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Disaster Relief

Annual Ministry Report 2025



Together, we're ready to respond.



Dear Partners,

I want to personally thank you. You are an incredible community of faithful partners, and it truly is because of you that this ministry is able to make the difference that we do around the world.

As you look through this report, my hope is simple. I pray your heart is encouraged. I pray your vision is renewed. And I pray your faith is strengthened as you see the impact that you are a part of. Every response, every act of care, every local church equipped and mobilized carries your fingerprints.

Gathering detailed reports in the midst of disasters, especially in some parts of the world, remains a challenge. Because of this, what you see reflected here is a partial picture. The truth is that these pages underrepresent the full impact made possible through your prayers, your giving, and your willingness to go.

This year, we witnessed powerful expressions of what it means to partner with local churches in times of crisis:

In Los Angeles, during the wildfire response, we saw 21 churches mobilized to serve their communities. This was not just a response. It was a glimpse of what is possible when local churches are equipped and ready to act.

In the Caribbean, we responded to Hurricane Mellissa, walking alongside communities as they faced widespread disruption and loss.

We continued extended responses with Congolese refugees, stood with communities affected by the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, and remained committed to rebuilding homes for families impacted by the fires in Maui.

These responses reflect a growing vision. Our goal is not only to mobilize responders and chaplains, but to see entire local churches equipped and ready.

In this report, you will find the number of responses completed, the nations we have served, and the ways we have responded both internationally and across the U.S. Each number represents lives touched, communities strengthened, and churches resourced to serve in moments that matter most.

As 2026 unfolds, we are already seeing a world marked by chaos and calamity. Yet this is precisely why we are here. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 5:13, “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt seasoning that brings out the God flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?”

Together, this is our calling. As we join our efforts of praying, giving, and going, we are resourcing, equipping, and mobilizing local churches from Alaska to Zimbabwe to be salt and light in a broken world.

Through these partnerships, the presence of Christ is made known in both word and action. Thank you for all you have done. And thank you in advance for continuing to stand with us. Together, we will continue to make a difference that reflects the heart of God.

Making a difference together,

Jay Bean

Director, Foursquare Disaster Relief

Meet our team

STAFF



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Medical Program Lead



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Senior Chaplain



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Domestic Training Lead



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Int'l Training Lead



Ashish Chowfin
Medical Director



Ashley Shin
Donor Care



Liz Groman
U.S. Training Admin



Jay Donnelly
Training Support



Patty Donnelly
Training Support





FDR MEDICAL TEAM IN HONDURAS

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Foursquare Disaster Relief Medical conducted an 8-day clinic in Honduras where 805 patients were given medical care and 40 people came to faith in Christ.

Who We Are

Our Mission + Vision

Through courageous Foursquare communities in the U.S. and worldwide, Foursquare Disaster Relief empowers local churches, leaders + workers to bring hope and healing when their communities are shattered by disaster.

From nourishing meals and clean water to safe shelter and spiritual care, we are committed to illuminating the path through every shadow with the boundless compassion of Jesus.

How We Function

FDR provides funding, resources, + support



Through partnership with Foursquare churches, leaders, workers + nations



Those in need receive care from the Foursquare community closest to the disaster zone



What We're Committed To

Compassion

Being the loving compassion of the Lord during crisis + disaster

Communication

Fostering quality communication between Foursquare churches, leaders, and workers in the U.S. and globally

Coordination

Coordinating between cultures, denominations, and organizations by fostering good working relationships

Competency

Being competent responders and adhering to U.S., Humanitarian and Foursquare standards

2025 AT A GLANCE

14

Domestic
Responses

12

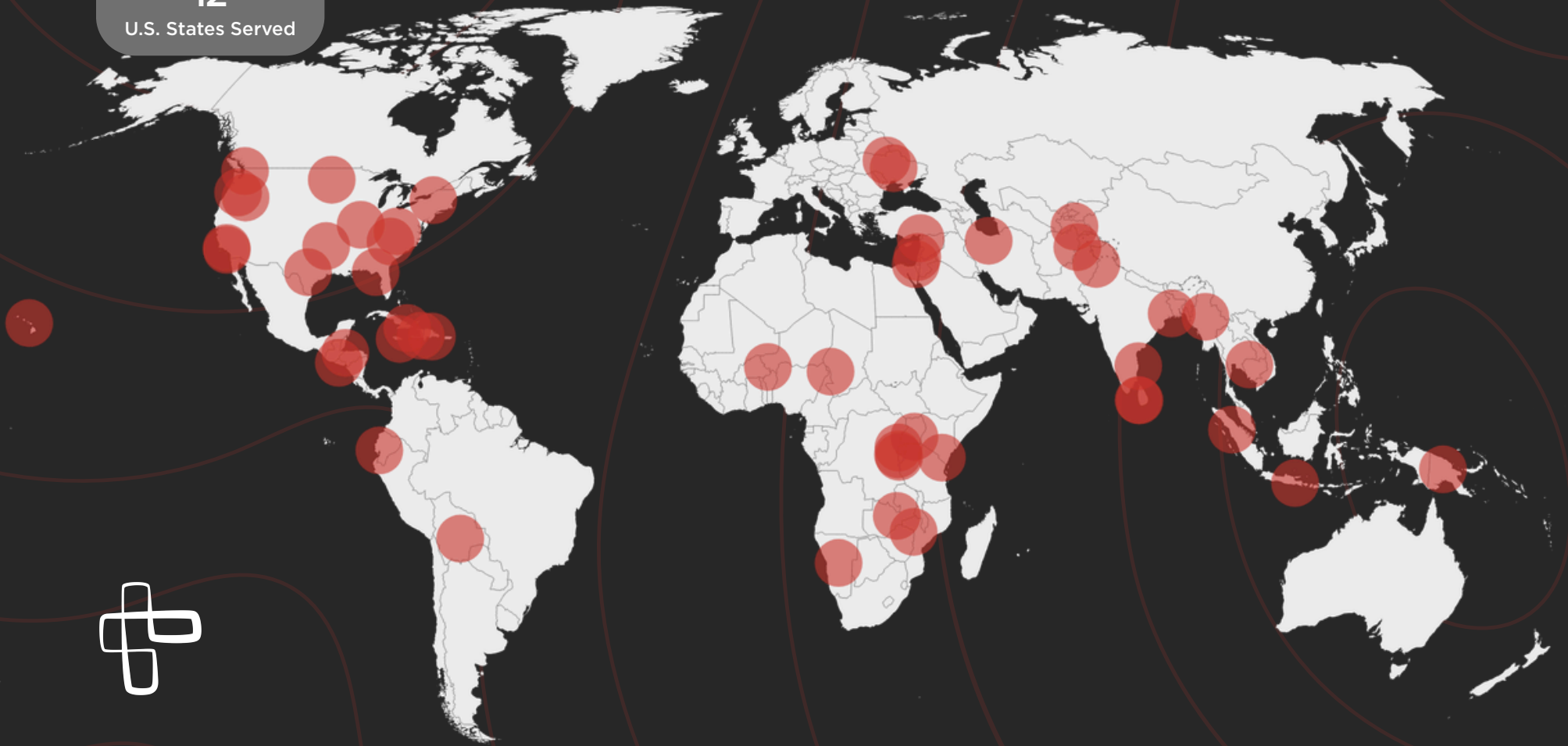
U.S. States Served

50

Total Responses

32

Nations Served



7 million and counting displaced from DRC



2025 saw a major escalation in the devastating conflict

For over two decades, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has suffered from relentless civil war, resulting in unspeakable violence and oppression.

Especially targeting women, this violence perpetuates a cycle of endless suffering, displacing 6.3 million internally and forcing 1 million to flee the country. Approximately 6 million have died since 1996, a number many consider to be a vast understatement. The ongoing war in DR Congo is the deadliest conflict the world has seen since World War II.

Learn more about our response



Alongside this conflict, the country faced a historic natural disaster in 2023: torrential rains caused the Congo River to swell, displacing around 500,000 people, including our Foursquare family.

There are 1,300 Foursquare Churches in the DRC. In partnership with Foursquare Burundi, we are committed to the long-term care and restoration of Congolese refugees.

Global Humanitarian Context

Disasters and conflict have affected hundreds of millions of people worldwide, and the frequency and severity of crises continue to rise. In 2025, global humanitarian overviews estimate well over 300 million people in need of urgent assistance, yet only a small fraction of the required funding for the sector has been secured, as public donor budgets tighten and major institutions reduce or delay commitments.

At the same time, conflict zones such as those in the Middle East, Congo, Sudan, Myanmar and Ukraine continue to face escalating violence and severe access constraints, leaving many communities beyond the reach of traditional aid channels.

Major Crises in 2025

- Congolese Refugees
- Middle East Conflict
- Ukraine War
- Hurricane Melissa
- Cyclone Ditwah
- Myanmar Earthquake
- Los Angeles Wildfires

Where Foursquare Disaster Relief fits into the global response

Due to restructuring or reduced involvement from major humanitarian agencies, there's a growing need for faith-based and local community-led relief efforts, creating more opportunities for Foursquare churches to step in.

Research shows that church and community-mobilization programs have the same level of positive impact as other state-led or international NGO programs, but at 4% the cost. Mobilizing local Foursquare communities offers one of the most sustainable pathways to strengthen resilience, protect the most vulnerable and reach those who are suffering.

Foursquare Disaster Relief remains committed to equipping Foursquare churches, workers, and local partners to lead in serving their own marginalized and vulnerable communities, embodying practical humanitarian care rooted in the hope and love of Jesus.

Impact by Numbers



460,208 People served

5,183,353 Meals served

468 Responding churches

1,857 Medical patients served

313 Salvations

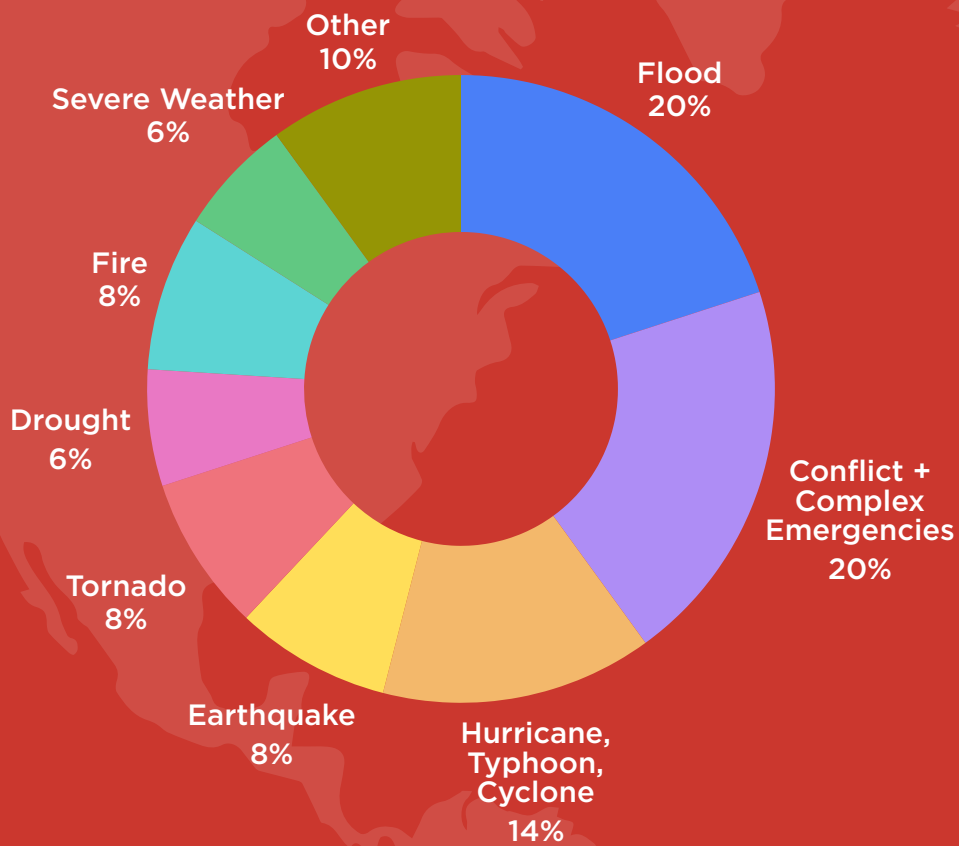
4 Churches planted

70 Responders deployed

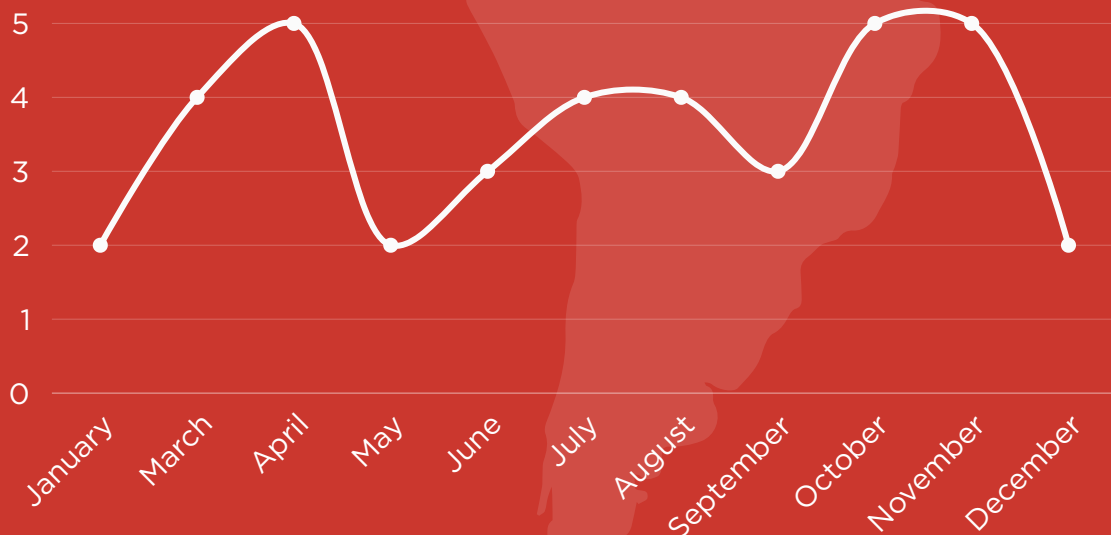
Because we empower local churches to respond during and after disasters, our data is typically a conservative underestimation of the overall impact across responses. Meals served, supplies given, and lives touched by the ministry of churches who respond is often much more profound than numbers can reflect. The lasting ripple effects continue for many months and years after reporting for a disaster has closed.

Emergency Response + Relief

Disaster Types



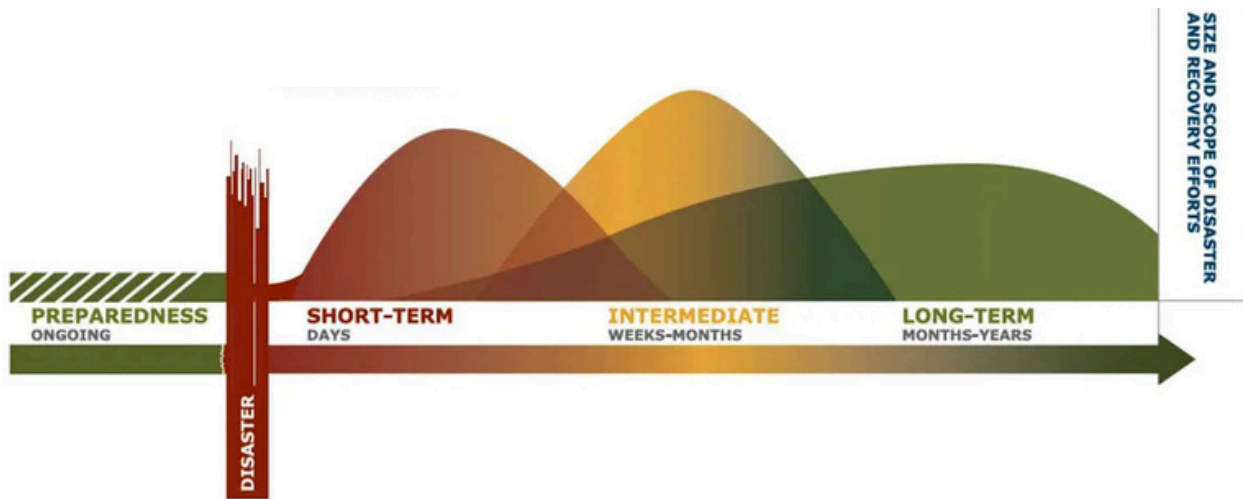
New Activations by Month



Global Response Trends

FDR responded to 50 global crises, with more than one in five responses continuing from previous years, evidence that many communities are now living through multi-year emergencies rather than short-term shocks. Over half (56%) of these responses were driven by severe weather events such as hurricanes, floods, droughts, wildfires, and storms, reflecting the growing impact of climate-related disasters on already fragile communities worldwide. At the same time, complex emergencies linked to conflict and displacement, including in places like Ukraine and the DRC, are increasing in both severity and duration, requiring FDR to sustain long-term support while also maintaining readiness for new, rapid-onset disasters

To better meet the growing demand and long-term impacts, FDR implemented a phase-based Recovery Continuum approach to disaster relief operations that supports Churches and partners through the immediate, intermediate, and long-term impacts. Subsequent deployments, emergency grants, service projects, and rebuild projects are based on this Recovery Continuum to bolster the relief efforts of the local church and support those impacted by disasters.



LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

California, USA

21

Local responding churches

\$411k

Funds recieved

4

Teams deployed

43

Responders deployed

1,556,143

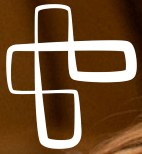
Meals Served



Watch the
real-life
stories from
local leaders

The response to the Los Angeles wildfires revealed the strength of local churches serving together. In communities affected by the Eaton Fire in Altadena and Pasadena, and the Palisades Fire, 21 Foursquare churches partnered to provide food, clothing, and essential supplies, alongside prayer ministry and temporary housing.





Disaster Relief Training

Foursquare Disaster Relief Training is a hands-on, team-based course designed to equip local church leaders and volunteers to respond effectively during times of crisis. Our expert instructors lead this training to teach practical disaster response skills, principles of emotional and spiritual care, and how to partner with local agencies and Foursquare's national disaster relief network.

Domestic Training

8

Total trainings

199

Students trained

25%

Students certified

Online Training

133

Online students

55%

Students certified since launch

8

Countries represented

International Training

3

Total trainings

69

Total students

8

Countries represented

HURRICANE MELISSA

Jamaica + Caribbean Islands

34k

Meals served

24

Churches Supported

304

Patients Treated by
FDR Medical Team

\$201k

Funds recieved



Watch the
full story

Hurricane Melissa brought devastation across three countries, with Jamaica being the hardest hit. The response to Hurricane Melissa reflected the strength of partnership in meeting both urgent and long-term needs. Through donor generosity, our team was able to deploy to Jamaica to distribute thousands of meals, water filters, food packs, and hygiene supplies to affected families. The FDR Medical team also provided emergency care in the immediate aftermath. In partnership with Mercy Chefs, communities received consistent, nourishing meals, while local Foursquare churches in Haiti served with faithfulness in difficult conditions.

Foursquare Disaster Relief Medical



1,857

Total patients treated

112

Active team members

4,364

Medications dispensed

3

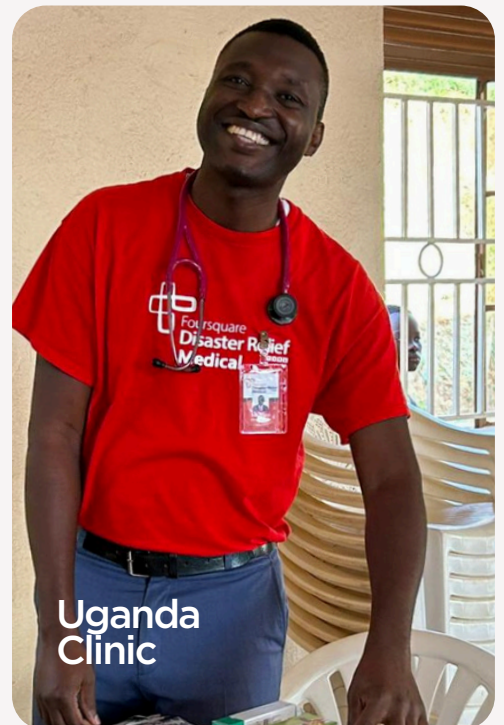
Medical team deployments



Hurricane
Melissa
Response,
Jamaica



Dominican
Republic
Clinic



Uganda
Clinic



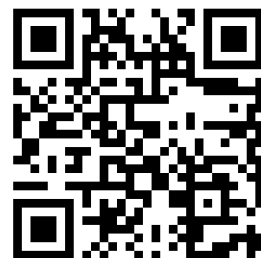
TEXAS FLOODS

Texas, USA

3

FDR teams deployed

In response to devastating flash floods across Central Texas, Foursquare Disaster Relief mobilized quickly, partnering with local churches as communities faced loss and disruption. Teams of endorsed chaplains were deployed in multiple waves, offering emotional and spiritual care to survivors, first responders, and pastors navigating the weight of the crisis. Through presence, listening, and prayer, these teams created spaces of refuge and support while local churches continued meeting practical needs across affected communities.



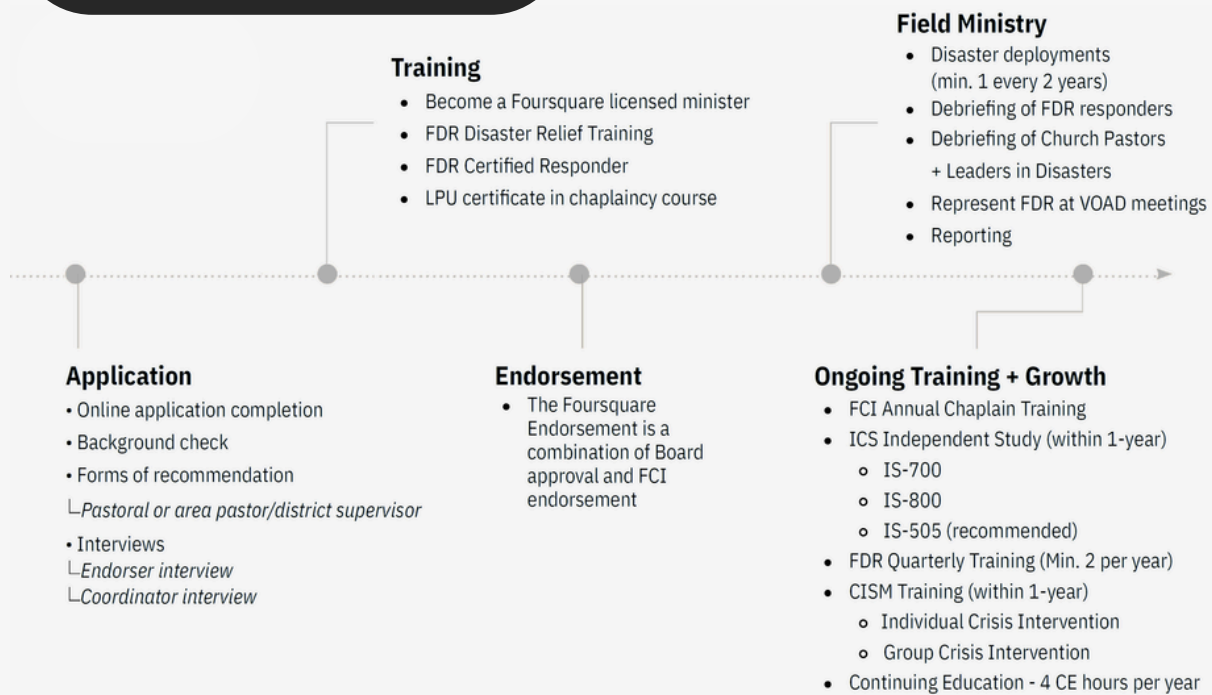
Watch the story
of our chaplains
on the ground

Chaplains



Foursquare Disaster Relief and Foursquare Chaplains International have created a pathway for chaplains specifically called to disaster relief. Through our partnership, chaplains have access to training and endorsement as they do the critical work of spiritual care on the field.

Chaplaincy Process



Chaplain opportunities

- Deploy as a chaplain during disasters
- Debrief with field teams and spiritual leaders
- Ongoing growth + development opportunities

44

Endorsed disaster relief chaplains

53

Total applicants

25

Total chaplains deployed in 2025

When a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake impacted multiple regions across Myanmar, Foursquare Disaster Relief came alongside the national church and local pastors as they checked on their people, assessed losses, and began responding. With immediate needs including medical care and emergency shelter, FDR coordinated response efforts through regional leadership and trusted on-the-ground partners to ensure support could reach affected families even amid communication disruptions.

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE

Mandalay, Myanmar

100k

Liters of water

120k

Meals served

374

Temporary shelters



Watch the response in real-time



Logistics

2025 brought significant progress in logistics as we continue to grow our capabilities and preparedness across the U.S.

Launch of FDR Regional Response Centers

FDR launched the Regional Response Centers program in the United States, deploying modular Disaster Relief Trailers stocked with essential tools, supplies, and technology so local churches, FDR Teams, and chaplains can rapidly mobilize and meet community needs when disasters strike.

Strategic Supplies staged in Puerto Rico with Dream Center Puerto Rico

FDR is better building upon its readiness in the Caribbean by staging strategic supplies in Puerto Rico in partnership with Dream Center Puerto Rico, positioning local churches and teams to respond quickly and effectively to hurricanes and other regional disasters.

Vermillion, OH

A new, fully equipped trailer was added to the fleet in partnership with Harbourtown Community Church



LAHAINA FIRE

Hawaii, USA



Watch “Building
Homes + Hope”

55

New homes built
*Ongoing project

Following the Lahaina fires, Foursquare Disaster Relief has partnered with local churches to faithfully care for their communities through both immediate relief and long-term recovery. Our ongoing house-building, in partnership with Samaritans Purse, and furnishing project has restored safety and hope to many who lost homes in the fire.



Communications

This year, we experienced notable growth across all social media platforms, strengthening our ability to communicate with and mobilize our global network. Alongside this growth, we advanced our media strategy by investing more intentionally in video, using it to tell key stories that reflect the leadership of local churches in disaster response and stories of hope.

Expanded digital reach and engagement



VIEWS
840.4K

INTERACTIONS
38.5K (↑421.7%)



VIEWS
340.1K (↑100%)

INTERACTIONS
6K (↑100%)

REACH
358.8K (↑269%)



EMAIL OPEN RATE
48%

CLICK RATE
1.3%



View our full video archive



Stronger alignment between field response + storytelling

Communications more closely reflected real-time ministry efforts in partnership with local leaders.

Clear and consistent calls to action

We invited our community to participate meaningfully, with clear opportunities to pray, give, and stand alongside those affected by disaster, by providing Church Action Kits with digital assets for churches to share during major disasters.



Agathe's Story

My name is Agathe Catherine. I am a mother of 5 children and a Congolese refugee.

I fled DR Congo because of the war. When it began, my husband and many of our family members were killed. The rebels took everything we had. My children and I escaped our country with nothing.

When we arrived in Burundi, there were times I felt that God had left us, and that His love was no longer for us. We spent many days without food, going to sleep hungry and crying.

At first, we hid ourselves from the refugee camp leaders and went out to beg for something to eat. It was very difficult, especially because of the language barrier. We could not speak the local language, and it made everything harder.

Many times, I wanted to die. My children were suffering before my eyes, and I felt helpless. I lost hope for the future after losing my husband and facing such deep hunger. Life no longer felt meaningful, and I did not see a reason to keep going.

But I thank God for Foursquare. I remember the first time they gave us food and basic supplies. I could hardly believe it. I cried, seeing that someone cared for us and showed us compassion.



As FDR continued to provide food, our lives began to change. We started to see that God still loves us. We had something to eat, and my children could finally rest. They also shared hope with us through the Word of God. I remember hearing the scripture John 3:16. At first, I struggled to believe it. I wondered why God had allowed my husband to be killed and why we had to suffer so much. But over time, through the weekly teachings, God touched my heart, and something began to change in me.

Now, because of the monthly food support and the sewing school, my life is different. I have hope and peace again. My children and I pray together, and we feel peace in our hearts. We believe God will restore our lives fully.

I want to thank Foursquare for supporting us with food every month. We are alive today because of you. Without your love and help, I believe my family would not have survived. Through your support, I found hope again.

You are saving many lives here in our camp. My children and I are deeply grateful, and we will never forget your kindness. You have shown us God's love in a real way.



WATCH AGATHE'S
FULL TESTIMONY

CONGOLESE REFUGEE CAMP

Burundi, Africa

539k Kilograms of food distributed

2 In-camp churches planted

22k Refugees served

\$156,210 Emergency Funds
Dispursed (USD)



View our full collection
of videos from inside the
refugee camp

In Burundi, Foursquare Disaster Relief has come alongside Congolese refugee families fleeing conflict, meeting urgent needs while cultivating long-term hope. Through partnership with Foursquare Burundi, we are providing food distribution, shelter, and spiritual care. In fact, two churches have now been planted inside the refugee camp. Alongside these efforts, families are being equipped through agricultural support, a growing sewing school, and education initiatives that include language learning and hygiene training for children. Together, these efforts reflect a long-term, holistic response that restores dignity and strengthens pathways toward stability.

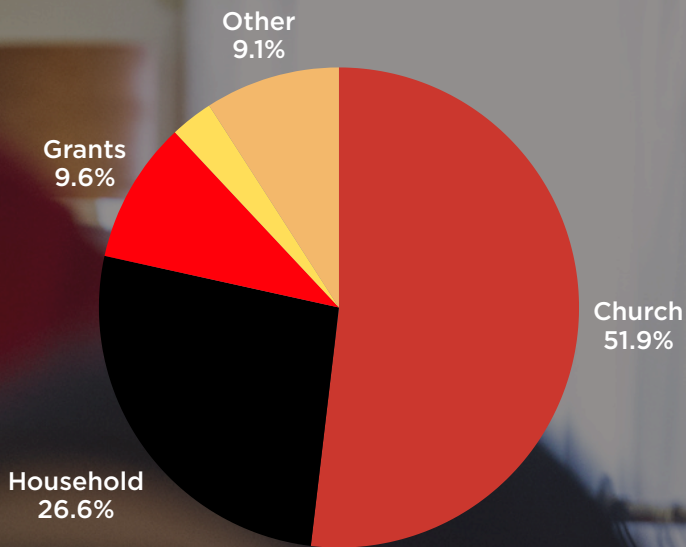


Donor Care Systems

\$2,143,647.96

2025 Donations Received (USD)

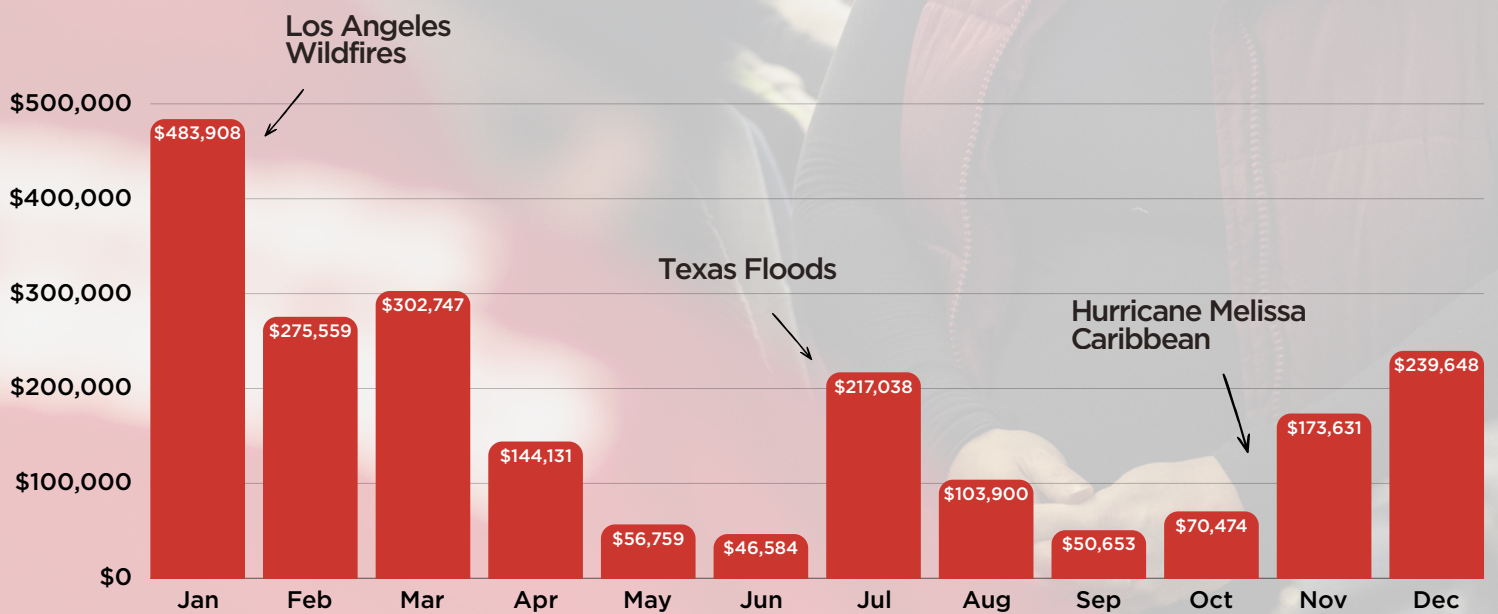
Gifts by Donor Type



Summary Statistics

- 1,865 Donors + Partners Gave
- 5,7474 Gifts Received
- \$396 Average Gift
- \$75 Median Gift
- \$102,144 Largest Gift

Giving by Month



Thank you.



Foursquare Disaster Relief continues to be sustained by the generosity of faithful partners who make this work possible in times of crisis.

In 2025, Foursquare churches remained a vital source of support for FDR (51.9% of total giving), while direct giving by individual households held strong (26.6%). FDR sought to expand financial opportunities throughout the year, applying to several grant programs and ultimately being awarded \$207,021 across four grants (9.6% of annual revenue). A growing new donor pathway is corporate giving, comprised of businesses and corporate sponsorships (2.9%).

Across the humanitarian sector, many agencies continued to experience drastic declines in donor-based funding in 2025, yet through your generous commitment, FDR surpassed our \$2 million annual donations target, receiving \$2.14 million in gifts. Enabling an even stronger commitment to serve churches and communities impacted by disasters.

Financial Summary

Overview

Total Revenue	\$2,155,661.74
Total Expenditure	\$2,201,540.13
Gift in Kind	\$271,560
Programs Expense Ratio	80.3%

Grants Distributed

Disaster Relief Grants (USD)	\$1,208,484.82
Total Disaster Relief Grants	244
Median Amount (USD)	\$2,000
Average (USD)	\$5,115.80

\$1,208,484

**Disaster
Relief Grants
Distributed**

244

**Total
Grants**



\$271,560

Gift-in-Kind

Photo: LA Fires Response
Pasadena, CA



A broken heart healed in Honduras

At a Foursquare Disaster Relief medical clinic in Honduras, a woman arrived seeking help for what she called “heart pain.” What followed was more than a medical response. Watch how a nurse discerned the deeper need and how the Great Physician met her with true healing.



Watch the full
story unfold

WASH TRAINING

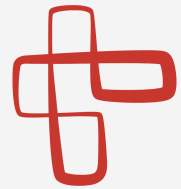
Montana, USA



In Montana, training instructor Jason Albelo led a WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) training to equip responders with water desalination skills, a vital tool when serving internationally or responding to disasters that disrupt safe water access.

Our priorities

in 2026 and beyond



Pursuing His Presence

- Focus on having a healthy team culture by valuing and championing our physical, emotional, mental, spiritual + relational health
- Continued development of the Disaster Relief Chaplains Division
- Launch a Global Spiritual Care initiative for leaders who have undergone trauma during a disaster

Passing the Flame

- Program initiatives specifically focused on engaging the next generation
- New opportunities for mentorship and internship opportunities for early-career professionals
- Sponsorship opportunities for young adults to deploy with response teams, who would normally be unable to do so due to financial limitations
- Partnership with Foursquare's NexGen team to bring events and experiences at Foursquare Camps and gatherings for students in humanitarian assistance

Possessing the Land

- Growth of the FDR Team to meet the growing needs and operational tempo
- Build internal leadership capacity through targeted training initiatives
- Expansion of the Regional Response Centers across the United States
- Adaptation of the International Disaster Relief Training to focus on global regions
- Strategic resource staging in global high-risk areas for faster mobilization and readiness
- Continued focus on diversifying funding streams and engaging donors in meaningful ways
- Persistent focus on program effectiveness and data-informed decision making



2025 Responses

West Virginia - Flood

Namibia - Drought

Bolivia - Landslide

Zimbabwe - Severe Weather

Papua New Guinea - Complex

Kenya - Drought

Burundi - Drought

Burundi - Refugee Care

Ecuador - Flood

DRC - Complex Emergency

Uganda - Medical

Indonesia - Flood

Sri Lanka - Cyclone Ditwah

Sri Lanka - Flood

Chad - Flood

Niger - Persecution

India - Cyclone Ditwah

Cambodia - Complex Emergency

El Salvador - Severe Weather

Honduras - Tropical Storm Sara

Dominican Republic - Medical

Jamaica - Hurricane Melissa

Haiti - Hurricane Melissa

Caribbean - Hurricane Melissa

Hawaii - Fire

Myanmar - Earthquake

Bangladesh - Flood

Texas - Flash Flood

Florida - Hurricane Helene

North Carolina - Hurricane Helene

Gaza - Complex Emergency

Pakistan - Flood

Israel - Complex Emergency

California - Wildfire

California - Canyon Fire

Afghanistan - Earthquake

Oklahoma - Tornado

Middle East - Complex Emergency

Turkey - Earthquake

Tajikistan - Earthquake

Missouri - Tornado

New York - Tornado

Oregon - Flood

Oregon - Flat Fire

North Dakota - Tornado

Washington - Flood

Ukraine - War

Ukraine - Refugee Care

Indonesia - Volcano

DRC - War



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Disaster Relief



Let's stay ready to respond, together.



STAY IN TOUCH

Connect with
our team

TRAINING

Host a training at
your church



   **STAY CONNECTED**

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SUPPORT THE READY FUND

Become a
monthly
partner