



THE
GLOBAL
orphan
PROJECT

2021 IMPACT REPORT

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“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

-James 1:27

FROM JOE'S DESK

Dear friends,

A global network is rising to bring the love of Jesus to His most vulnerable children. This hope isn't manifesting from the people and groups in high places; but rather in low, indigenous, and unseen places – places that you make possible as anonymous angel investors.

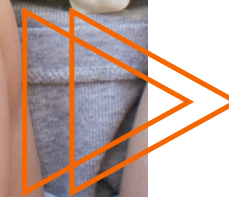
As you'll discover in this impact report, God is writing beautiful stories – on an ongoing daily basis – through the nonstop, sacrificial work of our local church partners all across the globe. Together, we're empowering neighbors to care for neighbors, to be the heroes to their own children and communities, so that kids receive the safety, support, and love they need to reach their full potential.

Thank you for opening your heart to orphaned and vulnerable children and engaging in our mission to break the orphan cycle.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Knittig".

Joe Knittig, CEO



GLOBAL VISION | LOCAL CARE

Every child belongs in a safe, loving family that is supported by their local church and surrounding community. That's why our ministry works through a global network of partners whom we come alongside and empower to intercede for the hundreds of millions of children living as orphans. So when adversity threatens to break a family apart, an ecosystem of care is nearby, right in the community, ready to help.

International Ministry:

23,744
children served

\$4,162,109
economic impact

Domestic Ministry:

34,446
children served

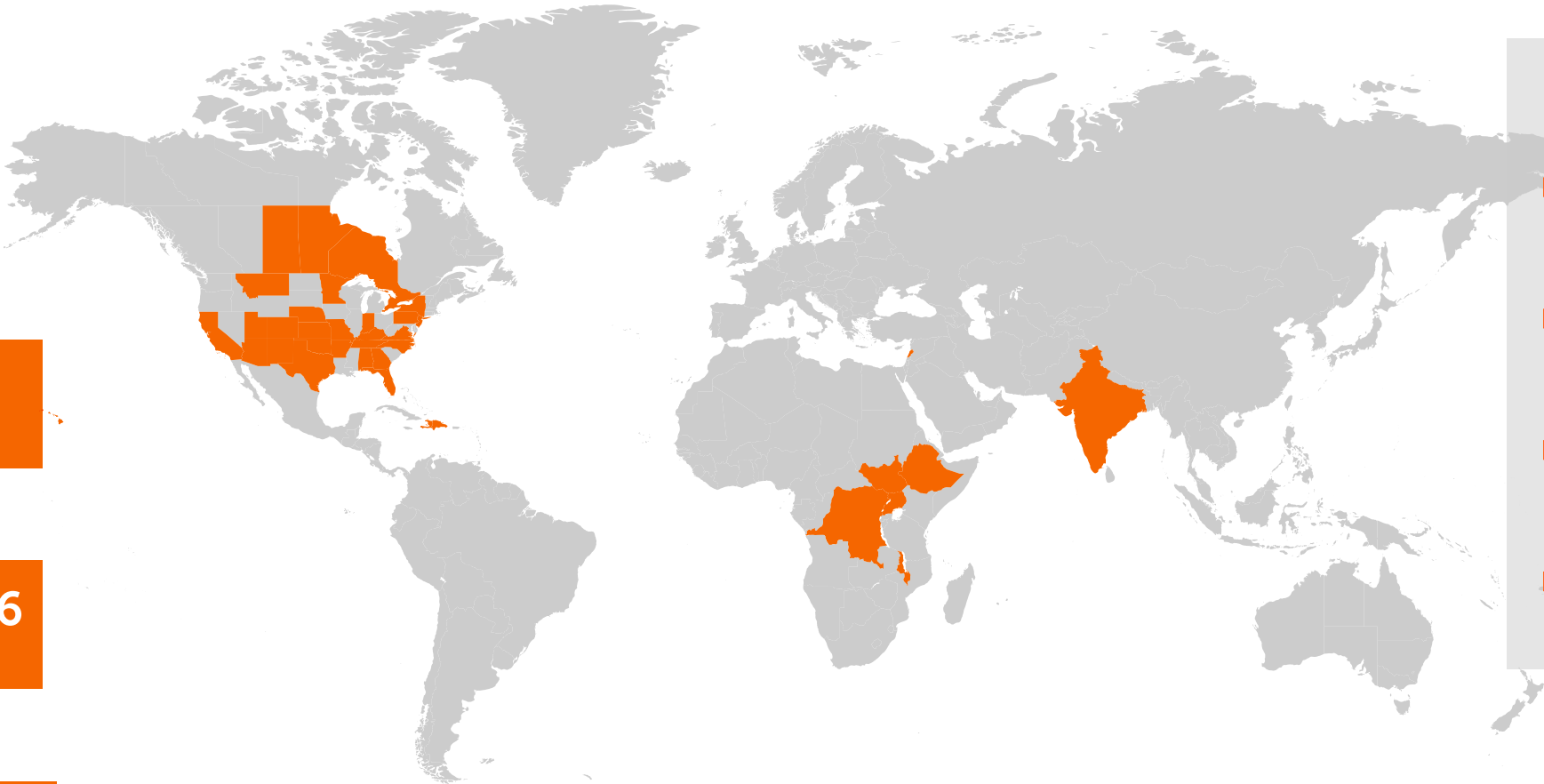
\$12,638,926
economic impact

Marketplace Ministry:

101
jobs supported

\$2 million+
in apparel sales

*All data in this report is from January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021



56,190
children served
in **28** states and **11** countries

We equip local churches and the surrounding community to:

- ▶ Strengthen vulnerable families with the resources and relationships they need to stay together
- ▶ Create sustainable and dignified jobs that liberate families from generational poverty
- ▶ Provide family-style care for kids that reduces the need for group homes and orphanages
- ▶ Prepare youth who are aging out of care for the responsibilities of adulthood

Together, through every child who is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential, we are realizing our mission of **breaking the orphan cycle through the power of community, commerce, and the love of Jesus.**



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

One year after the COVID-19 pandemic began, our international ministry nearly doubled the total number of kids we serve in Haiti, Africa, India, and the Middle East. Thousands more children received orphan prevention services focused on strengthening families with resources, relationships, livable wages, and more to keep them safely together.



In Africa and across Haiti, our partners are bringing renewed hope and strength to families through our Father’s Family program. Parents are learning vital skills such as financial management, relationship building, job skills, and more while gaining spiritual healing to help them overcome difficult adversity. Currently, more than 3,500 African and 200 Haitian families are participating in the program.



22,417
children remained safely with their family after receiving prevention services

Another major problem impacting families all over the world is poverty. Earning a livable wage is essential for parents to care for their children and keep their family safely together. Our marketplace ministry, GOEX Apparel, is tackling this issue in a creative and sustainable way, to liberate workers from poverty and empower families to care for their kids. [Read more on pg. 12]

HOPE FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES IN AFRICA

In northeastern Congo, rebel groups have caused thousands of people to flee to the town of Bunia. Because these people are internally displaced, the United Nations is unable to help them as they would refugees who are displaced into another country. They still have rights as citizens of the country; however, they receive very little support.

Together with our local partner, the Bishop of the Diocese of Boga, we’ve taken action for these internally displaced people (IDPs) and their children begging for help in the streets, led by a passage from Jeremiah 29:

“This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

-Jeremiah 29:4-7

In the midst of a global pandemic, we used Zoom to train the social workers working with the Church in Bunia in the principles of Father’s Family, praying that this program could empower IDPs to succeed in their new home. So many families had fled with nothing, making the process of empowering a challenge. But over time, the participants identified their goals as well as a plan to achieve them. Many families found ways to buy chickens or goats that they could use to make an income. One couple started a small business selling goods at a local stand, a goal they didn’t believe could be possible for them.

God is writing beautiful stories for these families who have experienced unimaginable trauma. Today, the kids in Bunia no longer have to beg in the streets. They have supported, loving, and thriving families who can provide for their needs in this new home.



LOCAL, FAMILY-STYLE CARE

While the majority of our work is proactively focused on prevention and family wellbeing, our partners are also ready to help when family breakdown cannot be avoided. Our holistic model of orphan care equips our church partners in Haiti, India, and Africa to provide family-style care for kids, reducing the need for group homes and orphanages.

By recruiting and training kinship and foster families, children get to remain close to their family and home community with caring adults who can support their healthy physical, mental, behavioral, and social development.

1,141

children received safe, nurturing care from a foster family, kinship placement, or residential setting

PREPARING YOUTH FOR ADULTHOOD

Youth who are aging out of orphan care need guidance to prepare them for the responsibilities of adulthood. Our GO Transition Academy is a two-year discipleship, life skills, and vocational-technical program that equips teenagers to become independent, thriving adults.

Due to rising gang violence, our academy in Haiti had to be relocated to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Despite many tough circumstances, all 53 students from our 2020-21 class passed the challenging INFP exam and graduated from the program.

186

youth received transition support to prepare them for adulthood

*"The experience at **GO Transition Academy** has allowed me to think differently and to be independent. I'm able to take care of myself and I'm going to do my best to give back using **all the knowledge I have gained.**"*

-Vincent Claudine,
GO Transition Academy Graduate

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE: THE POWER OF LOCALISM

On the morning of Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwestern part of Haiti, hitting the town of Les Cayes the hardest. Just two days later, Tropical Storm Grace arrived, dumping torrential rains with strong winds on the already hurting people in the most devastated areas.

Uncontrollable disasters like this are just one of the many reasons why our GO Haiti team is comprised of 100% Haitian leaders and a network of 100% Haitian church partners and friends. This pre-existing, highly relational, uber local care network is the reason why tarps, food, water, and other essentials were distributed within 48 hours of the earth shaking, reaching the seven communities in and around Les Cayes with whom we have a shared responsibility for children, before Grace could hit.

In the aftermath, we thank God that none of the lives of the children and parents we serve were lost. But the recovery from the damage done to their hearts, minds, emotions, homes, schools, and churches continues to this day.

We thank you, our ministry friends and family, for offering prayers and generous support when it was needed the most. Your desire to be unseen angels is the reason that these courageous and highly capable church leaders and families can be heroes to their own children.



14 tons of food, tarps, and supplies delivered via multiple flights



30 additional tons of food delivered via truck



0 children and church partners injured or lost their life



CREATING CONNECTIONS TO CARE

Using our technology platform **CarePortal**, churches with both plentiful and limited resources are being connected to a vast network of people who can help meet the needs of vulnerable children and families in real-time. In July, our ministry celebrated an incredible milestone: over **100,000 kids and counting** have been served by churches and community members nationwide through CarePortal!

As the platform expands into new places across the country, we gain more and more traction in the church-to-child movement. By meeting needs that ensure safety, support, and love for a child, the global church can truly love their neighbor and show them the love of Jesus.

EQUITY FOR ALL

In 2021, we launched the We ARE (Achieving Racial Equity) initiative to address the disproportionate number of Black children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to unintentional neglect related to poverty. The expansion of CarePortal will focus on counties where the majority of children are entering the system and where needs are most urgent.

► Learn more and join the movement at careportal.org/weare



14,481

requests met

867

new churches activated

CarePortal

How it Works



SWEET DREAMS FOR BOYS REUNITED WITH MOM

Two boys in LA County are sleeping comfortably and safely at home, back in their mother's care, thanks to several generous members of their community.

Through her own hard work, this single mom was able to reunite with her sons, ages 9 and 3, less than one year after they had been removed from the home and placed with a relative. During a home visit to see how the family was settling in, the social worker noticed that the boys' beds were getting too small for their growing bodies. Purchasing new beds would be a challenge, so the social worker shared the need in CarePortal. Multiple churches as well as a community movement group responded that they could help provide the two twin bed frames, mattresses, and sheets that were needed.

One of the churches took the lead in gathering and delivering all of the items, and mom was very welcoming of this support and connection since she had grown up going to church. Meeting this need not only prevented these boys from re-entering foster care, it enabled mom to save some money and move the family into a new housing program that will provide long-term stability. Mom and her sons are settling back into life as a family knowing that a caring community is behind them, ready to help them succeed.



LIBERATION FROM POVERTY

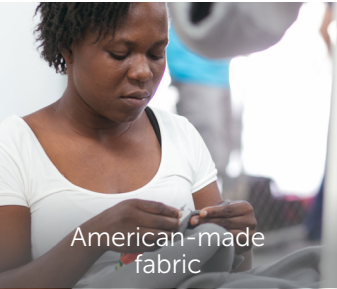
Worldwide, there are hundreds of millions of people living in poverty. Parents who are making less than or no livable wage are struggling to provide for their families and having to make difficult decisions in order to survive.

Haiti is among the poorest countries in the world, with more than half its population living below the poverty line. It's here that our marketplace ministry, **GOEX Apparel**, was created to liberate workers from poverty and empower families to care for their kids through sustainable, dignified, and fair-wage jobs.

The ongoing pandemic, supply chain issues, political unrest, and an earthquake did their best to disrupt our operations this year. However, our sales increased and we were able to hire 14 more employees in Haiti and 4 more in Kansas City.

We can't thank our clients enough for supporting GOEX through a challenging yet rewarding year. So much great work is being done to grow the business and we look forward to building on exciting opportunities to connect more customers to the people who create their garments.

EMPLOYEES
85 in Haiti **18** in Kansas City



FASHION AND PHILANTHROPY

Our 2021 Advocate of the Year was honored for her unique and inspiring approach to advocating for the vulnerable children and families that we serve. Kansas City businesswoman Elle Steadman partners with GOEX Apparel to design and print several of the fashionable t-shirts sold at her boutique, Pink Dinosaur. Learning about how a livable wage empowers parents to provide for their children and keep their family together is what moved Elle to want to get involved. "Elle stepped up at just the right time," says Beth Fox, co-founder of GO Project. "She has helped Haitian workers keep their jobs so they could put food on the table and keep their families together. She is a true difference-maker in so many lives."

Congratulations Elle and thank you to all of our advocates who have embraced our mission and made it their own!



OUR 100% COMMITMENT

When you give to The Global Orphan Project, **every penny of your donation goes to care for kids.** That's because 100% of our administrative overhead and fundraising expenses are covered by an anonymous group of generous donors.

YOUR GIFT GOES TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST TO PROVIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH THINGS LIKE:

- ▶ 24-HOUR SAFE, LOVING CARE
- ▶ NUTRITIOUS FOOD & CLEAN WATER
- ▶ MEANINGFUL CONNECTION
- ▶ MEDICAL CARE
- ▶ KINSHIP & FOSTER FAMILY SUPPORT
- ▶ VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- ▶ STABILITY & STRENGTH
- ▶ LIVABLE WAGE JOBS
- ▶ VITAL RESOURCES
- ▶ SAFE HOUSING
- ▶ EDUCATION
- ▶ SPIRITUAL HEALING

THE GLOBAL ORPHAN PROJECT CONSISTENTLY ACHIEVES THE HIGHEST RATING FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH AND TRANSPARENCY AMONG CHARITY ASSESSMENT GROUPS.



Audited financials and 990 documents can be found on our website.



TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THANK YOU for being part of a global community that is caring for orphaned and vulnerable children. Invite your friends and family to join you in the way that is right for them:

- Donate** Give a one time or monthly gift | goproject.org/give
- Respond** Sign up to meet needs for kids and families in crisis | careportal.org
- Attend** Join us at a local event as a sponsor, volunteer, or friend | goproject.org/events
- Shop** Purchase custom, sustainable apparel that empowers families | goexapparel.com
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