



# Global Missions

## 2023 Annual Report



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# Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ



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## Message From the President and CEO



Dear friends and partners,

As AdventHealth continues to advance its mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ in communities around the world, I am grateful for your partnership and support. It is only through the help of our volunteers, donors, partner institutions and other supporters that we see fruit from our work together to deliver whole-person care around the globe.

This past year, we have been blessed to extend our mission and impact in new ways. Our global reach in 2023 expanded to include Ukraine – our 14th footprint. Our partnership with the Angelia Adventist Clinic in Kyiv has provided an opportunity to serve this region during an unprecedented wartime crisis.

Our volunteer, medical mission trips have continued to gain momentum post-pandemic and provided our team members with opportunities to engage in our work abroad to deliver whole-person care in areas such as surgical care, primary care and ongoing medical education. In 2023, 308 team-member volunteers took 21 trips to more than nine countries – caring for more than 22,000 people.

Last year, AdventHealth also donated critical equipment to hospitals and clinics in the Bahamas, Chile, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, the Philippines and other countries, totaling approximately \$930,000 in value.

These strides, and many more, were only made possible through the continued support and engagement of our volunteers, donors and partnering institutions who are all working to make our global communities healthier places to live. Looking ahead to the next year, our mission and brand promise to help those we serve feel whole will continue to guide all we do in the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

In His Service,

Terry D. Shaw  
AdventHealth | President and CEO



# 2023 Overview of Footprints



## Chile

Clínica Adventista de Los Ángeles & Universidad Adventista de Chile

**Executive Sponsor:** Jennifer Wandersleben, Regional CEO, West Florida Division

**Executive Sponsor:** Jason Newmyer, CEO, AdventHealth Riverview



## Dominican Republic

Centro Médico Vista del Jardín

**Executive Sponsor:** Dennis Hernandez, MD, CEO, AdventHealth New Smyrna



## Ecuador

Clínica Adventista de Quito

**Executive Sponsor:** Erika Skula, CEO, AdventHealth Ocala

**Executive Sponsor:** Amanda Maggard, CEO, AdventHealth Celebration



## Ethiopia

Kalala Learning Village

**Executive Sponsor:** Abel Biri, CEO, AdventHealth Waterman

**Executive Sponsor:** Lars Houmann, CEO Emeritus



## Haiti

Hôpital Adventiste d'Haïti

**Executive Sponsor:** Terry Owen, SVP Emeritus, Leadership Institute Consultant



## Honduras

Hospital Adventista Valle de Ángeles & Clínica Adventista de Tegucigalpa

**Executive Sponsor:** Scott Brady, MD, Network President, CEO Home, Urgent & Retail Care, CEO Centra Care Primary Health Division

**Executive Sponsor:** Robert Paswaters, COO, AdventHealth Centra Care



## Jamaica

Andrews Memorial Hospital

**Executive Sponsor:** Audrey Gregory, Executive Vice President, East Florida Division



## Kentucky, USA

AdventHealth Manchester

**Executive Sponsor:** Sissel Jacob, CEO, AdventHealth Manchester

**Executive Sponsor:** Brent Snyder, Executive Vice President, Chief Information Officer



## Nepal

Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital

**Executive Sponsor:** Brett Spent, CEO, Multi-State Division, Rocky Mountain Region

**Executive Sponsor:** Rick Dodds, CEO, AdventHealth Littleton

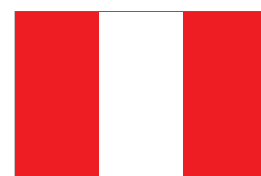


## Paraguay

Sanatorio Adventista Asunción & Sanatorio Adventista de Hohenau

**Executive Sponsor:** Penny Johnson, CEO, Multi-State Division, Southwest Region

**Executive Sponsor:** Kevin Roberts, CEO, AdventHealth Central Texas and Rollins Brook



## Peru

Clínica Adventista Ana Stahl, Clínica Americana de Juliaca, & Clínica Adventista Good Hope

**Executive Sponsor:** Sam Huenergardt, Regional CEO, Multi-State Division, Mid-America Region

**Executive Sponsor:** Isaac Sendros, CEO, AdventHealth Redmond



## Philippines

Adventist Medical Center - Manila

**Executive Sponsor:** Evelyn Lowe, CNO, AdventHealth Home Health & Hospice, Primary Health Division



## Rwanda

Muganero Adventist Hospital

**Executive Sponsor:** Mike Goebel, CEO, AdventHealth Parker



## Ukraine

Angelia Clinic

**Executive Sponsor:** Todd Folkenberg, CEO, AdventHealth Porter

**Executive Sponsor:** Dima Didenko, CFO, AdventHealth West Florida Division

# Living Our Mission 2023

## Missions to Paraguay

In April 2023, AdventHealth's Southwest Region conducted its first medical mission trip to Paraguay after the country became an official Footprint of AdventHealth in 2022. The team, comprised of AdventHealth staff, administrators, and volunteers, collaborated with Sanatorio Adventista de Asunción at multiple clinics in underserved areas. In addition to clinical work, the team took the opportunity to explore the cultural richness of Paraguay, including a visit to Iguazu Falls. In October, a second group partnered with Sanatorio Adventista de Hohenau for a week-long mission, extending health care services to

communities, including indigenous villages. These mission trips reflect the impact that we can have when working in collaboration with local health care institutions (our Footprint partners) to deliver medical services and engage with communities. The commitment to whole-person care and community well-being was demonstrated throughout these trips, as more than 2,000 people received care. AdventHealth's mission in Paraguay is just beginning, and these trips are a testament to our dedication to making a tangible impact on global health.



## Mission to Ecuador

AdventHealth embarked on its inaugural mission trip to Ecuador in May 2023, collaborating with Clínica Adventista de Quito. With 22 volunteers, including clinical experts in neurology, oncology and dermatology, they delivered medical care to more than 1,400 people in Quito and Machachi. The diverse health conditions addressed ranged from diabetes to trauma. A small

onsite pharmacy facilitated direct distribution of pharmaceuticals, reinforcing the team's impact. Beyond medical assistance, the team attended to the spiritual needs of patients, offering prayers after each visit. Joseph Rivera, VP of Mission and Ministry for AdventHealth's West Florida Division, highlighted the transformative experience for both the team and recipients. "There

are so many different levels to what a trip like this does," Rivera explained. "It clarifies our mission to those who participate, and it also instills within them a passion for providing wholistic care." Despite being AdventHealth's first mission trip to Ecuador, we had previously supported the completion of Clínica Adventista de Quito's imaging center and supplied two shipping containers

of medical donations. Future plans include expanding support to encompass training services in all areas, including marketing and accounting. AdventHealth's overarching mission to extend Christ's healing ministry was vividly demonstrated through the Global Missions program — leaving a lasting impact on participants and instilling a passion for holistic care.



## Missions to the Dominican Republic

In September 2023, a mission trip unfolded with 27 participants serving 1450 patients across five locations, including churches and schools. Centro Médico Vista del Jardín in the Dominican Republic was an excellent partner, as they worked together with their local Seventh-day Adventist churches and schools. This trip also involved collaboration with students from the Medical College of Georgia, which has a relationship with AdventHealth Redmond. The team attended to patients with various medical needs, from common colds to life-threatening illnesses — successfully transporting

some to the hospital. The impact of the journey is encapsulated in a participant's words: "It's always been my dream to go on a medical mission trip. This was my first one, and it was better than I even imagined." The growth of volunteers as whole-person care providers and the compassion displayed in a challenging environment left a lasting impression for everyone involved. The team's dedication, evident in tasks big and small, sparked a desire to continue to do more global mission work in the Dominican Republic.



# Mission Trips

- Peru**
  - Iquitos**
    - 4 Mission Trips: Surgical Care and Community Health Clinics
  - Lima**
    - 2 Mission Trips: Servicio Social (Pediatric Care)
  - Puerto Maldonado**
    - 1 Mission Trip: Primary Care
- Dominican Republic**
  - 2 Mission Trips: Primary Care

- Honduras**
  - 2 Mission Trips: Primary Care
- Rwanda**
  - 2 Mission Trips: Continuing medical education in Orthopedics and Club Foot Casting; Construction of new Maternity and Surgical wards
- Nepal**
  - 2 Mission Trips: Clinical and Administrative Training

- Ecuador**
  - 1 Mission Trip: Primary Care
- Mexico**
  - 1 Mission Trip: Cervical Cancer Screening and Colposcopy Care
- Paraguay**
  - 2 Mission Trips: Primary Care

- Kentucky**
  - 1 Mission Trip: Community Services
- Philippines**
  - 1 Mission Trip: Surgical Care

**308**  
Total Volunteers





# Educational Initiatives

AdventHealth has cultivated a multifaceted partnership with several Footprints which transcends traditional health care settings, expanding our collaboration to encompass educational institutions affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Recognizing the pivotal role of universities in shaping future faith-based leaders, our engagement extends beyond hospitals and medical clinics when such opportunities are available. In particular, our focus has been

on nursing schools, aligning with our core educational expertise with AdventHealth University and our clinical education programs. Through knowledge-sharing initiatives, collaborative skills-development projects and simulation programs, we strive to enhance the educational experience and prepare nursing students for the evolving health care landscape. We aim to contribute to the formation of competent and compassionate health care professionals who

are well-equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow with a strong faith-based foundation. We have built strong relationships with Universidad Adventista de Chile, Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica, Manila Adventist College in the Philippines and Universidad Peruana Union in Peru. Through these relationships, we have helped develop simulation labs, donated computers to nursing students and supported nursing scholarships. In addition, we have created

avenues for international nurses from legacy institutions to experience the dynamic environment of AdventHealth hospitals, fostering cross-cultural exchange and inspiring aspirations for a future career in the United States. Embracing a win-win approach, we remain committed to supporting the success of these educational institutions and their nursing graduates — ensuring a harmonious partnership that benefits both parties and, ultimately, the communities we serve.



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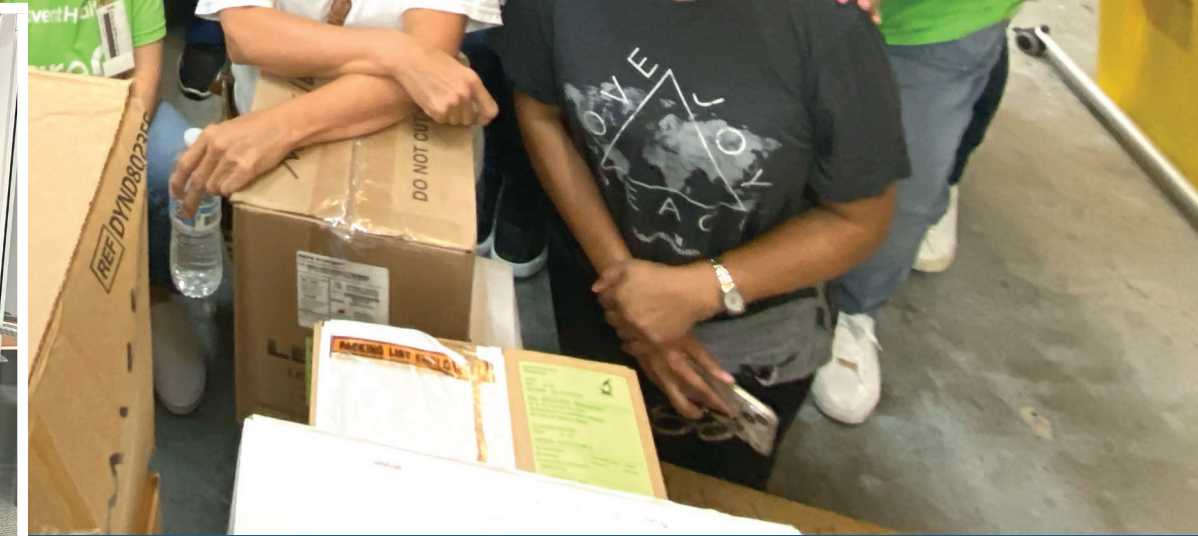
# Warehouse in Action

In 2023, AdventHealth Global Missions upheld our commitment to charitable work with a continued dedication to our warehouse activities. The year witnessed a steadfast focus on donating medical supplies and equipment to underserved communities. Across 25 different countries and local organizations, we dispatched 56 consignments, including 14 full-size sea containers filled with essential materials. This deliberate effort reflected our ongoing mission to provide medical resources globally. Our shipments addressed diverse needs, from pandemic-related challenges with PPE materials to supplying hospital beds, computers, imaging equipment and more. The impact of our contributions helps improve the health and well-being of countless individuals worldwide.

The volunteer program established in our Altamonte Springs warehouse location continues to serve a crucial role in these endeavors. With more than 160 volunteers actively participating in sorting donated medical supplies, the efficiency of our shipments was bolstered. The support from our dedicated team and the community fueled this success. Looking ahead, we express gratitude for their contributions and reaffirm our commitment to expanding the volunteer program in the coming years. The continued success of our warehouse program is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our team and volunteers as we serve communities in need globally.



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Todd Folkenberg  
CEO, Porter Adventist Hospital

## New Footprint: Ukraine

In 2016, the Angelia Clinic began providing medical, psychiatric and dental care to the people of Ukraine. This Seventh-day Adventist hospital located in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv is focused on whole-person care and healthy living. In 2019, leadership at Centura Health (now AdventHealth Rocky Mountain Region) took steps to begin a long-term relationship with the Angelia Clinic. An initial clinical trip was planned for 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to that effort. Then, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, further delaying our ability to develop a formal footprint relationship.

Communications with Dr. Yury Bondarenko, CEO of Clinica Angelia, were sporadic during those first few months of the war. But, we were able to glean enough information to know that the staff was safe, and most had relocated to facilities near the border with Romania. Their first concern was to provide food and supplies to the people still living in Kyiv, as well as facilitating the transfer of refugees to the border. Once these efforts were established, Dr. Yury and team started to focus on providing health care to various communities, especially those cities and towns which were liberated from the Russian occupiers. AdventHealth raised funds from employees and other donors to enable the Clinic to purchase and rehab two vehicles which now house mobile medical and dental services. The Angelia Clinic received an award from the Ukrainian Parliament in recognition of their dedicated services to the Ukrainian nation during the first year of the war.

While the conflict with Russia continues, AdventHealth has officially recognized the Angelia Clinic as a Global Missions Footprint under the executive sponsorship of Todd Folkenberg, CEO of AdventHealth Porter and Dima Didenko, CFO for the West Florida Division. In 2023, AdventHealth leaders have been blessed to meet with Dr. Yury, Olena Vladovska, COO, and other Angelia leaders during their visits to the United States. Our meetings highlighted the opportunities to provide additional medical services through the mobile clinics, and the needs for additional mobile facilities and equipment. As a result, AdventHealth funded another truck and trailer, which

houses four physician-consultation offices and provides an ultrasound and other testing equipment. The staff at the Angelia Clinic has made huge sacrifices since the war began, yet they have resisted the urge to flee the country — deciding to stay and help in any way they can. They are heroes and deserve our continued prayers and support. AdventHealth prays for a peaceful resolution to this conflict and hopes to help the Angelia Clinic restore the health care infrastructure of Ukraine when hostilities end. Together, we can bring health and healing to a hurting country.

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## Partnering for Impact

### AdventHealth's Connection to the Philippines

AdventHealth's Global Missions program extends its healing ministry to the Philippines, a country of more than 7,000 islands known for its scenic beauty and strong family values. Established in 2015, the Philippines Footprint is a testament to the program's commitment to forging long-term connections with medical institutions worldwide. Evelyn Lowe, Chief Nursing Officer for Home Health and Hospice for AdventHealth's Primary Health Division, has a personal connection to the Philippines. Her mother's nursing journey began at Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, now Adventist Medical Center – Manila.

Lowe, inspired by her mother's pioneering spirit, leads efforts to enhance access to health care services in the Philippines through partnerships with multiple hospitals. She serves as the Executive Sponsor for AdventHealth's Philippine Footprint. This collaboration,

rooted in faith-based principles, reflects AdventHealth's mission to extend its impact globally. Furthermore, the partnership aids in onboarding skilled Filipino nurses into AdventHealth's U.S. workforce, fostering diversity through the Transcultural Assimilation Program.

Evelyn Lowe, recognizing the importance of honoring her mother's legacy, has been a speaker at graduation pinning ceremonies and leadership conferences in the Philippines. She has also led multiple volunteer trips — providing surgical services and primary care. This intercontinental collaboration not only strengthens AdventHealth's global presence, but also highlights the engagement of AdventHealth leaders who are able to connect with their heritage while working in harmony with faith-based organizations to fulfill our mission.

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## Special Highlights

### Operation Sunshine

Operation Sunshine, initiated with the goal of delivering health care to children residing in orphanages in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, operates in collaboration with Haiti Adventist Hospital, our Footprint in Haiti. The program targeted orphanages and group homes in Haiti, initially enrolling more than 500 children. In 2019, volunteer trips to Haiti were halted due to political turmoil and the ensuing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, Haiti Adventist Hospital, adhering to travel restrictions, continues to offer comprehensive health care — encompassing physician consultations, medications, laboratory tests and hospitalization for enrolled children.

AdventHealth Global Missions, unwavering in its commitment to Operation Sunshine, has expanded its reach to Peru, marking the program’s inaugural expansion. Clinica Good Hope in Lima, Peru, has established and funded “Servicio Social,” a children’s clinic catering to enrolled children from birth to 18 years — ensuring free health care access. Teams of pediatric residents and faculty from AdventHealth conduct wellness checks, dental exams and fluoride applications for several hundred children during each visit. Ongoing fundraising efforts for Operation Sunshine guarantee timely health care for the most vulnerable children, addressing their health needs when required.



Fundraising for the Operation Sunshine program ensures that children who are most vulnerable receive the health care they need, exactly when they need it.

### Salud Total: Peru – Total Health Project

In the Amazonian rain forest of Peru, access to health care is extremely limited. Without regular visits to a primary health care provider, preventable illnesses such as dysentery and anemia become public health threats. Proper nutrition and personal hygiene practices, such as hand washing, are critical to survival. However, villages continue to struggle with these simple life-changing tasks. At the same time, villages face behavioral health challenges such as alcoholism, domestic violence and the devastating psychological impact of COVID-19. Without access to providers, villagers are at much higher risk for long-term health complications.

Thanks to the Total Health program, or Salud Total as it is known in Peru, Centura Health’s Global Health Initiatives is working to change this norm. In partnership with the Universidad Peruana Unión, Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl in Iquitos, Clinica Adventista Americana in Juliaca and Productos Union, this program focuses on educating the public through supervised student health interns. The interns immerse themselves in the communities, spending one year offering nursing, psychology and nutrition education. They are embedded in a village, where they work directly with individuals and families — empowering them with the skills and knowledge to take charge of their health. Two villages have benefited from the Total Health program and the goal is to expand the program to more communities, if funds permit.



## TOTAL HEALTH PROJECT

### 2023 RESULTS

 **Education 100%**

of families improved their knowledge towards a healthy lifestyle

 **Anemia 60%**

Decrease of Anemia in Children Less Than 5 Years Old

 **Immunization 95%**

Of children less than 5 years old completed their full vaccination schedule

 **Clean Water 56**

families had access to clean water via donated water filters

 **Domestic Abuse 85%**

Decrease Through Education and Long-Term Assistance

 **Partners 10**

volunteers trained in first-aid, vaccinations and anemia



## Celebrating Our Volunteers

Linda Cadmus dedicated 20 years of service at AdventHealth, leaving a legacy centered on the profound value of helping others. As a risk manager at AdventHealth Centra Care, she balanced preventive measures with hands-on patient care, emphasizing positive experiences. Intrigued by AdventHealth's Global Missions program, Cadmus embarked on her first mission trip to Honduras in 2016, finding it so impactful that she returned six more times. Charmed by the Honduran people's kindness, she developed enduring relationships and witnessed significant life events within the local community. Comfortable as a seasoned volunteer, Cadmus encouraged others to step outside their comfort zones, assuring them of transformative experiences. Her passion for service extended beyond AdventHealth, as she also volunteered at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida and her local animal shelter. Despite retiring from AdventHealth in January 2024, Cadmus expressed excitement about continuing mission trips — highlighting the fulfilling nature of such endeavors. Advocating for others to embark on similar journeys, she believes it fills one's "love tank" and leaves a lasting impact, encouraging a positive transformation.

# AdventHealth President's Council

The annual AdventHealth President's Council plays a pivotal role in supporting Global Missions, making substantial donations that fuel crucial initiatives across Footprint locations. The collective generosity of AdventHealth senior leaders translates into tangible results that provide immediate impact. Their contributions extend to enhancing infrastructure —, from upgrading electrical systems in hospitals to

fortifying lab facilities. These investments not only bolster the health care capabilities of Footprint hospitals, but also exemplify the compassionate leadership of AdventHealth's leaders. Their commitment enables the realization of impactful projects — a testament to the organization's dedication to advancing health care in communities worldwide.



## Our Donors

AdventHealth Global Missions relies on philanthropy to amplify its impact, focusing on four key areas: community medical outreach with volunteer medical teams, cash gifts from donors to help with specific projects or programs, knowledge exchange, and in-kind donations of equipment and supplies. AdventHealth Global Missions does not provide unrestricted funds to support general operations of our Footprint partners.

Our gratitude extends to dedicated volunteers and donors who enable us to create a meaningful impact. Volunteers generously contribute time and resources, participating in medical missions that reach underserved communities lacking health care access. Their altruism mirrors our mission. Donors play a pivotal role, funding programs such as Operation Sunshine, ensuring children's access to health care and other projects to improve health care services at our Footprints. These contributions, totaling over \$1,000,000 annually, drive our mission's success.

**WE NEED  
YOUR SUPPORT.**



**Scan the QR code if you would like to support this work. Donations can be made to the AdventHealth Foundation.**

# AdventHealth Global Missions Team

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