

# many hands

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Transforming together, to be love in action, in a broken world.

2022  
YEAR-END REVIEW

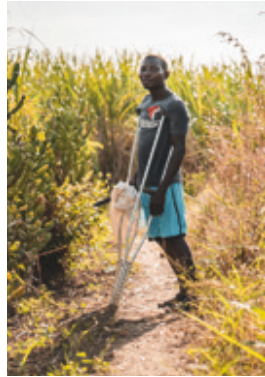


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## STRATEGICALLY BUILT TO LAST

Tim Brand, CEO and Founder



As I reflect back on 2022, I'm grateful for the way God showed up. Coming into this year, the word spoken over the organization was strategic, and I can see the hand of God moving us in unique ways. Haiti has been one of the hardest countries to work in across the world as the gang violence and overall anarchy grew deeper and darker with every passing day. Yet, God strategically moved us to bring shalom to the chaos, protecting us to continue to do ministry despite all the challenges. We stood beside our brothers and sisters in Christ, showing the power of being present in daily life. When the U.N. reports 2.9 million people in catastrophic hunger, we feed young mothers and infant children. When an average of four kidnappings happen each day, we are love in action, standing in the hard places and pointing to the good. God strategically built us to last in the most desperate of times and moved the pieces for us to continue to serve. Just look at the following numbers, and the numbers in this year-end review:

Held Concerts for Hope for **2,500** marginalized people in Central Iowa

Purchased land, installed a deepwater well, and built a meeting gazebo for the **fourth Love in Action community, Me Bèl Mèr**

**Piloted New Impact Journeys** on Abaco Island in the Bahamas

**Signed a lease for a fifth thrift store** with the location to be announced soon

**Expanded our school** by adding 4th grade, bringing the total to **167 students**

Supplied over **225,000 pounds of food**, grown or purchased from Haiti

Praise God from whom all blessings flow for these amazing accomplishments! We do this together, the givers and the doers, to be love in action in our broken world. We thank you for your generosity, allowing us to be generous to others in return. It is truly a blessing to do this work together.

Moving into 2023, the one-word God is giving us is stretch. The definition God has given us is to extend in breadth; to expand; to spread. I'm taken to the Jesus story in Matthew 12, Mark 3, and Luke 6, where he healed a man with a shriveled hand on the Sabbath. Jesus asked the man to stretch out his hand, and Jesus completely restored him. In doing so, Jesus did more than anyone thought was possible – both in the physical healing and the day he did it on, the Sabbath. This year, we've heard God say to us, "Stretch out your hand" in some very difficult situations: Places where brokenness is evident for all to shun. Places we've been told are impossible to change. But as we stand in front of the Maker of Heaven and Earth, we stretch out our brokenness for Him to perform a miracle and restore. We will expand into a new country to repair communities torn by a hurricane and left behind after COVID. We hold fast to the beliefs that all children deserve to see their fifth birthday and that all parents should have the power to make the best decisions for their families, even in dark situations.

We will be stretched this year, and we asked for you to be stretched with us. Know that the One who spoke the world into being is standing with us and will guide our way. We desire for His Kingdom to come to Earth as it is in Heaven. We are incredibly thankful for your years of steadfast generosity in prayers, volunteer time, and financial resources. Your support gives us the courage to step into unknown territory to shine a light in the darkness for those who need a new path. But our job isn't done, and neither is yours. Stretch with us in the areas God is calling you, so He can completely restore.

Be blessed,

Tim J. Brand

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a light in the darkness.**  
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# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Blessed other Iowa-based non-profits with over **\$25,000 worth of resources**

Staffed jobs for **92 Haitian people** with Many Hands, providing much-needed income

Fed over **3,000 plates of food** each day in our school feeding programs for **19 schools**

**Married 21 couples**, bringing our **total to 167**

Provided daily food, medical assistance, spiritual guidance, and educational opportunities for over **400 mothers and children under the age of 2**

**Planted 1,000 banana trees** and grew around **36,000 pounds of food** for the area

Performed over **1,500 goat health checks** and distributed **87 pregnant goats**

**Hosted two IMPACT Weekend retreats** for individuals, deepening faith and understanding of each person's unique call in the Body of Christ

Led **two groups of Many Hands staff** through **Lead Like Jesus training**

Performed world-class teacher training for **29 teachers**

**Added four missionaries** in Haiti and Abaco

**Built 10 homes** for families

Held over **20 weekly Bible study groups** in multiple communities

**Added clothing baling operations** for our Metro Stores

Encouraged all staff through **daily devotions**

**Established partnerships** with Bahamian and Haitian pastors, government officials, and community leaders

**Upgraded our Point-of-Sale systems** in our thrift stores

## Concerts of Hope



This year, we desired to expand the influence of the Business Breakfast, bringing Love in Action to those around us. Partnering with composer Eric Genuis, Many Hands hosted the Week of Impact, a series of 15 Concerts of Hope reaching 2,500 people across Iowa. We went to prisons, rehab centers, urban schools, nursing homes, funeral homes, churches, and youth shelters. The final concert took place at the Business Breakfast for over 300 business leaders.

## Igniting Generosity Through Thrift

This year saw our Thrift stores continue their trend of best-in-class retail stores. Each of our four locations received award honors, including Best Thrift Store and Best Nonprofit in the CityView Best of DSM, Best Retailer in the Best of the West awards, Best Retail Store in the Urbandale Chamber Best in Class, and Best Thrift Store in the SRG People's Choice awards.

Our staff continues to be love in action through these stores, igniting generosity in the communities they serve.



## School and Programs Continue in Haiti

In September, construction for the School of Light was completed. The new building added three classrooms for our grade school. Though schools were delayed throughout the country, we resumed classes in October, enrolling 167 students.

Our Love in Action programs in Sylvain, Maliarette, and Jean Boule, have continued to operate with little interruption. The nationwide gas shortage continues to hinder logistics. Still, our staff has overcome these hurdles to ensure 400 families are cared for physically and spiritually every day.





# EXPANDING TO THE BAHAMAS



Interior of church destroyed by Dorian



Building and trees stripped bare



Many Hands will be operating out of Camp Abaco



A Haitian immigrant holds her youngest child



Board and staff at a Haitian shanty town

Many Hands recently announced its plans to expand into a new country. We were invited to start our community-based initiatives in the Bahamas to serve Haitian and low-income Bahamian communities. The Bahamas is still recovering from Hurricane Dorian, which hit in 2019. The country also sees an influx of Haitian refugees fleeing a worsening Haiti crisis. With thousands of Haitians now facing hardships outside of Haiti, we have felt God's call to reach these populations.

Initially, our expansion will focus on restarting IMPACT trips, enabling people to serve the people of Haiti and the Bahamas on the island of Grand Abaco. Our first IMPACT teams will be boots on the ground starting January 2023.

Be sure to follow new IMPACT team stories at [www.manyhandsimpact.com](http://www.manyhandsimpact.com).

**Watch our short video  
about the struggle of  
Haitian immigrants in  
the Caribbean.**



# NEW LOVE-IN-ACTION CENTER IN HAITI



New land purchased in Me Bèl Mèr



Lead Chaplain, Ronel Joseph, leads a community meeting on the new land in Me Bèl Mèr

Many Hands is continuing to grow into new communities in Haiti. In 2022 we added Me Bèl Mèr as a fourth area for our work, establishing a presence in this isolated community. With land purchased and initial minor construction complete, Many Hands aims to establish a new Love-in-Action Center by late 2023. This center will allow us to start the First 1,000 Days program for families in the zone, combating malnutrition and poverty.



Food distribution in Me Bèl Mèr



Many Hands staff with Me Bèl Mèr community leaders



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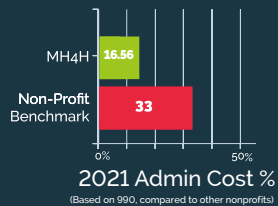


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### Feed a Family

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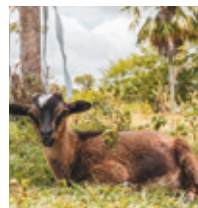
**\$35**



### Give a Goat

Provide a source of stability. Goats give a stream of income and food for a family in need. This gift gives a pregnant goat to a family.

**\$75**



### Secure Home Package

Bring security to a family. This gift provides a new concrete floor, two goats, a new garden with tools and seed, food, and more!

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