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## LITTLE HELP, PLEASE!

Dear Friend,

I believe that Jesus is the answer to every issue, problem, or need in our world—and in my life. Through Galcom, you are helping to get the message of Jesus Christ to every tribe, tongue, and nation. We believe that radio is the most efficient way to get that message to the most people. But what happens when we can't get radios to the people who need to hear about Jesus?

Traditionally, the cost of shipping has been paid by the ministry



Adjumani Refugee Camp, Uganda

refugees in Uganda were held in our warehouse for almost four years. Other orders have been sitting for more than a year as we get quotes from other freight forwarders, explore sea-cargo options, or look for more creative ways to get them and their valuable message sent around the world.

Shipping is crucial; many of our affiliates are operating schools, clinics, churches or other ministries, and the radios are the best way for them to multiply themselves and reach more people at

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that receives our radios; the cost varies dramatically depending on where they are, the method of shipping, etc. Over the pandemic era, we have seen a substantial increase in shipping costs; so much so that many of our partners have simply told us not to ship their radios until we can find a cheaper solution.

This meant that 2,000 radios destined for South Sudanese

a time with the Gospel, even as they continue to work face-to-face with individuals. We know they are stretched to the limit, and we want to do everything we can to help.

As of now, it looks like the new best way we can help our partners with the wonderful work they do is find a way to assist them with the excessively high shipping costs. We are

establishing a shipping fund to help the smaller ministries with this unexpected expense. Please consider a special gift towards our new shipping fund so we can get the saving message of Christ out to these wonderful ministry partners that are already giving so much themselves. Thank you for your extra help in these difficult times!

With you in Christ's service,

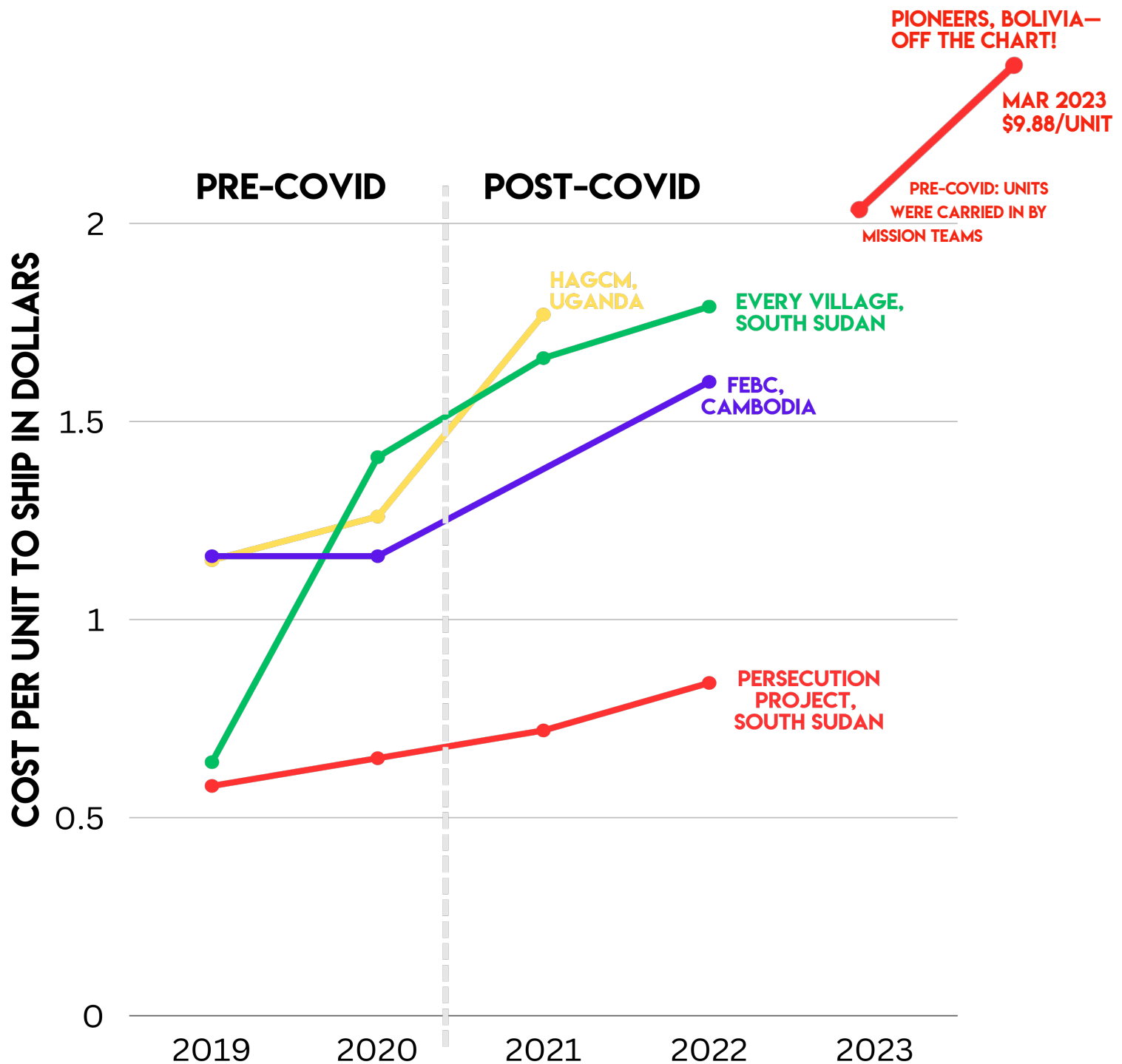
Tim Whitehead  
Executive Director



Radios on their way to South Sudan

Please visit [galcom.org](https://galcom.org) for information on any upcoming events.

# Costly **LARGE**



## Talk about costly cargo!

The chart to the left shows the incredible increases in shipping costs just some of our affiliates face. Galcom wants to enable the ministries that we partner with to fully execute their God-given mission, not only by matching funds on the players we make for them, but also by doing whatever we can to get the radios into the field, changing lives.

We focus on the most unreached, at-risk populations in the world, whose populations are often marked with poverty and lack of infrastructure. They need the Gospel more than anyone else. As Oswald J. Smith famously said, "No one has the right to hear the Gospel twice until everyone has had an opportunity to hear it at least once." We are so close to getting them the Good News that it's a tragedy for shipping costs to keep it from them. Bolivia is the poorest nation in South America, South Sudan's GDP per capita is \$1,072, and Cambodia's is \$1,513. Canada's is \$56,794. Our affiliates simply do not have the resources to keep up with all the rising costs. Together, we can help!

We are establishing a Shipping Fund, where partners like you can give to particularly fill this need. Just designate your gift, either online, by e-transfer, phone, or mail, to "Shipping Fund", and we will use it to help the ministry which most needs it to offset shipping.

Thank you for praying about this need!

<https://wisevoter.com/country-rankings/poorest-countries-in-africa/>  
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/poorest-asian-countries>

"Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Each restricted contribution designated toward such an approved program or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the organization, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where needed most. Gifts are acknowledged and receipted with an official receipt for income tax purposes."



### **Don McLaughlin, HAGCM Uganda**

We have faced increased financial challenges to ship and import these wonderful receivers. With increased costs post-COVID, receiving ministries like ours search for an average shipping cost of about US\$2.00 per receiver and a further US\$1.00 per receiver to securely transport them to the target area and safely distribute them, which is usually in remote locations like refugee camps. It costs almost double that to clear them in-country.



### **Alex Muir, Pioneers Bolivia**

During the past year or so shipping into Bolivia by ocean container has become difficult, as it has been taking four to five months for the shipments to clear customs. This has left us with only using air cargo. Like so many mission organizations, we have a donor base to enable us to acquire the products we need; and then when we add additional costs, it's the same donor base that gets called upon to help out. There is only so much sap in the trees...



### **Samphal Makara, FEBC Cambodia**

Honestly, we don't have any extra budget to set and spend on these costs, as we are still in shortage each year, but by God's grace we can go on year by year [by making up] the deficit end of the year [with the help of] FEBC USA. Thanks again to Galcom for your partnership and support; the more radios you can donate, the more we can distribute to people around Cambodia so they can hear the message of salvation.



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