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Thank You!



ANOTE FROM KARL

More churches are being served in the U.S. and around the globe than ever before thanks to your support & engagement.

More and more churches are being equipped to urgently respond to everyday disasters that are tearing families and communities a part.

Please remember: Behind every prayer, every item delivered, every outreach, there is a story. All the work we do to mobilize God's Church is for the "one." Because Jesus makes it personal, so do we.

This is what is at stake in your communities — people. In each and every community that you represent, there are people who need a personal touch from the God who loves them. People who are tired, who are hurting, who need help, who need you. This work we are doing matters, and it's changing lives.

I assure you, that's something they'll never forget and it's all made possible because of YOU!

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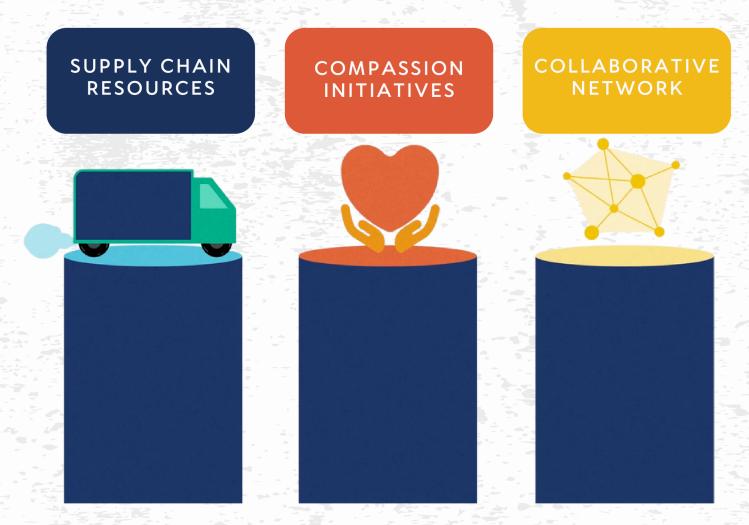
MISSION

CityServe trains, equips, and mobilizes the local church to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its community through compassion.

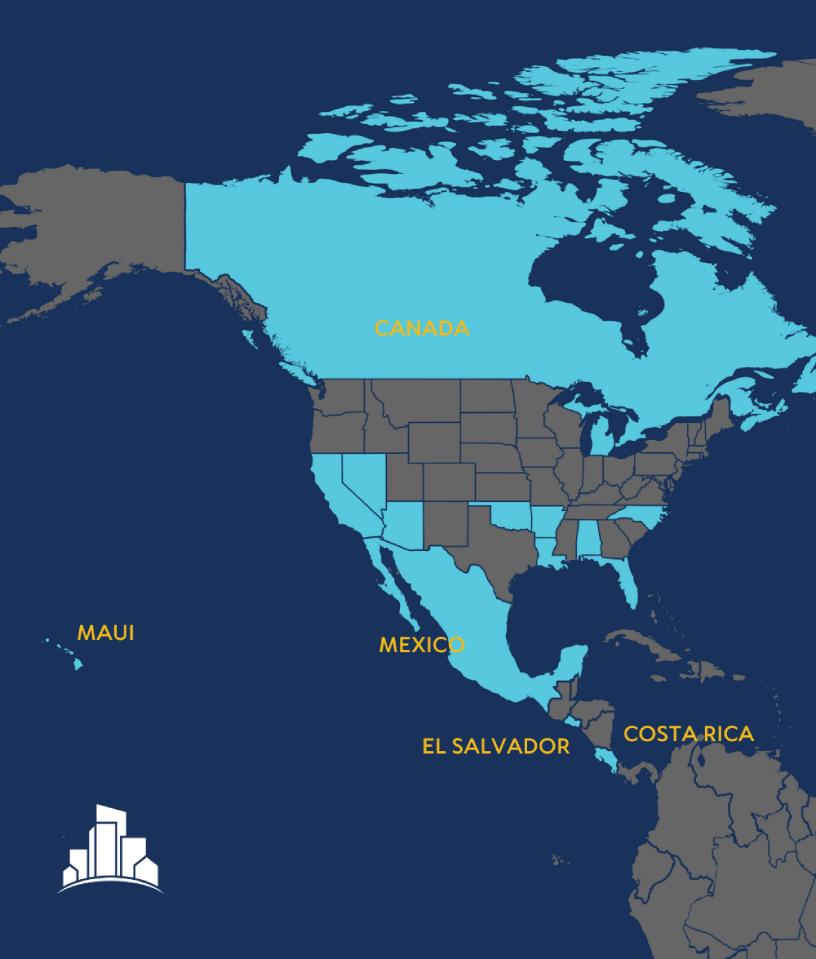
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CHURCH EMPOWERMENT PILLARS

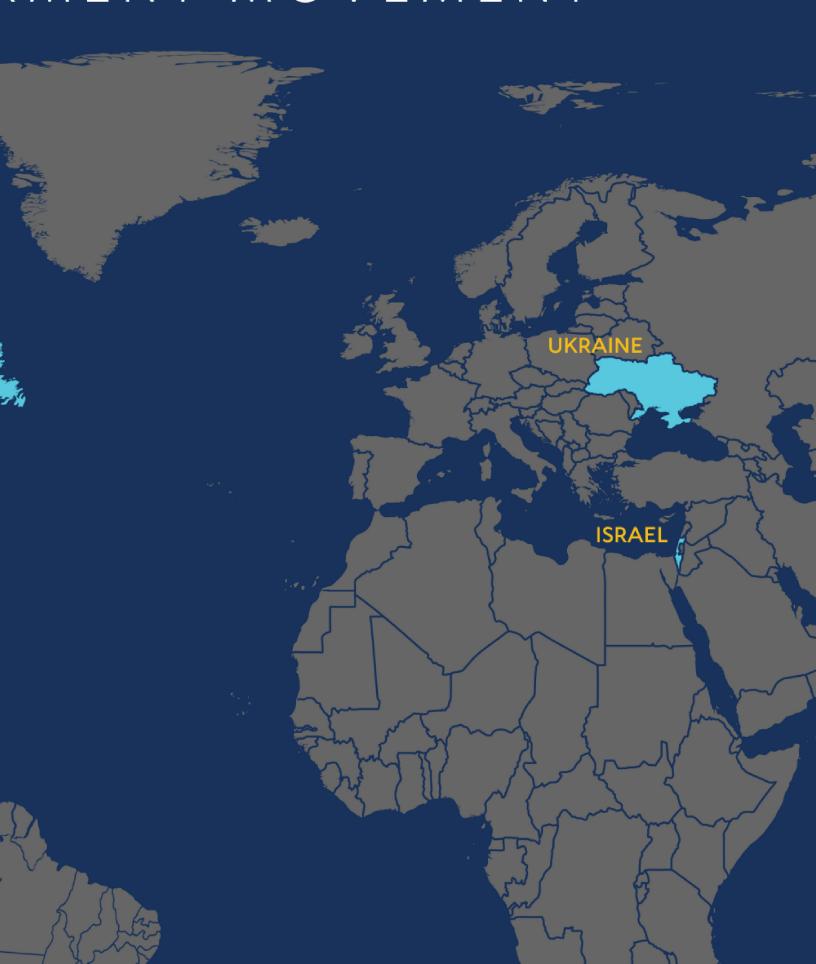
Empowering the local church to be the center of community and the driving catalyst for restorative relationships with those in need.



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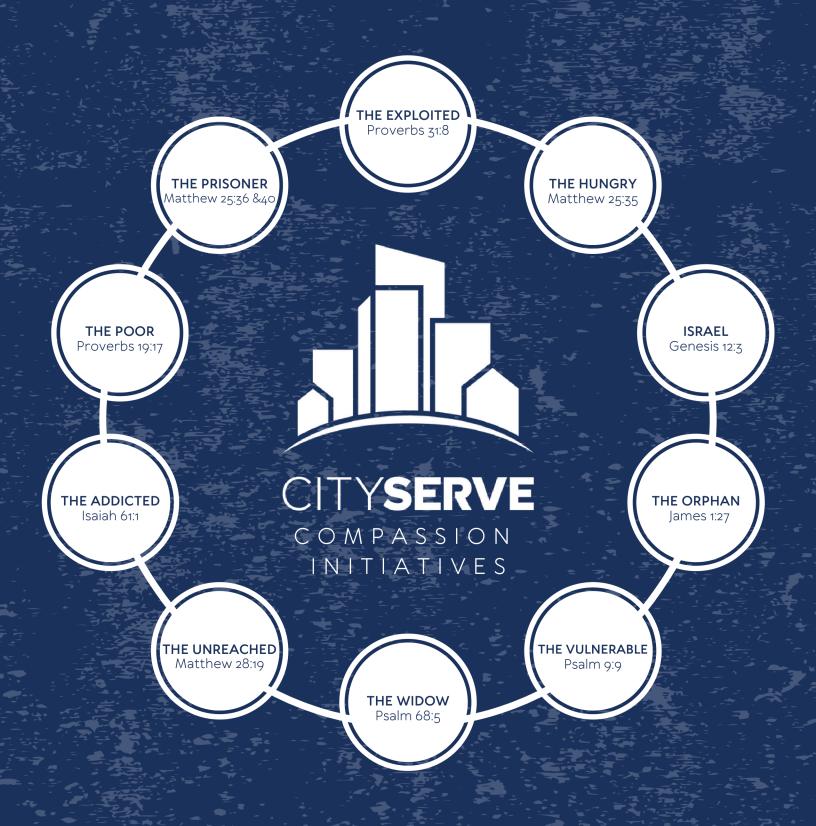




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THE MAYOR'S BALL







COMPASSION

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PLACE OF VISION + COACHING

In October 2023, located at CityServe Headquarters in Bakersfield, California, the Center for Compassion Initiatives officially opened.

The Compassion Initiatives are the heart of CityServe's mission—our Biblical template of how God's Church is to be the answer to brokenness in our world. The Center is a place of vision & coaching for training churches across the country in the CityServe Compassion Initiatives. With dedicated offices for each of the ten Compassion Initiatives, churches and their teams will explore and learn new, innovative ways to serve their communities.



A dynamic gathering of the global collaborative network.

CELEBRATE. LEARN. GROW

The All Team Summit is a dynamic gathering of the global collaborative network. It's a time when CityServe leaders from around the world come together to recognize and rejoice in the incredible work that God is doing through the local church. The All Team Summit also equips CityServe affiliate leaders and their teams with practical tools they can use to empower local churches who are on the frontlines of everyday disasters.

Worship & reflection, inspirational stories, Interactive breakout session, updates and vision casting—it's a powerful time of gathering at the CityServe Headquarters in Bakersfield, CA.











Supportive Services
Faith + Connection Gatherings





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ELEVATING PEOPLE TO LIVE THEIR PURPOSE



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Breaks down barriers that prevent people from reaching their full potential. The CityServe Educational Collaborative has celebrated 132 graduates of people who have decided to take a pathway to purpose. We also celebrated the grand re-opening of the center since the pandemic shut downs. Through the power of community collaboration, CityServe Educational Collaborative offers a path toward a better life with job skills certifications and life skills wrap-around training.





Re-Entry Services Promoting Effective Community Transition (RESPECT) is a free 6-12-month individual and family counseling program provided to formerly incarcerated men and women. In 2023, 84 families have been strengthened and relationships have been mended resulting in reduced recidivism, stable employment, connections to community and church resources.





Teaches youth relationship life skills designed to create healthy foundations for a bright future. In 2023, 562 students completed a cohort-equipping them to take control of their choices and relationships.



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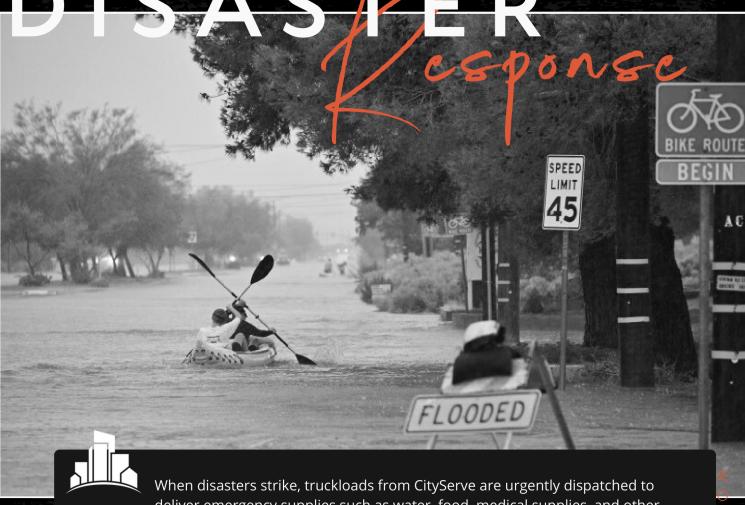
CityServe Violence Prevention is an anger management group counseling program aimed to reduce violence in homes and in our community. In 2023, 72 students have completed the program. This program is for individuals who want to learn how to control their emotions to prevent harm, process past trauma and fear, learn healthier alternatives to violent (verbal, physical and emotional) outbursts, prevent crimes, and discover a new approach to life.



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Second Chances provides employment tracks in local industries with on-the-job training and skill development for individuals who have previously struck out with employment but have recently proven to be driven, hard working, and need a second chance at a successful career.



deliver emergency supplies such as water, food, medical supplies, and other emergency necessities to be distributed through the local church.

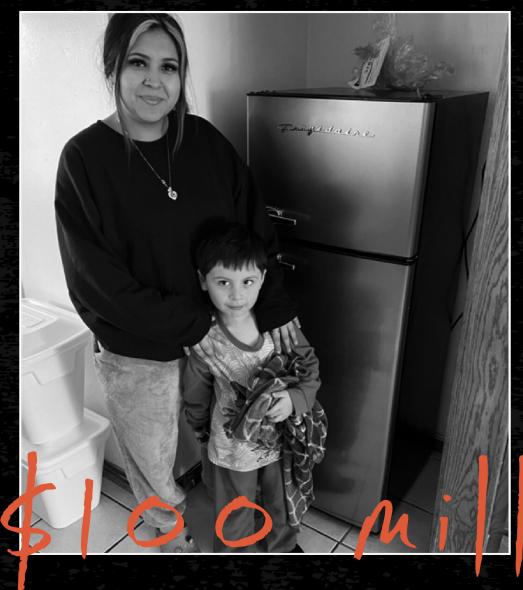
When other disaster relief nonprofits have packed up and left, CityServe teams arrive to assess damage and greatest needs—working with local churches to serve families who have been displaced and need additional support.



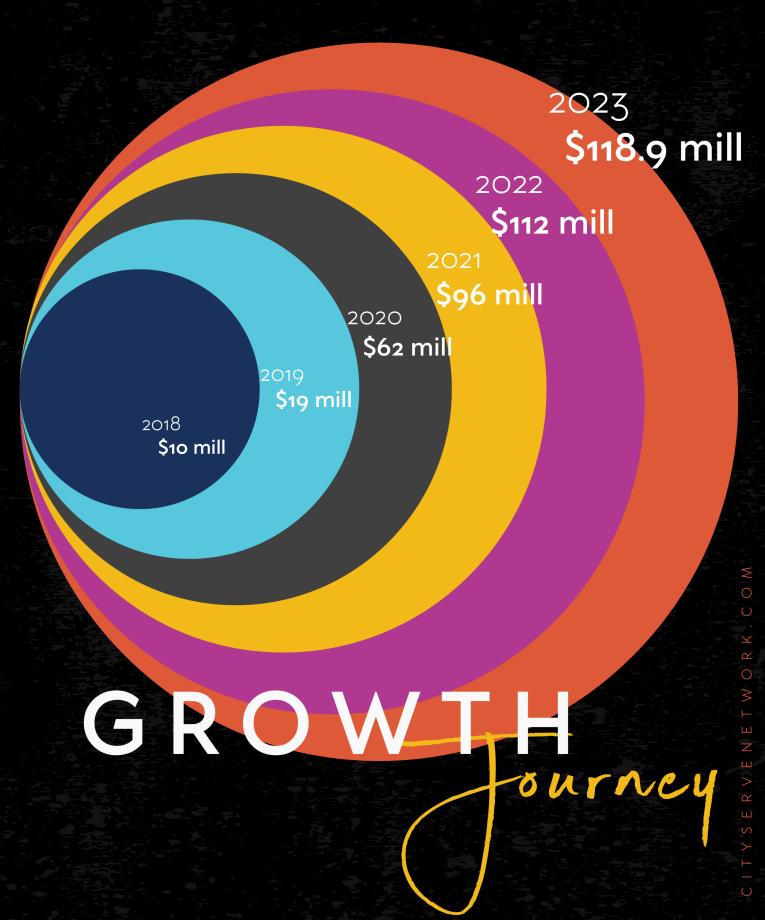
In August 2023, Tropical Storm Hilary caused flooding through the city of Ridgecrest and the city immediately declared a state of emergency. CityServe partnered with KSI to urgently deliver loads of relief supplies to The Lighthouse Church so they can respond to families in need.

Because the local church is there before, during, and after every disaster.





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FROM A CURSE TO A BLESSING



As a CODA (Child Of Deaf Adults), JJ saw his life as a curse. He lived his childhood as his parents' interpreter—signing for them in nearly every interaction or service they needed outside their home. Living a life of misplaced self-identity took a toll on JJ and he eventually resorted to drugs and alcohol in his teen years to numb the confusion and be accepted among his peers.

"I'm a deaf soul in a hearing body...I just wanted acceptance and to feel normal."

The "nature of the beast" (as JJ refers his addiction to) grew steadily in his adults years. Overtime drug-use was no longer for recreation, but was a necessity. He was ashamed of who he had become and purposefully distanced himself from his family, including his two young daughters. JJ desperately wanted to be a good dad and provide well for his girls.

"There were times I would sell drugs to buy milk for my daughters... They would cry and beg to see me. But I didn't want them to see me at my worst."

Rock bottom was when JJ found himself homeless and living out of his broken down car in the middle of the fields. JJ knew he needed help. He reached out to his dad who got him connected to the help he needed.

"I'm grateful to CityServe and their programs for helping me get my life back."

JJ has had his driver's license reinstated, has shared custody of his two daughters, Stella (5) and Adley (4), volunteers as an interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired, and works at CityServe Headquarters as a case manager. What he once viewed as a curse, he now sees his ability to sign as a blessing.

Because of the support from our local donors and partners, JJ's daughters will never know their father to be strung out, homeless or broken. But Stella and Adley will forever know their dad whole, restored and healed. **THANK YOU!**

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY & SUPPORT

2023 has been an

incredible journey of mobilizing local churches to help people navigate through everyday disasters.



STRENGTHENING

CHURCHES

From Your Neighborhood to the Nations

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