000 pounds of food directly to individuals in the community through our Holiday Community Giveaway event.

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**DISTRIBUTION PARTNER**

The United States is always the country that receives the highest percentage of aid from Matthew 25: Ministries. And in 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic and the historically active disaster season, this percentage was higher than ever before—approximately 65% of our products stayed here in the U.S., helping more than 15 million people nationwide. These products reached from coast to coast, helping people facing an enormous variety of challenges: frontline workers, families recovering from disasters, underserved communities, people struggling with homelessness, Native Americans living on isolated reservations, military veterans and active duty servicemembers and their families, migrant workers, at-risk youth, and more.

We also supported COVID-19 testing and relief campaigns throughout the nation (see COVID-19 Report starting on page 71). And we continued our ongoing support of schools in rural Appalachia, providing warm winter coats, hats, and gloves, and more than 2,000 toys to students in impoverished communities.

In Haiti, we were thrilled to launch Belvi: The Nancy Oppito Center for Family Health, which offers reliable, ongoing health care, with a focus on women’s health, preventive care, and family medicine. Medical care can be very difficult to access in Haiti, and the facility has already made an incredible impact on its patients. We also maintained operations at Bel Fle Missions Hotel in 2020, utilizing its resources to provide specialized relief programs during the pandemic, as well as supporting our other ongoing programs within Haiti.

In Nicaragua, Matthew 25 continued our work with long-time partners, including supporting enrichment opportunities, like computer classes, in a rural village. This year, in addition to supporting the educational programs, we provided PPE and other protective measures to help the students and teachers stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to our work in the U.S., Matthew 25: Ministries shipped more than 330 truckloads of aid internationally. This includes our first-ever shipments to Syria, delivering aid to people affected by the ongoing humanitarian crisis there, as well as three truckloads to Ghana to support programs benefiting prenatal and infant health care.

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In 2020, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to domestic and international disasters, including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, a derecho, and an explosion. More than 2 million pounds of relief products were shipped in response to these disasters, helping more than 2.5 million people.

**HISTORIC HURRICANE SEASON**

2020 was the most active Atlantic hurricane season on record, with 30 named storms. In the span of about two months, the Gulf Coast was hit by 4 major hurricanes: Laura, Sally, Delta, and Zeta. These storms caused widespread destruction throughout multiple states. In response to these storms, Matthew 25: Ministries shipped 38 truckloads of aid throughout the impacted region, containing more than 850,000 pounds of disaster relief supplies.

In November, Hurricanes Eta and Iota made back-to-back landfall in Central America, hitting only two weeks apart. These storms swept through multiple countries, causing widespread flooding and devastating mudslides. Through long-term on-the-ground partners in Nicaragua, we were able to immediately begin distributing relief to impacted communities. We shipped aid throughout the region, including over 375,000 pounds of personal care items, household and cleaning products, disaster blankets, and more.

**HURRICANE DORIAN MEDICAL MISSION TRIP**

In February 2020, Matthew 25: Ministries led a team of staff and volunteer health care professionals to host medical clinics and distribute food to communities still recovering from Hurricane Dorian, which devastated parts of the Caribbean in 2019. During the trip, approximately 500 patients received care from medical doctors and optometrists to address illnesses that had gone untreated since the storm. Additionally, the team distributed approximately 800 meals to members of impacted communities. Matthew 25: Ministries has continued to ship aid to hard-hit areas, totaling more than 100,000 pounds so far.

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.”

**MORE THAN 2 MILLION POUNDS**

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THE EXPLOSION IN BEIRUT

Matthew 25: Ministries shipped disaster relief to Lebanon following a catastrophic explosion in the capital city of Beirut in August. The shipment of aid included personal care items, cleaning supplies, baby products, and more. The country was already suffering a major economic downturn before the explosion, with many families struggling with poverty and hunger. The supplies we shipped helped provide basic necessities in the aftermath of this tragedy.

ADDITIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to catastrophic flooding in Michigan—described as a 500-year flood event—and Mississippi, tornados in Tennessee and other areas across the South and eastern United States, the Midwest derecho, and wildfires that devastated California and the Pacific Northwest.

““I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU; I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.” ISAIAH 41:10

IN MARCH 2020 THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DECLARED COVID-19 A GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES BEGAN RESPONDING IMMEDIATELY.

On behalf of our organization, we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Indeed, the container you sent is highly appreciated. Words can never truly express our sincere heartfelt gratitude to you for supporting our distressed community. Your donation of soap, candles, quality blankets, pads and diapers for babies helped our families affected by the blast of Beirut port. Thank you again for providing your invaluable support to our cause.

Disaster Relief Partner
We want to say a very big thank you to Matthew 25: Ministries. They were able to provide us with some much-needed cleaning supplies, including disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. We are very fortunate to have such a generous community partner.

As the pandemic began, essential supplies quickly became hard to find. Many hospitals and other frontline organizations were struggling to find enough personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks and face shields. Stores quickly sold out of hygiene products like hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Even paper products like toilet paper and paper towels became increasingly difficult to find. Yet, God had been providing for Matthew 25: Ministries in advance—months earlier, we had started seeing an increase in donations of these types of supplies. By the time the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic in March, our warehouse was stocked with pallets and pallets of these products and we were ready to respond immediately. On March 16th, we began our COVID-19 relief efforts by distributing essential items to frontline organizations caring for the sick, the elderly, and those in need. By the conclusion of the year, we provided more than 7,500 pallets of masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, plus additional personal protective equipment, personal care products, cleaning items, food, batteries, baby supplies, and more, totaling approximately 6.5 million pounds.

By utilizing our network of distribution partners, as well as connecting with hundreds of new partners across the country, we were able to get supplies into the hands of frontline workers nationwide. By the end of 2020, we had distributed COVID-19 relief products to more than 1,300 unique groups across 46 states as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Over 400 of these partners are in the Greater Cincinnati area alone. Organizations such as hospitals, police and fire departments, assisted living facilities, schools, and businesses, as well as other organizations serving those in need, received supplies to help keep their staff and communities safe and healthy.

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INTERNATIONAL MASK MANUFACTURING PROGRAM
In addition to our COVID-19 relief efforts throughout the United States, Matthew 25: Ministries supported a mask manufacturing program throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, which produced approximately 700,000 reusable face masks for distribution throughout these regions. This program provided work opportunities for local residents, while also helping fulfill a desperate need for basic PPE supplies to help keep people safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

IN-HOUSE PPE MANUFACTURING
Face shields are another important tool for helping protect people from the spread of COVID-19. In order to supplement our supply of PPE, Matthew 25: Ministries developed a method to construct face shields at our facility, using primarily donated materials such as shoe foam, shoe lace, double-sided tape, and laminated sheets. We distributed over 6,000 of these face shields to medical professionals and others serving on the front line.

MOBILE TESTING & RELIEF CAMPAIGNS
Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries provided supplies to several #IDIDMYPART Mobile Testing and Relief campaigns throughout the U.S. These initiatives helped provide care for thousands of people in underserved communities that often have limited access to testing and basic necessities that are essential to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. In total, these events resulted in approximately 9,500 kits being distributed and 2,500 COVID-19 tests administered.

MOBILE FEEDING PROGRAM
As another way to help care for frontline workers during the pandemic, Matthew 25: Ministries developed a mobile feeding program to provide meals for both day-shift and night-shift staff at local hospitals and assisted living facilities, as well as first responders. In total, we provided approximately 7,500 meals through this program.

“LORD, YOU ESTABLISH PEACE FOR US; ALL THAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOU HAVE DONE FOR US.” ISAIAH 26:12
**SHIPMENTS**

**Over 940 TRUCKLOADS shipped—**

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The year 2020 was filled with so much need and Matthew 25: Ministries was there, continuing our mission of serving the poorest of the poor and disaster victims in the U.S. and worldwide. With the generous support of our corporate and individual donors, we were able to ship 946 truckloads of desperately-needed aid, helping more than 23 million people.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic Matthew 25: Ministries was prepared and began our response in mid-March, distributing hard-to-find essential items to organizations nationwide. When basic necessities like masks and hand sanitizer were hard to come by, Matthew 25 was a critical resource to the front line and other organizations caring for those in need. By year’s end, we distributed approximately 6.5 million pounds of COVID-19 relief supplies!

Matthew 25 also accomplished several note-worthy milestones in 2020, including exceeding more than $2.5 billion worth of goods shipped throughout the years to those in need, as well as shipping the 12,000th truckload of aid since the start of our mission in 1991. It has been amazing to watch the ministry grow from carrying supplies in suitcases to Nicaragua, to hitting these significant milestones almost 30 years later.

All of this work was completed while also running operations with minimal volunteers for a large portion of the year in order to maintain the safest environment possible. This is a true testament to the strong leadership of CEO Tim Mettey, as well as all the hardworking staff at Matthew 25: Ministries.

I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Board of such an incredible organization. Thank you for your support of Matthew 25: Ministries.

Michael Brandy, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
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 information online at www.m25m.org.
“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands…”

PSALM 90:17