



  
**FIRST STEPS**  
preventing child malnutrition

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2018**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Your faithful prayers and support are impacting the lives of children, families and communities across DPR Korea. We could not touch this nation without you!

In 2018, we were blessed with the opportunity to meet new partners, reconnect with familiar faces and encounter the many lives whom Jesus has touched through the love and prayers of everyone who makes this work possible. With your help, we provided more than 100,000 children with a daily cup of soymilk and micronutrient Sprinkles to more than 20,000 women and their babies.

First Steps teams visited DPR Korea four times in 2018. We confirmed the arrival and distribution of three VitaGoats, 14.3 million sachets of Sprinkles and 200 tonnes of soybeans.

A significant milestone for First Steps this year involved returning to work in Dokchon, a coal-mining community. We are excited to continue this partnership and see it grow.

We also began a new partnership in Pochon, a mountainous community in Ryanggang province, where we have already started to see improvements in the health of children.

*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.*

*(1 Thess. 1:2)*

Susan Ritchie  
Executive Director



## Where We Work

First Steps operates in 10 areas across four provinces and one district in DPR Korea.



**Our programs expanded to include Dokchon city and Pochon county in 2018.**



# WHAT WE DELIVERED



**200 tonnes**  
of high quality non-GMO soybeans



**14.3 million sachets**  
of micronutrient Sprinkles



**3 VitaGoats**  
for soymilk production sites in  
Yonsa, Pochon and Hyesan



# VISIT SUMMARIES

## March

A First Steps team confirmed the arrival of 7.1 million sachets of micronutrient Sprinkles. The team visited beneficiary locations on the west and east coasts of DPR Korea, including two new beneficiary clinics: the Shinmi Polyclinic in Hyongjesan, and the Sangdaedu Polyclinic in Nampo.

## August

A First Steps team visited beneficiary locations on the west coast and in the north. The team delivered a VitaGoat to partners in Hyesan, and visited Yonsa to see the previously delivered VitaGoat in full operation. Our partners in Yonsa unveiled a building site for a new soymilk production facility – right in the centre of town!

## May

A First Steps team confirmed the arrival of 120 MTs of soybeans and visited beneficiary locations on the west coast and in the north. The team visited Pochon, a new partner location on the road between Samjiyon and Hyesan, to confirm the arrival of soybeans, Sprinkles and a VitaGoat. As well, a VitaGoat was delivered to Yonsa.

## December

A First Steps team confirmed the arrival of 7.2 million sachets of micronutrient Sprinkles and 80 MTs of soybeans. The team visited beneficiary locations on the west and east coasts. The team also visited Dokchon, a community First Steps had worked previously in 2012-2013 following a flood. It was agreed that First Steps' micronutrient Sprinkles would be distributed to three local clinics. The Sprinkles were delivered just a few weeks later.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Valorie Day  
Madeline Harden  
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# STAFF

Mary Amendt Regional Coordinator (part-time)  
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Joanne Cho Communications Coordinator (part-time)  
Ah Young Kim Administrative Intern (part-time)  
Susan Ritchie Executive Director (full-time volunteer)



# VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our faithful volunteers.  
We appreciate the time you spend  
helping children and women in DPR Korea.

## Volunteer Fundraising Events

- Bazaar (Red Deer, AB)
- Discipleship Methodist Church Youth Orchestra Concert (Coquitlam, BC)
- School Junk Sale (Three Hills, AB)
- Korean Food Festival (Calgary, AB)
- My Favorite Ice Cream Shoppe Ice Cream Sale (Calgary, AB)

## Volunteer Groups

- PitterPats Kids Club
- School Clubs
- Calgary Volunteer Group
- Edmonton Volunteer Group

**MORE THAN 100 VOLUNTEERS IN 2018!**





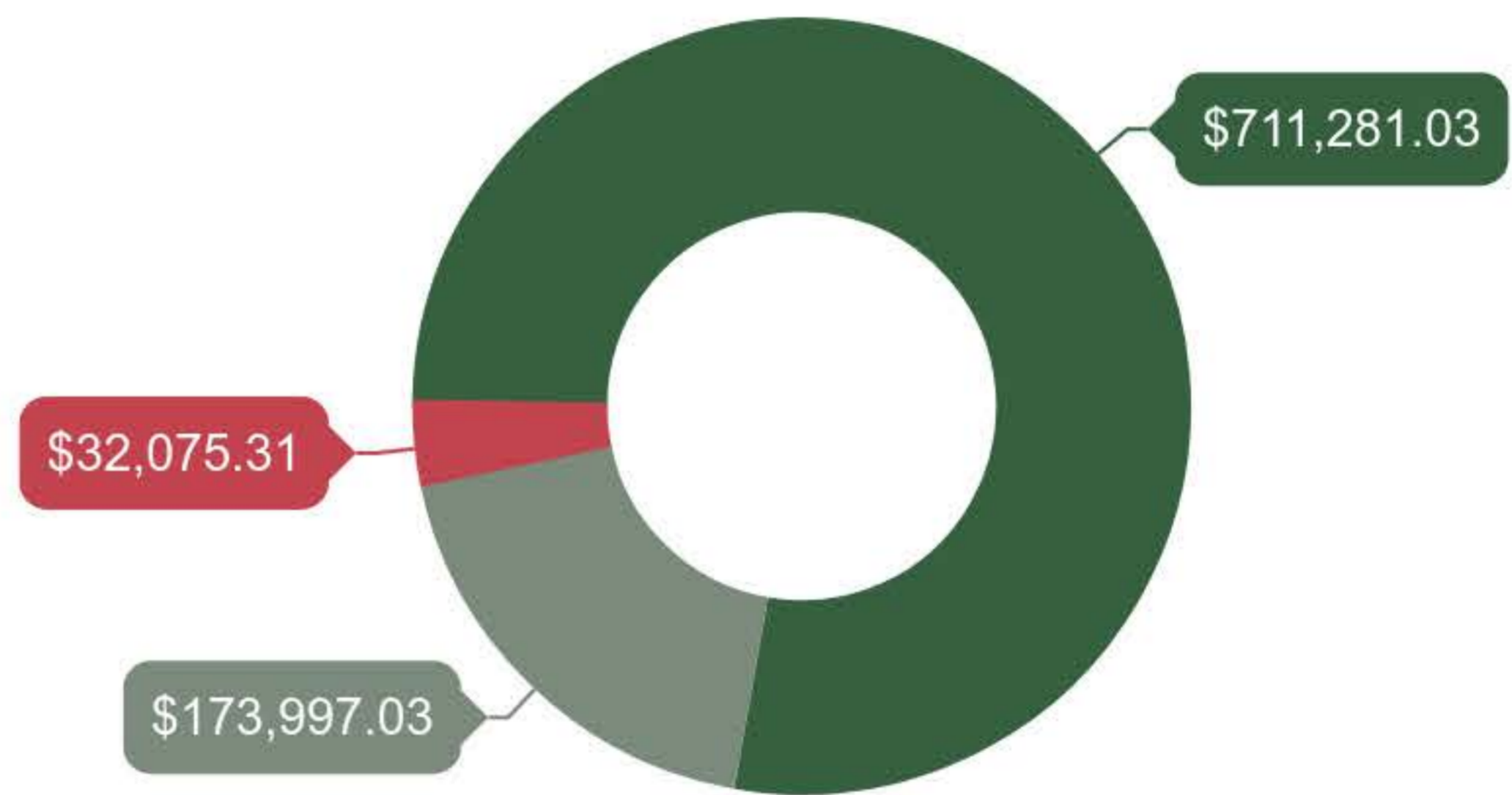
# 2018 FINANCES

Revenue:

**\$906,134.92**

Expenditures:

**\$917,353.37**



 Programs	 General Administration	 Fundraising
\$711,281.03	\$173,997.03	\$32,075.31
(77.54%)	(18.97%)	(3.5%)





# THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting First Steps in 2018.  
Together we are providing more than 100,000 children with a daily cup of soymilk  
and more than 10,000 mothers and babies with micronutrient Sprinkles!

"My baby eats well and is gaining weight. He has not been seriously sick. Women are looking for Sprinkles. They have heard of them and come searching for them!"

- Dr. Kim Shin-Hung and son Un-Shin,  
Sprinkles beneficiaries



"Please thank your donors on our behalf. We told all our teachers that it's not out of riches that you give; it is out of the kindness of your hearts."

- Partner in Pochon