

2018 Financial Summary

Local Partners	\$113,045
Global Partners	\$55,424
Special Projects	\$32,104

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2019 Mission Trips

June 7—Comfort Foundation in Vologda, Russia
 July 28—El Centro Integral Orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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MISSION MINISTRY 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to the generosity of our Covenant Partners, Mission Ministry was able to financially support our Mission Partners throughout 2018. We were also able to go above and beyond to fund additional specific needs.

Financial support was provided each month to our Local and Global Mission Partners which contributed to the sustainability of the organizations to help those in need. In addition to *monthly* financial support of our Mission Partners, we were able to provide funding for Special Projects that arose during the year:

- † Comfort Foundation—a generous donation was made in honor of their 20th year anniversary
- † El Centro Integral—support for one year of college for seven young women
- † Freedom School—new flooring in K-2 classrooms
- † Haven of Grace—mattresses in all 10 resident rooms and couches for 7 transitional apartments
- † Isaiah 58 Ministries—equipment needed in food pantry and supplies for Back-to-School Fair
- † Oasis International Ministries—roofing, foundation and tuckpointing for refugee home program



One-time donations were made to organizations that are doing God's work around the world:

- † Be A Positive Light—informational materials for teen suicide prevention
- † Marion Medical Mission—funding for water wells in Africa
- † Operation Christmas Child—shipping cost for 100 shoeboxes and discipleship curriculum for 300 children
- † World Vision—backpacks for children in Syria

While financial support is vital to the success of our Mission Partners, relationships are equally important. Here are some ways that Bonhomme served and continues to build relationships in our area and around the world:

- † Day of Service (May & September)—volunteers repaired and painted bookcases and playground equipment and performed light landscaping at The Freedom School. Others served at Restore St. Louis and prepared homemade meals for Bonhomme Meal Ministry. Extensive yard work was performed for a couple Covenant Partners and residents in Chesterfield.
- † El Centro Integral—12 covenant partners visited El Centro in July and time was spent on crafts, devotions, small building projects, and community outreach. The team visited the local elementary school on 3 different days and performed the nativity skit for over 250 children in the community!
- † Freedom School—during the school year, several volunteers participated in the Friday Reader Program. We recruited six more readers this year! Volunteers also donated time to tutoring students on a weekly basis.
- † Haven of Grace—volunteers provided childcare in the spring so moms could attend a self-improvement workshop. We had several teens and adults volunteer for the fall date but due to power outage the event was canceled.
- † Oasis International Ministries—volunteers taught English Language Learning classes, provided administrative support, hosted baby showers and provided childcare.



Local Mission Partners

Serving those in need in our own backyard



Bethany Christian Services: We provided financial support for *Safe Families for Children* which is a program that seeks to provide host families for children who are in need of care and a place to stay while their parent deals with a crisis. We also began a monthly diaper and baby wipes drive for Bethany.

Freedom School: Friday Readers go to the school for two hours to read with children from Preschool through 2nd grade. We recruited approximately 8 new readers. Some of the Friday Readers also serve as tutors for some of the children during the week. Freedom School was so grateful to Bonhomme & Mission Ministry for funding new carpeting that was installed in three classrooms during Christmas break.

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis: Due to weather conditions, Bonhomme wasn't able to participate in build dates but hope to in 2019. Habitat moved its headquarters into a new building.

Haven of Grace: Several covenant partners volunteered at The Haven for the first time. Adult Ministry folks delivered food to residents that was left-over from an event. We facilitated the connection with RiverTree to put up Christmas decorations for the second year in a row.

Inside Out Prison Ministry: A ministry of Restore St. Louis that began training four inmates to take up the role of pastors by preaching and modeling the Gospel while in the St Louis County jail. Bonhomme members wrote letters of encouragement to inmates.

Isaiah 58 Ministries: In July, Bonhomme provided over 600 folders for the Back-to-School event and sponsored a "Get Healthy, Get Active" booth that provided healthy snacks along with balls, jump ropes, hula hoops and other games for children to stay active. In the fall, some much needed renovations occurred in the food pantry allowing the ministry to move to a "choice" pantry. After over 40 years of providing pre-packed bags to clients in need, they are now able to choose all the food they receive based on their families wants and needs. These renovations were made possible in part, through Bonhomme's Tipping Point Grant. Isaiah 58 also celebrated 25 years of the Buy-A-Bird campaign to raise funds for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for people in need. Bonhomme was a strong supporter of this campaign. Bonhomme's monthly collections of food and clothing are so greatly appreciated as between 600 and 900 families are served each month.

Oasis International Ministries: Helps refugees who come to St. Louis by providing furniture, English classes, driving lessons, baby showers, citizenship classes and much more. Most of all, Oasis offers a warm welcome in the name of Jesus. Refugees have become Christians because of the genuine friendship and love of Jesus that has been poured into them on a consistent basis. Bonhomme covenant partners have donated furniture, electronics, and clothing to Oasis. Some taught English while others hosted baby showers or volunteered at the front desk, providing administrative support and a friendly welcome to newcomers. Oasis is thankful for the many ways in which Bonhomme covenant partners have reached out to the refugees in our city.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services: Offers residential treatment, therapeutic mentoring, transitional living, family solutions for kids and foster care case management to 2,200 children and families throughout the State of Missouri. Covenant Partners donated to fund sidewalk repair at the Farmington facility.

Restore St. Louis: A network of ministries that includes Firm Foundation Tutoring that provided 12,480 hours of tutoring for academically at-risk immigrant children and youth in the community; Harambee Youth Training Corporation that provided free tuck-pointing worth \$216,000 to low income homeowners in the City of St. Louis. Health Connection that served 33 families speaking 7 different languages coming from 10 countries with the primary goal to get those with no health care connected to a primary care physician who can provide consistent, on-going health care. Umetulisha that provided 250,000 meals & snacks to eight different ministries and at the same time provided job training and discipleship to their workers. One was recently baptized!; and Workday where Covenant Partners completed a wheelchair ramp for an elderly widow in North St. Louis City.

"Go and make disciples
of all nations..."

Matthew 28:19-20

Global Mission Partners

Serving those in need around the world



Amor Ministries: We provided financial support for missionary Amy Mathis. She teaches children from Mexico, South Africa, and India about Jesus' love. Amor has taken action against poverty for over 30 years by providing homes for the homeless, keeping families together.

Avant Ministries: We provided financial support for the Hendry family who serve as missionaries focused on church planting in Croata, Brazil. The Hendrys began their furlough in the United States and visited Bonhomme twice. They spent their time in the States visiting family, friends and supporters. They also celebrated their 10th anniversary of serving in Brazil. The Hendrys plan to return to Brazil after their furlough ends.

Bethany Christian Services, Haiti: We provided financial support for the Picards, a family of six, participating in the Family Sponsorship Program. This program strives to keep families together by providing housing, education and job opportunities in Port-au-Prince.

Comfort Foundation, Russia: 2018 was a significant year for the Comfort Foundation, as it marked the 20th year celebration of the organization! The original concept was to visit orphaned children and share Christ's love by developing trust and caring relationships with them. Over the years it has become so much more. Currently, the CF staff in Vologda reach out and touch the lives of children in boarding schools, government-run social centers, graduates/"aged out" orphans (including young mothers and their children), children and young adults with special needs, foster families and needy families. In 2018 they served 618 individuals and have been recognized as "positive role models" from the Russian government. CF has received several awards and a recent grant to help support their work with special needs children. The staff of three in Cherepovets held regular "club" meetings for 92 children from low-income families. The staff and volunteers welcomed children, teens and 25 mothers to their headquarters where they participated in crafts, cooking lessons, reading, games and meaningful "life lesson" discussions in a wholesome, encouraging environment. These programs have been so successful that the staff has been invited to help local authorities establish similar programs in neighboring towns. There is no doubt that God is working mightily through these devoted fellow Christians.

El Centro Integral, Honduras: El Centro Integral is a Christian home for orphaned, abandoned and abused girls located on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Bonhomme has partnered with Olga and Isaac Bonilla, the couple who run the home, for over 10 years. During 2018, covenant partners and friends continued to financially sponsor all of the 25 children on a monthly basis as well as pay the salary of the house mother. Bonhomme's mission dollars were able to help the Bonillas complete some renovations to the facility which were required by the Honduran government. Seven of the girls at El Centro are currently attending the university in Tegus. In 2018 Bonhomme initiated the CHICA fund (Christ Honored In College Achievement). Donations to this fund from Mission Ministry and covenant partners will help pay the costs associated with college attendance as well as provide education in the future for the younger girls.

Global Outreach: We provided financial support for Dan & Sarah Puttcamp and their three children serving as missionaries in Costa Rica. The Puttcamps began furlough in December and visited Bonhomme during their visit to the St. Louis area. The Peevers family provided lodging for the Puttcamps during their stay. They plan to return to Costa Rica to continue serving in His name.

SEND International: We provided financial support for the Redell family of five serving as missionaries in Macedonia. In July, the Redells began a year-long furlough in the Dallas, TX area. This will be a challenge for the Redell children as this will be the first time that they will live outside Macedonia. Ron will serve as Missionary-in-Residence at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Wycliffe Bible Translators: We financially supported Paul & Barbara Thomas who are working out of Dallas, after finishing a 3 year assignment to Uganda. Paul is a consultant with OneStory (Biblical storying), while Barbara is Public Services Librarian for the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, a Wycliffe affiliate.