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2025 Annual Report

30 YEARS OF
SETTING CAPTIVES FREE
WORLDWIDE

THE INVISIBLE ENEMY
[EXPOSED]

A FIGHT AGAINST, THE WORLD,
THE FLESH. AND THE DEVIL





From our Executive Director

Over the past 12 months, life has been filled with great joys and deep sorrows. Yet, God has been faithful every step of the way. He has walked with us through valleys of death and celebrated with us on mountain tops!

November 22 marks the anniversary of losing our dear friend, Dave McIntyre. Just two weeks after Dave's passing, our family experienced great joy with the birth of our 19th grandchild, Kora Jean Vander Ark. Then, three weeks later, we found ourselves grieving again with the passing of Mike Smeenk, a good friend and faithful volunteer of Set Free Ministries. Life is hard, but life is good—because God is good.

Just a few months later in March, we celebrated the baptism of 242 children at Light Academy with Dave McIntyre's children alongside us! That same week, we also celebrated the 20th anniversary of Set Free Ministries in East Africa. We heard so many amazing testimonies of what God has done there in the past 20 years.

Recently, we celebrated the purchase of a new Set Free office building—much needed for our expanding ministry, which now includes 14 staff members and over 140 volunteers!

We thank and praise God for you—our faithful donors, volunteers, and prayer warriors who allow us to carry on this most important work.

Serving Jesus

Dean Vander Mey
Executive Director



About our Annual Report

This report is an annual update from Set Free, designed to share with our donors, prayer warriors, and ministry partners the fruit of the seeds they have planted and our volunteers and staff have watered. It is our prayer you are moved to celebrate God's faithfulness!

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Set Free USA

Loss - Legacy - Light

I was enjoying a nice dinner out with my wife when the call came in. I took the call, and my heart sank as Steve Prince told me our good friend and colleague, “Mac,” Dave McIntyre, had died. This was the first of four deaths of men close to me and close to Set Free from 2024-2025. Loss is hard, but God is so good, and he continues to carry us through this time of grief.

Psalm 34:18: “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Each of these Men left a lasting legacy that will have a powerful impact for years to come. We know their desire for us was to press on, shine our lights brightly, and do the good work God has put in front of us!

Their light continues to shine brightly through Set Free staff, volunteers and donors. We are on track to minister to over 700 men and women this year through Freedom Appointments. In addition, we came alongside fourteen pastors in Nigeria and a large church in Colorado to establish Freedom Ministries that will reach 1000’s of people. Twenty-five volunteers answered God’s call and joined our team this year.



VOLUNTEERS DOING A FREEDOM APPOINTMENT

Our donors stepped up in an amazing way to open the door for a new building. This will enable us to complete over 50% more freedom appointments, significantly reducing wait time and allowing us to host our current 100+ men and women in our Walking-Free Programs!



2025 SET FREE BANQUET



“I feel God has brought me to just the right place at the right time, this was a blessing beyond! ...”

Bonnie S, Ministry Recipient

Video Testimony



WALKING FREE - MENS BIBLE STUDY

Psalm 100:5: “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”

By the grace of God, we are thriving in 2025. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Please reach out if you would like to learn more about volunteering.

Steve Vander Molen



Ministry Stats as of Nov. 17

602

Full-Day Freedom Appointments

187

Out of State / Country Freedom Appointments

102

Men & Women involved in Walking Free Classes

354

Decisions for Christ



POSTEPS SCHOOL IN KENYA

Set Free Global: The Game Changer



TEACHERS CONFERENCE AT LIGHT ACADEMY

The Game Changer

Most of us have experienced it, or seen it happen, that moment when the tide turns, momentum goes one way or the other, and everything shifts. In the world of sports, we call that a ‘game changer.’

As a high school athlete, our coach challenged us to establish and maintain a new standard for executing on and off the court. After an undefeated season, that lesson changed how I saw myself and how I participated in sports for the rest of my life.

At Set Free Global, I see us at a similar inflection point. Jesus said persecution and suffering would come, so let’s embrace and hold fast to Him as we witness a paradigm shift in how we participate in missions worldwide. In the game of life, Jesus is undefeated, and we are on the winning team, along with our brothers and sisters in Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, India, and beyond. Each team member plays a valuable role!

New Paths to Sustainability

The Light Academy Vocational High School and 10 partner schools have set a new standard for discipleship in Uganda. As an act of obedience to the Lord, 200+ students were baptized in the lake near Kabakyala this past Spring. Soon after, 225 teachers gathered for a week of worship, teaching on Spiritual Warfare, and a group training on the Steps to Freedom.



STUDENTS BEING BAPTIZED IN THE LAKE AT LIGHT ACADEMY

“I have now decided to align my scientific research with these biblical principles, to test, demonstrate, and promote them as part of my academic and personal journey.

Patrick M, KFI Leader

With this strong foundation in place, we began to discuss with leaders like Daniel Sukuku and Francis Ssenyonjo about how we could establish new standards of holistic excellence. One initiative we have started is the Kabakyala Farming Initiative (KFI), where teachers and students are planting seeds and growing crops together to create a revenue stream for the school. The vision is for every student to be equipped with life skills and a biblical worldview so they can live a full life with the resources and opportunities around them.



Partnering with Ministries Globally

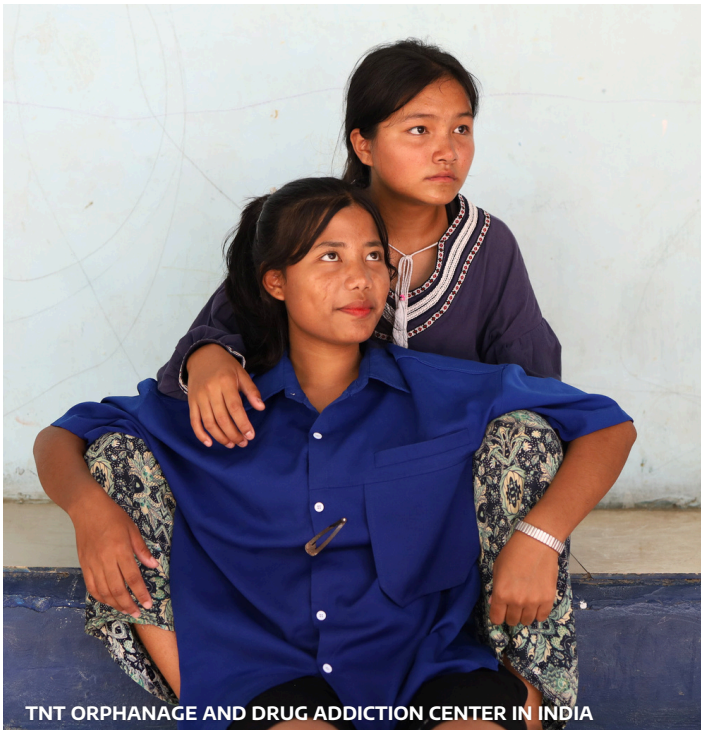
“If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.” ~ Jesus, John 15:20

Protecting Women & Girls in Kenya

Most of the girls and young women at one of our model partner schools in Western Kenya have, unfortunately, experienced the abuse of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting. As our colleague on the ground states, ‘SFM East Africa partners with this school in a bid to bring the Gospel to the community.’ By demystifying this cultural practice and the spiritual attachment, we are seeing not just a growing enrollment at the school, but an increase in evangelism and people surrendering to Christ. As the young female students are empowered to regain their voice, they dare to take a stand for Jesus among their peers and family members.

Waves of Freedom in Nigeria

The church in Nigeria has been experiencing persecution at the hands of Islamic terror groups. Close to 7,000 Nigerian Christians have been brutally murdered in 2025. As of November, we have taken two 7-person cohorts through the Steps to Freedom in a virtual setting. The process has not been without its challenges, but as my coach used to say, “Do hard things...it will be worth it.” This partnership between the USA and the Global branches is bearing much fruit.



In Mathew 28, Jesus says: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, therefore go and make disciples of all nations...and surely I am with you to the very end of the age.”

This has huge implications for a freedom ministry like Set Free, not just what we are doing, but how and where we are doing it. Whether in India and the surrounding region of South Asia, Egypt and the Muslim nations that surround it, or the ‘nations’ that live among us in our own neighborhoods. Thank you for coming alongside us!

Jason Taylor



Stats as of
Nov. 17

Some names
behind the
numbers...



4,785

Students in Set
Free Supported
Schools

Violah



10

Countries actively
engaged in Virtual
Training

Isaac



1,857

India Prison Inmate
Decisions for Christ

Liancingi
& Joseph



2,762

Uganda Student
Decisions for Christ

Juliana
& Alfred

Warriors Set Free

Busting at the Seams!

As we prepared for 2025, we began to sense new momentum and potential for the growth of Warriors Set Free (WSF)—but even then, we underestimated what God was about to do. Since investing time and resources into our Georgia office in 2021, we are now witnessing the harvest from those early seeds. Serving as the hub of the South, WSF Georgia has become a launching point that’s helping us reach Warriors across nearly every surrounding state. Freedom Appointments are now taking place regularly in Tennessee and North Carolina through the dedication of our volunteers.



WOMEN'S HEROS REFLECT WEEKEND EVENT

As Warriors experience freedom in Christ, it also transforms marriages, families, and communities. One of the most humbling and joyful surprises has been hearing about wives and children coming to know Jesus and being baptized—a ripple effect of a Warrior’s transformation! Women who serve in the military face unique challenges. Reaching more women has been a goal of ours for years. This year, we’ve seen incredible growth in volunteer involvement from female service members. This expansion will culminate in our first Georgia women’s event, Heroes Reflect, in March 2026.

In November, the Warriors Battle event broke records both in participation and staff. What began as a small gathering of 10 men has grown to over 80 attendees! For many, it’s their very first encounter with the Gospel.



SQUAD HUDDLE AT WARRIORS BATTLE 7

While WSF has always focused on the American military, veterans, and first responders, God had even bigger plans. We recently received an email from Georgia, the country! Through Mission Network News, we are now training chaplains in the Ukrainian Army, equipping them to bring Jesus to their communities.

Our Michigan team continues to do extraordinary work as well. We have become a well-known and trusted resource within the West Michigan veteran community. Thank you for being a part of this mission. Your prayers, support, and partnership are making an eternal impact.

Steve Prince



Ministry
Stats as of
Nov. 17



161

Full-Day Freedom
Appointments
Completed



60+

Active Volunteers



82

Warriors Battle
Event Participants



116

Decisions for Christ



Spiritual Warfare Conference Volunteers



Kabakyala Farming Initiative



Thriving in '25!

Warriors Batte 6

Total Decisions for Christ 5,089

Upcoming Events:



30 Year Celebration - Feb 5, 2026
2780 44th St SW, Suite 100



Annual Set Free Banquet - April 22, 2026
Frederik Meijer Gardens | 1000 E Beltline Ave NE



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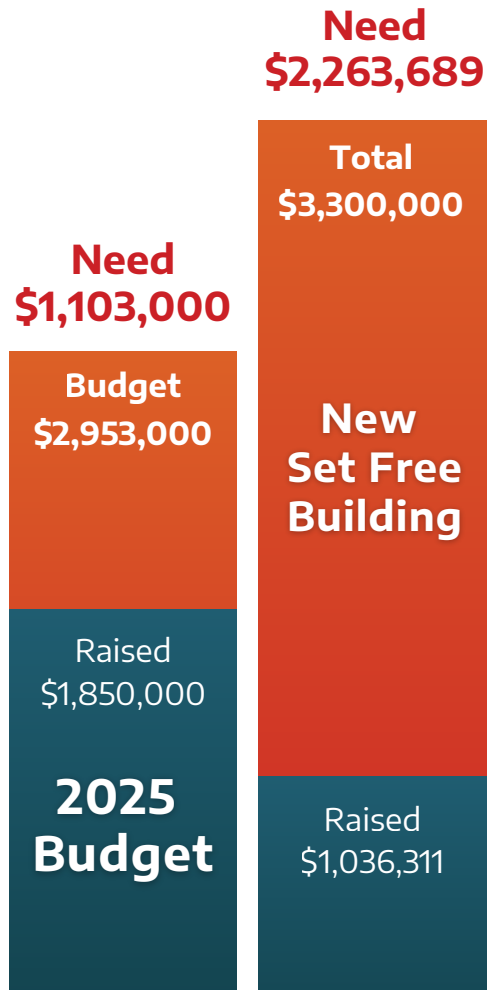
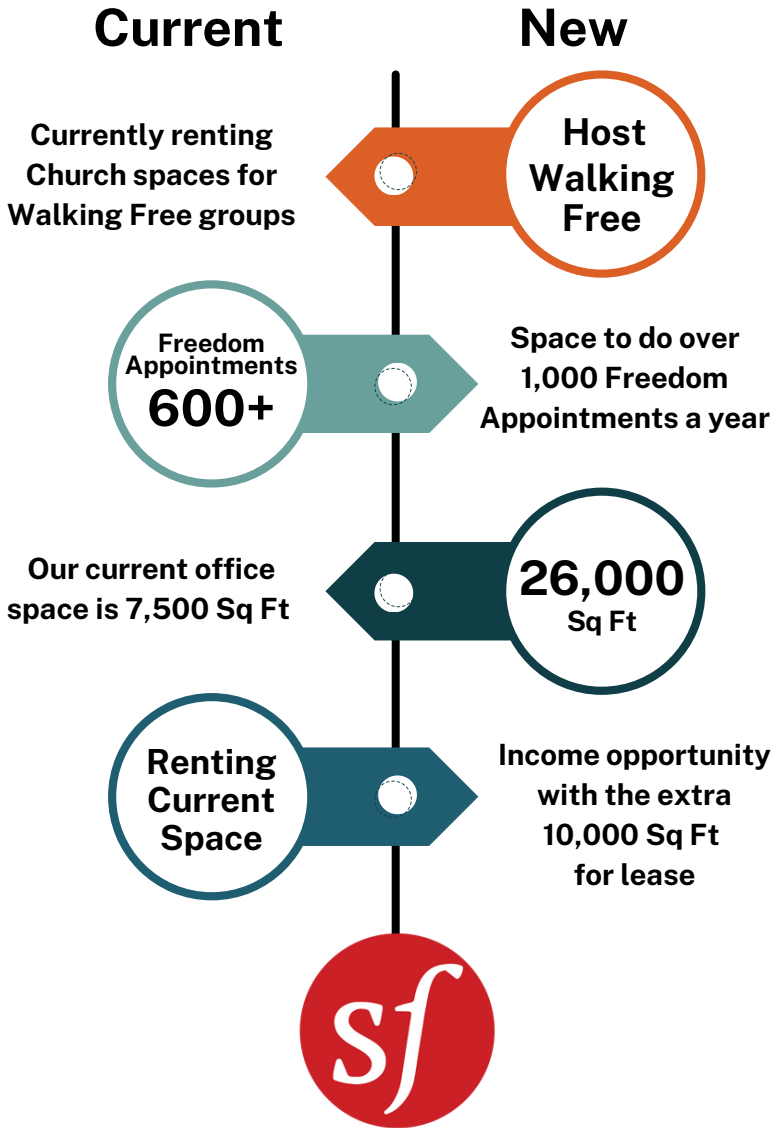
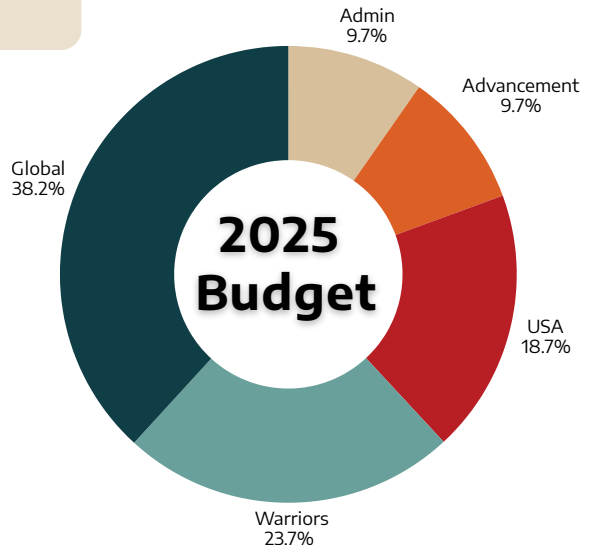
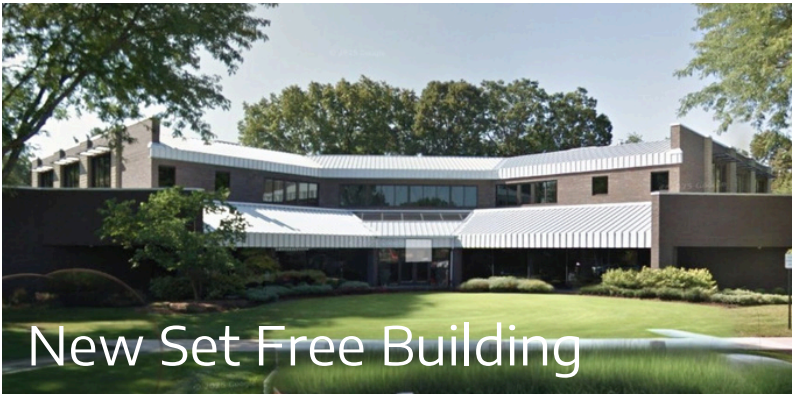


Rules & Tools Podcast



Partner School in Uganda

**\$350,000 Matching Grant
For All Donations Made By
December 31, 2025!**



**Goal:
Building
Paid Off
By 2027**



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