

BUILD**THE**FUTURE

# 2019 IMPACT REPORT





From the very beginning of Build the Future, we have experienced the provision and goodness of God in countless ways. We have experienced the power of five loaves and two fish time and time again, as shown by our partner, Crossroads Church, donating funds in the fall of 2018 for a double cab pick-up truck for our Kwa-Zulu Natal projects. It has been an incredible help to the work that we are doing. 2018 ended with a few more blessings that, along with the truck, significantly helped get our projects in Kwa-Zulu Natal off the ground and running. Thanks to local donations, we built our second preschool. And this time, we do mean built it. It's not a container. The area is too remote to get a shipping container to the site. We also hosted our very first team in Kwa-Zulu Natal over Thanksgiving. It would be one of many to come. And about February of 2019, we received a shipping container filled with food from Crossroads Church's 2018 Thanksgiving Food Drive. He always takes care of our needs.

This year has been no different. God continues to provide. Hosting nine teams, over 200 amazing people, has kept us busy! Those hands have advanced the purpose and the projects of Build The Future by leaps and bounds. We had many firsts! In May was our first motorcycle trip – a team landed in Johannesburg and rode motorcycles to our projects to Kwa-Zulu Natal. It was a life-changing trip for many! Our first education-based trip, filled with teachers who held workshops for our teachers at all our projects and some additional local teachers we invited in. October brought our first medical team to Kya Sand, who ran a clinic for our students and their families. We are so grateful for these new opportunities but are equally excited for the many teams who came in-between. You worked in the garden, ran new irrigation lines, painted new containers to make our schools fun and friendly for the kids, helped pack meals with Rise Against Hunger, fixed lunches, passed out food parcels, spent time in classrooms, encouraged our teachers, played with and loved our kids, and so much more.

None of us could have ever imagined the year we've had, yet there was more! In June of 2019, Build the Future USA launched and began taking donations. They are a U.S. based 501c3 that specifically supports the work we are doing, and the response has been overwhelming. We cannot thank you enough. You keep us hopeful and dreaming of what's next.

In June, we also began a new partnership with Afrika Adventures to manage trips exclusively with Build The Future. We are excited that they will not only be able to manage our trips with our ministry partner, Crossroads Church, but with new partners as well. They can plan a trip for a small group of friends or teams from churches and organizations and anywhere in-between. We look forward to adding to our trip offerings.

In the following pages, we are excited and grateful to share the impact of Build The Future and those who partnered with us during 2019. And we say THANK YOU! We are looking forward to the days to come.

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Founding Director

Clive Wetherill  
Director / Project Manager



**"It always seems impossible until it's done."**

**– Nelson Mandela**



Build the Future currently operates in two areas of South Africa — Johannesburg and Durban. Near Johannesburg, we run a feeding program in Soweto and a preschool in the informal settlement of Kya Sand. The preschool has around 100 students and serves students through kindergarten. We have two+ preschools, a makers market, and a teaching garden near Durban in Ndwedwe. There are plans for a new site in KwaZulu-Natal, with a container preschool and farming project.

Build the Future's container preschools are our "foot-in-the-door" of the community. Not only do we get these young, often vulnerable children off the street where they can be fed three times a day and provided early childhood learning, we also hire our teachers and staff from the community, providing jobs. We offer our preschool teachers opportunities to become trained and certified, providing a career advancement path and higher salaries.

We serve the school-age children in our communities, often feeding them on school holidays, providing homework support centers, and weekend programs. Where possible, Build the Future partners with the local primary schools, creating mutually beneficial and reciprocal relationships. We also support our preschoolers' parents, creating opportunities to volunteer to help with tuition and attend educational events just for them.

We have gardens that provide food for the schools. Particularly in Ndwedwe, Build the Future is a training ground for people in the community to come to learn and become certified in growing food. This allows them to sustain themselves and enable them to provide an income for their families. And the sharing of knowledge continues to grow; those that become trained then teach others how to garden. Community farming begins.

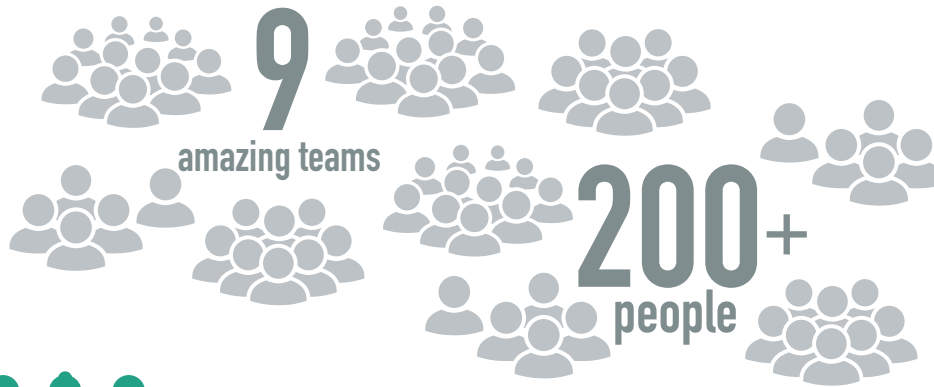




Between all of our projects,  
we cook and feed over

**500**  
meals a day.

In 2019, between our programs in Johannesburg and Kwa-Zulu Natal, we welcomed



A family from Crossroads  
came to volunteer for six weeks  
at our projects in Ndwedwe.

It was a big success not only for the students  
but for getting the Maker's Market off the ground.



**BUILD THE FUTURE**



**40** people from the community have  
gone through agricultural training  
at our teaching garden in Ndwedwe.

**50,000 MEALS**



Packed with Rise Against Hunger for all our projects.  
You can't learn when you are hungry. This food is a  
huge help in keeping people fed and educated,  
our primary focus.



**25**  
children at our Kya Sand Preschool  
graduated last year and went on to primary school.



Our Kya Sand  
Preschool kids  
brush their teeth  
every morning  
as part of a healthy  
teeth care plan  
that was started by  
Dr. Grady Gibson.

Our partnership with  
the Waterfall primary school,  
next to our Waterfall preschool,  
continues to grow.

Through ministry and visiting teams,  
we continue to work with and support  
the school of

**200**

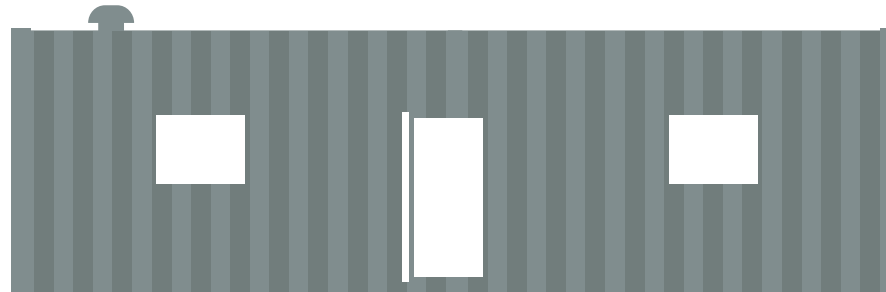
children in Ndwedwe.



In October 2019,  
we had our first-ever  
medical clinic  
at Kya Sand  
Preschool  
serving the  
preschool children,  
their families, and the community.



**3** of our teachers at the Kya Sand Preschool  
passed their preschool studies at the  
Johannesburg Child Care College with A's!



We received funding to purchase a kitchen container at our Ndwedwe preschool,  
allowing the current one to become a workshop for our Maker's Market.



At our just our preschool projects,

**150**

kids are being fed and educated daily.





# PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



Starting a co-op commercial farming project, working with local families in the Ndwedwe area.



Drilling boreholes for two water wells, one at the preschool/school locations, and the other at the farming project.



Expanding our Maker's Market Workshop at our Ndwedwe preschool



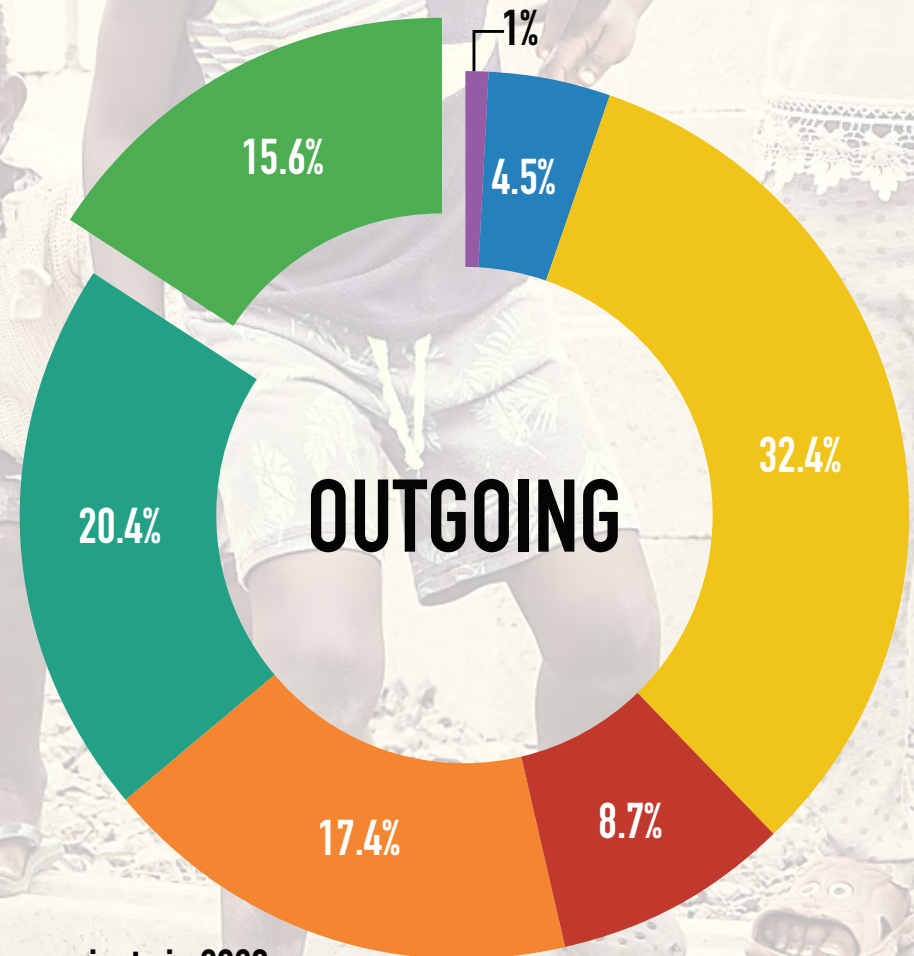
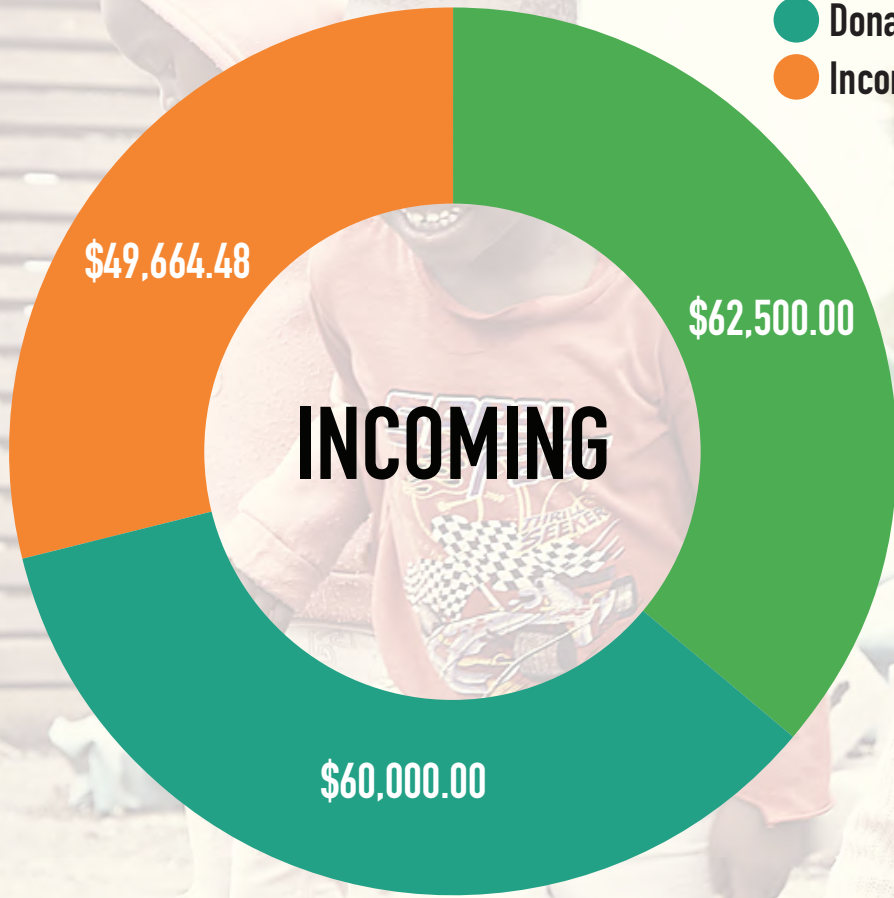
Putting a library and homework center at our Soweto feeding program in Johannesburg, as well as sporting facilities for the kids and community.

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We are currently identifying three other preschools in the Ndwedwe area that need assistance with food. We are considering taking them under our wings and adopting them as part of the Build The Future umbrella work we are doing in the area.



- Donations from Build the Future USA
- Donation Crossroads Church for Ministry & Food Support
- Incoming Funds for Hosting Teams from Crossroads Church and Afrika Adventures



- Administrative
- Auto fuel, maintenance and tires
- Directors, Teachers and Staff salaries
- Food in addition to RAH meals, ie., fruits, vegetables, mielie meal, etc...
- Rise Against Hunger Meals
- Work Supplies, Gas for cooking, Water for all sites including gardens
- Funds received December 2019 designated for feeding, building and farming projects in 2020



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