

An aerial photograph of a lush vineyard on rolling hills. The rows of grapevines are vibrant green and stretch across the landscape. A winding dirt road or path cuts through the vines. In the background, a small town is visible in a valley, and the sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds.

2023 Annual Report

OASIS REST
INTERNATIONAL

“THE GENEROUS WILL PROSPER; THOSE WHO REFRESH OTHERS WILL THEMSELVES BE REFRESHED.” (Proverbs 11:25)

Oasis Rest International is a mission sending organization with a bold vision: “Giving every Christian leader, on every major continent, access and opportunity to be refreshed through R.E.S.T-Retreat, Encouragement, Safety, and Transformation.”

What a joy to partner with you in refreshing ministry leaders around the world. Together with our board, staff and leadership team, we are transforming marriage, ministry and the marketplace, helping weary leaders discover “R.E.S.T. changes everything.”

As we enter into 2024, the need for our ministry is rapidly increasing across the globe. More pastors are in need of strategic Oasis locations to refresh, refuel and renew. More global workers need the encouragement and safety we provide. And an increasing number of Christian leaders are seeking transformation that only comes through an encounter with God.

The prayers, planning and execution of last year’s strategies have empowered us to move forward to meet the growing need. With full reliance on the Holy Spirit, your prayers and your partnership, the vision to serve ministry leaders conceived 20 years ago through founders David and Sheri Grissen and carried on by my predecessors David and Theresa Knauss, is bearing fruit all over the world.

And by God’s grace, more is coming.

I believe I can sum up 2023 at Oasis Rest International in one word:

Coherence.

One of the biggest steps in more fully embracing who we are, what we do and where, was changing our organizational name in October of 2023 from Life Impact to Oasis Rest International.

This shift to Oasis Rest International has already increased awareness among current and future guests,



developed ministry recall for our partners, solidified our organizational culture and readied us for future growth. We are more clearly known for the good work we do.

We ended the year fiscally positive and are strategically moving towards more donor relationships and grant opportunities. We are including more resources to empower our amazing hosts as well as a global “Gather 24” this August in Colorado Springs to refresh, reconnect and rededicate ourselves to the cause.

There is growth in accessibility as nine new Oasis locations are in some form of the on-boarding process with plans to open their respective “sacred space” with a “sacred face” later this year.

And we are building awareness around Jesus’ invitation to experience refreshing R.E.S.T. by intentionally extending the global opportunity to local churches, denominations, mission organizations and para-church leaders. Speaking engagements and conference opportunities are opening up as we spread this much-needed message of R.E.S.T. around the world.

In a word, coherence. Readyng ourselves, getting our house in order and growing with unified purpose for such a time as this.

We have watched God do the miraculous in 2023 and continue to stand in adventurous expectation of all that He will do in and through Oasis Rest International in 2024.

On behalf of our board, staff and leadership team, thank you for coming alongside us in prayers, friendship, and financial support. Together we are transforming the legacy of leaders through R.E.S.T. for generations to come.

Nathan LaGrange

IN 2023...

21 Oasis operated in

7 Countries (USA, Slovakia, Greece, Italy, Eurasia, and Coast Rica)

40 Staff served as:

36 Hosts
4 Operations

896

Guests (Christian leaders and their families) experienced R.E.S.T. Retreats.

1320

Christian leaders experienced R.E.S.T. through online, off-site, or non-overnight care.

TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE
\$2,132,194.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$2,114,187

"Beyond the time being very restful in just about every way, our time here helped provide rejuvenation for our marriage and ministry calling. Their debrief helped us both to individually unpack so much that the Lord has brought us through and refocus on what Jesus is bringing us into next."
- a guest at Mountain Top Oasis

"There was really nothing that could have been better. There was a wonderful balance of social with individual time. The counseling was encouraging and enlightening. I also felt so cared for and I've never had an experience so tailored for me."
- a guest at Every Generation Farm

"The deep peace of place, time and the thoughtfulness of our hosts rejuvenated our hearts in the Lord and in one another. We return to ministry with souls that have drunk deeply of the goodness of God. The result left a surge of energy but mostly a rediscovery of the peace that makes the long steady pouring out of love and leadership possible."
- a guest at Shepherd's Rest Oasis

WHEN YOU INVEST IN REST, YOU ARE A PART OF TRANSFORMING NEARLY EVERY MINISTRY IN THE WORLD.

Together we:

- Extend the Gospel through powerful evangelism,
- Establish and strengthen new churches among the unreached,
- Translate the Bible and other Christian literature into more languages,
- Fight, poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking,
- Strengthen local churches and non-profit Christian organizations globally,
- Transform Harvest Workers for more effective ministry in their fields of service, and
- Stimulate revival and renewal in the Kingdom of God.



Thanks for joining the global team to INVEST in REST!



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