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One Year Later

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and the Blessings
of Build Up

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Psalm 46:1-2

A call for celebration and thanks to our God!



Please celebrate with me! In 2022, Kingdom Workers volunteers served 23,000 people globally through many different types of ministries. Our team recognized that ministry to people with disabilities and clean water consistently created the strongest outcomes. We also felt the greatest demand to grow these types of work in new places. So, during 2023, we agreed to prioritize

these two types of ministry. We also set an aggressive goal and prayed that God will allow us to serve 100,000 people annually, knowing many years of work would be necessary to serve 100,000 people, especially to serve them well.

Recently, we gathered, examined, and compiled reports of all the ministry completed during 2025. Our goal was to serve 40,000 people. What we found amazed us. In Africa alone, Kingdom Workers

volunteers served 44,000 people. Globally, Kingdom Workers served over 55,000 people in 2025! All of a sudden, what we thought was an aggressive goal with a long pathway has been shortened by our Lord.

We still have much work to do before 100,000 people are connected to Jesus each year by Kingdom Workers volunteers. Yet this seems more achievable than ever. If you are already participating in this ministry, THANK YOU! If you are still considering joining us as a Kingdom Workers volunteer or donor, there is no better time than the present. Let's all work together to share Jesus' love while helping our neighbors.

Gratefully,

Bill

Bill Meier
President & CEO
Kingdom Workers

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Partnering with Christians to share Jesus' love while helping their neighbors.

VISION

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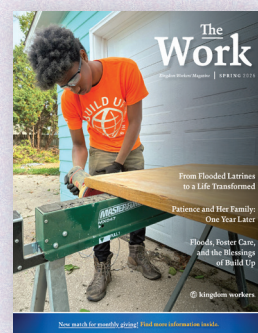
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About the Cover

In Milwaukee, foster support teams are combining practical care with acts of love that meet families' needs. Here, a Build Up student lends his skills to help restore foster parent Sabrina's home—using construction as a hands-on expression of compassion and support.

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Your Gift Brings Hope to Families in Need

After the recent flooding in Milwaukee, Sabrina and her adopted grandchildren faced overwhelming challenges—lost belongings, damaged home, and uncertainty about how to move forward. Through Kingdom Workers, a local foster support team stepped in, providing meals, care, and support to help her family recover and thrive.

Your gift today helps families like Sabrina's—providing support during life's toughest moments, ongoing encouragement, and the love of Christ in action. Every act of care shows children and caregivers that they are part of a caring Christian community and that God's love is alive in their neighborhoods.

You can make a tangible difference!

DID YOU KNOW?

For the rest of 2026, new or increased automatic monthly gifts between \$50–\$75 will be matched, dollar-for-dollar.

Will you give today to help believers everywhere bring the love of Christ to life in their neighborhoods?

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NURTURING A NEW FAITH BUILDING A NEW TOILET

By Brandy Prah, Marketing Coordinator

SOUTH CENTRAL TIMOR, INDONESIA

The road to this small village in South Central Timor ends long before the houses begin. After that, the only way in is by foot—across a riverbed that can turn into a rushing barrier whenever the rains arrive. When the water rises, the village is cut off from the world. Supplies stop. Travel halts. Daily life slows to whatever the land will allow.

Yet in this place of isolation, community thrives. People lean on one another in the ways that matter most. It was this sense of togetherness that greeted a young couple years ago when they returned to the father's childhood village to raise their growing family.



A JOURNEY OF FAITH

A woman of quiet faith and care, Indah was already Lutheran and committed to raising her children in the church. Her husband, Iwan, came from a Muslim background, shaped by traditions he respected deeply. When they returned to Iwan's childhood village, they discovered something surprising: there was no mosque. The only place of worship stood at the heart of the village—a simple Lutheran church where the soft strains of hymns drifted through the dusty paths each Sunday morning.

The family's only choice for worship was the small Lutheran church in the village. Over time, though, something shifted within his heart. All of it settled into him like seeds finding good soil. Slowly, quietly, he began to see faith through new eyes.

Eventually, the father chose to be baptized and later, his children followed. Today, the whole family stands rooted in the life of the congregation.

DAILY LIFE IN A VILLAGE CUT OFF BY RAIN

Life in this South Central Timor village is not easy. There are no steady jobs, no nearby markets, and few conveniences beyond what the land and community provide. The family does what they can to support their family. The father bakes small snacks to sell, stretching every resource as far as it will go. With seven children to care for, every day requires creativity, grit, and prayer.

One of the most pressing challenges was something simple, yet essential: a safe, reliable toilet.

For years, the family relied on makeshift structures that washed away when the rains came or collapsed from wear. The river, the only water source for washing clothes and sometimes bathing, is contaminated. During the rainy season, when flooding isolates the village, sanitation becomes a daily struggle.

During visits to the village as part of ongoing water and sanitation work in Indonesia, Kingdom Workers staff came to learn of this family and their need for a safe, reliable toilet.

Later, it became a village-wide movement.



A STRUCTURE BUILT BY MANY HANDS

During the planning and building phase, families contributed whatever they could: a few rocks, a bucket of sand, a helping hand. Mothers boiled coffee and tea for volunteers. Children fetched water. Neighbors arrived early in the morning, tools slung over their shoulders. Some dug out the foundation; others mixed the cement.

By the time it was finished, the new toilet stood sturdier than the family's own house.

HOPE TAKES ROOT

For Iwan and Indah, the new structure means security for their daughters, privacy for their sons, and better health through the long rainy months. For the village, it represents the quiet power of working together, one small improvement at a time.

And for Iwan—whose life has been shaped by faith, resilience, and community—the toilet stands as a reminder that God's transformation often begins quietly, like the first green shoots of spring. It is nurtured through the faithful care of people working together and blossoms under His guidance, even after the heaviest rains. 🌱



MALAWI'S BUDDING



YEAR OF HOPE

Patience & Her Family 1 Year Later

By Kingsley Matope, Malawi Field Lead

A THREAD OF HOPE: ANDREA'S JOURNEY

Many of you remember Patience, the brave little girl from Malawi living with the incurable skin disease, Harlequin Ichthyosis. Her journey continues with new challenges and growing hope, and we're grateful to share an update highlighting her progress and her mother Andrea's incredible strength—a story of God's faithfulness.

In the quiet village where electricity had yet to reach, lived Andrea, a woman whose strength was stitched together by love, resilience, and an unshakable faith. Her life took a profound turn when her daughter, Patience, was born with a rare genetic condition called Harlequin Ichthyosis—a disorder that causes the skin to become thick, dry, and scaly, resembling the texture of fish scales.

While many turned away, unsure of how to respond to Patience's appearance, Andrea stood firm. Her husband, unable to cope with the challenges, left them. But Andrea, with a mother's unwavering devotion, chose to stay and fight for her daughter's life.

Andrea discovered Kingdom Workers' Disability Care in Malawi, finding support for her daughter's treatment and a renewed faith through Patience's baptism. Inspired by volunteers, she began serving others who have been judged or outcast.

STITCHING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Recognizing her dedication and the challenges she faced as a single mother, Kingdom Workers offered Andrea skills training to support herself and Patience. She was excited by the prospect of learning tailoring.



"If I can sew," she said, "I can clothe my daughter and others, and as a result maybe stitch a better future."

Because her village had no electricity, Kingdom Workers ensured she was trained using a manual sewing machine. They covered her training costs. Andrea is set to graduate in November, and her excitement is as bright as the morning sun over the hills of her village.

Meanwhile, Kingdom Workers continues to provide ointment for Patience, helping to soften her skin and ease her discomfort. **Patience is growing well, smiling more, and playing like any other child.**

EMPOWERED TO SERVE, EQUIPPED TO THRIVE

Andrea's story is not just one of survival, but of transformation. Through Kingdom Workers, volunteers are empowered with skills and support to build dignified lives for themselves and their families. In every stitch Andrea sews, there is a prayer and promise that Patience will grow up in a world that sees her not for her condition, **but for the beautiful soul she is.** 🌍



Watch Patience's story here.



From Darkness to Light

By Lombani Chekha, Malawi Field Assistant

In Mukwakhwa Village, Thyolo District, lives Maxwell Namakwesa, a 40-year-old man whose life reflects pain, patience, and God's grace. Maxwell has battled seizures and a mental disorder that causes confusion, wandering, and unpredictable behavior. He depends on daily medication to control his seizures; missing even a single dose can trigger severe attacks.

Because of his condition, Maxwell lived in isolation, avoided by others, and unaware of God's love.

In 2024, change came through the Kingdom Workers Disability Ministry Program at Mgulula Lutheran Church, which brings worship to people who can't attend church. Led by volunteer Mr. Oscar Ntago, the team visited Maxwell. At first, he refused to join their worship, but the volunteers stayed beside him during his seizures which moved him.



Over time, Maxwell began to listen to the Word and asked questions about God. He now joins prayers and hymns with joy, saying he wants to know more about Jesus. **Though he is not baptized, the volunteers are working with the church to prepare him for baptism, a step they believe will strengthen his new faith.**

Today, Maxwell's home has become a small place of worship. Despite ongoing seizures and mental struggles, he now lives with peace and hope, **trusting that the same God who met him under the mango tree continues to guide his life.** 🌍

50 REASONS TO START A \$50 AUTOMATED MONTHLY GIFT TO KINGDOM WORKERS:



IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

- 1 You want to help people learn about Jesus
- 2 Help ensure continued care for children with disabilities in Malawi, like Patience
- 3 You can help teens learn construction skills
- 4 You can support rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Beryl in Grenada
- 5 Families with children with disabilities will feel welcome in church through Jesus Cares
- 6 Support access to clean water in Indonesia
- 7 Bring the gospel to refugees in Thailand
- 8 In 2026, new or increased automatic gifts between \$50-\$75 are matched!
- 9 Foster children gain stability
- 10 Reduce the incidence of cholera in Africa
- 11 Help a family build a safe toilet in Indonesia
- 12 Victims of domestic violence get support from Christian advocates in their churches
- 13 Help parents of autistic children in Japan get the support they need to keep going
- 14 Be a seed funder for disability care in Indonesia
- 15 Make building a church more affordable
- 16 Reach more people with the gospel

PERSONAL & PRACTICAL BENEFITS

- 17 It's easier on the wallet
- 18 Your new monthly \$50-\$75 gift is matched through the end of 2026!
- 19 You can set up the gift in less than 5 minutes
- 20 It's less than \$1.62 a day. Where else can you get that kind of impact for \$1.62 a day?
- 21 You've always wanted to make a bigger gift
- 22 Automated monthly giving is popular
- 23 Set it and forget it
- 24 Make a little go a long way
- 25 Have a greater overall impact
- 26 It's a budget-friendly giving option
- 27 Offers easier tax planning
- 28 It's a flexible giving choice—increase your gift when it works for you
- 29 Support what you care about with intention and consistency
- 30 It's practically effortless
- 31 Make a bigger impact than you imagined
- 32 It's easier to track your giving
- 33 Helps maximize giving within your budget

REACH & EFFECTIVENESS

- 34 Kingdom Workers can better plan for the future with your regular, monthly support
- 35 Your gift can be put to use right away
- 36 Provide support during slower months
- 37 Allow Kingdom Workers to run full speed ahead
- 38 Monthly gifts lower our administrative costs
- 39 Kingdom Workers has a 4-Star Charity Navigator Rating—the highest!
- 40 It spreads the impact across the whole year
- 41 Your new \$50 is worth \$100 every month because it's matched in 2026
- 42 Monthly giving builds a stronger foundation for the future



DONOR BENEFITS & MOTIVATION

- 43 You can make a bigger gift than you thought over the course of the year
- 44 Receive exclusive mailings just for monthly givers
- 45 Be part of the inner circle of like-minded monthly givers
- 46 You can give a significant gift over the course of the year in simple monthly installments
- 47 Special content just for automated monthly donors
- 48 Your monthly gift can help provide consistent assistance for those in need
- 49 It can't be said enough—all new and increased gifts of \$50-\$75 a month will be matched in 2026!
- 50 Make an eternal impact!



SPECIAL OFFER: FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026, ALL NEW AND INCREASED AUTOMATED MONTHLY GIFTS BETWEEN \$50 AND \$75 WILL BE MATCHED—DOUBLING YOUR IMPACT. START YOUR MONTHLY GIFT TODAY!



When the Waters Receded, Support Stayed

By Brandy Prah, Marketing Coordinator

How a grandmother,
a flood, and a community
REVEALED WHAT IT
MEANS TO SHOW

Up.

LONG BEFORE THE WATER CAME

Sabrina didn't plan to become a full-time caregiver.

She was managing her own health challenges and living a quieter season of life when her three grandchildren suddenly needed a safe place. **Rather than see them placed with strangers, she stepped in—and said yes.**

Sabrina first adopted her oldest granddaughter at age 10, then later took in another granddaughter. Her grandson, who has special needs, had originally been adopted by a family friend. When that friend passed away, **Sabrina stepped in and became his guardian.**

STEADY GROUND BEFORE THE STORM

In late April 2025, a request for help reached Kingdom Workers' Foster Support Coordinator. Sabrina didn't ask for much—help with meals, occasional outings for the kids, and support as she navigated foster care as a grandparent.

Kingdom Workers connected her with the Pilgrim Menomonee Falls Care Team, a group of volunteers serving through their church community. **The response was immediate. A meal train was organized. Volunteers stepped forward. Relationships formed.**

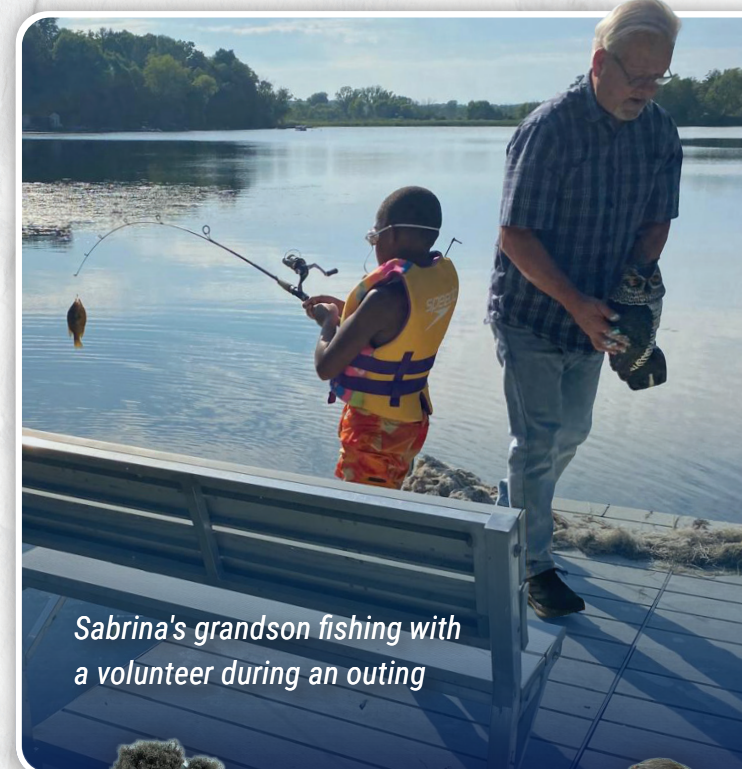
Through the summer months, volunteers showed up in practical ways. One volunteer helped with lawn care—mowing and trimming bushes so the kids could play safely outside. Others took the children to school events, lake outings, and everyday activities that gave Sabrina something she rarely had: time to breathe.

Support continued through the year, including Christmas gifts for the children. **What started as assistance quickly became connection.**

For the first time in a long while, things felt manageable. Life had a rhythm. Support was steady. The household was running more smoothly. Sabrina even planned a short trip—a rare chance to rest. The children were cared for, volunteers were helping, and for once, she could finally breathe. **But she had to cancel her upcoming trip, as historic floods came rushing in.**



Sabrina with Kingdom Workers Build Up students and volunteers



Sabrina's grandson fishing with a volunteer during an outing



WHEN THE WATERS REACHED HER DOOR

In late August 2025, historic storms in Wisconsin brought widespread flooding. At Sabrina's home, floodwaters rose to the bottom of her basement door (pictured to the right). **Everything was a complete loss.**

The flood damaged her furnace and hot water heater, creating a need she couldn't afford to meet on her own.

One of the Pilgrim volunteers, Ginger, had been regularly spending time with Sabrina's grandson. After visiting Sabrina's home and seeing the damage, she made a phone call.

"I don't know if Kingdom Workers can help," Ginger said, "but I had to ask."

WHAT THE WATER REVEALED

The hot water heater was purchased by an anonymous donor. It was then delivered, installed, and tested by Kingdom Workers staff and volunteers. But once the team arrived, they realized the flood had exposed more than one problem.

Basement steps were damaged. Flooring on the stairs was coming loose.

In less than a week, volunteers:

- **Repaired** unsafe steps and secured flooring
- **Reattached** plumbing fixtures
- **Cleared** trees, brush, and weeds
- **Trimmed** shrubs and trees
- **Hauled** out damaged items
- **Removed** trash hidden in overgrowth



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Next thing I know, here comes the handyman with the high school students, putting in a brand-new water heater for me and doing so much to help my family. I was appreciative for what Kingdom Workers was doing for me, but little did I know God already had designed them to be in my life.

- SABRINA, GUARDIAN

WHAT GROWS AFTER THE FLOOD

This story beautifully illustrates a prayer by the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 3:12, "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." Volunteers remain involved. Meals are restarting. Relationships are still growing.

Sabrina's story is not unusual. Across communities, grandparents are stepping into foster care, absorbing responsibility and love all at once. Floods, illness, and hardship expose what was already fragile.

But her story shows what can rise after waters recede.

When someone notices.

When someone asks.

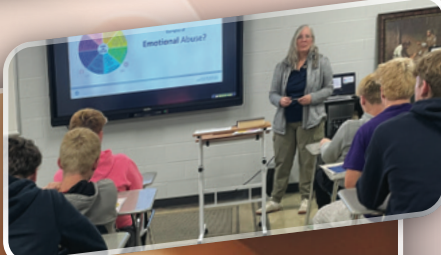
When a community stays. 🌐



Read Sabrina's reflections on the experience and her gratitude toward KW.

RISE

SOWING THE SEEDS for **HEALTHY** *Relationships*



By Brandy Prabl, Marketing Coordinator

For many high school students, relationship abuse is more common than many realize— Center for Disease Control (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that nearly 1 in 3 teens experience some form of dating abuse before graduating. For many people experiencing relationship abuse, isolation can feel overwhelming. RISE, a program of Kingdom Workers, exists to change that. Through caring volunteers and a Christ-centered approach, RISE offers a safe place for individuals to find support, encouragement, and hope as they begin their journey toward healing.

Today, the program is expanding that mission in a new way—equipping high school students to recognize and build healthy relationships through a Christian lens, helping prevent abuse before it begins. Through thoughtful, age-appropriate education, students learn how unhealthy patterns develop, why they can be difficult to recognize, and how early awareness can help prevent harm.

Sessions emphasize recognizing warning signs, trusting personal boundaries, and understanding that no one deserves to feel controlled, pressured, or unsafe in a relationship.

EDUCATION ROOTED IN COMPASSION AND CLARITY



Lori

Led by RISE Director Lori Kinsley, each presentation blends professional expertise with deep compassion. Students are guided through real-world scenarios that help them identify behaviors such as manipulation, isolation, and control—often before they escalate.

The conversations also address how students can respond when they are concerned about a friend, offering practical guidance on listening, seeking trusted support, and connecting others to help. **The goal is not fear, but clarity, confidence, and care.**

WORKING TOGETHER TO FOSTER HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

RISE works alongside schools to foster environments where safety, dignity, and respect are prioritized. By addressing relationship health early, and focusing on Biblical truths, the program provides students with language and tools that can have a lasting impact well beyond the classroom.

For schools seeking a trusted, values-driven partner in student well-being and abuse prevention, RISE offers education that informs, empowers, and supports both students and the broader school community. 🌍

Spring into Action

As spring brings new life and growth, we're reminded of God's promise in Psalm 1:3.

"They are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season."

God is helping faith grow. Through your service, you can help others take root in His love. This is a season of renewal—and you are invited.

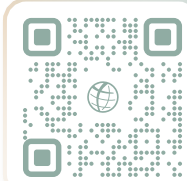


HOW TO GET INVOLVED THIS SPRING

- Support people suffering from relationship abuse
- Become a companion of those with disabilities
- Help a foster family
- Support Teens in Trades as a mentor
- Teach building skills at Lighthouse Youth Centers
- Volunteer for upcoming construction projects

WILL YOU JOIN US THIS SPRING?

Spring is here, and so are opportunities to serve! Your hands can make an eternal difference. **Scan the QR code or visit the link to find service opportunities.**



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volunteer](https://kingdomworkers.com/volunteer)

TWO WAYS TO SERVE

Local and ongoing

Serve in your community and see the gospel in action.

Short-terms

Even a few hours, a day, or a week can make a big impact.

NOT YOUR SEASON TO SERVE?

You can still be part of the season through Sustain.

What your new monthly gift can provide.

- Any amount is a blessing to those we serve. You'll join a community of supporters who help bring Christian compassion to people in need.
- Support for foster children, so they can experience the love, hope, and warmth of family and Christ.
- Access to clean water for entire communities as well as the sharing of the spring of eternal water in Jesus.
- Life-changing care for individuals with disabilities enabling some to walk for the first time and hear the message of Jesus.
- Connecting youth to training and mentorship that instills confidence and Christian leadership skills.
- In 2026, new or increased automatic monthly gifts between \$50–\$75 will be matched, dollar-for-dollar.

Join the season of service today!

Visit the link below or scan the QR code to provide support.



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BLOSSOMING HOPE IN WESTERN KENYA



In Western Kenya, community members are learning life-changing skills through beekeeping and handicrafts like sisal ropes, baskets, and hats. Families, including parents of children with disabilities, tend hives, harvest honey, and mentor younger participants.

These activities build confidence and provide income, helping families support themselves while hearing the hope they have in Christ through Kingdom Workers volunteers.



Children with disabilities participate in beekeeping alongside volunteers and their parents.



Members craft sisal ropes, baskets, and hats, with parents of children with disabilities mentoring younger participants.