

***...Even in Hard Times,
God's Grace Keeps Flowing to Us and Through Us...***

*"The Lord will guide you continually,
giving you water when you are dry
and restoring your strength.
You will be like a well-watered garden,
like an ever-flowing spring."*

Isaiah 58:11 NLT



2020 Annual Report

*Impacting the Nations for Christ by Strengthening
Ministry Leaders through Hosted Places of Care.*

A Message From Our Executive Director...



2020 was a year like no other, filled with more challenges than we've faced in our 17 years of providing Christian leader care! Yet, in spite of this, we experienced God's grace, love, and power flowing into and through Life Impact in so many wonderful ways - "like an ever-flowing spring." (Isaiah 58:11).

Looking back on last year, there's so much good to celebrate—especially how our Oasis Staff and committed Partners, like you, rose to meet these challenges.

Generosity Flowed to Life Impact Through You! You supported our caring Staff all year. And at our year-end fundraising event, FLOW, you gave beyond our expectations! Our goal was \$45,000 to move us forward into 2021. You gave \$56,800!

Care Also Flowed through Life Impact Staff to the Nations! 2020 magnified how vital preventive care is for Christian workers. They faced deep, inner tensions; less mobility; financial pressures; sickness; undesired isolation, and tumultuous ministry shift. Talk about stress!

Fortunately, our Staff adjusted quickly to this new reality and offered care services through digital means. So our work continued, even though visits to Oases for face-to-face care were limited.

One of our Oasis Staff couples, Nathan and Tricia LaGrange, contracted the virus and recovered. Yet God used even that to provide care for others. How?

A missionary couple arriving in the USA on home leave from Southern Europe, landed on their doorstep in Indianapolis coughing and wheezing. Their positive Covid test mandated quarantine - at the LaGrange house! All planned deputation was cancelled as the couple recovered.

But God's plans were perfect as usual. Because Nathan and Tricia had built up immunity, their love and care could flow to this missionary couple now in need of help. God chose the perfect Oasis Hosts to provide care for this precious couple.

This 2020 Annual Report shows how our ministry ebbed and flowed with the challenges. And it highlights a new initiative to the nations we invite you to join us for in 2021 and beyond.

Thanks again for flowing with us through a very difficult year!

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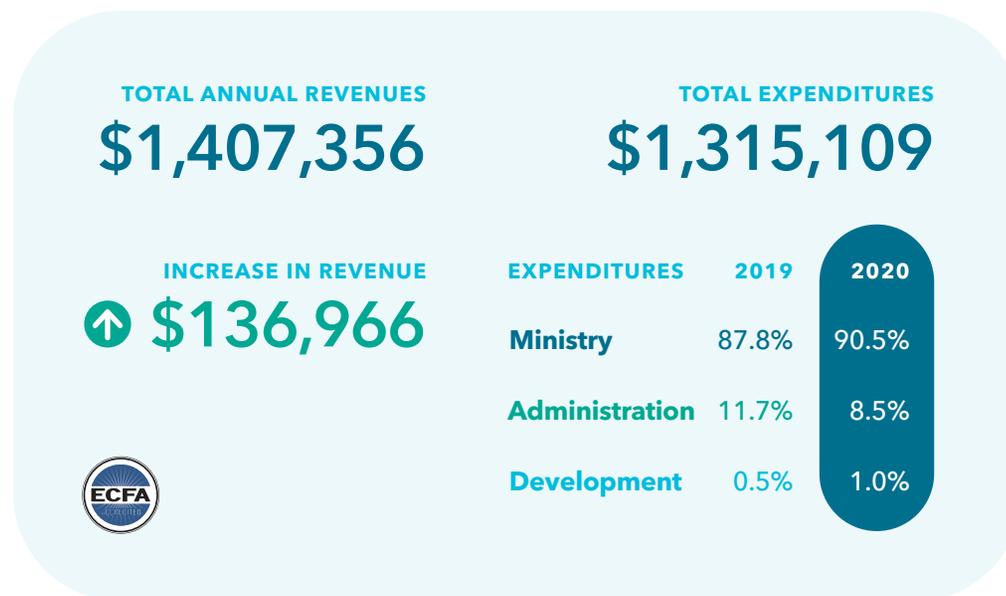
David Knauss
Executive Director, Life Impact

In 2020, You Impacted the Nations as Resources Flowed into Life Impact...

How did Life Impact do overall in 2020 despite global challenges?

As Staff numbers remained steady, our financial position remained stable and actually improved over 2019, thanks to increased support and engagement from individuals, churches, foundations and Board members.

Here are the 2020 Funding Highlights:



“ During Covid-19, our ministry has continued to expand. Leaders all over the world are reaching out to us saying, ‘Our common friends said we should talk with you, so we’re reaching out for some encouragement.’ It’s been humbling and fruitful. Almost 40 years have elapsed since God called us into “full-time ministry” as teens. We never anticipated the privilege we’d have to come alongside global mission leaders on every continent!

–USA OASIS STAFF

“ We had a great time these past few days at your Oasis. Everything from your kindness, hospitality, openness in every session, meals, and conversation made us feel so loved, served, and cared for. We could see God in your lives and experience Him through you. We are so grateful and we appreciate every detail, every prayer, and for providing an environment that led us to pause, rest, process, relax and just be still before our Heavenly Father.

–MISSIONARY GUEST

In 2020, Our Staff Adapted Ministry to Flow to the Nations...

When our Oasis Staff realized how lockdowns and travel restrictions would seriously curtail guest stays, we sought the Lord for ministry creativity. We adapted our approach, and our care for Christian workers not only continued, but expanded online. Ministry leaders needed a caring person with a listening ear to help them process their challenges!

Our ministry highlights from 2020 show the success of our approach and extent of our reach in 2020.

Not surprisingly, our distance care online added 644 hours to our ministry output over 2019.

<p>OASES MINISTERING</p> <p>16 In 7 Countries: USA, Canada, Slovakia, Greece, Italy, Middle East, and Costa Rica.</p>	<p>OUR TOTAL STAFF 43</p> <p>In Ministry 29</p> <p>In Prep 8</p> <p>In Operations 6</p>
<p>MINISTRY LEADERS SERVED FROM</p> <p>69 Nations</p>	
<p>GUEST DAYS IN OASES</p> <p>804 Days</p>	<p>CARE HOURS</p> <p>In Oasis 1,339</p> <p>Via Zoom 2,202</p> <p>In Churches 580</p> <p>At Conferences 775</p>
<p>PEOPLE CARED FOR</p> <p>Ministry Leaders 967</p> <p>Children 135</p>	

Mission

We exist to impact all nations for Christ by strengthening the vitality of ministry leaders through hosted places of skilled personalized care.

Vision

To be a premier global provider of hosted places of rest and preventive care for ministry leaders.

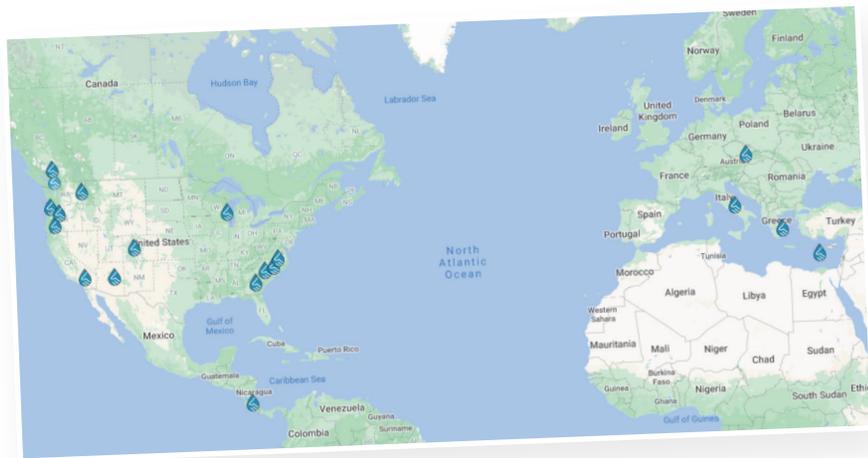
// The travel restrictions have led to a new focus on virtual debriefing retreats, and we were able to help people who serve in the Middle East, Indonesia, and Chechnya. We just said 'goodbye' to our first in-person Oasis guests with us for two weeks and welcomed another set of guests today.

-INTERNATIONAL OASIS HOSTS

In 2020, Christian Leader Care Flowed from Here...

From the statistics, you saw how our Oasis Hosts worked hard last year strengthening Christian workers in spite of the circumstances. The map below shows where our Oases are located.

We are a global care organization with plans to expand into more nations as the Spirit directs.



To There...

Just think—every Christian worker, cared for in an Oasis, returns to their field and more strongly impacts sectors of that society. Imagine how many heard the Gospel, received a Bible, saw the Jesus film, got a bag of rice, or were disciplined from an Oasis Guest returning to their location after an LI care visit.

This colored map helps visualize the actual geographical impact of just one Oasis over its six years of providing care.



Visualize how your investment in Life Impact has an exponential impact around the globe. Last year alone our sixteen Oases strengthened Christian work being done in 69 nations. By joining together, we have a global Kingdom impact each and every day!

Thank you for your Partnership!

Training & Care Flowed to Our Global Staff...

Our Oasis Hosts work hard to keep Christian workers strong and we are equally committed to keeping our Oasis Staff strong. Our Oasis Hosts are not 'super-people,' but human givers of care, each with our own strengths and weaknesses.

Regular visits to our Staff provide connection, processing, encouragement, accountability, and a listening ear for their issues, crises, and stressors.

Although travel was limited in 2020, the LI Operations Team safely visited these Oasis Hosts.

Oasis Staff Visited in 2020



Craig & Theresa Bowen
Every Generation Farm Oasis
South Carolina, USA



Harold & Kimmy Otterlei
Kerith Springs Oasis
Oregon, USA



Britt Burbridge
Oasis of Peace
Colorado, USA



Sheri Dugan
Oasis of Peace
Colorado, USA



Dan & Diana Czech
Great Lakes Oasis
Wisconsin, USA



Aaron & Bobbie Howley
Sacred Space Oasis
South Carolina, USA



Jon & Candice Rowe
Los Lagos Oasis
Costa Rica



Nathan & Tricia
LaGrange
Georgia, USA

"In the midst of the care ministry which is often very tiring, these care visits breathe energy back into us and what we do. The visits provide a safe relationship in which we can be vulnerable with our needs, gain perspective in our lives, and feel more supported, valued and motivated at the end. These visits are truly 'game changers' in our lives and ministry as LI leaders take the time to see what we're doing, and can express how much they believe in us and our work.

—MARK & PAM TAFT, OASIS HOSTS

Out of this time with our hosts, we expect them to be more clearly focused in their work; more confident in their plans; and more encouraged to press on with leader care in their local areas and beyond in these difficult times.

We'll continue our Staff care visits into 2021.



Mark & Pam Taft
Bethesda House Oasis
North Carolina, USA



Sam Button
Still Waters Oasis
Oregon, USA

In 2021, Care Will Flow in Canada through the Wellspring Oasis...

Missionaries head for their fields with enthusiasm, joy, and commitment. Then missionary life happens. Challenges, crises and sad events dampen enthusiasm, steal joy, and test their commitment. Yet experiencing these crises is what qualifies potential Oasis Hosts to excel in Life Impact's ministry of care.

Such is the case with Jim and Marilou Nightingale from Vanderhoof, British Columbia who will establish the Wellspring Oasis to provide preventive care to Canadian missionaries and pastors.

Jim and Marilou have impacted people for Jesus around the globe! They served as youth ministers, cared for rural pastors, served 3 terms as missionaries in Brazil, worked with a church in Portugal, pastored in British Columbia and led a camp in Saskatchewan.

During their first term on the field in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a city of 21 million people, their daughter, Sarah, needed a bone marrow transplant due to leukemia. Multitudes of friends prayed for this donor to show up, but that never happened. "Why God?" was their agonizing question as Sarah passed into eternity. Jim and Marilou had only their faith to take them through.

Then in their 3rd term back in Brazil to establish an adventure camp for city kids, their camp was attacked by robbers wielding guns, and Jim was almost killed. The Lord protected them as they offered to serve these ruffians supper, and shared about God's love for them. However, in the end, the house was ransacked and all their photographic equipment, computers, and musical instruments were stolen. They were bound and left in a bathroom...alive!

Through these valley experiences and some mountain top ones as well, the Nightingales sensed God's call for them to go and strengthen other Christian workers one couple, family or single at a time.



Jim & Marilou Nightingale

We're thrilled to have the Nightingales on the Team!

When their Wellspring Oasis opens, loving care will flow to Christian workers in a homestead setting, using God's nature, equine therapy and animals as part of their care regimen.

Care Will Flow into the Nations by Nationals...

Through International Partnerships and a Multi-National Care Team

Today God is leading His Church to expand rapidly from the USA and Europe into South America, Africa and Asia. Even though LI already has a 'ministry impact' among 28% of the world's nations, we want to expand as the Spirit leads us. Through partnership with others, we can bring Christian leader care into new regions of the world, creating a multi-national care team.

For 18 years, LI sent Americans to locations around the globe...Our next Thrust...

Partners Sending Nationals to Provide Care in Their Nations!

We are interested in identifying partners who will join us in establishing global Oases staffed by nationals. Working together we can more easily place care centers around the globe.

Jesus said, "I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18) In the first 1000 years of Christianity, Rome was the center. In the 2nd millennium, the West was the center. Entering the 3rd millennium, 1/3 of the world's Christian population claims no specific center. We believers are now a truly global community.

Here are our reasons for expansion with National Hosts:

- 400,000 missionaries working in the Christianized world and beyond; they need care.
- 5.5 million full-time pastors throughout the world merit preventive care.
- One Oasis placed among Hindu outreach, could care for 5,500 missionaries.
- One Oasis located within Muslim outreach, could serve 4,200 missionaries.
- Korea has 12,000 missionaries working internationally who deserve care.

We invite you to JOIN US for this new care effort to the nations!



Life Impact Accountability & Support Flow through Our Board...

Our Board members, committed to the mission of Life Impact, donate their time, energy and resources to ensure the organization functions at its highest level of integrity and that our Executive Director, Oasis Staff, and LI Stakeholders, like you, are served well.

Dan Cox, Board Chairman

Brings the deep experience of business and life coaching to the Board.

Greg Drais, Vice President

Brings his management mindset and skills to the Board.

Preston Byrd, Treasurer

Brings his CPA experience into the leadership of the Board.

David Knauss, LI Executive Director

Brings his military, missionary, and leadership experience to the Board as well as LI day-to-day operational knowledge.

Brianna Cadwell

Brings her business and counseling experience to the Board as well as a woman's perspective on the issues LI faces.

Alan Starr

Brings to the Board a deep understanding and sensitivity to the needs of foreign missionaries.

John Um

Brings his technical skills and faith journey into the mission to help Life Impact provide restorative experiences for Christian leaders.



New Members in 2020

Shannon Johnson

Shannon spent the first 12 years of her career in full-time ministry, then practiced counseling, and is now a fundraising professional for Christian higher education. She finds it compelling to have so many passions and life experiences come together as a Life Impact Board member. She and her husband, Michael, are raising 3 children. Together they love sports and family adventures, and live in Vancouver, Washington.



Brian Sunderland

Married and father of two, Brian Sunderland (JD, George Mason) lives near Portland, Oregon. He is the founder and Executive Director of a nonprofit that helps thousands of individuals each year who struggle with financial adversity. These efforts push back against the darkness and advance God's Kingdom, and are Brian's basis for serving on the Board of Life Impact.

Life Impact received 501(c)(3) status in 2003, and became a qualified member of the ECFA in 2016. Contact Life Impact: **(541) 550-3732** or **info@lifeimpact.care**

