## **OUR BACKGROUND**



n 2021, a small group of Christian volunteers from varying backgrounds came together and acted upon a vision to share the love of Christ with those in the developing world whose lives are caught in the grips of abject poverty.

Today, Spirit of Our Lord Ministries (SOLM), a global Christian humanitarian outreach, and its partners have helped to positively impact the lives of thousands of vulnerable people.

#### **OUR VISION IS:**

To see a world in which all people in developing countries are able to realize their full God-given potential

SOLM operates with an all-volunteer staff who have a deep commitment to share Christ's love to those throughout the globe that no one sees. We partner with small community-based organizations that are on the ground and working with the vulnerable in their local communities. Thus, they are

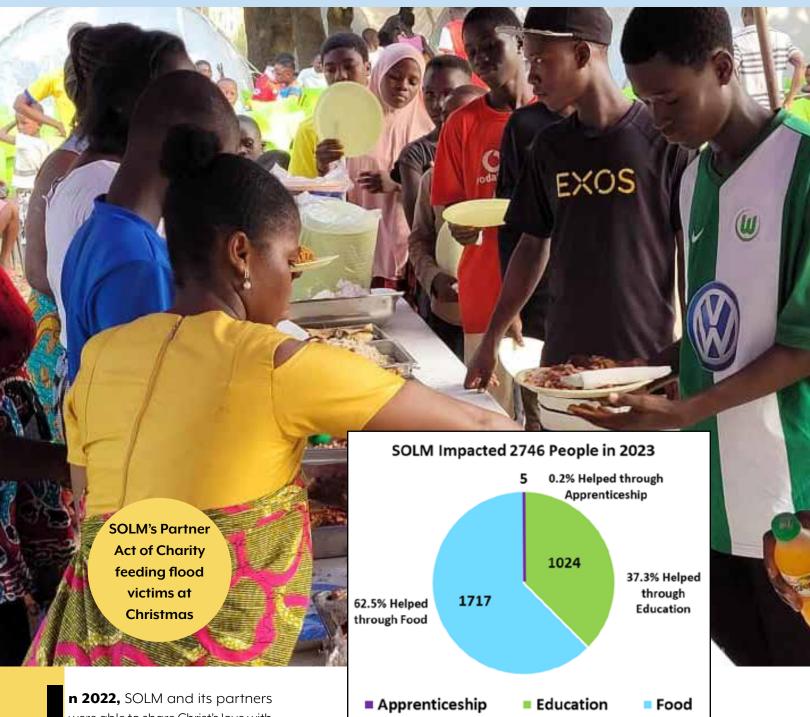
uniquely positioned to develop innovative solutions to meet the specific needs of their communities.

#### **OUR MISSION IS:**

To share the love of Christ in the developing world by providing physical and spiritual support to disadvantaged people. SOLM will partner with local communities to empower vulnerable populations in obtaining food, education, housing, and vocational training



# **TOUCHING MORE LIVES IN 2023**



n 2022, SOLM and its partners were able to share Christ's love with over 2300 vulnerable individuals across three regions in Ghana (Central, Eastern and Volta). And by God's grace, in 2023, we were able to help show a glimmer of hope to over 2700 precious lives in Ghana and Pakistan whom most of the world does not see.

Much like the previous year, 2023 was a tumultuous period throughout the globe. Along with many of you, we at SOLM witnessed a myriad of humanitarian crises fueled by both natural and human phenomena.

While SOLM and its partners are not capable of helping all those in need, generous donations from small donors and major donors provided us with the funding to support programs for the vulnerable in Ghana and Pakistan.



### **EDUCATION**



### Ghana

Throughout 2023, SOLM and its partners assisted needy students by providing school supplies (i.e., uniforms, books and required school fees). One of the schoolteachers in the Volta Region reported to SOLM's partner Act of Charity that our efforts in providing schools supplies and lunches for students has been "...very beneficial to the performance and health of these students."

In Ghana's Eastern region, SOLM also supported students in vulnerable neighborhoods through its partner One Life Aid's (OLAF) Every Child in School program which provides school supplies, health and hygiene education and supplies while mentoring parents to be more involved in their children's education.

### **Pakistan**

SOLM supported vulnerable students in Pakistan by partnering with <u>Empower International</u> to help purchase land to build a much-needed Christian school. Christians are a very small minority and have limited access to education.

Altogether 1024 children were positively impacted in 2023 in both Ghana and Pakistan.



### **APPRENTICESHIP**

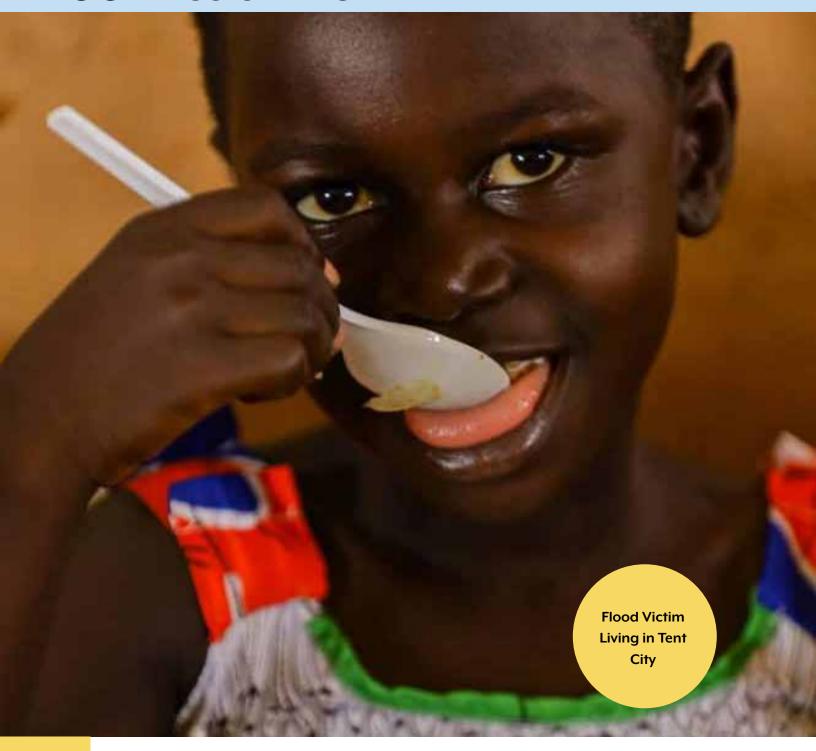


n 2023, SOLM took another step toward empowering vulnerable individuals and families. This was accomplished through assisting *5 vulnerable women* through apprenticeships. With this program, SOLM is working toward making a longer-lasting impact in the lives of individuals, giving them greater agency over their lives. One of the apprentices, Patience, reported, "I don't know how life will

be like without you coming to help. I am very happy. Now that it has left about 8 months for me to finish learning my trade, then I will be doing my own work and support my child and the family. I am very grateful and pray that you will be able to support me until I am done with this apprenticeship.



# **FOOD ASSISTANCE**



**OLM's impact** through food assistance was accomplished through various means in 2023. Children with food insecurity were provided nutritious lunches at school; flood victims were given food and water. Throughout the year, families with food insecurity were provided emergency food relief, and during the Christmas season

families with food insecurity (including the flood victims) were given food along with a celebration and the Gospel.

The total number of people helped through food in 2023 was 1717.



## **2024 AND BEYOND**



s we view ongoing catastrophes throughout the globe, the suffering of the vulnerable continues to grow and spread. As an all-volunteer organization, SOLM will continue to act as a source of resources for a network of community-based organizations in the developing world who are responding to the needs of the poor and vulnerable within their communities.

Because none of SOLM's staff or board members receive any money from donations, ninety-three cents out of every dollar donated to SOLM goes towards programs that have a direct impact in helping those who are in need. We will continue to seek partnerships with individuals, churches and philanthropic organizations in our efforts to raise awareness of the vast needs of the people in the developing world.

