



IMPACT REPORT



Hope for South Africa

Dignity through compassion
Hope through the gospel.
Purpose through discipleship.





40,000 kids

In addition to receiving nutritious meals, children attending our feeding centers learn about the love and salvation of Jesus Christ. By meeting their basic food needs, we create a nurturing environment where they can grow physically and spiritually, understand the importance of faith, and build a strong foundation in Christ.



1,300 guests

Joining us on a mission trip to South Africa can be profoundly spiritually impactful. You witness and contribute to God's work firsthand, deepening your faith and sense of purpose. Volunteers experience a powerful sense of connection and fulfillment, knowing they are making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.



90 water wells

Clean water is essential for life and health, yet many communities in rural South Africa struggle with limited or unsafe sources. We help provide reliable access to safe, fresh water for communities and schools. This improves overall health, reduces the spread of disease, and allows children to focus on learning instead of walking long distances to fetch water. Having a dependable water supply also strengthens nutrition programs and gardens, ensuring food security. When new wells are installed, our team celebrates with the community, gives thanks to God, and reminds each family that He is the source of living water.



3,000 daily

Healthy protein from eggs is essential to growth and development, providing vital nutrients necessary for building strong muscles and bones. Eggs are a cost-effective source of high-quality protein, helping to combat malnutrition and improve overall health.



28,500 kits

Young women who receive reusable feminine hygiene kits gain the freedom to attend school and participate in daily activities, significantly improving their educational and social opportunities. These kits also promote better health and hygiene, enhancing their overall well-being and self-esteem.

who we are

Blessman International is a nonprofit organization in Iowa dedicated to bringing God's love and eternal hope to South African families. Our focus is on meeting physical needs to address people's most desperate need—

salvation through Christ. We focus on providing sustainable solutions related to food security and life skills training. Our staff is deeply committed to sharing the love of Christ with the South African people. It's woven into everything we do: our feeding hubs, spiritual development programs, clean water initiatives, agriculture training, and more. When we help people with their basic day-to-day needs, they are most open to the gospel of Jesus Christ.



our team

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