

Acts 1:8 Ministry[®]

2015 Annual Report



What is Acts 1:8 Ministry?

Our Purpose & Mission

Acts 1:8 Ministry's mission is to equip Christians to **care**, **share** and **connect** people to Christ worldwide through Christian kindness.

Our Programs

Program 1: Planned Acts of Christian Kindness® (P.A.C.K.®) Program

An act of kindness, big or small, can change a person's life forever. So why not do it in the name of Jesus?

We offer a free downloadable outreach program called Planned Acts of Christian Kindness® (P.A.C.K.®) through our website. There are two versions of this program – one for groups/churches and one for individuals. This program is 100% free and includes P.A.C.K. outreach instructions and ideas, along with follow-up support via phone, email and in person. Our Ministry Coordinator also speaks at local churches and groups for in person P.A.C.K. outreach training.

Acts 1:8 Ministry has partnered with a local church, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, located near our home office in Green Bay, Wisconsin to host and coordinate monthly P.A.C.K. community outreach events to encourage other churches to get involved with P.A.C.K. Media is encouraged to cover these events as this is a great method to market P.A.C.K.

For more information about our P.A.C.K. Program, please view page 3 of this report and visit www.acts18.org/pack-outreach-program.

Program 2: Water Project

Thanks to our generous partners, we have built 118 water towers and 4 Water Wells in Uganda, Africa since 2008. Rain water is collected in the water towers during the rainy season and provides clean, safe and convenient water for families during the dry season. Drilled wells reach naturally fed springs for the Water Wells.

The water projects are built in an area of Uganda called the Wakiso District, which is a post war conflict area. This district is considered a peri-urban area and is very densely populated. Prostitution and poverty are highly prevalent, which has increased the number of orphans and street children. The Wakiso District has been plagued with a lack of clean and safe water and no steps have been taken yet by the government to solve this problem.

For more information about our Water Project, please view page 4 of this report and visit www.acts18.org/water-project.

Our Fundraising Methods

Acts 1:8 Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are funded entirely by one-time, continual and legacy gifts from individual partners, business partners and grants from foundations as well as funds raised through fundraising events.

For our most recent revenue and expense totals, please see page 6 of this report.

Our Geographic Scope

Our target audience is **worldwide**.

Our Planned Acts of Christian Kindness Outreach Program is currently in all 50 states and in 43 countries, with a goal of being in every city in every country. Our Water Tower project is active in Uganda, Africa.

The History of Acts 1:8 Ministry

“One man’s story of submitting to God and watching Him move.”

By: Jeff Van Beaver, President & Founder

The conception of God's brilliant plan for an outreach ministry began when the pastor of Jeff's church challenged him to read a book called *Conspiracy of Kindness*. At that time, he had no inclination of the enormity of what the book would trigger. As chairman of his church's evangelism board, Jeff was intrigued by the book's simplistic approach in reaching out to the community through acts of Christian kindness. **The beauty of the method is evidenced in how it allows churches or individuals to share their faith in a simple, non-threatening way.**

Thus, inspired by the book, and with the pastor's approval, Jeff's church initiated its very first outreach event from their own parking lot. The free car wash and soda giveaway allowed them to incorporate the Care, Share, and Connect philosophy. While caring for people, they were able to share the love of Christ through prayer and ultimately connect them to church. More events rolled out and, with them, the most common question of why someone would do these things with nothing in return emerged. Department store parking lots became a goldmine for prayer. Many people came with many problems. **These people were desperate for a listening ear and eager to have someone to pray for them.**

The popularity of the program soon caught the attention of the local media. Phones rang and excitement spread, unleashing a system that began to grow with intensity as other local churches picked up the pattern.

For nearly 20 years, Jeff had been pressed with the idea of starting a ministry; praying for direction and asking God to prepare him for a vision that was not yet clear to him. As he watched the way God was moving through these outreach events, the vision finally started to reveal itself.

In 2002, Jeff was urged by his calling and invited a group of faithful friends from his church to meet. They showed up at a local restaurant with no agenda; their sole objective to talk about a ministry based on Christian kindness. Their Bibles were the only tools they brought to this meeting. They prayerfully looked to God's Word for a scripture that would reflect the intent of the ministry that was about to be birthed. **They discussed Jesus' command in Acts 1:8 to be witnesses to the ends of the earth and how Christian kindness would be the perfect means to fulfill this command. And so it was decided the appropriate name be Acts 1:8 Ministry®.**

Not long after this, Jeff was roused in the middle of the night by a powerful tugging at his heart. God was telling him, without question or debate, that He wanted Jeff to give away the tool company that he had owned and operated for six years. But how could God expect him to forfeit his business? After all, it wasn't just a company; it was the trusty six-figure livelihood that supported his family! Jeff questioned the craziness of the idea and how it sat completely in contrast to the world's ideas. He asked himself how he could possibly explain to his wife that God was prompting him to walk away from a profitable business. But even as he considered these questions, he was convicted with the realization that he had become increasingly focused on the material things of life. From this, the question soon changed from "How could I...?" to "How could I not...?" Faced with truth, Jeff could not refuse God's beckoning to put his focus back on Him.

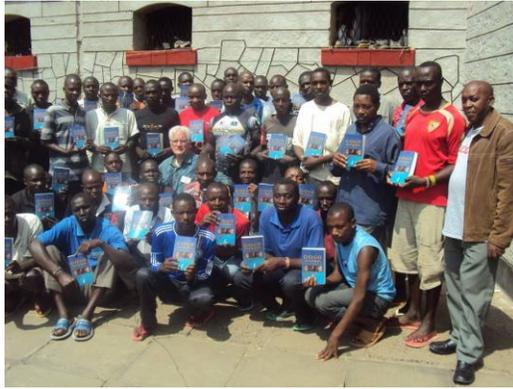
For nearly a week, he struggled with this, having not the slightest clue of how or when this would transpire, only knowing it would. And so it happened that Jeff received a God-appointed phone call from a woman wanting to buy a company. Within four months, this woman took over his company, purchased for the price of one dollar.

Today, Jeff continues to thank God for His leading, for the fulfilling work and purpose He has given him and His faithfulness in making all of this possible by opening the right doors. Jeff continues to be driven by the massive amount of opportunity of spreading God's Word and the resulting promise of growth for the ministry...to the ends of the earth!

Program 1:

Planned Acts of Christian Kindness® (P.A.C.K.®) Program

We offer a free Christian outreach program called Planned Acts of Christian Kindness (P.A.C.K.) to churches, groups and individuals. Our P.A.C.K. program provides instructions and ideas, along with follow-up support for every follower of Christ to become an effective evangelist through unassuming acts of kindness.



Pictured above from left to right:

Giving away roses for Mother's Day. Sharing God's love by giving away free Bibles at a men's prison in Africa. Spreading God's blessings by giving away stuffed animals and candy canes at a grocery store.

Testimonials...

"Our church has done some exciting outreach, generated from your P.A.C.K. outreach concept. Our church has had several free picnics with games and bonfires. Many people have come for the free meals and fellowship. Through that, many people have started attending our church. We are hopeful that those who have come to our events, met us and are developing relationships with us, will soon come to a personal relationship with the best friend of all, Jesus."

- Phyllis, New York

"For my P.A.C.K., I went to a village called Kituntu and gave out school materials such as exercise books, pens and antibiotic soap to orphans, needy children and their caretakers. I also taught them health lessons regarding water safety and hygiene. It is not the children's choice to be poor and I wanted to show them that God loves them so much."

- Bernard, Tanzania

Program Impact

939

Church groups and individuals from all around the world downloaded our P.A.C.K. Outreach Program this year!



Hundreds of thousands of lives were touched with Jesus' love around the world in 50 states in the USA and 77 countries!

Program 2:

Water Project

The Facts...

Approximately 23,000 children die every year in Uganda from unsanitary drinking water. To obtain safe drinking water, many children walk several miles every day before and after school. Often, children do not even attend school because they spend the day collecting water for their families. Major sources of water for most people are bacteria-infected swamps. Using this water leads to deadly water-borne diseases, such as typhoid and cholera.

There is Hope...

These water projects provide a **safe, clean and convenient source of water** for the villages in Uganda. To have a tower/well that provides clean water is a huge blessing for them. When a village has a water tower/well, the children are able to spend their days in school, gaining an education instead of walking several miles to gather water from the river and bring it back to their home and school. An education impacts their families for generations to come.



Testimonials...

“In Africa, we say **WATER IS LIFE**. When you give water, specifically clean water, to the people, it’s like giving them life.”

- Rev. Celestine, Uganda

“You have **given hope** to each and every one of the individuals in the Wakiso district and have given them a reason to dream again and move towards their goals. Thank you!”

- Ruth, Uganda

Program Impact

2

water towers were built this year in Uganda, Africa **impacting lives with the love of Jesus and clean, safe water!**

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water wells were built this year in Uganda, Africa **making clean and safe drinking water available for many!**

Our Awards

We are pleased to announce that Acts 1:8 Ministry has received the following awards...



Acts 1:8 Ministry has been awarded the silver membership from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) for its compliance with the ECFA Standards of Responsible Stewardship.

ECFA is an accredited organization dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust through adherence to Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™, which focus on **board governance, financial transparency, integrity in fundraising and proper use of charity resources**. ECFA's mission is to *enhance trust in Christ-centered churches and ministries*.

We are thrilled to announce that Acts 1:8 Ministry has received the Best in America Charities Award from Independent Charities of America!

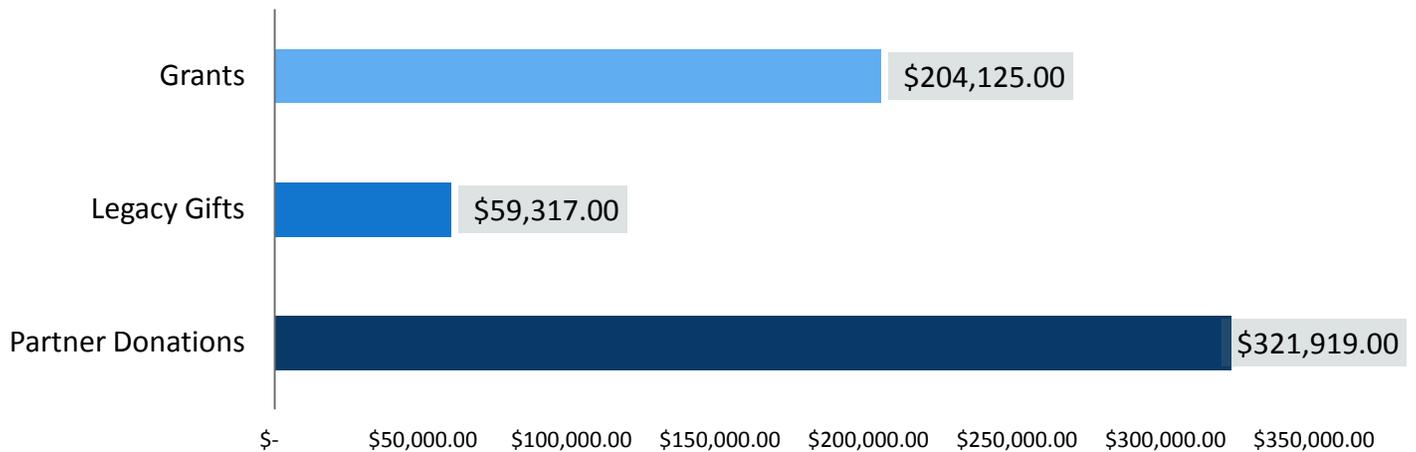
The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence is awarded to the best charities. Upon rigorous review, these charities have been able to **annually certify, document, and demonstrate that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness as well as cost effectiveness**.

Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in the United States today, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded the Seal of Excellence.

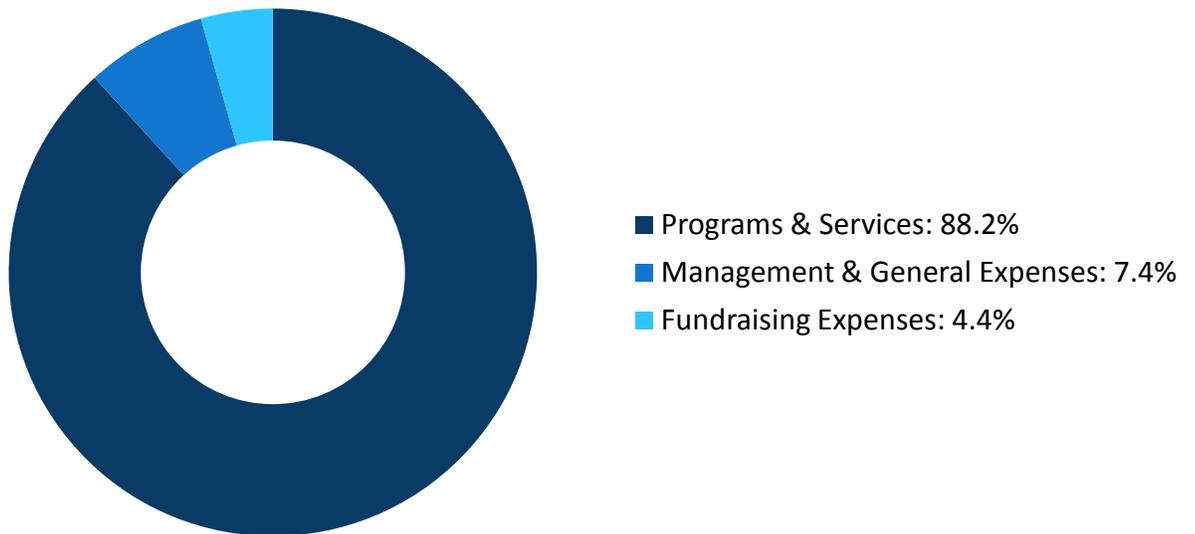


Financial Overview

Total Revenue from 2015: \$585,361.00



Expense Breakdown



All percentages audited and verified by Wipfli LLP.