



IMPACT REPORT



Hope for South Africa

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



25,000 children

Beyond receiving nutritious meals, children at our feeding centers experience the life-changing love and hope of Jesus Christ. As we meet their most basic need for food, we create a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive physically, grow spiritually, and discover the gift of salvation. Through faith-centered care and encouragement, children build a strong foundation in Christ that transforms their eternity.



1,500 missionaries

Joining a mission trip to South Africa is more than a journey—it is a life-changing encounter. As you serve children, families, and communities with the love of Christ, you will witness faith, resilience, and hope in powerful ways that transform your own heart. Many volunteers return home spiritually renewed, deeply inspired, and forever changed by the relationships they build and the eternal impact they help make.



100+ water wells

Access to clean water changes everything. In many rural communities across South Africa, families struggle without safe, reliable water, placing health, education, and hope at risk. By helping provide fresh water to schools and communities, Blessman International supports efforts that can reduce disease, improve health, and allow children to focus on learning instead



100,000 eggs

Nutritious protein from eggs is essential to a child's growth, strength, and future. Packed with vital nutrients, eggs help build bodies, support brain development, and provide the energy children need to learn and thrive. Each month, Blessman International distributes more than 100,000 eggs to children facing hunger and malnutrition across South Africa.



30,000 kits

For many teens, receiving a hygiene kit is life-changing. These kits provide dignity, confidence, and the ability to attend school consistently and participate fully in daily life. Reusable feminine hygiene kits help young women remain in school without interruption, while masculine hygiene kits provide essential personal care items that promote health, self-respect, and confidence.

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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