



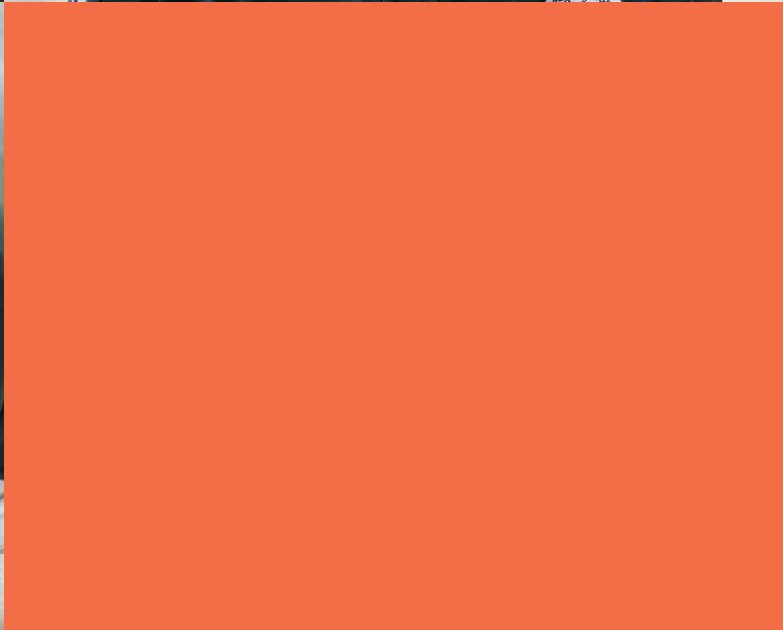
WE ARE
PARTNERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



More freedom. More fullness.

Because Jesus laid down His life for us, we are compelled to love others in the same way. In 2017 this meant going to areas affected by conflict and oppression across the world and doing all that we could to work for more freedom and fullness in the lives of children in these communities. And together with you, we achieved great things.



We Are Partners.

If you have followed us on social media or read any of our letters this year, you may have seen this phrase. We use it because not only does it signify who we are, but it also describes how we work. At the core of our organization is the belief that we will not - cannot - do this unless we are partners with you and the people we serve.

We Are Partners: With You

When you see children affected by conflict and oppression, you want to respond with love. And when it is impractical to hop on a plane and help in person, you depend on us to be your hands and feet. This is how the Body of Christ works and we think it is a glorious thing: your money, our hands, bringing Good News to those who need it most.

We Are Partners: With Children and Their Families

A handout feeds the body but starves the soul. We counter that by teaching a father to dig a fish pond so that he - not us - can provide for his family. We give widows sewing machines so they can create income for their children. And we give loans to communities so that they can start a business that generates income that is used to open a school for their children.

It is my honor to partner with you and with families to bring free, full lives to children. Last summer was a whirlwind as we helped people fleeing ISIS-controlled neighborhoods in Mosul, and last fall we were on the banks of the Naf river meeting Rohingya refugees fleeing violence. In both those places and in every situation, you were there too, and I am so grateful you were with us.

Your brother,



Steve Gumaer

President, Partners Relief & Development

Key Figures.



- Raised **\$3.25 million**
- Funded **30 projects**
- Assisted **419,119** people in **5 countries**





EMERGENCY RELIEF.



Because help in times of crisis gives hope and saves lives, we provide emergency and short-term provision of food, shelter materials, and basic survival necessities for children, their families, and communities during times of acute crisis. Emergency relief is essential when war or social breakdown occurs and leaves children vulnerable to suffering and exploitation.

It's why our supporters quickly responded to the massive displacement of Rohingya from Myanmar, delivering tarps to give them shelter from the weather and medicine for the sick; and why they were there to meet families newly liberated from ISIS in Mosul with food and clean water.

Highlights.

99,247

People in Myanmar provided with emergency relief.

11,900

Refugees in Bangladesh treated by locally trained Rohingya.

39,450

Liters of clean water given to families fleeing ISIS in Iraq.

2,035

Food parcels delivered to war affected families in Syria.

2,416

Tarps distributed to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Relief in Action.

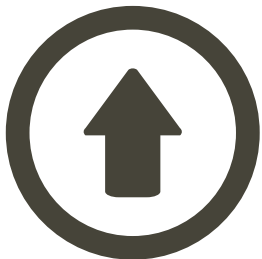
"You don't know how strong you are until you are in a situation where you need to be that strong," Mateenah*, the baby's mother shared. Forced to flee an attack on her village, she found herself delivering her baby in the jungle as thousands of other Rohingya fled to Bangladesh. Now faced with an uncertain future in a refugee camp where basic resources are scarce, you've brought hope to thousands like her with food, clean water, shelter, blankets and medical care.

*name changed to protect identity





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.



Because helping a family solve their own struggles gives freedom, Partners works to enable families to provide for themselves by initiating agricultural, animal husbandry and cottage industry projects for sustainable livelihood. By helping communities and families help themselves, we invest in the basic daily needs of children affected by conflict and oppression. Additionally, access to healthcare is a primary component of a child's future. That's why we train medics, equip clinics, assist hospitals, and run community health care programs: so that every child can live a healthy life.

Highlights.

134

Health workers trained to improve health care.

236

People trained in sustainable agricultural practices.

42

Migrants trained in sewing skills.

68

Sustainable schools operating.

180

Chickens supplied for food and income in Iraq.

Development in Action.

When Saw Swe Mue Hair heard about a training opportunity at Eden Development Farm, he knew he had to attend. There participants are trained in modern, sustainable farming techniques that improve crop yields and reduce dependence on harmful and expensive chemicals. "Now I will go back home and implement the information that I was taught from the training", he shares. "Through you, we have learned to live sustainably."





STRENGTHENING FAMILIES.



Because children in healthy and financially-secure families are less likely to be trafficked, we endeavor to strengthen families and provide safe nurturing environments for children to grow, through school attendance and the development of church and social institutions. When families are involved in these, we see a drop in the number of children sold, kidnapped, or otherwise trafficked into prostitution and slavery each year.

Highlights.

551

Refugee students given care to be able to attend school.

652

Students trained through SEED migrant learning center.

889

Orphans provided with after school care in Syria.

433

Community support volunteers working in Kachin IDP camps.

189

Migrant families provided with immunization support.

Strong Families in Action.

Su Boo Ko, already having escaped an attack by the Myanmar Army as a child, was facing the prospect of being unable to go to high school due to his family's financial hardship. That is until he heard about the community-based homes you support, which provide students from smaller villages with accommodation that enables them to go to a local school. "I can simply focus on my school and do my best in studying, rather than doing that and working to support the family."





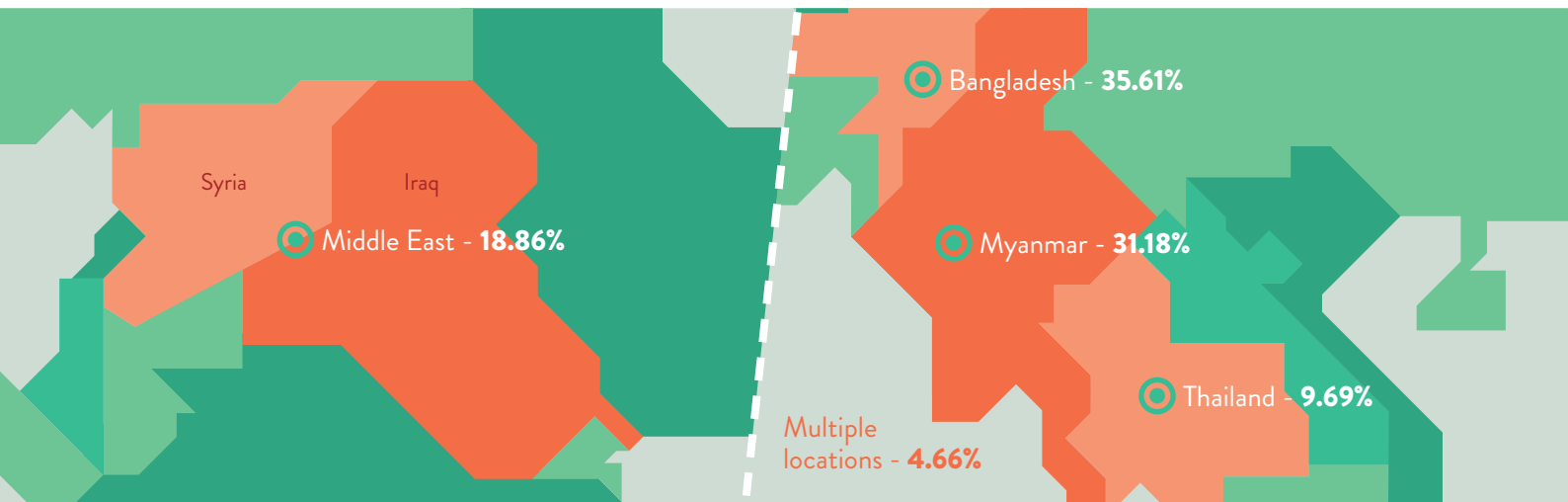
More. Together.

Partners Relief & Development is a registered charity in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States, and in 2017 we worked in Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Iraq and Syria. We are more creative, more diverse, and more effective together, and this report represents our combined efforts.

WHERE OUR SUPPORT COMES FROM.



WHERE OUR SUPPORT GOES.





Giving Tuesday.

Every year we're blown away with the generosity shown around the world on Giving Tuesday and this year was no exception. You helped us smash through our goal to fund some of our most important yet critically underfunded projects, like our early childhood education program. Now these kids growing up in villages once impacted by conflict will get a head start at their education, making sure their future looks even brighter.

Partners For Change.

Amazing. Consistent. Visionary. That's how we describe this special community of monthly supporters who have committed to fuel our vision of free, full lives for children affected by conflict and oppression. Thanks for standing with us for the long haul!



Rebuilding After ISIS.

During their campaign of terror, ISIS destroyed a number of schools around Raqqa in Syria. But because children shouldn't be kept from getting an education, you equipped our local partners with everything they needed to rebuild one of these schools. Today, 400 students are back in class. One of these kids, who just survived ISIS occupation of their city, might be a geneticist or an ER doctor or a pathologist someday. This is such hopeful justice, and you made it happen.



Our team is a picture of what it means to be the Body of Christ: some are the feet that go and some are the brain that creates and some are the mouth that speaks. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love (Ephesians 4:16). And so we are, with God as our head.

US Board Members.

Chris Jennings

Steve Gumaer

Mikki Bateman

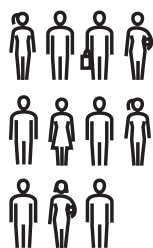
Gregg Prickett

Tracey Hall



**In
2017.**

International Staff.



11

International Field Staff.



23

National Field Staff.



27

Volunteers.



20

Visiting Teams.



20

Financial Statement of Activities.

Total Income: \$3,255,275

Expenses:

Program Support – \$2,643,620

Resource Development - \$381,518

Management/General - \$175,725

Total Expenses: \$3,200,863

Balance of Funds: \$54,412





BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES.

Program Support - 83%

Resource Development - 12%

Management / General - 5%

Statement on Best Practices from VP of Administration, Maureen Beighey.

As a promise to our community of supporters we want to make sure you know that:

- We comply with all legal procedures required of non-profit organizations in the United States.
- Our board of directors ensures compliance by reviewing and monitoring financial statements and policies and procedures as well as providing oversight to the President.
- We belong to the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA) which requires the organization to adhere to high standards of transparency.
- Our financial reports are made available for public inspection on our website or by request via email: (maureen.beighey@partners.ngo).
- We are continually monitored and rated by Charity Navigator, an independent charity monitor that reviews our government form 990 each year and provides a rating based on several key indicators of financial health and accountability.
- All information provided by our supporters is kept confidential and secure.



Frequently

Q. Where are your headquarters?

A. Our headquarters are in the United States, with offices in Michigan and Colorado. We have field offices in Thailand and Iraq and country offices in Canada, Norway, UK and Australia.

Q. Why is there a Partners USA, Partners Canada, Partners Norway, Partners NZ, Partners UK, and Partners Australia, and what is the difference between them?

A. Partners Relief & Development organized as a charity in the United States in 2001. Volunteers from around the world came to help in the work that we were doing in Thailand and Myanmar. Those volunteers were inspired to return to their home countries and begin raising funds for the mission. That developed into the organizations of Partners USA, Canada, Norway, NZ, UK and Australia.

Q. Is Partners Relief & Development a religious organization?

A. Yes. Partners Relief & Development is a small, grassroots, Christian organization. Because Jesus laid down His life for us, we are propelled to love others in areas of active conflict with actions and in truth (1 John 3:16-18) so that they might live free, full lives. You can read here how we live out this mission with integrity.

Q. Do you spread the Gospel?

A. That's a short question that demands a long answer, but here is a brief summary of how we operate: We are a Christian organization, and our work is our response to God's deep love for us. Our faith inspires us and motivates everything we do, and more than anything, we want people to share the Gospel. When we give a cup of cold water to a

Asked Questions.

child, we are spreading the Gospel. When we tend to the sick, we are spreading the Gospel. When we tell stories of Jesus and his great love for us, we are spreading the Gospel. So yes, we spread the Gospel.

Q. Do you require people to hear the Gospel or to believe before or while receiving help from Partners?

A. Believing in Jesus is never a prerequisite to receiving assistance or love from us. We are signatories of the Principles of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Response Programs. This voluntary code of conduct establishes clear ethical standards by which we monitor our relief delivery. You can download a copy from our website.

Q. Do you actively work to reduce people's dependence on your help?

A. Absolutely. Our hope and goal is to make ourselves obsolete! We have helped launch businesses that support education in over 60 communities since 2013 and in 2018 will launch community-owned business to support schools in 10-13 new communities. In 2017 we gave community members materials they used to rebuild a school in Syria with plans to rebuild more schools and health clinics there in 2018.

Q. What opportunities do you have for people to see and experience the work you do?

A. We regularly take people on trips so they can experience for themselves why we do what we do. Please email getinvolved@partners.ngo if you would like to go on a trip, and we will work with you to create an experience that meets your needs.

Q. When I make a donation, where does my money actually go?

A. If you have designated your donation to a specific region or project, then 85% of your donation goes to that designation and 15% goes to administrative costs. Having said that, Partners Relief & Development, with the full oversight of our Board of Directors, reserves the right to use your donation "where needed most" as needs in conflict zones where we live and work are fluid and can change rapidly.

Q. For a charity that is operated overseas, 15% doesn't seem sufficient to cover all administrative costs.

A. Our administrative budget is limited to staff and office in our U.S. headquarters. Following standard industry practices, all staff, projects, and office costs overseas fall under our program costs.

Q. Are there any costs you don't track?

A. No. Every dollar we spend is accounted for, which you can see by reading our annual IRS 990 filings, available on the finances page at www.partners.ngo

Q. Are you audited regularly?

A. We are audited by an independent, third-party auditor, annually, and our annual report is published after our audit by the IRS. Additionally, Charity Navigator awarded us 3/4 stars for 2016, the most recent year for which they have data, at the time of this writing.



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