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“Bringing hope
to children”

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Discipleship

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Dear Grain of Wheat Friends,

We were all highly impacted by restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but in many countries the regulations became even tighter.

This affected almost every area of our outreach to children, but the good news is that it forced us to "think outside the box" and create innovative events all over the world.

It was so heartwarming to see our ministry partners work even harder to bring the Good News to children through online activities, even in communities where computers and the internet are rare.

In 2020 alone, we shared the gospel and nurtured the faith of almost 2 million children worldwide! This could only take place through your generous support, steadfast prayers, and God's goodness.

Thank you for standing with us, as we couldn't have done this without you!

Rob Hondsmark
CEO

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Dear Friends,

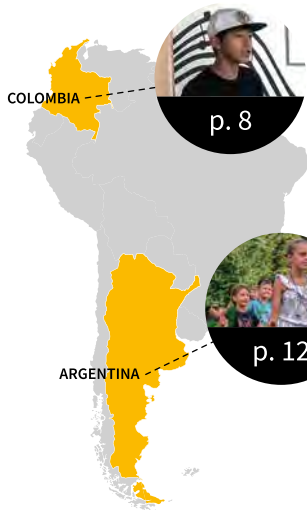
I have had the great privilege of being a board member on the International Board of Grain of Wheat since 2019. As I consider how some have the role of planting, others water, and God gives growth, I am filled with gratitude for the part God has given me to play in His work world-wide.

Over the years, I've seen the role Grain of Wheat has played in God's Kingdom story, resulting in spiritual growth and depth in the lives of countless children and youth. This annual report gives witness to the fact that in God's heart, the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

To each of you who have played your role by prayer and financial help, I want to say a hearty thank you! God will not forget your work and the love that you have shown for His Name (Heb. 6:10) and neither will we!

Frans Koopmans
International Board Member

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Grain of Wheat International empowers thousands of children in 22 countries through a variety of programs uniquely designed to meet their specific needs.

Vision

We see each child becoming an **ambassador of hope** through Jesus Christ.

Mission

Encourage needy children with the message of God's love, develop their potential and equip them to

become **agents of transformation** within their community.

Strategy

- **Connect with children year-round** through camps, events and weekly clubs.
- **Equip and nurture children's growth morally, socially and spiritually** through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **Train leaders** in partnership with local churches.

How it all Began

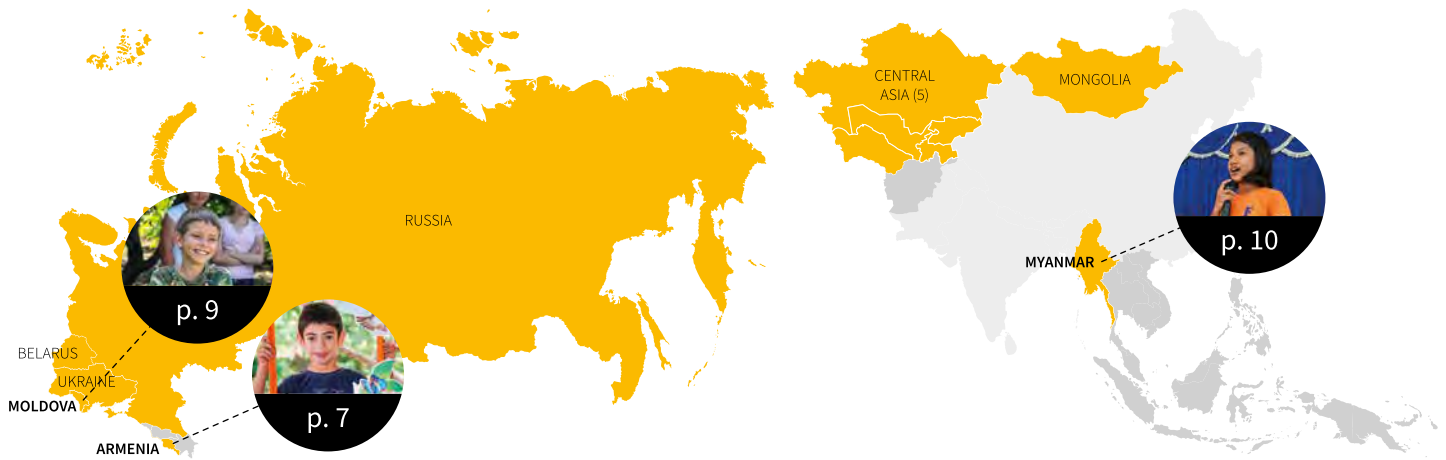
To understand the mission of GWI, we must go back to 1948 when a

Swiss businessman, Jean André, visited Germany after World War II. His heart was broken at the sight of so many homeless children wandering the streets.

In response, he brought a group of 120 German orphans to Switzerland for the summer.

They were well fed, cared for and learned how deeply God loved and valued them.

This first group of children returned to their homeland refreshed and better equipped to become all God intended.



Values

GWI's message and actions are centered on God's love for all children among the nations without distinction of any kind.

Our values and our teachings are based solely on the Holy Bible.

Every child is given the opportunity to accept God's saving grace through Jesus Christ.

Context

In most of the countries GWI serves, children are deeply scarred by war, poverty, addiction, divorce, violence and poor education.

In some cases, parents move elsewhere to find work leaving their children to fend for themselves.

GWI also cares for children in stable countries such as France, Spain, Switzerland, etc.

Activities

Our activities are enjoyed in a peaceful environment and designed to nurture each child spiritually, emotionally and physically.

This atmosphere of Christ-like love, fosters healthy relationships and opens children to faith in God.

2020-2023 Strategy

GWI's goal is to reach 5 million children in 2023. In view of this, we are professionalizing our ministry in every country.

By training volunteers, developing new educational strategies and building partnerships with various Christian organizations, our desire is to **help children become active disciples in families, churches and communities.**

See how and where we interact with children



Number of Children reached

By all our activities

1,705,097



CLUBS

Weekly meetings to strengthen children's faith and to disciple them

835
CLUBS

48,809
CHILDREN
ATTENDING



CAMPS

Encourage children as they discover the Word of God

1,558*
CAMPS
(*1,230 ONLINE)

18,694
CHILDREN
PRESENT



SPORTS, ARTS & OTHER EVENTS

Experience the Gospel through sports and arts

1,504,481
PARTICIPANTS &
SPECTATORS



TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Equip and encourage leaders

6,601
LEADERS TRAINED

8,747
VOLUNTEERS



HUMANITARIAN AID

Provide relief in a holistic way

133,113
RECIPIENTS

ARMENIA



Grain of Wheat Armenia started its activities with GWI in 1998

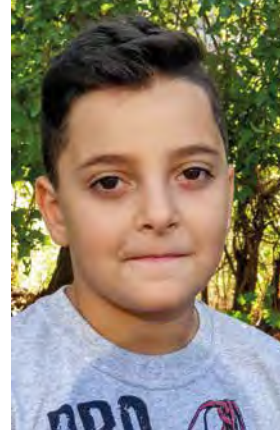
Jesus Calls Children



Aharon*, 8 years

"I waited impatiently for day-camp to start, even though I wondered if there would be one this year. Then, when I heard it would be in our yard, I was so happy! The kids were really excited as they began to arrive, and we had very happy days together. I loved

the stories about Jesus and listened attentively so I could answer the questions asked after the lessons. I learned that Jesus has the greatest power and there's nothing He can't do. I want Jesus to take away this virus from the world, so we can go to school like before and everything will be fine."



Kirkan*, 11 years

"When I heard about this camp from my neighbors I wanted to take part. My family has never attended church, and this is the first time I have heard about Jesus. Before, I was not obedient and was afraid of the darkness, but now I have

no fear, because Jesus is God Himself. I want to tell my parents and friends about Jesus, and I really want to visit this camp again!"

** All names in the testimonies are changed for privacy reasons.*

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COLOMBIA 

Grain of Wheat Colombia started its activities with GWI in 1998

Full of Joy

We had to rethink how we would carry out the camp programs. To comply with the Covid-19 regulations, the camp leaders had instructions on how to worship, teach and carry out various activities virtually. Even with these changes, our camps offered a one-of-a-kind experience that will have a life-long impact on each child/youth.

Nicolas*, an 11-year-old boy from Alto Santa Marta, can't wait to share his great experience at the virtual Celestial City camp with you.

"This was my first time at camp, and it started out with a laugh, because my mom and I thought I wouldn't be able to come. But thanks to God and the beautiful, loving camp counselors, I was able to stay, which was super spectacular for me!

I learned, enjoyed, relaxed and afterwards, excitedly told my family all about it. One of the lessons that impressed me the most, was what life would be like in heaven. It's wonderful to know that I will have new clothes, a new body, an incorruptible inheritance, a crown and I'll be at the big party in the heavenly town.

Thank you, Grain of Wheat, and may God continue to bless you all."



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MOLDOVA



Grain of Wheat Moldova started its activities with GWI in 2003

Come and See

Victor*, age 13, lives in Kamenka, Transnistria. He has no close family as his father works abroad, and his mother lives in a sanatorium.

He begins, *"I attended the kids club and heard about living God's way, but I didn't want to change, so I continued to live life my way. When I was at camp, I had fun meeting so many people and making lots of friends. I also began to think about God. I spent time talking to the camp leaders and the local church pastor, who gave me my first Bible.*

But most of all, I noticed how friendly the leading team was and the way they worked in harmony with each other. When I saw their positive attitude toward each other and the children, I wanted to be like them. It was then that I realized I wanted to change my behavior and move away from my old environment.

Now, a couple of weeks after camp, I can call this team my family. I want to learn how to follow Jesus and be His disciple, so I have started attending Sunday service and want to be a part of the teenage ministry."



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MYANMAR



Grain of Wheat Myanmar started its activities with GWI in 2009

A New Perspective on Life

Moe Pwint Chit* is 14 years old. Her parents are farmers in Myanmar. She explains, *"I was a Buddhist. My parents wanted me to be a good person. Even though I know I should obey and honor them, I didn't. I was also very afraid to die.*

After going to club, everything changed, because I have accepted Jesus into my life. Now I'm not afraid to die. I am very sorrowful for the way I treated my parents and have decided to obey and honor them as the Lord teaches.

Finally, I want to give thanks to the Lord for giving me the opportunity to come to this club, and for the club leader who invited me. Now I know many things that I had never heard before and have decided to serve the Lord with my life. At this club I also met good friends, and really loved the dancing program."

Her club leader notes, *"After Moe Pwint Chit joined our club, we saw her life transform before our very eyes. She actively took part in every program and listened carefully to the Bible stories we taught. She always asks us to pray that she will be a good club leader and teacher."*



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MADAGASCAR



Grain of Wheat Madagascar started its activities with GWI in 2003

Becoming an Agent of Hope

At the age of 11, **Robrina*** began to regularly miss classes at school. She was either taking care of her baby sister or helping her mother earn money by doing laundry. When she did go to school, she fell asleep in class, because she hadn't eaten anything that morning and may only have one small meal all day.

Out of concern for Robrina, her schoolteacher invited her to the Grain of Wheat Bible club, where she knew Robrina would be embraced, disciplined, and spiritually nurtured.

At first, Robrina was only happy during snack time. Then one day, she joined a handiwork activity on making baskets with "rofia", a kind of natural thread. When she finished making her little basket, she took it home and taught her mother how to make one too. After that, she and her mom began making larger baskets to sell. Now her dream is to make enough baskets to provide a sufficient income for her family.

But even greater than learning to make baskets, Robrina has learned how to disciple others and is now making disciples of her family by leading them in worship, prayer and studying the Bible together.



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ARGENTINA 

Grain of Wheat Argentina started its activities with GWI in 2003

Love in Action

It was at her local Grain of Wheat Bible Club in Buenos Aires, that ten-year-old Rosa* learned how to disciple other kids. Her mother was so surprised when she announced, *"Since my cousin can't go to church because of the confinement, and he doesn't know much about Jesus, it is in my heart to disciple him on a one-to-one video call."*

As she and her cousin met weekly, Rosa's mother overheard the way her daughter told him Bible stories about Jesus and clearly explained the Gospel with passion and confidence.

For Rosa's mother as well as us, it's incredible to see that God doesn't need an open church building to grow His Kingdom, as His real church is alive and well, in the hearts of children and youth like Rosa, who have been discipled and are now devoted to discipling others.



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ARGENTINA

GWI camps are hosted in Parc El Sembrador since 1973

An Oasis of Blessing

For close to 30,000 visitors each year, Park El Sembrador is a place where those of all ages can uniquely encounter the Lord and commune with Him. It is also a place where spiritual growth, physical refreshment and evangelism take place.

Due to Argentina's strict Covid restrictions, the Park felt unreal and sadly strange as camps and other activities were canceled for 9 months. But the good news is that this provided time for us to beautify and improve our facilities. We also finished the new Los Talas pavilion, which has been specifically designed to provide safe and healthy camp activities.

At the end of November, we began welcoming families and small groups for inside events, along with tent



camping and day activities in the picnic area. We also hosted two camps for a local orphanage.

Each one who has visited The Park recently, has expressed how very thankful they are that after nine months of confinement, they were finally able to enjoy fresh air and draw close to Jesus at this oasis of blessing.



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TOTAL REVENUES 2020
\$ 3,669,071 (CHF 3,441,889)

MINISTRY & OTHER REVENUES

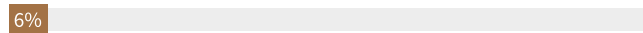


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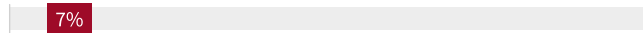


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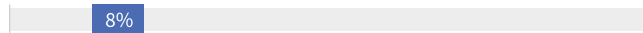
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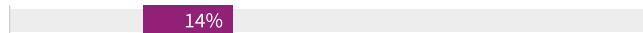
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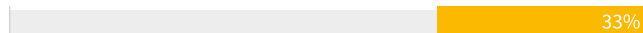
CLUBS



RETREAT CENTERS



CAMPS



Comments

We at GWI are very much aware of how much we depend on the Lord to move your heart, not only to support us financially, but even more to support us by prayer. As we consider this, we are highly committed to boldly carry out the Lord's clear call to reach as many children as possible!

TOTAL EXPENSES 2020
\$ 3,600,126 (CHF 3,377,213)

FUNDRAISING & COMMUNICATIONS



MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENDITURES

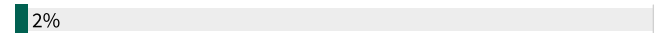


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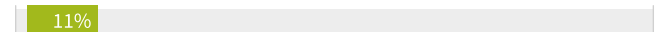


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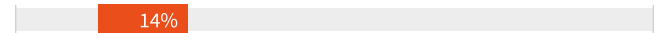
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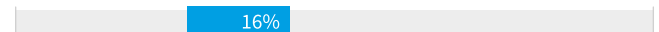
SOUTH AMERICA



AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST



RUSSIA - CIS - CAUCASUS

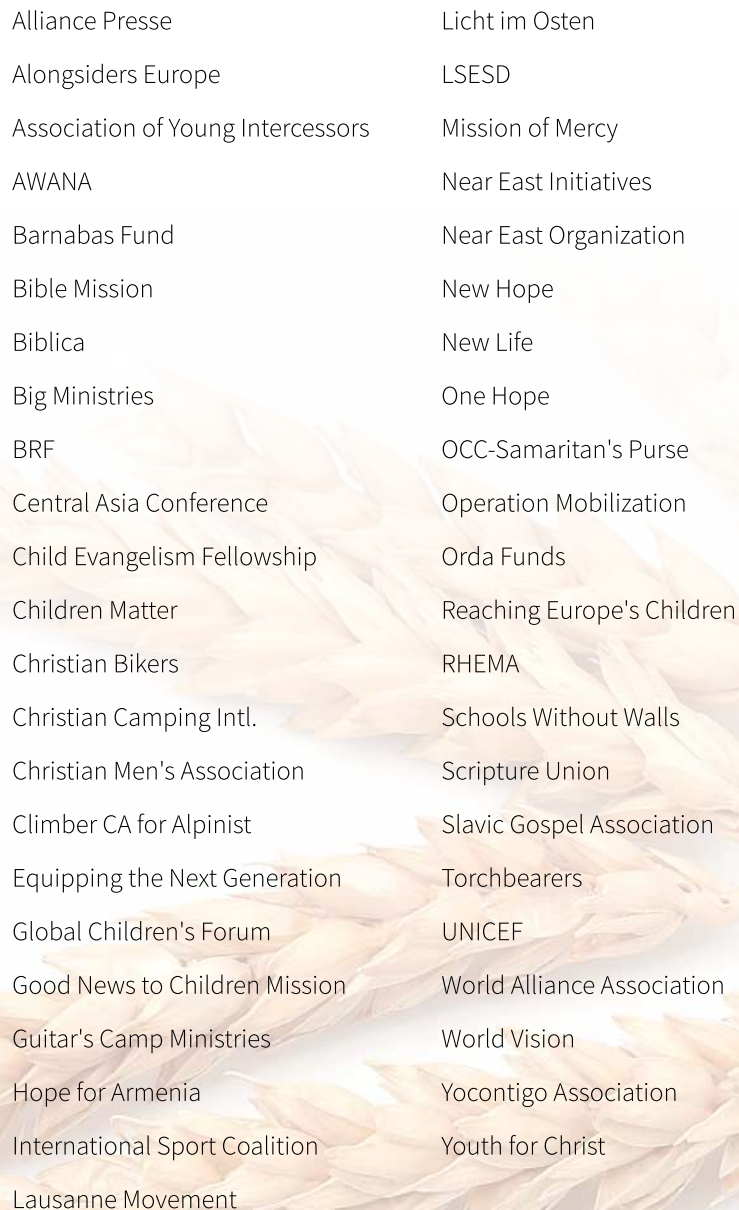


EUROPE



Therefore, as you will note in 2020's expense overview, we make every effort to keep our administrative costs as low as possible, to ensure that the highest percentage of your donation goes directly to reaching children.

Partners



Alliance Presse	Licht im Osten
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Association of Young Intercessors	Mission of Mercy
AWANA	Near East Initiatives
Barnabas Fund	Near East Organization
Bible Mission	New Hope
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Global Children's Forum	UNICEF
Good News to Children Mission	World Alliance Association
Guitar's Camp Ministries	World Vision
Hope for Armenia	Yocontigo Association
International Sport Coalition	Youth for Christ
Lausanne Movement	

Thanks

To the many who have joined us in serving the world's children for over 70 years, we want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude through this blessing from God's heart to yours.

"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped his people (his children) and continue to help them." (Hebrews 6:10).

Your encouragement to children all over the world and to the staff in each country we serve, has meant more than we can ever say.

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*From the Bottom
of Our Heart,
the Grain of Wheat
Team Thanks You!*

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