

2024

IMPACT REPORT



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MINISTRIES



good news to the world

In the following pages of this report, you can find stories of the ways people have acted through the transformative love of Christ to respond to great needs. Each of these actions took individuals seeking to address the needs in their communities holistically.

As you read about the impact of this work, know that this report represents just a few samples of a tangible web of hope in the midst of disasters, war, famine, and poverty. This is the work that Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has facilitated through local churches who saw the needs in their communities and mobilized to meet them.

There have been many moments of pain and struggle over the last year, but there have also been moments of great hope and connection. In the children who have learned and grown through holistic child development, the Nazarene disaster response teams who have mobilized in the face of disaster, the new farmers seeing the first fruits of their labors in their fields and communities—in these things, we are privileged to see the hope of Christ at work through tangible compassion. You, too, have become the hands and feet of Christ through the work of the church. May we continue to offer hope and friendship in all circumstances, together.

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WHO WE *are*

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) is the church in action. We are an outflow of the Church of the Nazarene in our world, working to mobilize local congregations to live out Christ's call to care for those considered the "least of these" (Matthew 25). Through your partnership, NCM walks alongside local churches when they are looking for ways to meet the needs around them. We use a holistic ministry model that both proclaims and demonstrates the gospel of Christ, resulting in lives that are transformed through Christ.

Together, we partner with congregations around the world to provide tangible expressions of Christ's compassion through church-led community development and emergency relief work. We are seeing lives and communities transformed through these nine areas of work:



Anti-Human
Trafficking



Clean
Water



Economic
Development



Emergency
Relief



Food
Security



Health
Care



Holistic Child
Development



Refugee and
Immigrant Support



Women
and Girls

HOLISTIC CHILD *development*



Scripture reveals God's desire for the well-being of children. Through NCM's Holistic Child Development programming, we seek to serve children through five holistic components: spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development. In 2024, NCM partnered with local churches, resourcing them on projects ranging from providing school computers in the Middle East to helping establish tutoring centers in Myanmar and many other places.



Statistics for 2024 at a glance:

- **11** new child development centers opened across Eurasia, Mesoamerica, and Africa regions
- **209** active child development centers
- **40** world areas with a child development center
- **10,000+** children sponsored through NCM's Child Sponsorship program
- **14,000+** total children supported through holistic child development programs
- **1,322+** volunteers and staff supporting holistic child development programming worldwide
- **12,671** average hours spent by volunteers and staff caring for children each week



Safiya's STORY —

Over a twenty-year span, the child development center affiliated with a Nazarene church in Astana, Kazakhstan, went from operating with child sponsorship funds to becoming self-sustaining in 2024. Church members are boldly acting in faith to sponsor their center's children and going even further to support another center in their district through funds and volunteer assistance.

Safiya's* journey was significantly impacted by the center in Astana. She came to know the church by first participating in summer camps. Over time, along with her mom and sister, she began attending Sunday services regularly, and her interest in church activities grew. Today, she is a youth leader and Sunday school helper. Her experience led her to a short-term mission opportunity where she helped lead a Vacation Bible School in Belarus. The growth of this church and center is built upon its impact on many children like Safiya.

**Child's name changed for their privacy*

EMERGENCY relief



When disasters such as war, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and more struck in 2024, many of the world's most vulnerable experienced devastating losses. When homes and livelihoods were destroyed, there was often nowhere to go and no clear path towards recovery. NCM was committed to partnering



with churches to respond to the immediate needs and the long-term rebuilding that will be necessary for the communities our churches are in. Communities caught in war and conflict require churches to respond creatively for long-term rebuilding and additionally peacebuilding.

Emergency Relief in 2024 at a glance:

- **22** worldwide disasters responded to by local Nazarene churches in partnership with NCM
- **15** Nazarene Disaster Response teams deployed across the United States
- **42,000** people were cared for through emergency response activities across all regions
- **57** unique long-term rebuilding projects launched across 35 countries
- **170** people who underwent training in the area of peacebuilding
- **35** countries represented at various peacebuilding trainings



long-term crisis recovery efforts —

Pukalani Community Church of the Nazarene (PukaNaz) and its affiliated relief center have been working to provide support and stabilization to their community after wildfires quickly spread throughout their island of Maui in August 2023. “On August 8th, our island was struck by an unprecedented disaster. Fires ripped through our island, decimating everything in its path, including the entire historic town of Lahaina,” explained Dylan, Executive Director for Pukalani Community Church of the Nazarene Relief Center.





Over the last year and a half, they have continued to respond to the needs around them. “Currently, through Christ, we continue on and look for ways we can still shine a light for our community,” said Dylan. “In addition to shelter, we have distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid, resources, food, and water...” They were also able to work with local officials to obtain a Waiea Water Machine on campus, which makes water from the humidity in the air. Clean water has been available free of charge to the community experiencing water insecurity since the disaster. These stats from late 2024 illustrate the enormous impact on the community surrounding PukaNaz:

- **150,000** pounds of produce distributed
- **25,000+** bags of groceries distributed
- **50,000** gallons of water distributed from the Waeia Water Machine



- Distribution of supplies, including **800** coolers, **1,000+** boxes of diapers, **1,000+** crisis care kits, **5,000** pairs of socks, **150** beds, **15** generators, and much more



Thousands of people on the island are still without housing. PukaNaz, in partnership with NCM, is carrying out an ambitious vision to provide transitional housing. Pukalani Nazarene Compassion Village is made up of four homes, and with the purchase of additional land, plans are in the works to add ten more starting in 2025. With another two transitional homes off-campus, the project is already helping more than 25 people in desperate need of housing. The village offers more than just shelter; right on campus, it offers services such as counseling, transportation, food security, and transition plans.





FOOD *security*

“Before the project, we could go three days without eating.”

“Before the project, I had nothing. I could eat once a day or not eat.”

“We cultivated for long, and then we get nothing.”

Statements like these provide a glimpse of what it is like to live without food security. From 2022—2024, a partnership between NCM and local churches in Burundi, Malawi, and Zambia has brought hope and real-life solutions in the area of Food Security and Resilience. Today, we rejoice in the life-changing outcomes, not only for individuals but for local churches and their role in the community.

- **1,500 people** received training and support designed to increase household food security and build resilience. According to a 2024 survey of participating households:
 - 79% experienced **fewer months of food shortage** throughout the year.
 - 70% **increased competence in skills** such as financial and harvest management, food preservation, home gardening, and business practices.
 - 59% have increased **hope for the future** and belief in the **ability to cope**.
 - Over half of the households invested in a second source of income, such as raising animals, fish farming, reselling vegetables, and tea shops.



- **58 local churches** were engaged in leading, implementing, and monitoring project activities in their communities. These churches were surveyed in 2024:
 - 89% experienced **spiritual growth**, indicated by increased unity in the church, increased giving, and more dedication to God's work.
 - 89% reported **new attendees**.
 - 100% have seen **improved relationships** between the local church and the local community since the project began.
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John's STORY —

John, a farmer in Zambia, had been through the toughest three years of his life. Unable to accept the dire financial situation of the family, John's wife left him and their two sons. The shock left him broken and temporarily unable to work in the field; he had to send his sons to live with his sister because he was unable to feed and care for them.

In 2022, John began participating in the Food Security and Resilience program, attending training on conservation farming and financial literacy and receiving seeds for planting. With this new knowledge and support, John is seeing a transformation in his circumstances and is healing from the pain and self-hatred of the past. John and his sons work the farm together, testifying to experiencing slow recovery from the painful losses by God's grace.

John hopes for a farm with all-season running water so he can supply the community with different vegetables all year long. "It is my dream to see my children lead fulfilling lives, have an impact on this world, and find happiness and contentment in their own unique ways," said John.



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:35-36; 40 NIV



WOMEN & girls



Around the world, poverty impacts women and girls at a higher rate, compounding their disadvantage in acquiring education, jobs, and essentials. For this reason, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partnered with local churches committed to confronting economic disparity along gender lines. These projects, designed to unleash the potential of women and girls, reinforced the Christian message that they are made in the image of God.

In 2024, local faith communities in Ghana and Ethiopia continued to facilitate women's economic empowerment initiatives. Here's the data for the year:

- **300** women and girls equipped with business skills, financial literacy, and coaching.
- **43** women participating in life-changing savings groups after a six-week business course.
- **21** women in Ghana who began working towards starting their own businesses.
- **100** women in Ethiopia who completed literacy and numeracy classes over the course of nine months
- **20** women in Ethiopia who completed financial classes and who are now teaching those skills to other women in the program
- **100** kilograms of honey harvested from 15 beehives, enabling participants to start their own businesses and begin saving for the future.



Lelo's STORY —

Lelo* is one of the 100 women from Ethiopia who participated in literacy and numeracy classes this year. “Imagine being a blind person. You can’t see, you can’t get around. . . and then a miracle happens, and you get your sight for the first time,” said Lelo. “If you ask a person what good does [reading, writing, and math] do for you, how can you put that in words? I have gone from darkness to light.”

Literacy education makes everyday tasks easier and creates newfound independence for families in this community; it also creates a new level of safety. “Before. . . I couldn’t use my banking app, I couldn’t use my phone. I would have to ask others to help, and sometimes, they would take my passwords and then steal my money. Now, I can keep it a secret. Now I am secure.”

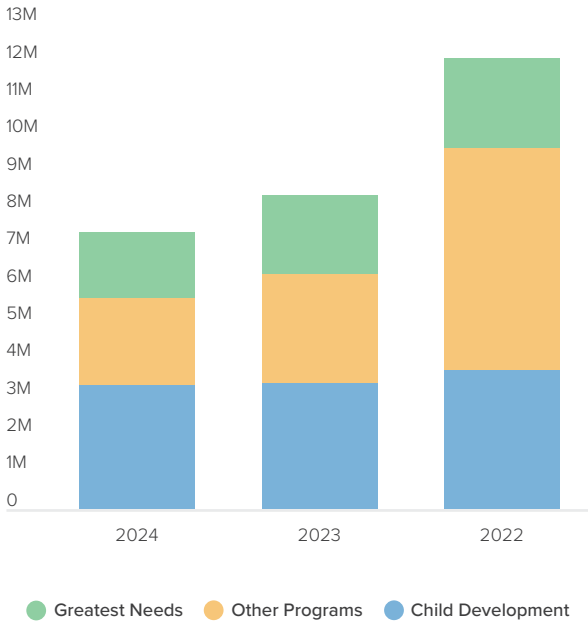
There is also a renewed passion for ensuring that children have access to education. “The impact this is having on my children is so big. I have become a teacher for them. My kids study with me every day. They now know how to read, write, and study math,” she said. “My kids want to go to school. Can you imagine what they will be able to do now that they are so many steps ahead of me?”

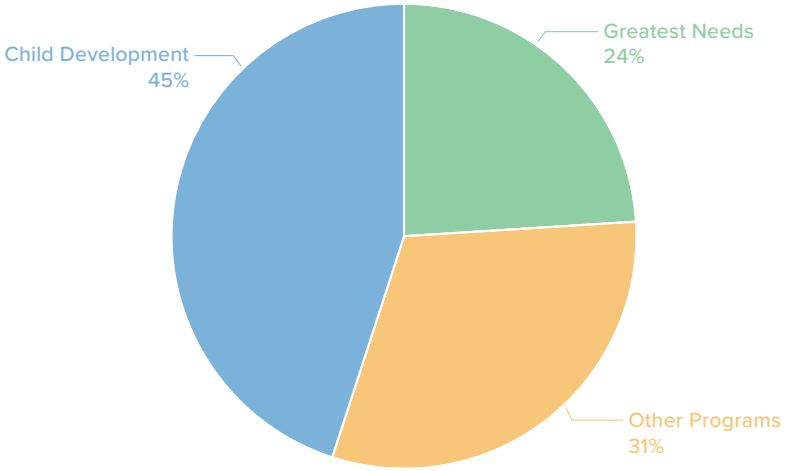
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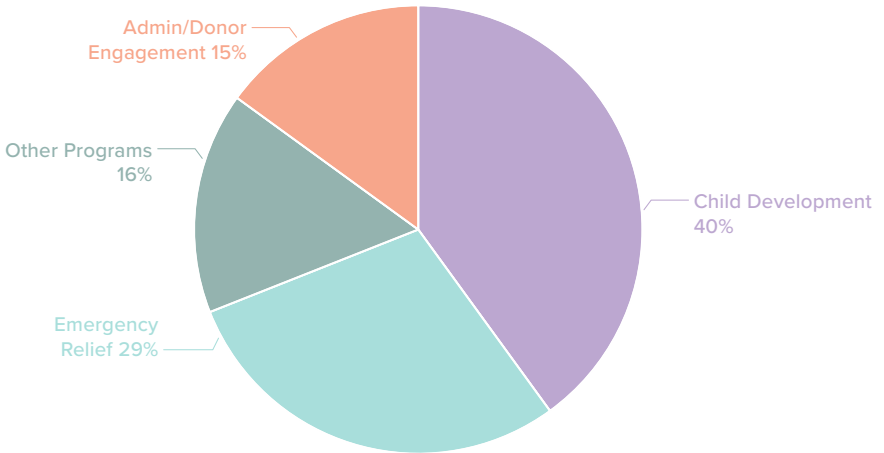
FISCAL YEAR 2024

| Revenue | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Greatest Needs | \$1,791,637 | \$2,107,332 | \$2,416,605 |
| Other Programs | \$2,366,860 | \$2,973,969 | \$6,056,867 |
| Child Development | \$3,413,413 | \$3,420,290 | \$3,749,317 |
| Total | \$7,571,910 | \$8,501,591 | \$12,222,789 |





ANNUAL REVENUE



ANNUAL SPENDING