

International Samaritan

2023 Annual Report



Our Vision is a time when the garbage dumps of developing countries are no longer homes to human beings struggling to survive.



“Almost **half of the world’s population** lacks access to even the most elementary waste collection and sound disposal services.

Almost 40% of the waste generated globally is unsoundly disposed of in open dumpsites.

Most of these disposal sites can be found in low income and developing countries and are located close to urban areas, **posing a major threat to the human health and the environment.”**

—D Waste, *Waste Atlas 2014 Report: The World’s 50 Biggest Dumpsites*

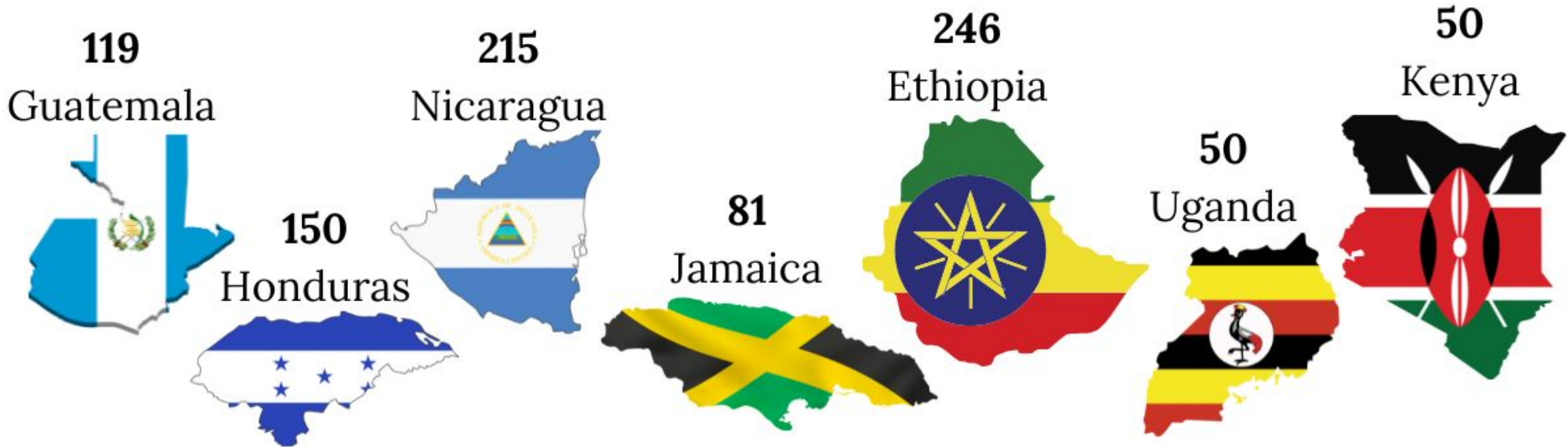
We are **achieving our vision** by walking hand-in-hand with people in garbage dump communities, along with those with a calling to help, to break the chains of poverty and to improve our lives together.



Samaritan Scholars and supporters of the water project in the Buen Samaritano community *celebrate fresh water flowing* in April 2023.

The water tower was dedicated by a friend to **Dr. Ken Coleman**, a faithful researcher and supporter of International Samaritan and husband of University of Michigan's former president, **Dr. Mary Sue Coleman**.

Holistic scholarships are the primary way we help people break out of poverty. Our teams in each community (*selfless and courageous leaders*) identify young people with the most promise or the most need. Then we make strategic investments to support their education and most basic needs.



Total of **911 Samaritan Scholars** in 2023

With more than \$250,000 in support from people across the nation, we built a **water system** to bring clean, fresh water directly to more than 2,000 people in 400 homes for the first time in the history of the community surrounding the dumpsite in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.



*“Mari’s family used **rainwater** to drink, cook, and bathe, as well as wash clothes, utensils and everything else. They were embarrassed to tell us that they also drank this water. I am so very happy that this water project changed the life of Mari and so many others.”*

—Ronia Ramirez, Program Director, Tegucigalpa

After 30 straight months of providing additional food support to help all of our families safely make it through the pandemic, we began to *expand and grow our mission*, launching teams and **100 new scholars in Kenya and Uganda.**



“I feel we have been able to *share the love of God* with our scholars and parents. We’ve built a **Samaritan family** in Dandora, provided food baskets to the most needy, helped with emergency health needs, and discussed life skills and personal journeys. We returned scholars to schools and have *given them back their dreams.*”

—Esther Muhia, Kenya Country Director

(Left) Samaritan Scholars & parents said goodbye to the Dandora dump as they start a new chapter.

Fifty New Chances in *Uganda*



“In a region where access to education remains a distant dream for many, I worked with local community leaders and concerned parents to **identify 50 vulnerable children** on the brink of dropping out of school due to dire circumstances. These children, who might have otherwise remained trapped in the cycle of poverty, were granted a chance to change their lives through education.”

—David Kafambe, Uganda Country Director

(Left) Samaritan Scholars & parents had a family day celebration.

In October 2023, **800 people** in **14 cities** across the world ran in the Global 5K to raise **\$162,000** to support **50 new Samaritan Scholars!**



In Uganda, a total of 83 people, including scholars, parents, and community members, participated in the global 5K held on the road to the dumpsite.



In Ann Arbor, community members raced along with teams from **St. Francis Assisi, St. Mary Student Parish**, and the **University of Michigan**.



The 5K Results:

- Fastest Business: SJS Investment
- Fastest Church: St. Mary's Student Parish
- Fastest School: St. Francis of Assisi
- Fastest Country: Jamaica
- Fastest Time: 13:33 (Mihretu Nibret, Ethiopia)
- Fastest Team Overall: Team Jamaica



For the first time since March of 2020, we were able to begin **sending teams from school and church partners** to serve with our Samaritan Scholars.



Our new **Learn, Serve, Grow** framework focuses on building robust partnerships between the communities we serve along with schools and churches in the United States.

Partners in 2023 included:

- Grace Community Church
- Marian High School
- Mayfield High School
- SAY Detroit Play Center
- St. Charles Prep & Cristo Rey Columbus
- St. Mary's Student Center
- University of Toledo Honors College



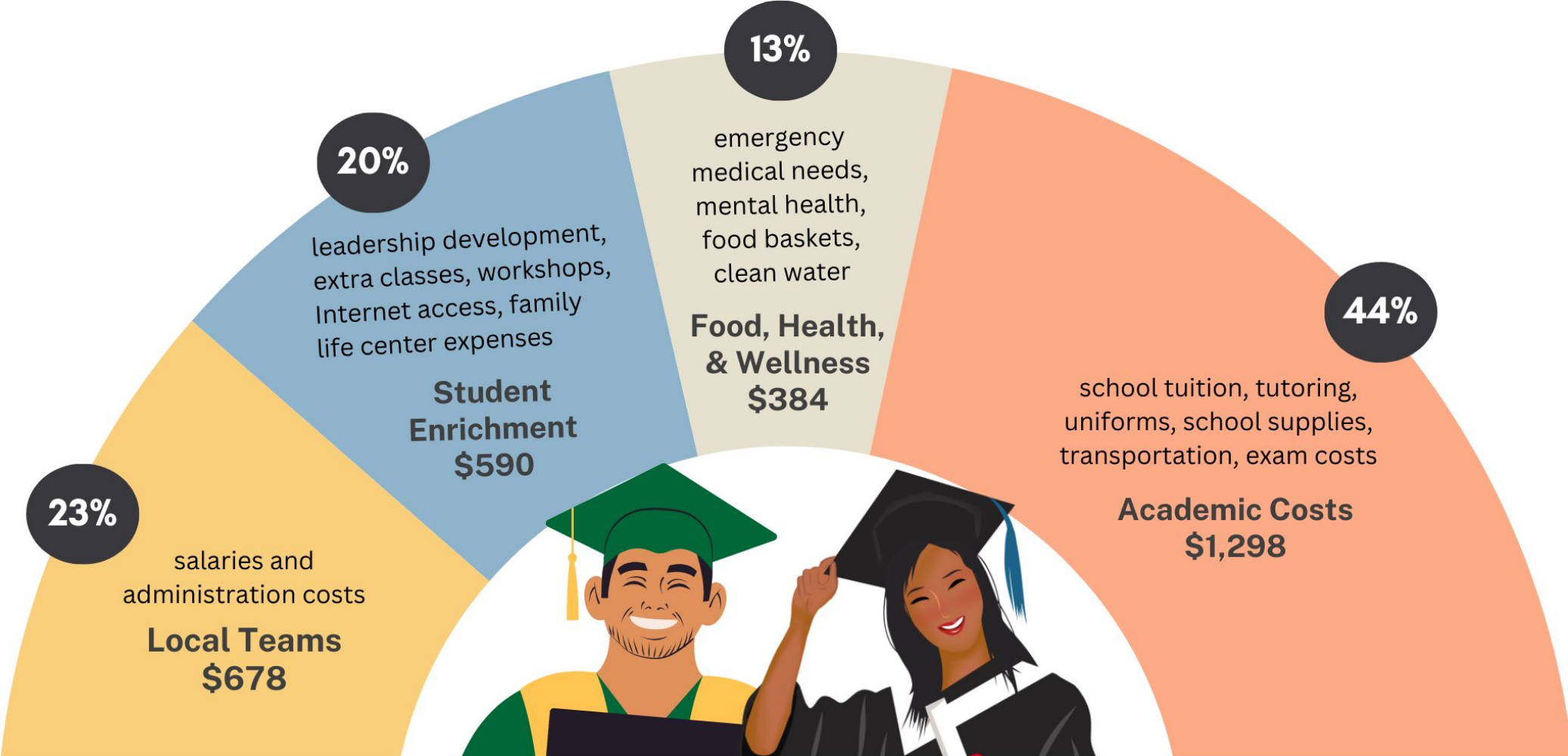
Every dollar is needed and utilized.

Only international expenses are shown, thanks to the **Samaritan Promise**.

Since 2019, **100%** of all donations go directly to programs and people in the countries we serve. Thanks to the generosity and planning of our founding families and board members, all costs incurred in the United States (overhead, administrative, and outreach costs) are covered by our endowment.

Our Holistic Scholarships

\$2,950 per scholarship in 2023



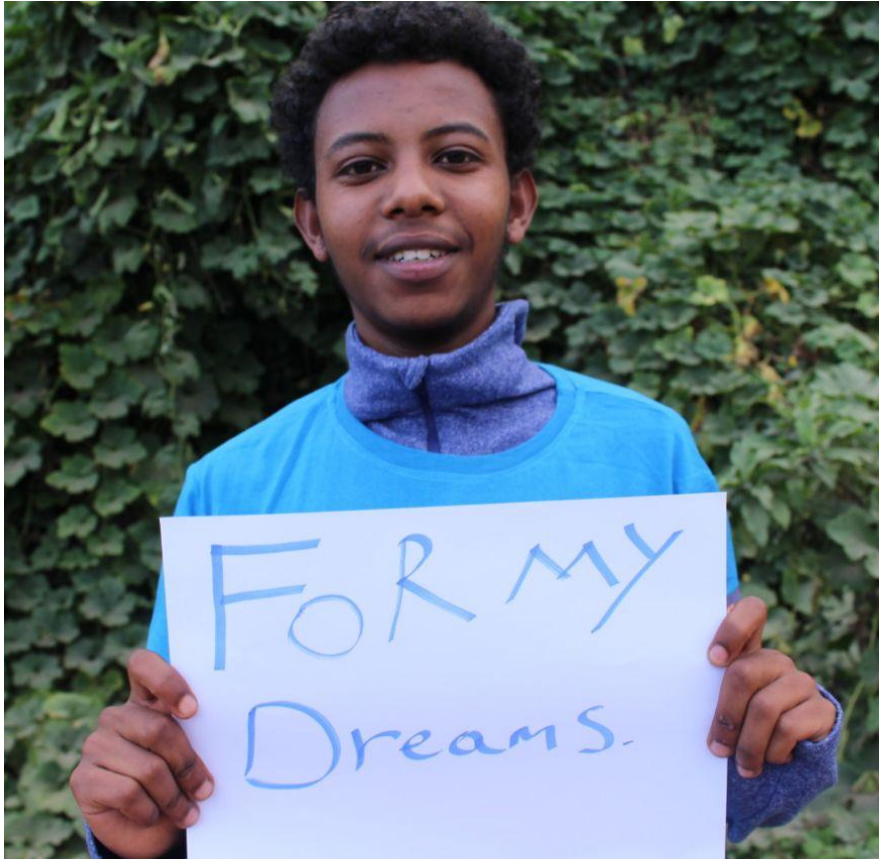


69 Graduates in 2023

From secondary school, university, and technological courses:

- Ethiopia: **12**
- Guatemala: **22**
- Honduras: **12**
- Jamaica: **10**
- Kenya: **0** (*program's first year*)
- Nicaragua: **13**
- Uganda: **0** (*program's first year*)

Every year our **Board of Trustees** reviews and refines our **Vision, Mission, Values and Goals** in a strategic planning retreat. A constant challenge is finding the right balance between expanding to serve more communities and people vs. giving more to the ones we currently partner with. Our commitment in the next five years is to:



- To grow from 8 to 10 communities so that we can support **2,000 Samaritan Scholars** with a path out of poverty.
- To develop a **network of leaders** who *graduate* with measurable character, skills, and desire to strengthen their community and nation.
- To raise **\$10 million per year** by 2028 to accomplish these goals.

In 2023, we began hiring an **Alumni Network Coordinator** for each team. These are current Samaritan Scholars or graduates who are leading efforts with other alumni to strengthen our current scholars and their community.



Feven, a marketing student, is the coordinator for the Kore community in Ethiopia.



Juan David, a journalism student, works with the El Ocotillo community in Honduras.



Elmer, our first nursing graduate, is working with the La Chureca community in Nicaragua.



Daviscito, a civil engineering student, is reconnecting grads from Buen Samaritano and El Campo Cielo in Honduras.



Danielle, a graduate with a Bachelor's in midwifery is working with the Riverton community in Jamaica.

None of this would have been possible without you and people like you who have responded so generously to the call for help.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Thank you for answering the call.