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TO PROSPERITY

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO IN
ANNUAL 2013 REPORT
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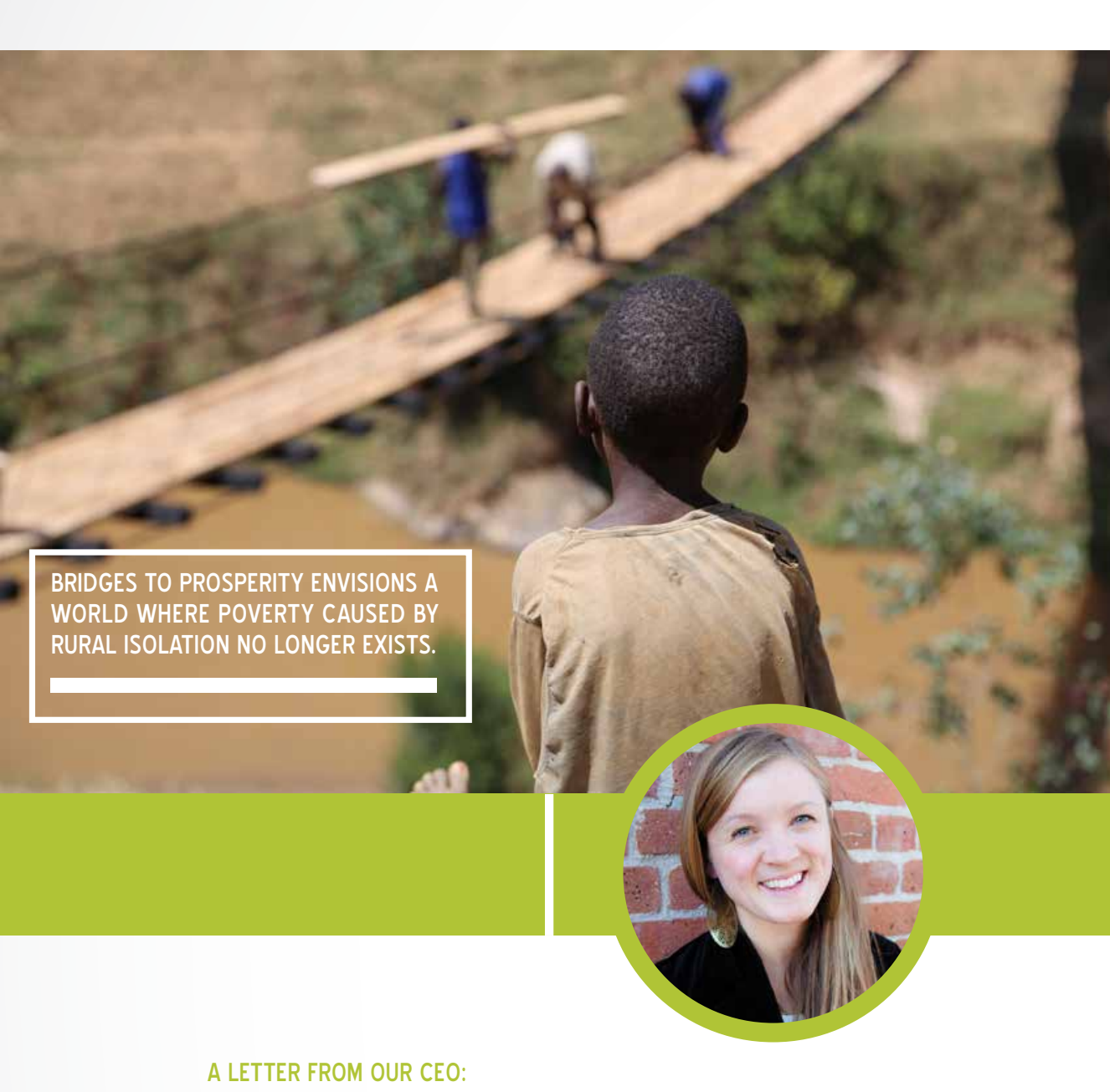
FIRST IMAGINE...

Imagine risking your life to get to school, the doctor or work. Imagine walking miles out of your way each day to find a safer point to cross a dangerous, flooded river. Imagine that your children have to do this too. Thousands in small communities around the world don't need to imagine this scenario because this is part of their day-to-day lives. Their lives are isolated, economically constrained and possibly even shortened because they lack the resources and organization to build simple footbridges.



BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY ENVISIONS A WORLD WHERE POVERTY CAUSED BY RURAL ISOLATION NO LONGER EXISTS.

A LETTER FROM OUR CEO:

In 2006 I caught the 'bridges bug', experiencing for the first time the incredible power of a single safe crossing. Deep in the Andes, I visited a community where thirty percent of the population lacked access to potable water, education and healthcare due to a swelling river. Without a bridge to cross, children were not going to school; farmers were unable to sell their goods at market; and healthcare was a luxury unavailable to those living on the wrong side of the river. I lived and worked with the community of Yavina, Peru to help them build their own bridge, which today remains a vital thread of commerce while being the lifeline for the community.

2013 marketed my seventh (lucky!) year with B2P, and the expanding reach of our programs is truly humbling. Thanks to the hard work and contributions of countless individuals, organizations and industry supporters, 2013 was a historic year of activity and impact for the Bridges community. Together, Bridges to Prosperity and our partners around the world provided safe access to over 725,000 people to reach markets, healthcare clinics and schools. Just imagine, if each person walked over their bridge just once per week, **our bridges provided 37 million safe crossings in 2013 alone.**

Through our work on over 30 bridge projects; technical, vocational and engineering training; and the engagement of hundreds of bridge building volunteers, 2013 was an inspiring year. We opened a bridge training program in Panama, launched our first annual Bridge Builder Conference and expanded our training and support reach to new districts in Rwanda, Nicaragua, Haiti, and Bolivia. As our team is dedicated to the individual user of each respective bridge, this Annual Report will introduce you Wilber in Grand Anse, Haiti who represents just one story of why bridges are truly levers for positive change.

I thank you for being our partner in change.

Sincerely,

Avery Bang
CEO
Bridges to Prosperity

WHY BRIDGES

Rural community members often live in a walking world. When the rivers swell, walks to school, work or visits to a doctor can become life threatening without a bridge to cross.

Those who survive on the least often do not have sufficient infrastructure servicing their communities. Safe and maintained trails and footbridges are necessary to live healthy and productive lives.

Improving access through safe infrastructure improvement is interwoven with poverty reduction. Every effort to improve people's lives relies on their ability to access services. This is particularly true in rural areas – the UN estimates that 70% of those who subsist on less than $1.25 a day live and work in rural areas.

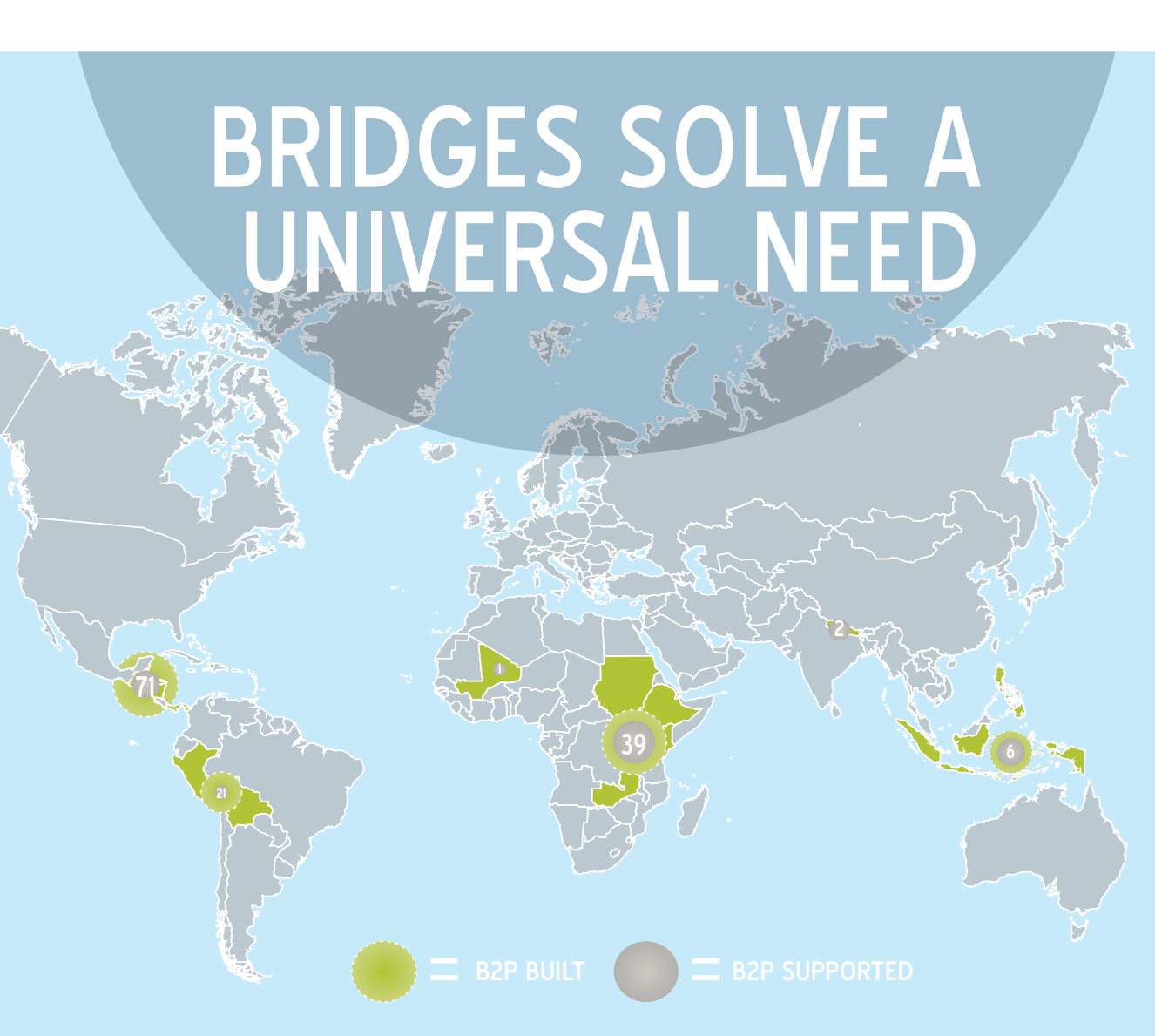
12% MORE children enroll in SCHOOL

24% INCREASE in healthcare TREATMENT

18% INCREASE in women EMPLOYED

15% INCREASE in local BUSINESSES

BRIDGES SOLVE A UNIVERSAL NEED



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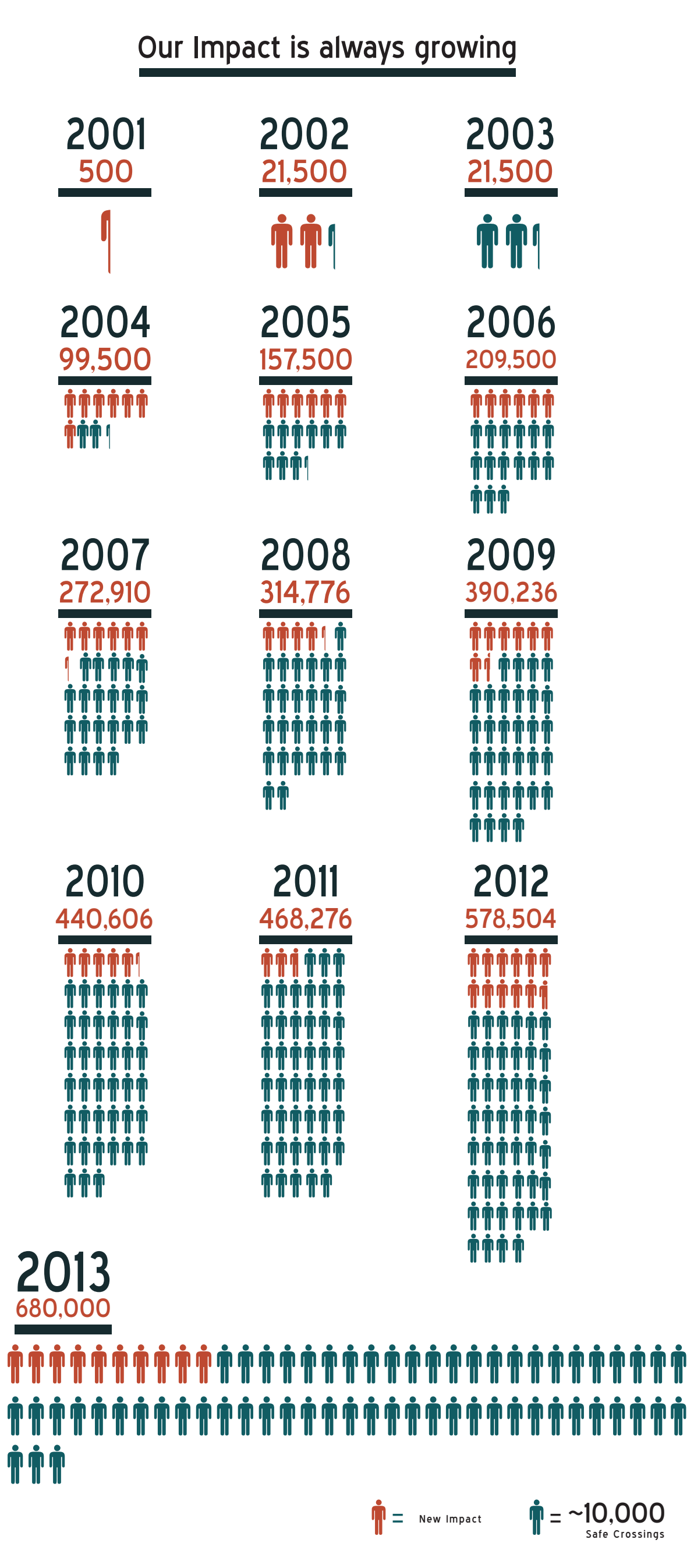
We have helped build 139 bridges in 18 countries

(XX in 2013 alone)

Our Impact is always growing



Think about it...

if every person only crossed their bridge once a week that results in **35,360,000** safe crossings in 2013 alone!

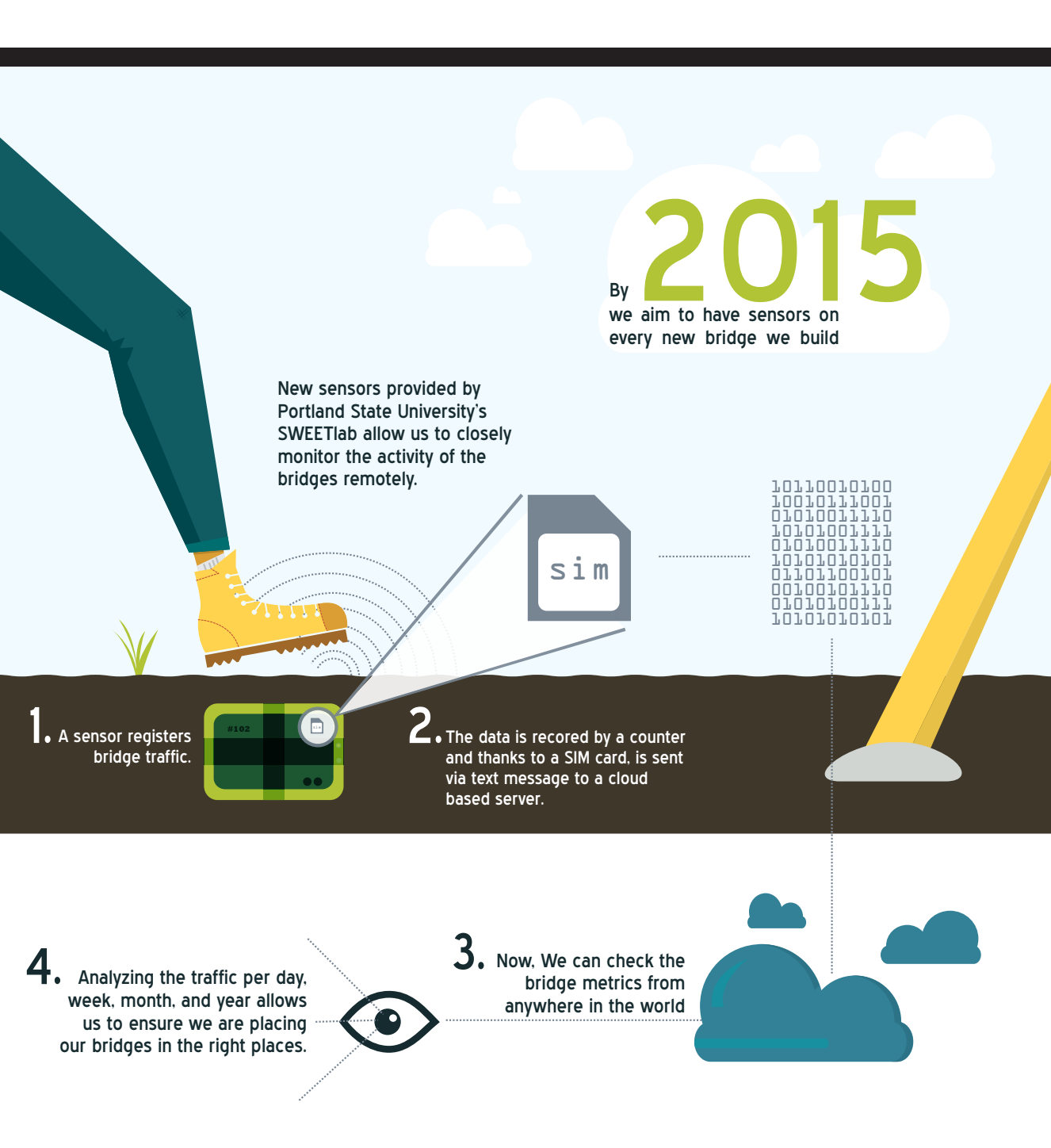
Why do they cross?

Access to

HEALTH SERVICES

EDUCATION

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES


By 2015 we aim to have sensors on every new bridge we build
New sensors provided by Portland State University's SWEETlab allow us to closely monitor the activity of the bridges remotely.
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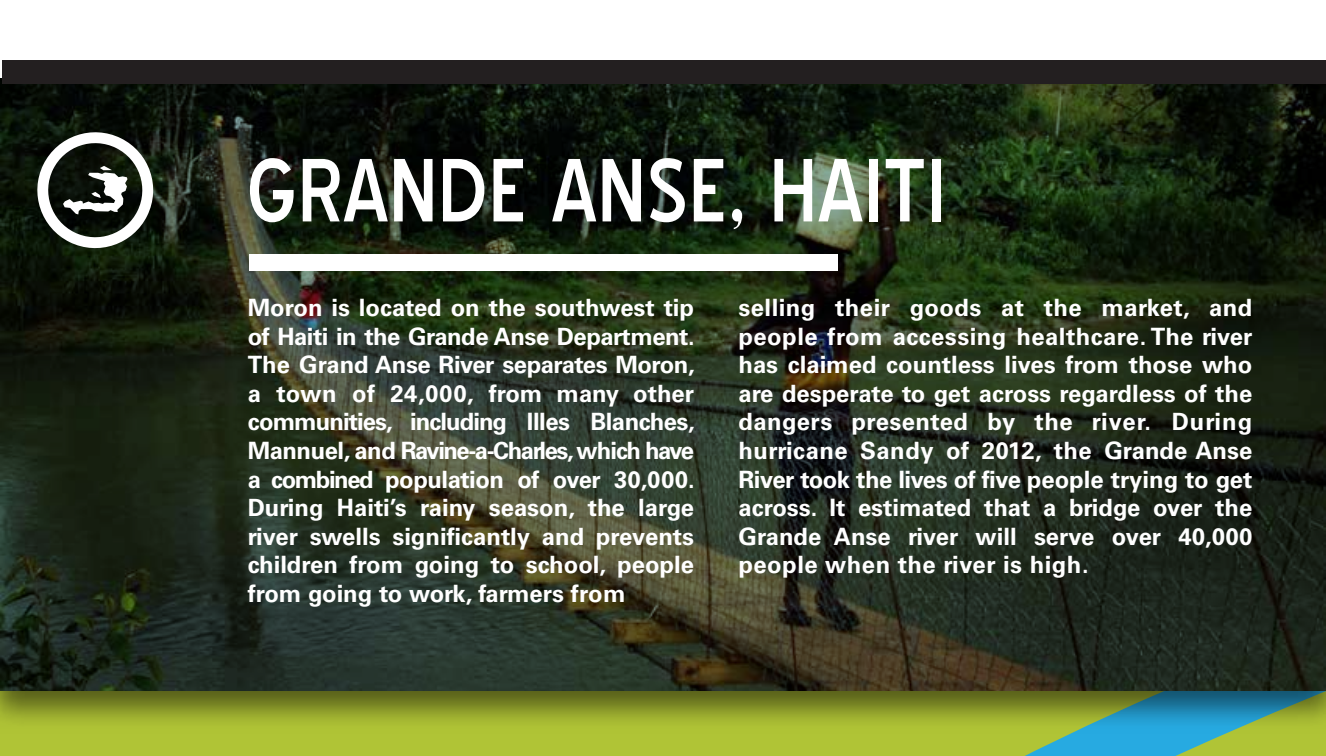
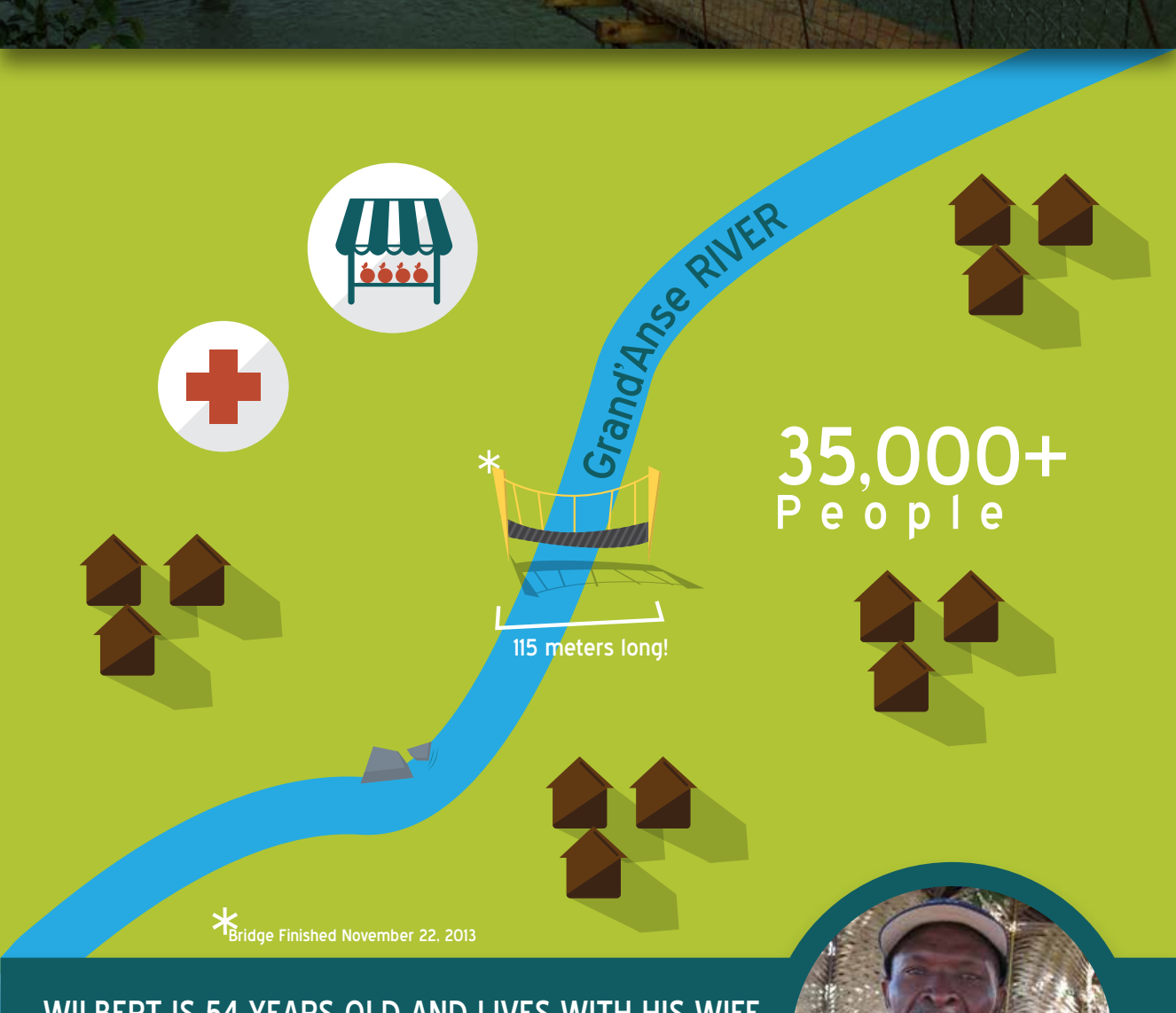
1. A sensor registers bridge traffic.
2. The data is recored by a counter and thanks to a SIM card, is sent via text message to a cloud based server.
3. Now, We can check the bridge metrics from anywhere in the world
4. Analyzing the traffic per day, week, month, and year allows us to ensure we are placing our bridges in the right places.



GRANDE ANSE, HAITI

Moron is located on the southwest tip of Haiti in the Grande Anse Department. The Grand Anse River separates Moron, a town of 24,000, from many other communities, including Illes Blanches, Mannuel, and Ravine-a-Charles, which have a combined population of over 30,000. During Haiti's rainy season, the large river swells significantly and prevents children from going to school, people from going to work, farmers from selling their goods at the market, and people from accessing healthcare. The river has claimed countless lives from those who are desperate to get across regardless of the dangers presented by the river. During hurricane Sandy of 2012, the Grande Ansa River took the lives of five people trying to get across. It estimated that a bridge over the Grande Anse river will serve over 40,000 people when the river is high.



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Wilbert is 54 years old and lives with his wife and 9 children in Vincent, LaBelle Mere, Haiti. Wilbert works as a veterinarian in the community providing shots to the many cows, goats, and donkeys in the v. He also has a garden where he grows sugarcane, yucca, plantains, corn, millet, and beans. Wilbert has lived in the area his whole life.

Wilbert crosses the Bouyara River daily, sometimes 3 to 4 times a day, to get into Pignon. Once the new bridge at La Belle Mere is complete the community will have safer access to Pignon. The town of Pignon is a major town in the area with a large market, well-equipped hospitals, schools (including secondary schools), and various shops. Additionally, Pignon is a hub for catching transportation to the large cities of Cap Haitien or Port au Prince.

> **"The bridge project is one that we've been thirsty for, for a really long time now. Not only have we needed it, but the situation has made our community more miserable and desolate, because the Bouyara River is one that can flood for 15 days at a time and no one can cross. We're actually in the middle of two rivers, the Bouyara and the Canot. When those two rivers rise, and we have a problem here, such as cholera, we are trapped to die between those two rivers. I know quite a few people who have died in the rivers trying to cross.**
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> **Every year, the river takes maybe 5 or 6 people. Sometimes we have pregnant women who get sick and can't get across the Bouyara River to the hospital in Pignon, nor can they cross the Canot River to get to Maissade, where they also have a hospital. And we don't have a health center here. It's a hopeless situation we can't do anything. Sometimes we have to wait 15 to 20 days before we can cross the river.**
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> **We would like to say [to those that have supported this project God bless you. We endlessly thank you, because our thanks can't stop coming out of our mouths. We never had an organization like this come into our community before and do such an amazing job. This is the first organization that has done such great work for us. So at this time we say thank you to the organization and those that have supported it."**
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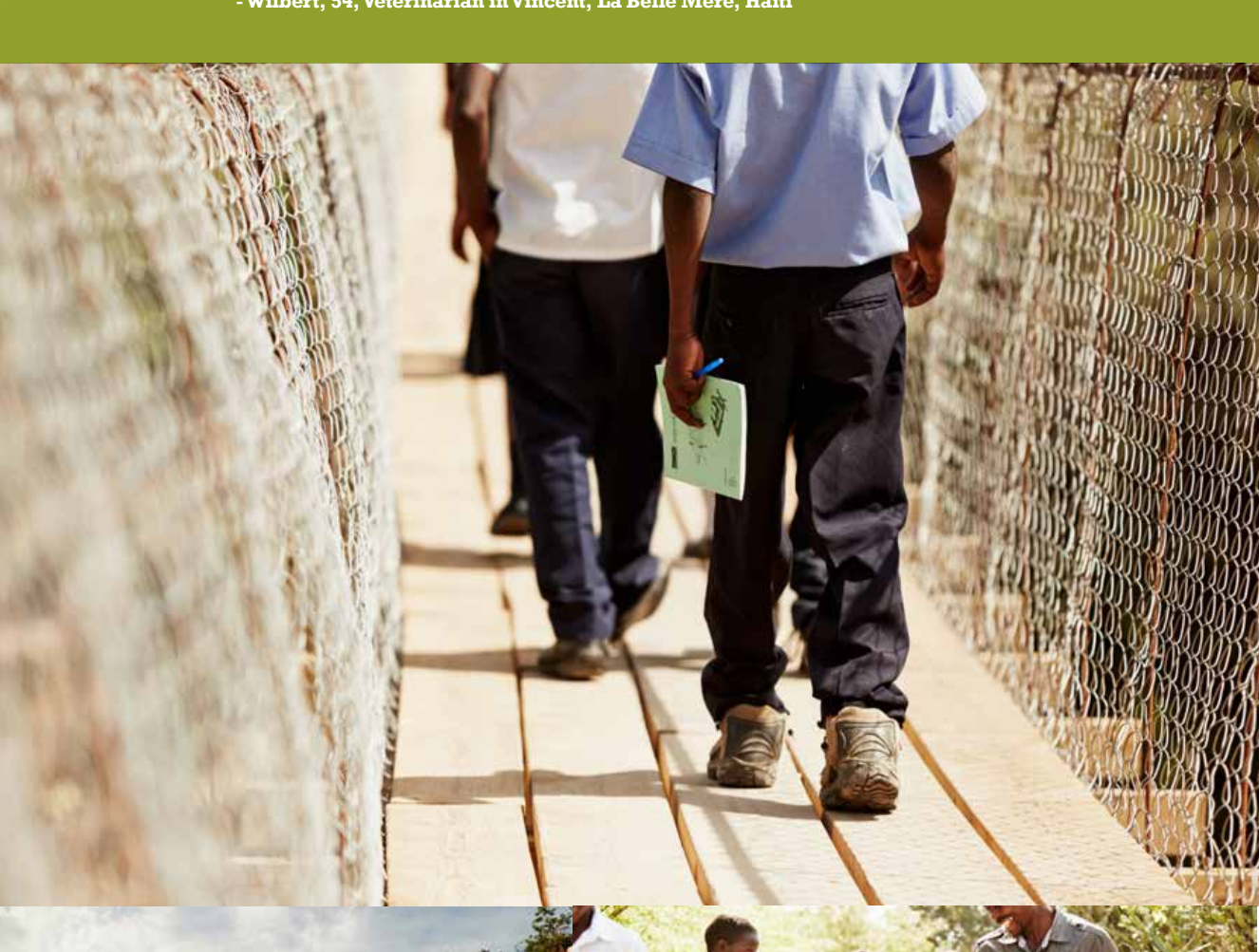
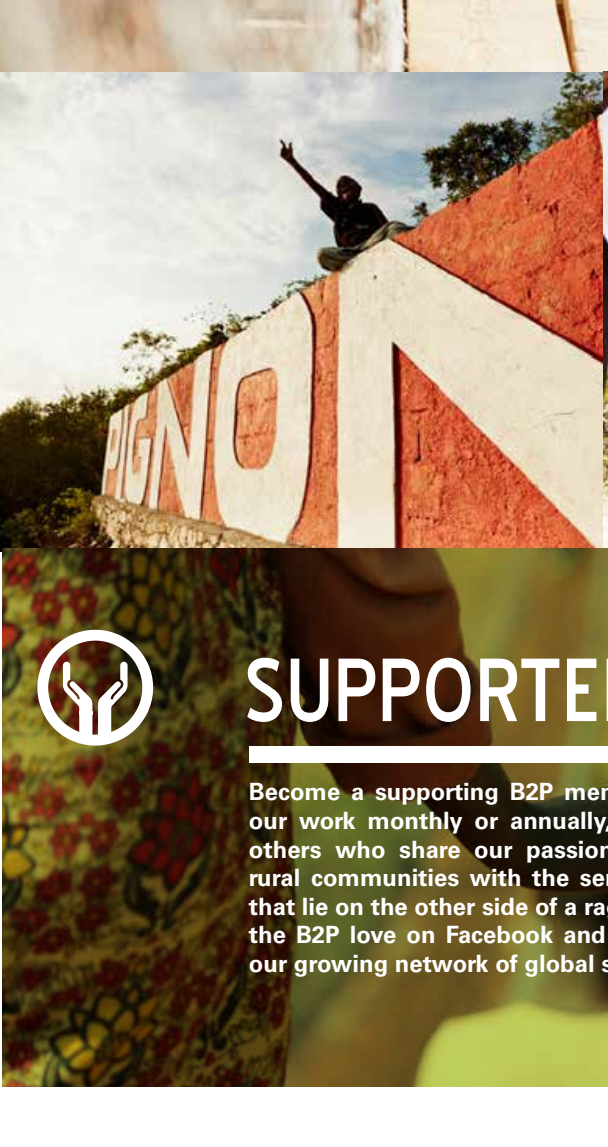
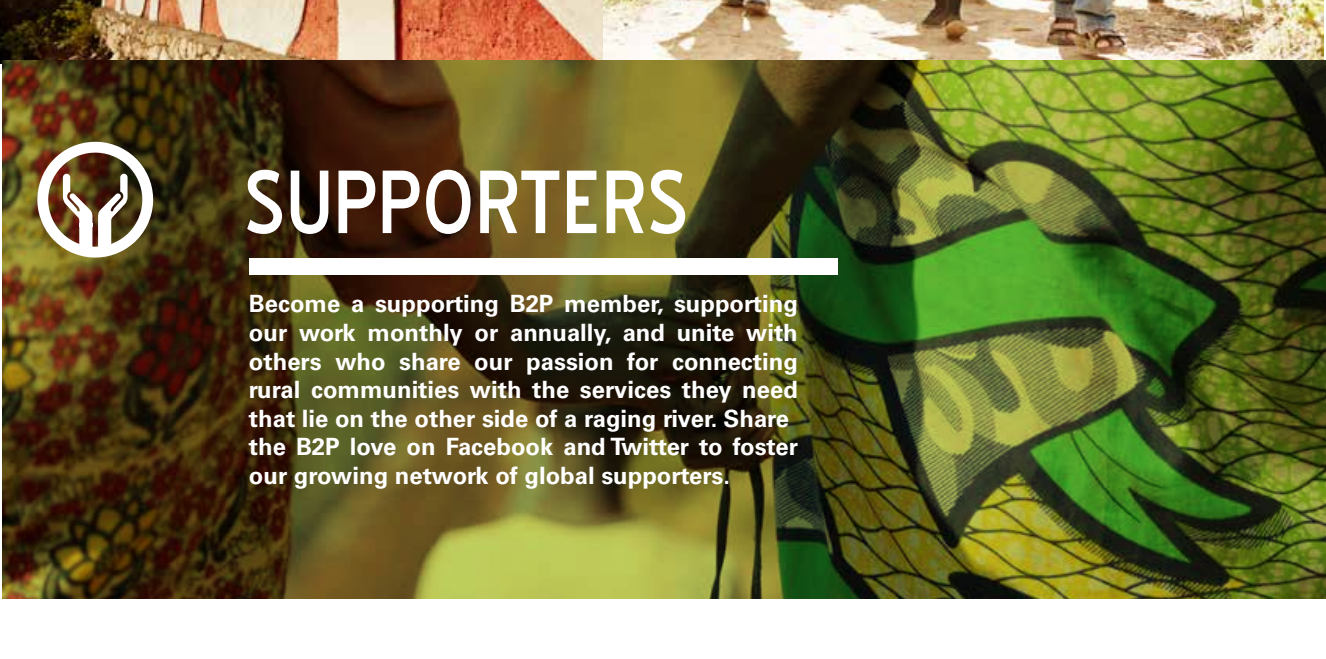
> **- Wilbert, 54, Veterinarian in Vincent, La Belle Mere, Haiti**







SUPPORTERS

Become a supporting B2P member, supporting our work monthly or annually, and unite with others who share our passion for connecting rural communities with the services they need that lie on the other side of a raging river. Share the B2P love on Facebook and Twitter to foster our growing network of global supporters.

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Flatiron Construction helps to form the foundation of our organization. Based near Denver, Colorado since 1947, Flatiron has become a nationally recognized transportation construction and civil engineering firm. Flatiron has excelled by encouraging their employees to innovate and use their own ingenuity to find new and better ways to deliver projects. Flatiron's experience includes bridges, roads and highways, transit and rail, airports, paving, earthwork, underground, power, water supply and treatment, and electrical.

Flatiron recognizes the importance of giving back to the community, and since 2009, Flatiron Construction has partnered with B2P. Flatiron employees have helped design and build footbridges in rural areas of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, with many more bridges already in planning stages. Recently, Flatiron has deepened their commitment to the Bridges to Prosperity mission, agreeing to construct at least a dozen footbridges globally from 2013 to 2017. Employees are eager to contribute, as well, with nearly four applicants for each volunteer position.

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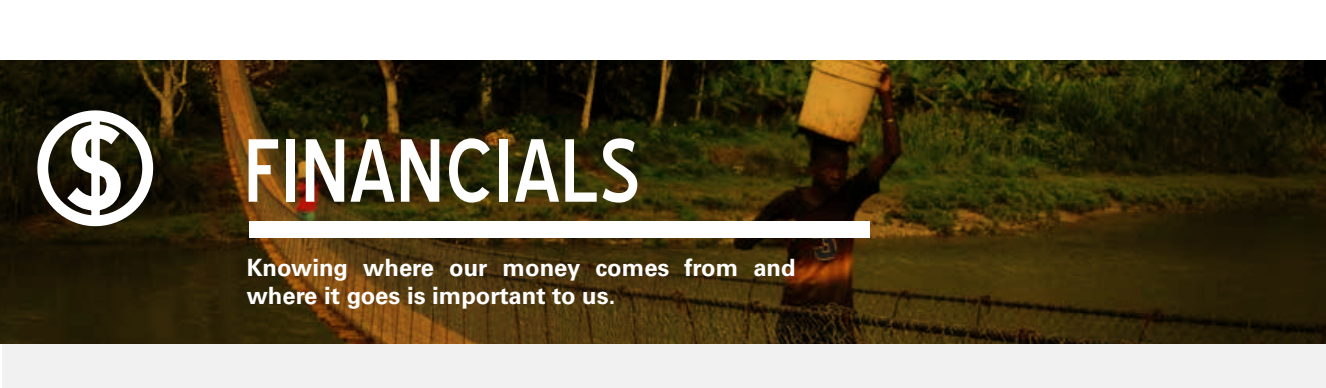

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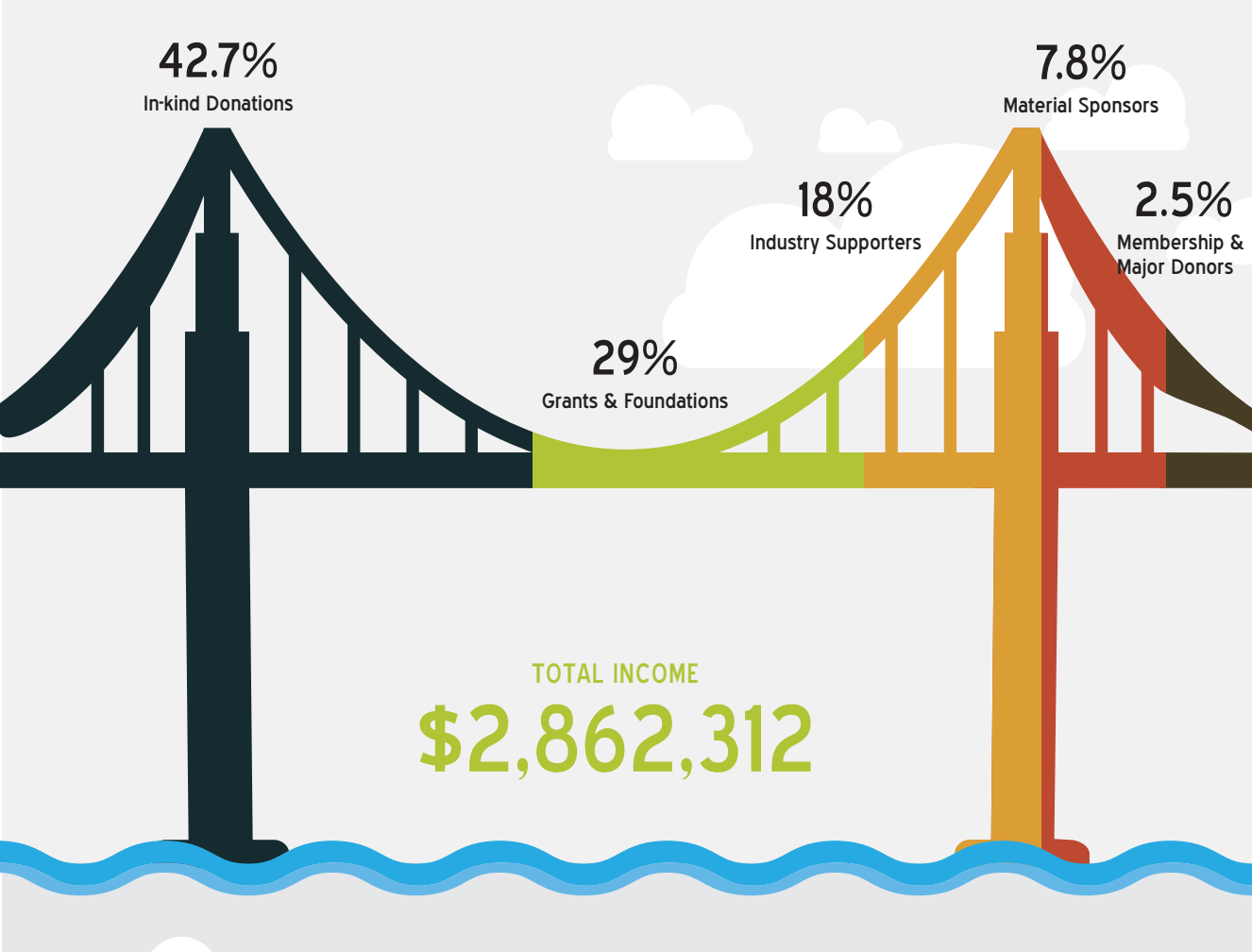

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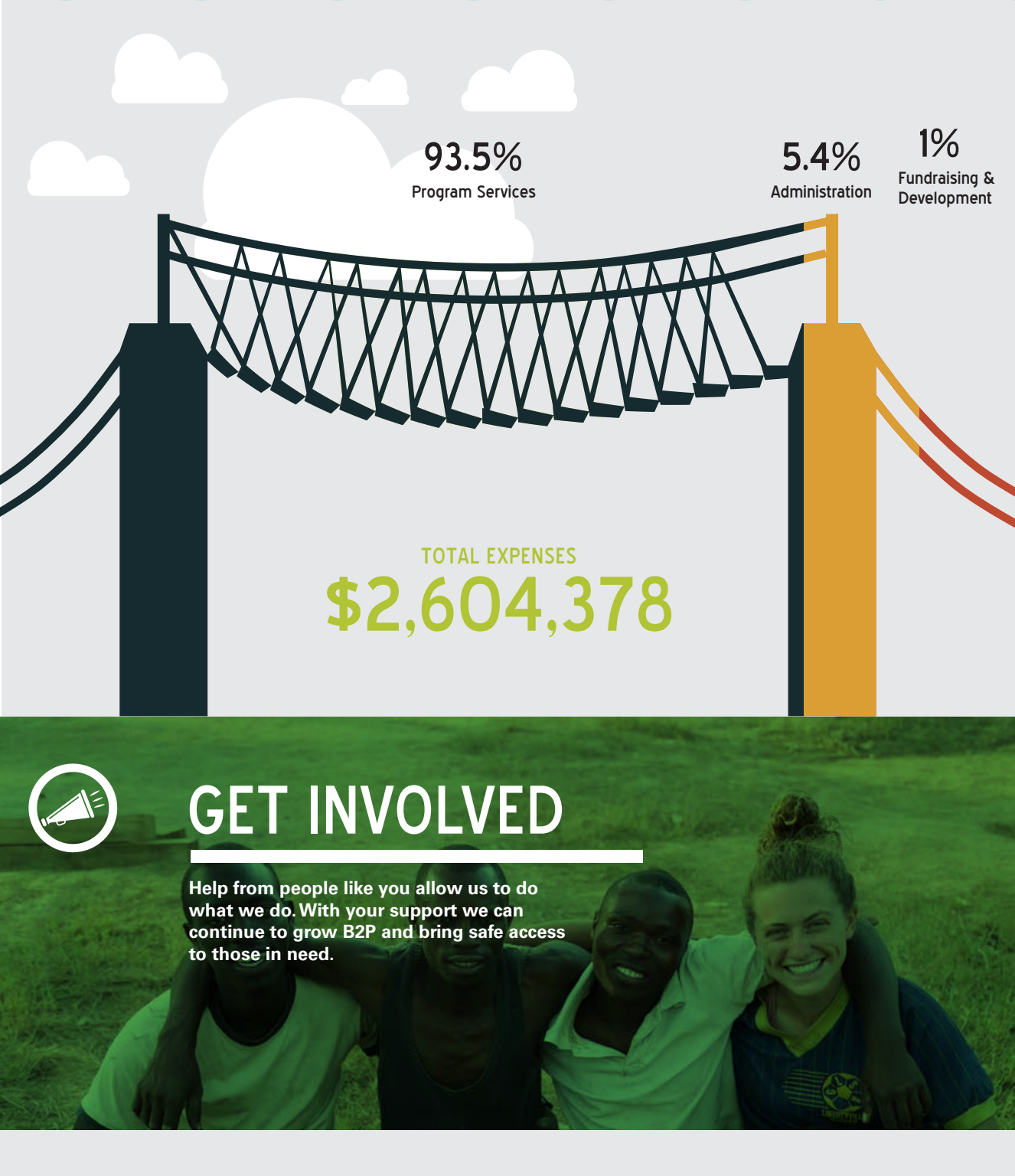
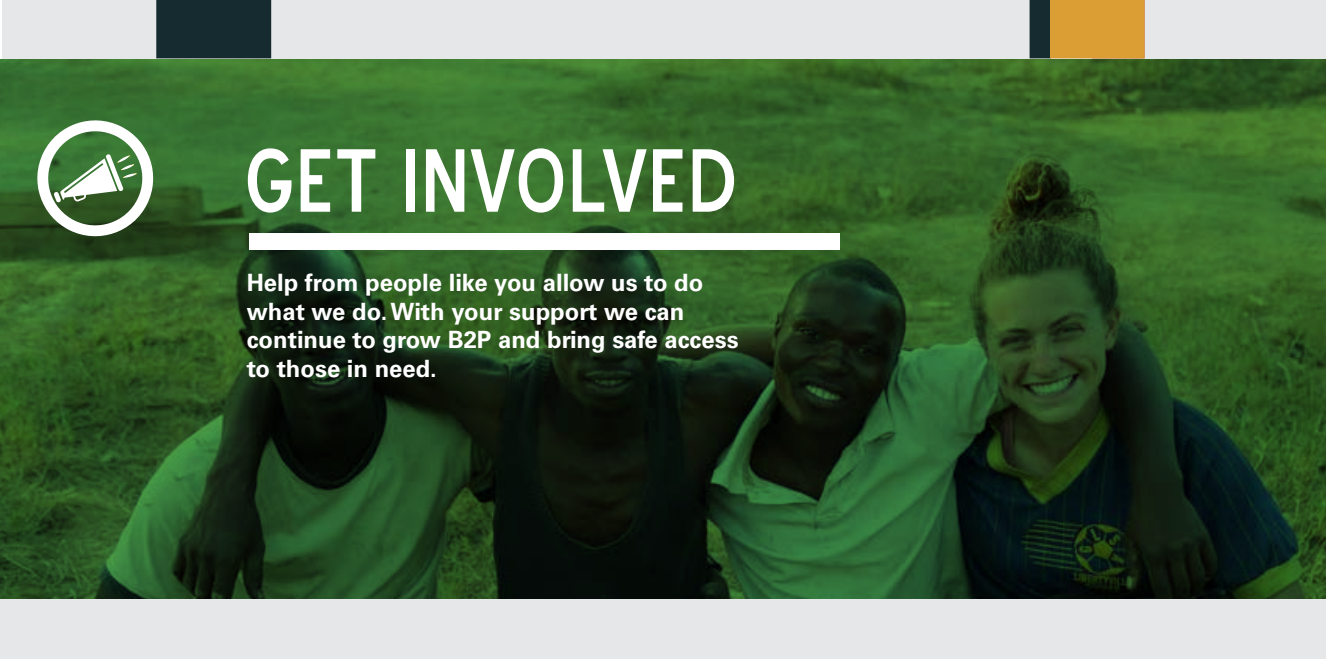


TOTAL EXPENSES
$2,604,378



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Help from people like you allow us to do what we do. With your support we can continue to grow B2P and bring safe access to those in need.

CORPORATE PROGRAM

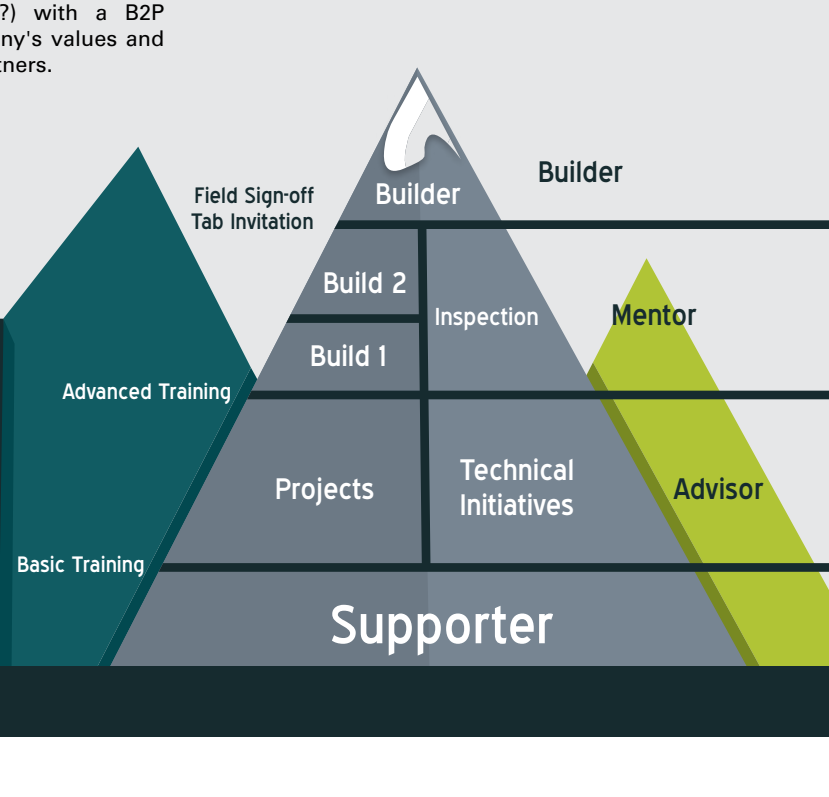
Become a corporate partner through in kind donations or a sponsorship with the option of sending a team down to build a bridge. Our leadership development and team-building experience for employees spans cultural and geographic divides, bringing individuals together in the pursuit of inspiration, personal achievement, and global citizenship. Join companies like Flatiron, CH2MHill, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Kiewit, (Avery fill in more?) with a B2P Sponsorship which showcases your company's values and facilitates connections with key industry partners.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Start a University Chapter or be a Technical Mentor for a university team and work with B2P field staff to develop a locally sustainable bridge building operation in one of Bridges to Prosperity's program countries

BRIDGE CORPS

Join professionals from around the world who support B2P by becoming a Bridge Corps Partner. You can leverage your expertise to offer advice on specific projects, work on technical initiatives, mentoring university teams, and/or travel to the field to oversee critical phases of bridge construction.



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② Break out your inner Olympian and pledge to go the distance for every dollar donated.

③ Do what you do best and pledge a portion of your sales to help fund a bridge project

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