



Uncharted

impact report 2023

a light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it



At the time of writing this, it is the middle of Holy Week, leading up to Resurrection Sunday. I'm struck by the juxtaposition of darkness vs. light, suffering vs. flourishing, and death vs. life that so powerfully marks this particular week. As Believers, we cannot ignore the reality and presence of darkness, evil, and suffering. It made its mark on our Savior, it makes its mark on the world at-large, and it leaves its mark on us.

The brokenness of humanity and the longing of this world for redemption is palpable. I've seen it on the faces of our new Field Partners in Nepal as they've shared the stories of persecution they experience while revealing the Good News in remote villages of the

Himalayas. I read about in the reports from our Field Partners in Myanmar as they withstand the atrocities of the civil war around them, while they provide care for those who are most vulnerable. I hear it in the voices of our Field Partners in Central Asia while we pray together over Zoom.

We can't deny the reality of darkness.

But. "A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1). And therein lies our hope and our steadfast joy!

The Kingdom of God is on the move, and truly, it cannot be hidden! While darkness makes its mark, the ultimate victory is healing, flourishing, and life found in and through the resurrection of Christ. It ultimately wipes away those marks and heals all wounds.

And this truth is what we see lived out on a daily basis by our brave Field Partners in our 5 Locations. Though they face hardship and persecution, their light is not snuffed out. They are indeed cities on a hill, whose presence and light cannot be hidden but rather, beckons and invites all around them into the life-giving presence and light of Jesus. The light is not hidden; it is revealed both through the good deeds and the beautiful declaration of the Gospel expressed from our Field Partners.

This Impact Report gives a brief overview of what it looks like, tangibly, for the light to shine. And I want to personally say thank you. Thank you for helping the light shine in the darkness and being a part of God's story of redemption in this beautiful way!

Going Boldly Together,
Ben Stewart



Geoff Bunting, VP of International Operations, and Ben meeting our newest partners in the Himalayas

from the president

a letter from Ben Stewart, President of Uncharted International

*in North Africa,
over 1,000 people
were served at our
center for refugees*

**over 17,600
people heard
the gospel
for the
first time**

*in Myanmar, 7,097
meals were served
at community
Christmas
outreach events*

*in Serbia, 173 new
believers were
baptized*

*in Central Asia, 335
females were given
education
opportunities or
career training*

*over 20 missions
leaders from 10+
local churches
attended an
Outpost gathering*



*Uncharted added
14 new Field
Partners in our
new Location, the
Himalayas*

in 2023

Three years ago Uncharted started a partnership with leaders in the underground church in Central Asia and added these local believers to our team of Field Partners. Suffering from a government takeover, a country-wide hunger crisis, and a retreat to oppressive jurisdiction, many thought the church in this country was doomed. But our Partners have propelled into action—caring for the oppressed, giving food to the hungry, and boldly sharing the hope of Christ.

Despite the increased danger of persecution, our Partners in Central Asia are courageously creating innovative ways to serve their communities and bring about opportunities to introduce gospel conversations—specifically our Partner, I*. I* has been helping facilitate an underground school for girls as well as vocational training for women, where they're given the opportunity to learn a trade in carpet weaving or tailoring.

Over 270 young women are being taught in underground schools, some of them going on to become teachers themselves. Twenty-five women are receiving sewing training and 40 are learning carpet weaving, and they're finding work in their communities and local businesses.

Through these programs, and others like it run by our Field Partners, people are finding hope in what looks like a hopeless situation—including the hope of the gospel.

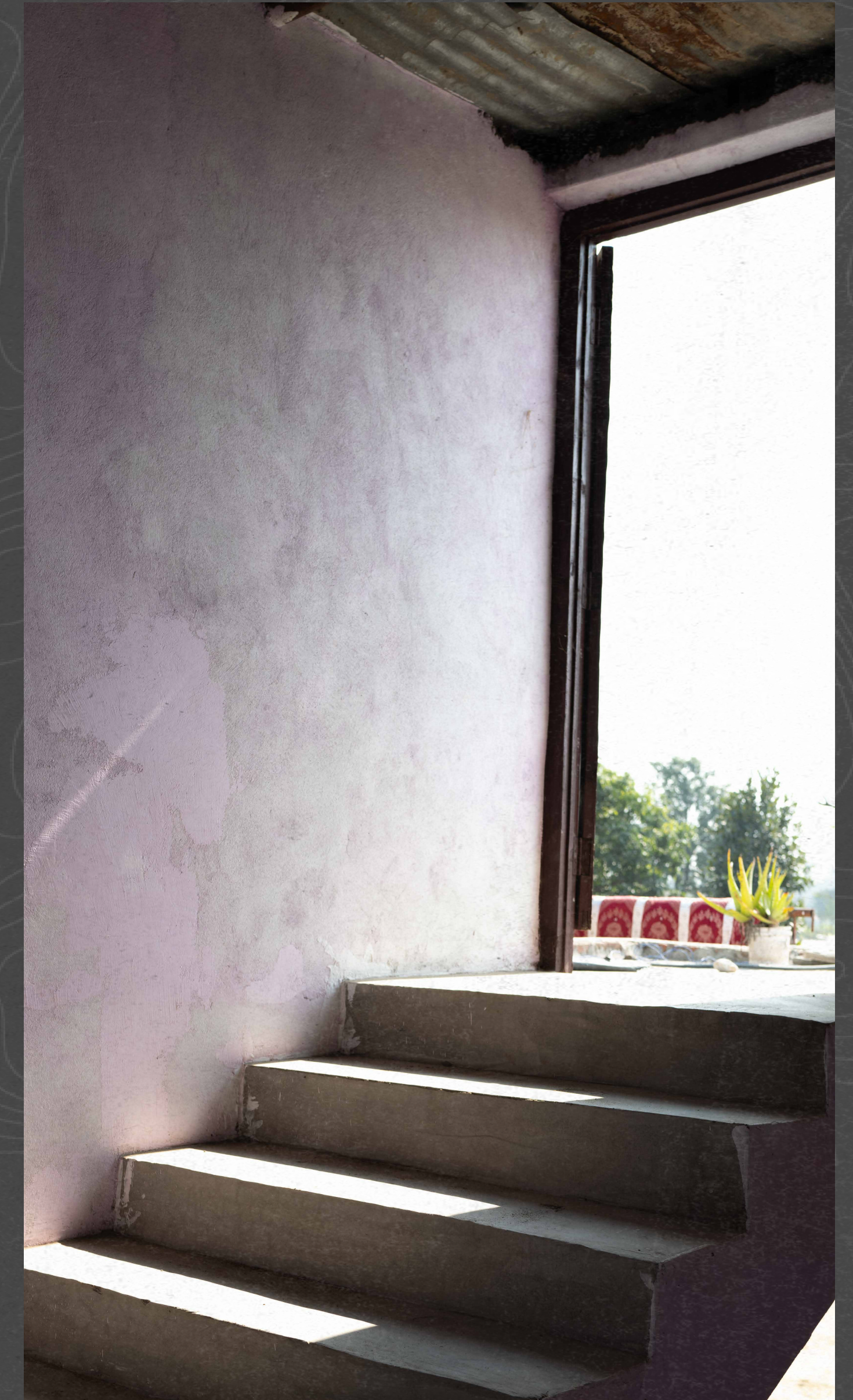
In 2023, 56 people in Central Asia heard the gospel for the first time. This number not only represents 56 potentially dangerous conversations for our Partners, but also the time invested in building trust, providing care, and developing 56 individual relationships. From those gospel conversations, 43 people chose to follow Christ and 33 new believers were baptized in bathtubs and remote lakes.

This work is not without risk to I* and our other Field Partners, to the teachers and students in underground schools, and to the families of those who participate in these programs. In 2023, we also provided help to a Field Partner who was forced, with his family, to flee his village in order to avoid capture by local authorities who discovered his role in the underground church. But instead of escaping to a neighboring country, he chose to rebuild his life in a different city and restart his ministry.

We are incredibly proud of the boldness and courage shown by our Field Partners in Central Asia, and are grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside them. Despite persecution, oppression, poverty, and the threat of violence, 2023 brought incredible fruit to the church in Central Asia—a reminder that nothing is stronger than the love of Christ.

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income

<i>Unrestricted Donations:</i>	\$968,459.19
<i>Restricted Donations:</i>	\$139,616.35
<i>Investment Income:</i>	\$10,144.27
<i>Other Income:</i>	\$21,315.00
<i>Approved Asset Reallocation:</i>	\$155,428.00

total income: \$1,294,962.81

expenses

<i>Global Programs*:</i>	\$781,367.00
<i>Outpost:</i>	\$26,247.20
<i>Volunteer Trips:</i>	\$27,757.80
<i>Advancement**:</i>	\$586,173.00
<i>Fundraising:</i>	\$23,262.56

total expenses: \$1,444,807.56

***Global Programs:**

a further explanation of our international ministry costs is provided on the next page

****Advancement:**

this includes costs associated with staffing, administration, board and relational development, building maintenance, and exploratory travel

*global programs**

<i>Myanmar:</i>	<i>\$54,637</i>
<i>Central Asia:</i>	<i>\$597,409</i>
<i>Serbia:</i>	<i>\$78,287</i>
<i>North Africa:</i>	<i>\$32,169</i>
<i>Himalayas:</i>	<i>\$18,865</i>

**These totals include the direct ministry costs + 40% to represent indirect costs such as travel expenses, staff time, etc.*

In January 2023, our team set some ambitious goals and invited you to Go Boldly with us.

And we are honored to say the most heartfelt “thank you” for standing with us and our Field Partners to see these goals to fruition! Because of you, the dial has been turned up on meaningful global Kingdom impact.

It’s truly a privilege to be a part of the movement of the Spirit in some of the toughest places in the world, to come alongside our brave brothers and sisters with friendship, resources and soul care, and to do it all in relationship with you. It’s the Church doing what it does best.

*Grateful for you,
The Uncharted Team*

global ministry expenses

church partnerships

God chooses to fulfill his mission of disciple-making by using the local church, and Uncharted exists in part to help mobilize God's people into God's mission. That's why we partner with local churches, and provide these resources:

relationship

Space to share the challenges of ministry for global missions leaders

- Outpost Gatherings are opportunities for church mission leaders to connect and learn from their peers and experts in the field
- Women Empowering Women is a group for Uncharted's community of women donors interested in advancing God's kingdom

resources

Materials for the local church that spark excitement for global missions

- Perspectives Unsettled is our podcast created to challenge our assumptions about faith and move the average Christian into action
- Fruit is an Uncharted-written devotional on pursuing the fruits of the spirit, available digitally
- One-on-one coaching on global engagement and missiology available for pastors or mission leaders

opportunities

Opportunities to engage in unique ministries in overlooked places

- Personal connection with global church plants and pioneering Christian movements
- Attend a Vision or Ministry Trip to one of Uncharted's accessible Locations
- Provide a Soul Care gathering for our Field Partners
- Uncharted's community of recurring givers, Base Camp, can attend Zoom connects with and write messages to our Field Partners

new partners

By the end of 2023, Uncharted added 14 new Field Partners in our newest Location of the Himalayas, and three new Church Partners across the United States.

new locations

We are exploring the possibilities of launching a 6th Location in collaboration with some of our existing Field Partners. This spring, VP of International Operations Geoff Bunting is taking exploratory trips to new countries in the Balkans, joined by some of our Serbian Field Partners. Some of these Church Planters have already started ministries in neighboring countries, and we are excited about the possibilities of expanding together.

new staff



At the beginning of 2024, Nikola Maric joined the Uncharted staff as our Serbian Location Host. Nikola, with his wife Tamara and their daughter Tara, live in Belgrade, Serbia and are a part of Centre Church, one of our partners. As a part of this new role, Nikola will spend part of his time on staff with Centre Church while his main focus is to oversee and implement hospitality and logistics for Uncharted Ministry and Vision Trips to Serbia. We are excited for this new role, and to have Nikola as a part of the Uncharted staff!

uncharted in 2024

new partners, new staff, and the potential for a new location