



**Mission  
Global**

2023  
*Impact Report*



## Our Mission

To glorify God by making disciples across cultural and linguistic boundaries by proclaiming and practising the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## Everyone, Everywhere — Matters to God

Let's face the facts! The world became a much scarier place in 2023. Wars and rumours of wars dominated the news, worldwide economic challenges impacted us all, and in many countries, God's people faced significant persecution. Into this world, we bring the best and only message of hope.

I thank God every day that my hope is in Christ Jesus who has laid the foundation for peace in all circumstances. We see His hand at work, despite so much conflict and turmoil, and rest assured of His promise to be with us always (Matt. 28:20).

At Mission Global, we have seen the transforming work of God's grace in the stories of so many people. In this report, our desire is to highlight the stories of those who have met Jesus for the first time and been set free from bondage to all kinds of snares.

We also share stories of those who have worked hard to provide for themselves

and their families. These individuals seek to empower themselves through education, community participation, and spiritual development. They are mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, rich and poor, young and old, and all are valued members of God's family around the world.

I trust this brief report will showcase a small but mighty picture of what God has done through our global workers and our national partners. Your investment in Mission Global has enabled us to bring the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to people in 87 countries.

We thank God for all He has done in 2023. However, there remain 3.3 billion people who have little or no access to the gospel. In addition, over one billion people eke out an existence against impossible odds. This isn't just! Everyone—everywhere—should have the opportunity to hear the gospel and be able to care for themselves and their families.

Together, with your help, Mission Global has the privilege of connecting Canadians to so many wonderful people around the world. Thank you for your investment in this grand purpose—in this God-initiated mission!



**Murray Cornelius**

Executive Director for Mission Global  
The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

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*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

# Our Focus

Mission Global is committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the least reached and most vulnerable all over the world.

We do this in diverse ways and contexts, especially where there is little or no access to the gospel. Our desire is to share and live out the message of hope and reconciliation to a world desperately in need of the Saviour.



# Our Mandate

Mission Global has a four-fold mandate to **reach, plant, equip, and care.**



## REACHING

We reach people all over the world—sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through every means possible.



## PLANTING

We plant communities of authentic followers of Jesus—partnering with local believers to establish churches.



## EQUIPPING

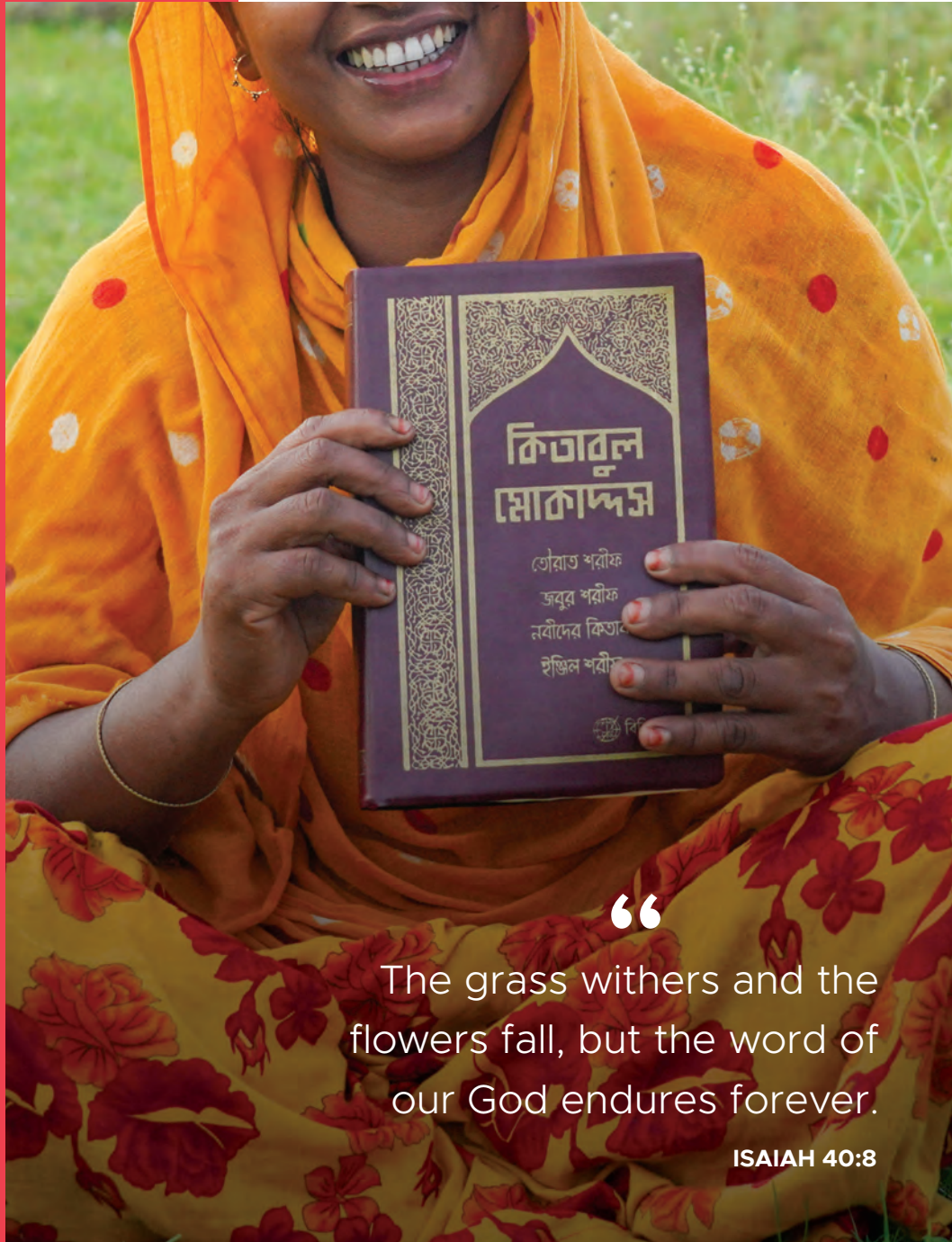
We equip servant leaders—training them to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to their own communities.



## CARING

We care for people—helping the most vulnerable to experience the tangible love of Jesus Christ.





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The grass withers and the  
flowers fall, but the word of  
our God endures forever.

ISAIAH 40:8



REACHING

CAMPAIGN

## Bibles for Bangladesh

TOTAL RAISED: \$112,827.00 + \$137,000 SHAREWORD GLOBAL MATCHING GIFT

Believers in Bangladesh are continuing to risk it all as they share their faith boldly in a country adamantly opposed to the Christian faith. Filled with the power of the Spirit, our Bengali brothers and sisters are unstoppable in their desire to share the gospel with their communities all through Bangladesh.

In 2023, in partnership with ShareWord Global, our supporters helped make it possible for us to hand out 41,000 copies of God’s Word in the heart language of Bengali believers!

Moreover, our Bengali brothers and sisters currently have just under 4,000 house churches scattered throughout all 49 districts of Bangladesh with the vision to plant another 1,000 more. With more than 150,000 believers throughout their network, they’re determined to witness the power of the Spirit transform more lives in the years to come!

*One such believer is Abdul\*. As a very prominent member of his community, quite some time ago, he met and built relationships with some local believers in his region. After bringing clean water to his community, one of our team shared his testimony with Abdul, explaining that he had done these things for Abdul and his community because of his love for Jesus.*

\* For security reasons, all names with an asterisk have been changed throughout the impact report.

*Abdul was eager to learn more about Jesus. He then was given a Bible which he read at length. He actually memorized and could recite the entire New Testament within just three months’ time!*

*Abdul risks a great deal to encourage those in his community to learn more about who Jesus is and guide them to Him. Before meeting the local believers, he had never met a non-Muslim. We’re so thankful that Abdul is now living his life for his Saviour Jesus Christ!*

### Fast Facts

- 41,000+ copies of the Word of God handed out
- Almost 10,000 people accepted Christ in 2023
- 4,000 house churches planted over the past 35 years
- Over 150,000 believers scattered throughout Bangladesh



CAMPAIGN

# Shining the Light in Ukraine

TOTAL RAISED: \$107,536.46

The war in Ukraine is intensifying. And yet, God is piercing the darkness, using a group of Pentecostal churches to become beacons of light to their communities ravaged by war. Pastor Vadim and the Good News Church in Poltava, Ukraine, have planted a total of 15 churches, seven of them since the start of the war.

God is moving so mightily that many of these churches are becoming overcrowded. Thanks to generous supporters, we are helping four of these churches purchase property, erect new buildings, fix roofs, and expand their spaces.

One of these churches—Mala Pereshchepyna—literally held its first service in a vegetable garden with 35 adults, multiple children, and even chickens in attendance. Just a week prior, a team from Good News Church travelled to the village to bring food, clothing, and medical aid. Various residents were so touched by the team’s acts of kindness that they begged them to come back.

The team prayed repeatedly for one woman terminally ill with cancer. And God healed her! Because of this miracle, word began to spread about this newly formed church plant. One elderly lady even walked 15 kilometres, so she, too, could attend services. Today, the Mala Pereshchepyna Church has grown to upwards of 80 adults and children! Plus, the church has now planted two other church plants of 20 new believers each.

Assistant Pastor Olga ministers alongside Pastor Edik, as together, they lead the Mala Pereshchepyna Church. She is investing her heart and soul into this little flock of new believers. Her especial passion is to train and develop worship and outreach teams.

Pastor Olga and her husband minister out of their own suffering due to the war—they fled their city and found refuge with Pastor Vadim in Poltava. She became the first graduate from the Good News church planting ministry program.

She now travels a grueling 140 kilometres weekly to minister to the church members. She is known to be a nurturer, counsellor, and mother hen to many. She never ceases pouring into as many people as she can, almost day and night.

## Fast Facts

- **Novye Sanzhary Church: building a new roof for 70 new believers**
- **Oposhnya Church: constructing a new church building for 60 new believers**
- **Kobelaki Church: buying more land to construct a new building for 80 new believers**
- **Mala Pereshchepyna Church: constructing a new church building for 80 new believers**





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 Instruct the wise and they  
 will be wiser still; teach the  
 righteous and they will add to  
 their learning.

**PROVERBS 9:9**



**EQUIPPING**

CAMPAIGN

# More Than Just a Scholarship

TOTAL RAISED: \$77,435.04

In 2023, we provided 129 students with Timothy Fund scholarships to become active ministers of the gospel. Partnering with over 50 institutions worldwide, our goal is to financially assist students to equip them for fruitful ministry.

Many of our students come from impoverished backgrounds and wouldn't be able to afford training without the support of the Timothy Fund. One such student who is being blessed by a Timothy Fund scholarship is Rohan\*.

Currently, in his third year at Buntain Theological Seminary, Rohan can now afford to study while also caring for his aging parents. Plus, he has an incredible story of his call to ministry!

Rohan became addicted to drugs when he was barely 11 years old. His addictions became so strong that he was kicked out of his village. Desperate to help her son, one day, Rohan's mom heard a group of young people sharing on a street corner.

She caught the words: "... will not perish but have everlasting life." She immediately thought, "My son doesn't have to perish. He can have life." Filled with hope, she invited these young believers to her home who began holding regular prayer meetings.

One time, Rohan heard a particular song the team was singing. Struck by the words, he asked them to write out the lyrics for

him. That night, he started singing the song and suddenly broke down sobbing. Two men in shining clothes appeared in his room and stood praying over him all night. After an intense battle, by morning, he was completely set free from his addictions!

Only 15 years old, Rohan didn't totally grasp what had happened, so later in the morning, he bought a joint. Immediately, he sensed a voice speak to him: "Now you are my son: you don't do those things." Seeing Rohan's absolute transformation, multiple families have started seeking Jesus, so that their sons can be set free from drug addictions too. Rohan now feels called to train to be an evangelist to reach his people for Jesus! He is beyond grateful that the Timothy Fund is helping him fulfill that call.

## Fast Facts

- 129 students received scholarships through the campaign
- 29 partner colleges strengthened to continue training students
- 340 scholarships overall handed out for 2023 at our 50 partner colleges
- Almost 3,000 scholarships given since 2014



CAMPAIGN

# 12 Gifts of Christmas Discipleship Catalogue

TOTAL RAISED: \$116,870

We featured 12 transformational gifts for Christmas that highlight just how expansive our gospel reach is across the globe. These gifts showcased a diverse group of people—from teen moms to recovering addicts to survivors of sex trafficking.

Generous Mission Global supporters stepped up and brought the gift of discipleship to so many.

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

MATTHEW 28:19



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Give Bibles to Persecuted Believers



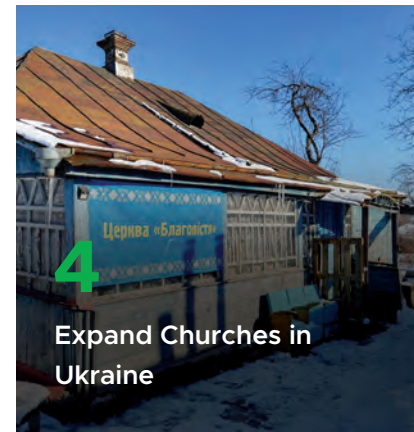
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Send Global Workers



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Grow Church Plants



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Expand Churches in Ukraine



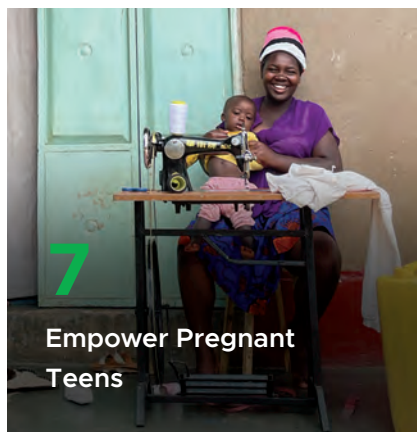
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Translate METP Courses



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Provide Theological Education



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Empower Pregnant Teens



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Bring Freedom to Addicts



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Feed Families for a Week



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Train Survivors of Sexual Assault



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Send Teens to Hope Camp

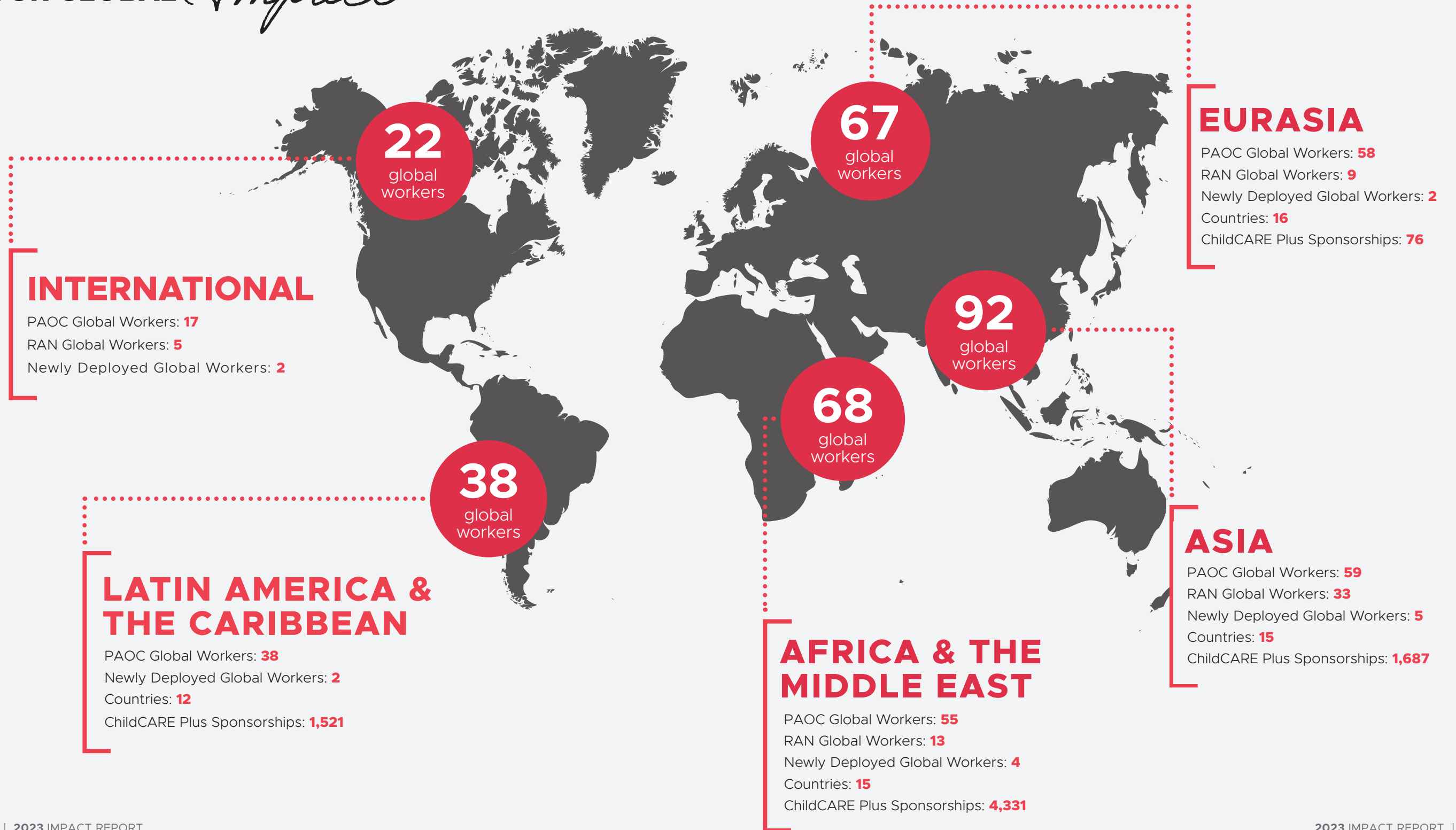


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Give Where Most Needed



# OUR GLOBAL *Impact*







## Praying for our Persecuted Brothers & Sisters

At Mission Global, we believe in the power and importance of prayer. Especially for the 360 million believers being persecuted daily all around the world. As part of our participation in The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, we also raised support to help our brothers and sisters in Jaranwala, Pakistan.

This August 16, 2023, a 7,000-member mob attacked the three impoverished Christian communities in Jaranwala, a city of 160,000. One of the pastors personally shared his story with us about this incident:

*While 400 kilometres away on a youth retreat, I received the awful news that a mob was setting our homes and churches on fire. Our church was the first to be targeted. It's a two-story building: our home is on the first floor and the church on the second.*

*I was sick with fear since my wife and sons were home alone. Fortunately, a church member raced to our home, grabbed my wife and children, and brought them to safety. Later, I discovered that a number of our Muslim neighbours hid many of our women and children in their homes, protecting them from the mob. The mob ransacked our home, stole all our belongings, and then set the place on fire.*

*They did this to 26 churches and 260 homes throughout our communities. Everything was destroyed, including the doweries that six families had painstakingly saved for years for their daughters' marriages.*

*No one was prepared for this attack, not even the police. When the two main mosques, situated on either side of our communities, announced over their loudspeakers to begin attacking our communities, then everyone knew. The mayhem that ensued is hard to put into words. The screaming and wailing of so many could be heard afar off.*

*Yet through the aftermath, we have felt God standing with us, giving us courage and strength. Many of our Muslim neighbours' hearts have been softened toward us as they have also condemned these actions. We believe that this incident will eventually become a faded memory for all of us.*

Due to the generosity of our supporters, Mission Global has been able to work alongside the PAK Mission Society, one of our national partners, to help bring restoration to these resilient believers through practical means. We continue to stand with and pray for our brothers and sisters in Jaranwala and in other places around the world.



## Supporting the Israel Crisis Response

TOTAL RAISED: \$231,644.10



We're grateful for those who have helped us to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of displaced Israelis, Arabs, and those from Gaza residing in Israel. The ramifications of this war have reverberated around the world while many lives have been forever impacted in both Israel and Gaza.

Our global workers, the Bantseevs, Batrakovs, and Hilsdens, and our partner Chad Holland, representing the entire King of Kings Network of congregations, are continuing to work tirelessly to minister to those around them.

Our global workers have been reaching out to Holocaust survivors, Ukrainian refugees, reservists, and Israelis in need of spiritual and physical care. Even as King of Kings Network has been reaching out to thousands of displaced Israeli families, they have also been seeking to help as many people from Gaza as they can.

A team of Korean believers is caring for 26 severely ill Gazan patients at the Arab hospital, bringing them fresh food items and toiletries while praying for them daily. Another church team of Arabic believers is bringing toys, clothing, and school supplies to an Arabic orphanage that now has four times as many children from Gaza living there. Furthermore, they have blessed and provided aid to over 500 Israeli families in 2023 alone!

An Arabic congregation in the West Bank is also seeking to care for and bring Arabs and Druze peoples to faith in the Messiah. They reached out to approximately 300 individuals, especially children and youth, in 2023, including those affected by the war.

All in all, God is working through our global workers and partners to bring about hope and healing to the unspeakable suffering that this war has caused. He also commands us in His Word to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6).

### Fast Facts

- Delivered 4,000+ hot meals & 2,000+ boxes of food & clothing
- Handed out 500+ hygiene bags for hurting families
- Sponsored dozens of locations to house hundreds of families
- Provided trauma counselling for numerous victims





**In 2023**, we celebrated generosity, strong partnerships, and quality programs that fulfilled our mission: Do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Plead for the widow (as referenced in Isaiah 1:17).

This year was also our 40th anniversary—giving us a chance to honour everyone involved in the decades of reaching people with the tangible love of Christ, responding to crisis situations, empowering communities, and educating children through ChildCARE Plus. The impact we've created together is incredible!

Last year, we reached over 500,000 people through projects in 122 locations around the

world, distributing over \$16 million in programs to meet people's needs.

Notably, we responded to the earthquakes in Turkey bringing aid to 20,000 people. In Uganda, we began a three-year program to support and train thousands of farmers to increase food production in their communities.

Additionally, we reached even more children and their families in communities surrounding our ChildCARE Plus locations, partnering with over 200 churches.

Thank you for all you do for ERDO, keeping our mission and the people we serve in your daily prayers. We look forward to celebrating our future with you!



**In 2023**, God helped our staff of over 400 bring lasting hope to more than 7,000 vulnerable children at all ten of our Villages of Hope (VOH) centres. Watching the way our VOH children desired to learn more about Jesus and His love for them was truly special.

VOH Mwanza held a camp for over 200 children with albinism. The children discovered how much they are loved in contrast to the rejection that many with albinism face daily. We launched our first "Christmas Hope Pack" campaign, handing out packs to over 3,000 eager VOH children! Additionally, 4,000 VOH children received their own personal Bible—a first for many.

VOH staff also travelled to local communities to serve daily meals to hungry children while simultaneously sharing a short Bible story. For many of these children, it has been the only meal they receive in a day. As a result of this outreach, a number of the children's families have begun attending our partner churches.

Thank you for being a part of all that God did in and through VOH in 2023! Thousands of children and their families found hope in the midst of it all.





**In 2023**, we celebrate how God has worked through us to create transformational impact both here, in Canada, and there, globally. We have seen this happen across our programs around the globe.

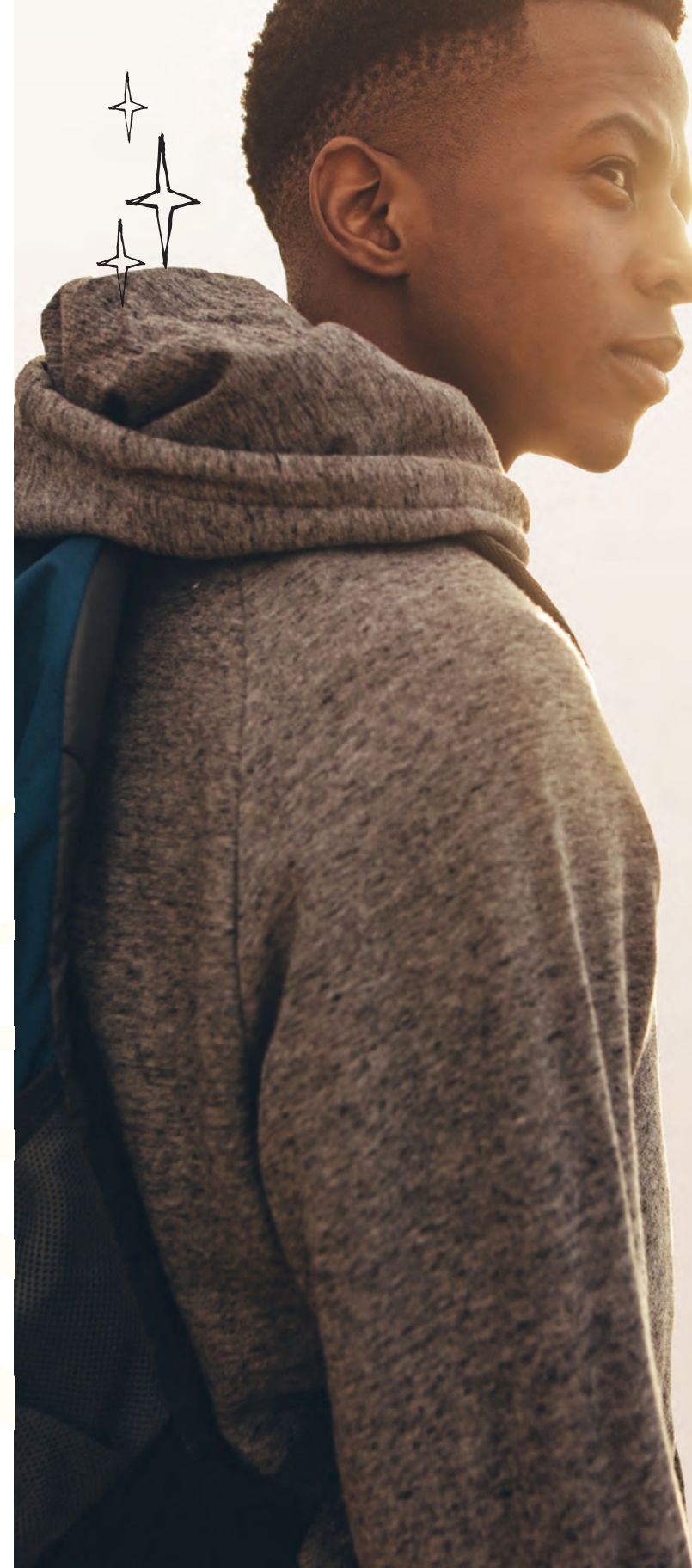
Within Canada, 2023 was an inaugural year for our Business as Mission (BAM) Canada Podcast. This allowed us to amplify the voices and stories of 26 Christian business leaders.

Globally, we were invited to equip a group of Zambians to develop 14 missional businesses. This was made possible through the successful delivery of the first “Distributed Model” for our Business for Transformation (B4T) Incubator.

Moreover, through our global B4T Incubator, we completed our fifth cohort of our “Standard Model,” where 20 leaders were equipped to launch their businesses amongst least-reached people groups.

Furthermore, we were privileged to speak about missional business to leaders from 70+ countries at five global events. Our mentorship has now been requested in six new countries for 2024.

We are continually inspired to “Go, and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19)—both here and there. We welcome your continued partnership as we journey into all God has in store!



Is God asking you to take action and become part of His global mission?

# Go Global!

## DID YOU KNOW ?

- Over 3 billion people in the world have little or no access to the Gospel
- Almost 650 million people live on less than \$2.15 US per day

Live out your God-given potential.

Discover your place.

Leverage your skills.

Make a difference for eternity.

Email Jesh at [GoGlobal@paoc.org](mailto:GoGlobal@paoc.org) to discover how you can go on mission with God!





**In 2023**, 52 RAN global workers ministered in diverse contexts extending from Africa and the Middle East to Europe and Asia. Despite facing many obstacles—some of our workers even had to exit from their respective countries—our workers and national partners have seen God work powerfully through it all.

We celebrate that our workers trained and deployed several Middle Eastern believers to various North African people groups, to set up businesses and use other creative means to reach people for Christ. Amongst a people group with no known believers, we launched a water project to meet a necessity but also open a door to share the gospel.

Multiple displaced individuals from the Middle East and Central Asia were baptized. Additionally, our teams developed a creative Christian education curriculum for Middle Eastern children, to ensure they develop a vibrant faith within a highly persecuted context.

As God continues to work and move, more workers are needed. Fewer than six global workers are deployed for every one million Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist people groups worldwide. Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest calls more workers to the field.

**In 2023**, we made outstanding progress to equip fruitful leaders for global impact through our various ministry initiatives. We conducted capacity-building consultations with eight of our 50+ partner institutions.

We provided 340 Timothy Fund scholarships to students studying for ministry who couldn't afford to train otherwise. We deployed eight Canadian volunteers to teach at six of our partner colleges. To date, we have served 1,408 students through our ever-expanding Ministry Essentials Training Program (METP).

In Chad, a Muslim-majority country, 289 students graduated from 80 churches, representing 14

denominations. What an amazing testament of kingdom impact!

In Bangladesh, we gathered with 60 Muslim background believers who were collectively responsible for planting hundreds of house churches. Our team was overwhelmed by the resilience of these leaders' faith in the face of constant persecution and their desperate hunger for ministry training. We are now working on a METP translation specific to their unique context.

God used your generosity in such incredible ways throughout 2023. And we are well positioned to equip even more leaders in the years ahead!





## Ride to Thrive

TOTAL RAISED: \$81,000

This Ride to Thrive 2023, 188 enthusiastic participants, including Executive Director Murray Cornelius, hopped on bicycles, ran, and walked to raise support to give preschool children the opportunity to go to school. These students are now enrolled in schools at our various Villages of Hope (VOH) centres throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

We're incredibly grateful that our VOH centres provide hope and healing to thousands of impoverished children who would otherwise have little to no chance to attend school. One such girl who has been blessed to become part of the VOH community is Queenriva.

At two, Queenriva's mother passed away while her father was never part of her life. Mary, a kind neighbour from the community, and also a widow, took Queenriva in and gave her a loving home. Mary opened her heart to this precious little girl, raising her alongside her own three children. Enrolled in VOH Mwanza, Queenriva is now an energetic and happy child who loves to learn and help others. She loves to sing and dance, being the first one to participate in class activities.

She has big dreams for the future. She shares, "I want to become 'choctor' when I grow up."

### Fast Facts

- 162 preschool children supported to attend school
- All children received daily nutritious meals
- VOH enrolled 330 children in preschool in 2023
- VOH cared for more than 7,000 children at their 10 centres



## Believing for the Impossible

Many of our RAN global workers live by Jesus' words: "...With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26 NIV). Entering into contexts with little or no access to the gospel, these workers develop the resolve and the resilience to present the Good News of Jesus at all costs.

Notwithstanding, that often means that the process takes time. It's about immersing themselves into the culture and seeking to understand the people that they serve. For one of our global workers Justin\*, the fruits of his and his wife's labour was only truly revealed after they had moved away from their host nation in North Africa. He shares:

*Two days before we packed up and headed out, we helped our friend Omar\* move into his new apartment. Omar was one of the young men that I had helped to disciple. Just a few months later, he married the woman of his dreams—a fellow believer, which is quite a feat in a country that is 99.9% Muslim!*

*As a newly married couple, they began hosting regular weekly meetings with other believers at their tiny apartment. They would encourage each other by reading God's Word and praying*

*together. Omar then began travelling to other communities to visit isolated believers while finding creative opportunities to share the gospel.*

*In the midst of this slow and steady progress, God began an incredible work amongst these dedicated believers. Praise God—they have now baptized more people since our departure than the previous six years combined!*

*They even hosted a week-long gathering of those desiring to be baptized. By the end of the retreat, they baptized eight women along with many of their children. Where there had been only a handful of believers, their numbers have now multiplied by the Spirit's power!*

Our RAN workers believe in the impossible. They believe that God can work in the midst of persecution, of hardship, and of a seemingly dry and barren land. They are often challenged and inspired to believe for great things! And God in all His mercy, grace, and perfect timing continues to respond.



# The Persistent Call to Serve



It was 1973. Elmer Komant was just finishing up his four-year carpentry apprenticeship when he heard a missionary lady share at his church. Leaning against the back door of the sanctuary, he suddenly felt God speak to him, “Elmer, I want you to go into missions.” And he knew immediately that his calling was to Africa.

For 48 hours, Elmer wrestled with God. He confesses, “I knew it was a losing battle. I finally said to God, ‘If you want me, you are going to have all of me.’”

For Sherry Komant, she, too, heard a missionary share and began to ponder the call to ministry. She explains, “I got out my Bible and read the call of Jeremiah. I next read the call of Isaiah. So at 16 years old, I surrendered my all to the Lord.”

What neither of these young people knew, at that time, is that that call to serve would span over 40 years of ministry on the African continent. Together. Serving their Saviour, alongside their children Racheal, Jeffrey, and Aimee.

After graduating Bible school, in 1980, they headed to Kitwe, Zambia, to embark on an adventure of a lifetime. Elmer had been asked to teach, but he quickly learned that his passion was for church planting. Joining the ministry of famed evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, Elmer recounts how they baptized 176 people one Sunday morning.

Out of those evangelistic meetings, the Komants felt a burning call to church planting. While pastoring an already existing church within the city of Livingstone, they began to help the Zambian church to zealously plant more churches. During this time, Elmer and Sherry established their vision for ministry: their goal

became to always work themselves out of a job by raising up national leaders to lead these church planting movements themselves.

In 1987, the Komants headed to Mombasa, Kenya. God blessed them with a large building downtown in this primarily Muslim city. Today, that same church seats over 3,000 every Sunday morning and has, in turn, started six other assemblies.

In 1996, Elmer contracted hepatitis. While being bedridden for three months, he sensed God’s call to Rwanda. Two years later, he and Sherry planted the first English-speaking church in the entire country. This was four years after the Rwandan genocide. Sadly, trauma was still etched on the faces of so many they ministered to.

With a 2,000-person tent, they boldly set it up in the middle of Kigali, Rwanda. Despite the police and the government attempting to have it removed, they persevered, and the people just kept coming.

Today, the church, known as the Christian Life Assembly, is situated on 17 acres of prime real estate. Due to their son Jeffrey’s tireless efforts, the property also houses Wellspring Academy, a highly acclaimed school with 1,000+ students.

In 2012, one Monday morning while doing their devotions together, Elmer turned to Sherry and said, “I feel God is calling us to Burundi.” Sherry responded, “God just told me that a half hour ago.”

With the unexpected favour of the chief of police in Burundi, the Komants planted Christian Life Ministries, in a theatre in downtown Bujumbura, Burundi, in 2013. The church began to grow rapidly.

In 2019, Elmer and Sherry also passed the leadership of this church onto the national pastors. Since then, they continue to mentor those leading these church planting movements.

Their daughter Racheal Ngabane, currently serving as a global worker herself, reflects on her parents’ legacy:

*“Mom and Dad never knew what the phrase ‘give up’ meant. They’re also the people who always showed up. Yet what I love the most is that they engaged with everyone on every level. Equally. From the poorest of the poor to the presidents of multiple countries.”*

Along with that love for all people, the Komants’ obedience to God’s call has been the foundation of their ministry. Despite the struggles, illnesses, and staring death in the face multiple times, they have never once wavered in that call!



# For God So Loved Turkana



While a young teenager, Deborah Sirjoosingh distinctly heard God's call to serve Him. She was kneeling in the prayer room at Bethel Pentecostal Church, in Ottawa, when God distinctly spoke Isaiah 61:1 over her.

For the past 40 years, Deborah has devoted her life to bringing the holistic gospel to the remote Turkana people in northwestern Kenya, in addition to the tribes bordering Kenya and Ethiopia. In a 2017 interview, she was asked why she lived in such a secluded region of the world. Her response:

*"What I wanted was to go where no one had ever been. I wanted to go to the most difficult and the harshest place on the face of the earth. Because my passion ... is to reach those people who have never heard 'For God so loved the world'..."*

In 1983, Deborah began ministering amongst the Turkana people, one of the largest nomadic groups. She joined German missionaries and a nurse who had begun a pioneering work with Volksmission ministry (affiliated with the PAOC).

They lived in the Loima region of Turkana where no running water, electricity, telephones, post offices, and proper roads existed. Having been trained as a nurse, Deborah worked alongside the German missionaries to offer medical assistance in a makeshift house.

However, as is often the case for missionaries, the situation changed. The German missionaries departed the region. Deborah then continued ministering in this isolated place—alone.

During those pioneering days, Deborah managed to obtain basic medicine from 480 kilometres

away. By day, her light was the sun and by night, a kerosene lantern and the full moon. Ever resourceful, she tore up her own clothes and bedding to dress wounds. Needing water, she had someone run with a bucket to the often-dry riverbed where a windmill had been installed.

Nevertheless, few people sought her medical services at first. Many were distrustful of modern medical treatment. Sadly, not one person responded to the gospel for those first four years either.

Yet Deborah refused to give up. She slowly built relationships with the people, continually showing God's love. She learned to rely on the Lord and give Him complete control.

As the years went by, she expanded the tiny medical room to include the verandah of the house and the thorn tree in the yard as "wards." Gradually, more people began to seek out her medical help. In 1987, she had a church built that included a classroom for a school.

In 1992, Deborah left the Loima region to minister along the border of southern Ethiopia and Turkana. She helped to provide medical aid to 22,000 people while sharing the gospel. Having assisted in planting two churches and construct a health facility, she returned to Turkana in 2000. She remained there until 2023.

Today, this largely untouched region of Kenya boasts of schools, churches, clean water systems, the Lokwatubwa Dispensary, and the Namoruputh PAG Health Centre, staffing more than 35 national medical personnel. Patients walk as far as five days away to receive medical treatment at the centre.

Over the years, Deborah has worked alongside tribal chiefs, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Kenya, government officials, and medical staff. She has also partnered with ERDO and ChildCARE Plus to bring clean water, food, and care for children in the region.

Many have called Deborah a fearless woman of God. A trailblazer. A pioneer. However, she chooses to see herself as an obedient servant of the Lord. God called her as a teenager. And she willingly responded.

Today, after such an extensive ministry, Deborah has retired back to Ontario. Her trailblazing days have ended; however, she leaves behind thriving schools, medical centres supported by ERDO, and churches led by national leaders.

Deborah herself will continue to be remembered for her tireless devotion and love for others. Most importantly, her heart's desire has been fulfilled. She has discovered that a people seemingly lost and forgotten never were. For God was thinking of them long before she, or anyone else, did. For God so loved Turkana!



## Together we can.

This phrase—"Together we can"—reminds us that without Christ, we can't. This is not a global endeavour that we can accomplish, except through the calling, anointing, and empowering of God's Spirit in and through us.

However, together with Christ, we can. In 2023, the stories of global workers, national partners, and Mission Global leaders bear this truth. They remind us that through Him all things are possible. He works miracles. Births churches. Redeems families. Transforms communities.

## Together on mission.

Despite the volatility of the world we minister in, we have much to celebrate as we look at the collective impact of our four integrated charities. Reaching the least reached and most vulnerable is the collective focus of ERDO, Villages of Hope, RAN, and the PAOC. Together we humbly provide a cup of cold water in Jesus' name.

This past year, ERDO responded to numerous crises with the love of Christ in tangible ways. Villages of Hope empowered children to find hope and healing through Jesus in safe and caring environments.

PAOC and RAN global workers deployed to new contexts, came alongside national partners, and all lived intentionally to

empower local believers and churches. Together as Mission Global, we disciple, plant churches, train leaders, and care for the vulnerable.

## Together to impact.

Because of our donors' generous giving, we have witnessed yearly revenue growth. We saw an overall increase of almost two million dollars in 2023! We were then able to construct more buildings, expand more ministries, engage in more compassionate responses worldwide, send out more local evangelists, especially in challenging contexts, and employ new global workers. This ultimately glorified Christ as we, together, joined Him in His mission.

To you, our supporters, thank you for being such an integral part in this mission. You gave generously, prayed fervently, and helped send more workers to the field.

Thank you to our hundreds of global workers who continue to live with sacrifice and abandon to declare Jesus to the nations. Thank you to our staff and leadership who serve in countless ways to facilitate and enable our God-given mission.

## Together we celebrate!

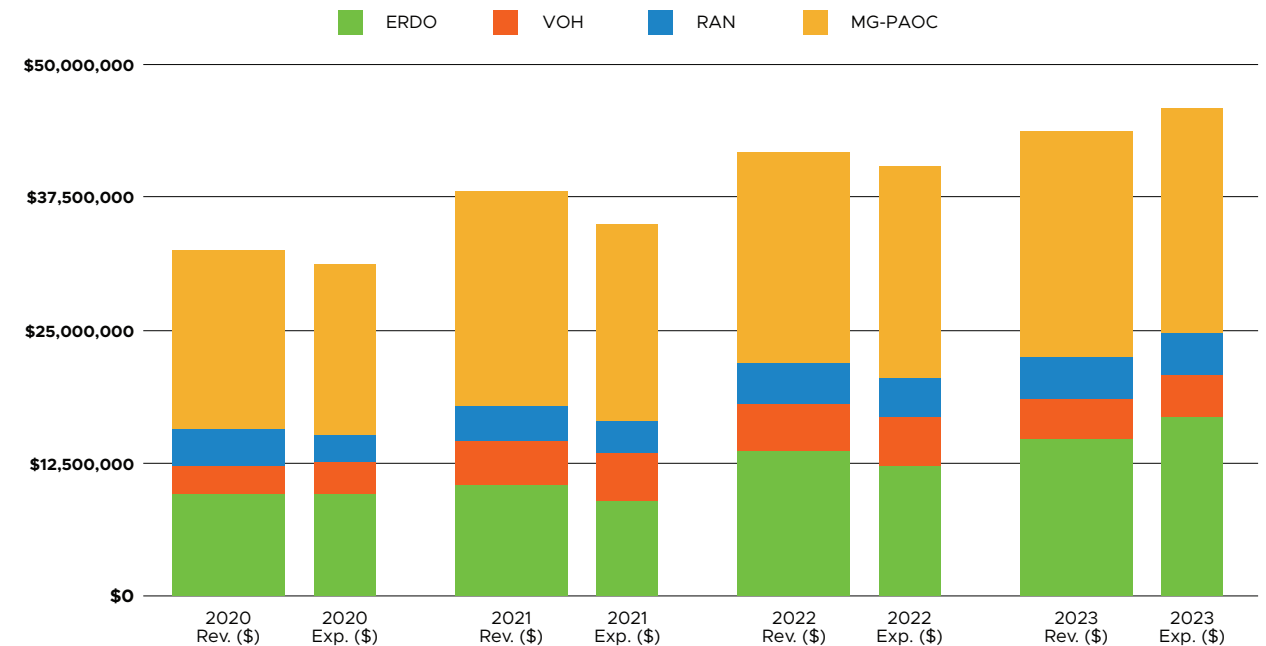


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# Mission Global Finances

This report is inclusive of Mission Global's four integrated charities: PAOC, RAN, ERDO, and VOH. To avoid double counting, transfers between charities have been removed and captured within the entity that actioned the funds in the field. Therefore, this report will not match audited financial statements exactly, but it is an accurate picture of the total mission funds managed by Mission Global.

		ERDO		VOH		RAN		MG-PAOC		
	REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURES (\$)	REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURES (\$)	REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURES (\$)	REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURES (\$)	REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURES (\$)
2020	<b>32,470,538</b>	<b>31,149,804</b>	9,585,912	9,652,912	2,666,034	2,949,199	3,364,450	2,532,228	16,854,142	16,015,465
2021	<b>38,047,820</b>	<b>35,048,451</b>	10,433,745	8,951,745	4,200,476	4,489,840	3,305,786	3,053,450	20,107,813	18,553,416
2022	<b>41,687,700</b>	<b>40,407,943</b>	13,683,975	12,267,194	4,484,713	4,680,981	3,719,796	3,564,833	19,799,216	19,894,935
2023	<b>43,676,564</b>	<b>45,861,019</b>	14,769,615	16,891,652	3,767,159	3,892,859	3,956,301	3,921,316	21,183,489	21,155,192







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