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Abundant Harvests



Partnering with churches in serving their communities

2023 ANNUAL REPORT
AND TESTIMONIES

Letter from the Executive Director



Richard McGowan,
Executive Director
at El Canada

Thank you for partnering with us.

When we invite Christ into our midst wonderful things happen. Lives are changed. Hope springs up. Blessings multiply.

Thanks to your prayers and support, there are many inspiring stories in this year's annual report. In fact we have so much good news that we've added extra links to online articles and videos.

For me, the highlight of 2023 was the joy of welcoming our Emmanuel International family to a training retreat in Canada. Simply sharing our stories in person encouraged us all for our work ahead.

It's my prayer that you also feel joy in seeing what Christ can do.



Global Gathering

Together at last!

“
encourage one
another and build
each other up

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

”

Although Zoom meetings help our international team stay in touch, we were elated to finally gather in person for our training retreat, June 11-15th in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada.

It felt like a long-awaited family reunion after a 3-year pandemic delay. Representatives shared their stories of blessing and hardship. We learned skills for better ministry and deepened friendships. Almost 50 attended. Many represented the project countries. Others represented the funding countries, Canada, United Kingdom, the US, and the International Office.



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For some it was a first opportunity to see Canada or taste strawberry rhubarb pie. For all of us it was a time of renewal.



Emmanuel International team members at Muskoka Bible Centre

Our Projects

57 Total Active
Projects By Type

rehabilitation and
development

38

15

4

spiritual
ministries

crisis relief
projects

Effective, targeted projects through partnership

El Canada offers people from any church denomination the chance to get involved with Christian projects making a real difference in seven countries: Brazil, Uganda, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Haiti and Malawi.

When invited, we join with churches in these countries, along with their government agencies and other charities to work effectively and maintain high levels of accountability.

Our partnership process helps to ensure funds are used wisely, foster local business and strengthen the community in culturally meaningful ways.



Malawi



50

msangu trees
planted

Planting strong roots for the future

The roots of msangu trees are just right for handling tough soil conditions in Malawi. They enrich the earth with nitrogen fixing properties and yet don't compete with the vital maize growing season. The pilot project this past year planted 50 trees with many more planned to come.

Our partner teams in Malawi are also giving strong roots to future pastors. Alongside their Bible studies, ministry students are learning carpentry skills. Having a practical livelihood helps to ensure their long-term role within their home communities.



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Malawi news



Haiti



2

OEBB schools
offering
sponsored
education

Courageous graduates beat the odds

The civil unrest and suffering of Haiti continues to make frequent news headlines and break our hearts. Within all the turmoil, how can the youth of Haiti have hope and a future?

Our two OEBB schools with 895 students have seen a 50% decline in attendance because students are just too fearful to go to school. Travel is dangerous for teachers too.

Against these overwhelming odds, the grade 12 graduating class above succeeded in passing their state exams. God is good!

Please pray for safety for students and staff in the year ahead.

South Africa



3

Safe Houses

18

children



A stable home for vulnerable children

In the dangerous streets of Masiphumelele too many children are abandoned, abused and left to fend for themselves.

The Safe House ministry provides a stable, loving, faith-filled home for vulnerable children. Unlike an orphanage, each home is a family-like group led by a house parent from their own culture—one who cares for the children as their own. In turn, local church members mentor the house parents.

In the coming year, the three safe house groups will receive new bunk beds, cupboards, flooring and funding for a shared vehicle to take the children to appointments and activities.



Learn more about
Safe Houses here



Jonas, age 8, beginning a journey of learning that would enrich his own life and his community.

One life changed. Many lives changed.

Jonas likely never heard of robotics growing up in Bananeira, a small village in Brazil. He was only 8 years old when he started working in his father's small business. At 18 he faced the choice between seeking a life far from home in São Paulo, or carrying on in his father's footsteps.

Then God opened a new pathway for Jonas. Staff at our partnering Sementes do Vale project in Ninheira took note of Jonas' knack for technology and offered him computer classes right in his family's community. With the extra encouragement and training, Jonas continued his studies and passed his exams to go on to a college program in robotics.

New experiences to open new doors

Enrichment programs at Sementes do Vale offer kids access to tutoring, sports, nutrition programs and new educational experiences. In their struggling communities, these opportunities would otherwise be out of reach. The program helps children learn they can do more than they ever thought possible.

Jonas now shares his time to teach robotics skills with the next generation at Sementes do Vale.



Jonas (right) competing in a robotics contest at college



Jonas teaching a younger student at Sementes do Vale

[Click for more news about Brazil](#)



Brazil

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10 ESV



Girls' Health

“
for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made

Psalms 139:14 KJV

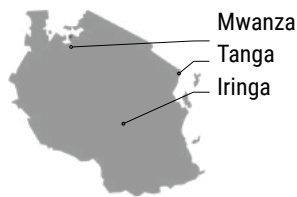
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Empowering over 3,000 girls in Tanzania and Uganda

Giving a girl the dignity and confidence to stay in school can be as simple as providing health education and menstruation resources. Schools are welcoming El Canada supported teams to help reduce early pregnancies. With your support, what might her future be now?

[▶ Read the full story here](#)

Tanzania



330

“master farmers” trained to train others

1,713 kg

maize seeds given with training for next year's prosperity

[Click to see a video of farming hubs in action](#)

Abundance all year round

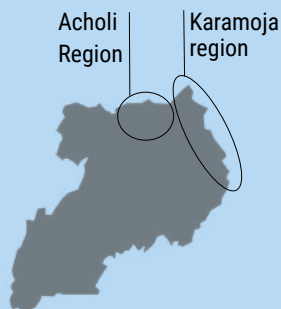
Women can be farmers too. Thanks to our donors' support of the KWETU training hubs for women, all adults in our project communities can learn specialized skills for lush harvests—even during the dry season. Techniques focus on saving time and water to keep families fed year round. Keyhole gardens like the one below can grow impressive amounts of produce for a family and their guests with just a small space and the grey water from the household.

Farming is just one part of El Tanzania's wholistic approach with 59 groups. Led by local churches, the projects share the values of faith and help their neighbourhoods to thrive. The community banking training program, VICOBA, has raised \$461,000 for small loans. 24,560 trees were planted. One community project built a footbridge over a dangerous river, truly saving lives.



Keyhole produce garden technique

Uganda



“the Church who doesn't reach out to the lost souls is a lost church.”

Walter Okidi, El Uganda

The joy of sharing faith

Our Ugandan partners are setting aside the view that only foreign missionaries can share the good news of Christ. Instead they are stepping into the role themselves to reach all ages and areas of Ugandan culture.

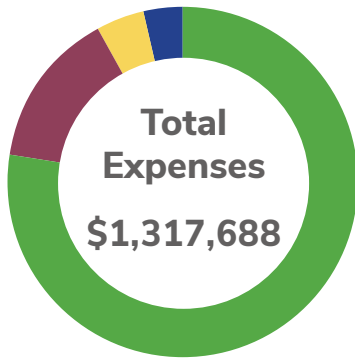
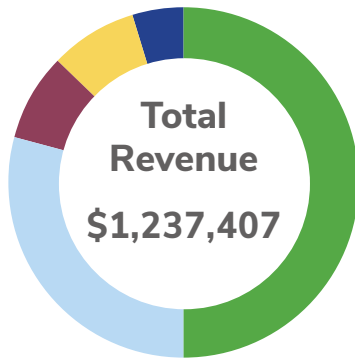
With resources from El Canada, our partner churches in Uganda are developing and leading a full spectrum of discipleship programs.

New believers can join small groups with year-long support to understand faith and how to live it. There is training for new pastors and children's teachers. Some are training to reach remote tribes. Plus, the PADS ministry is helping vulnerable young girls stay in school.



[Click for more news about Uganda](#)

Financial Overview



Sources of Funding

- 50.05% Donations from individuals
- 29.26% Churches and other registered charities*
- 8.18% Businesses / Other
- 7.98% Government funding
- 4.53% All other revenue

Where the Money Goes

- 77.52% Charitable programs
- 14.64% Management and administration*
- 4.35% Fundraising
- 3.49% Qualified donees

[Read the audited financial statement](#)

*Our church partners & alliances

El Canada partners with churches in their home communities as invited, government agencies and other charities. Thanks to these alliances we can work more effectively and maintain high levels of accountability.



Through construction of the footbridge we feel that we are safe because there will be no more deaths resulting from drowning and crocodile and hippo attacks.

Raphael
Project Participant

[Read the story of the footbridge project](#)

The Philippines



Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

The community of Bongabong no longer needs to travel almost an hour to get clean, healthy water.

The Emmanuel water supply station is working to restore health and time for everyone. It's doing even more too. Youth from our local church partners can now earn money fetching water to households from the station.



Clean drinking water station serves the community of Bongabong



New fishing boats restore livelihoods to 10 families affected by Typhoon Odette



“Even though I am blind, Jesus saved me.” – Yuri

8 yr old Yuri discovered the Explorer’s Club in Nov. 2022. Being disabled, he had never attended school, but he has a sharp mind and easily memorized scripture verses with his group. That first day, he made the decision to follow Christ and has attended, rain or shine, ever since.

New fishing boats are restoring livelihoods to 10 fishing families who lost their boats during Typhoon Odette. There’s a bonus too. The boats provide access to share the good news of Christ with the remote Batac tribes where two churches have now begun.

Many other discipleship ministries continue to reach children, train new leaders and give hope to prisoners.

[Click here for more news from the Philippines](#)

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