

We were all born into this world looking for connection. It's what we long for. It's what we live for. And without it, we cannot flourish like God intended.

That's why we at Partners Worldwide are working to create more connections in urban and rural regions that help people out of poverty—connections to training, connections to mentoring, connections to capital.

In 2019, alongside our partners, we made new and powerful connections. And our faith compels us to make even more.

MORE CONNECTIONS. LESS POVERTY. IT'S A PRETTY SIMPLE FORMULA. AND IT'S WORKING.





Our strategy for connecting the unconnected isn't the same for all regions—and that's very intentional. Unlike urban areas, our focus in rural areas is heavily focused on agriculture. And when it comes to rural regions in the Philippines, we and our local partners are supporting that strategy in amazing ways.

Katuwang Resource Centre, Inc. seeks to create a God-centered community of sustainable entrepreneurs. Katuwang seeks out neglected, marginalized areas in the Philippines. Because of the challenging geography and scattered populations, most organizations ignore areas like these. But in 2019, Katuwang did the opposite—just like it has been doing for years.

Katuwang means "someone who carries the load with you," which is a beautiful metaphor for the work the organization does. Partners Worldwide carries part of the load by connecting volunteer Business Affiliates to farmers in the region. This partnership provides the Partners Worldwide approach of coaching, business training, capital, and mentoring, so that farmers can thrive. Today, Katuwang serves 10,000 clients in total—1,500 of them being farmers.

Poverty has always had a stronghold in the areas Katuwang serves. But with every new connection, that hold loosens more and more.

17,987 **JOBS CREATED** 

8,934 BUSINESS TRAINING GRADUATES

165,085

66.8% FEMALE BUSINESS CLIENTS

**TOTAL MENTORS** 

\$16,383,732

1. Individuals & \$4,723,977 **Businesses** (74.3%)

\$216,710 2. Churches (3.4%)

3. Investments & \$1,414,320 Other Revenue (22.3%)

**TOTAL REVENUE** 

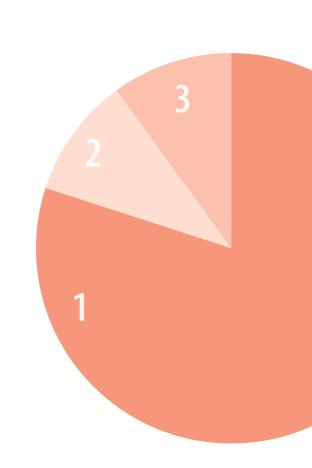
\$6,355,007

1. Partnerships & \$4,927,707 **Programs** (80.6%)

2. Management \$586,156 (9.6%)

3. Engagement & \$601,560 Fundraising (9.8%)

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$6,115,423







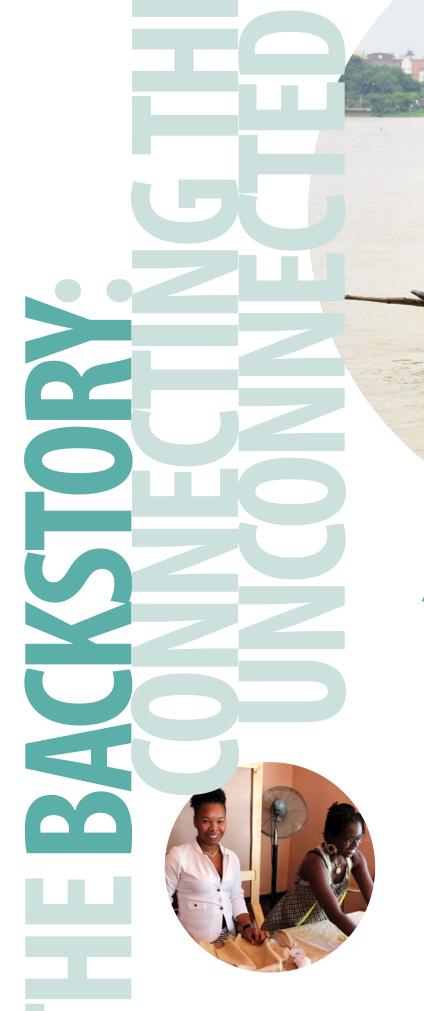
Based in Jubilee, an impoverished village just outside of Gonaives, Benson began his entrepreneurial journey as a young man—going door-to-door selling leather books and journals that he and a friend had bound by hand.

Through a retail partnership with 2nd Story Goods, our partner and a fair-trade business in Gonaives, Haiti, Benson was able to turn this small venture into a thriving enterprise. Today, he owns a full-size workshop and employs over 25 people from his village. But Benson had even more potential. And the right connections helped him achieve it.

With the encouragement of a volunteer Business Affiliate team, along with business training offered by local Partners Worldwide staff, Benson has become a community leader. He currently serves as the President of AEHA, our local partner (LCI) in Gonaives, where he helps train and connect emerging entrepreneurs.

A humble person, Benson credits much of his success to connections made possible by the Partners Worldwide network.

Despite the disasters and political adversities Haiti has endured, God is at work—developing partnerships, bridging gaps, opening doors of opportunity, and equipping business leaders to create long-term economic transformation in their communities. Benson's story of connection is one of many.



"Give a man a fish, feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime."

Maybe you've heard this phrase before. Our President, Doug Seebeck, takes it a step further—because people also need access to the pond. Without that connection, where would people fish?

Connecting the Unconnected is a new phrase for us, but it's hardly a new idea. Connection is at the heart of everything Partners Worldwide does. Us connecting with partners; partners connecting with individuals; individuals connecting with training, mentorship, and capital; all connected back to God's desire for all people to live abundantly.

People need connection. Simple as that. And it's our calling to provide it.







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