



Annual Report 2016

OPERATION MOBILIZATION USA





Your gifts enable OM to serve around the world, taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations to see lives and communities transformed.

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A Note from Andrew



Once again we experienced a year of incredible change and disruption in our world. With it came lots of uncertainty and a sense of turmoil for many. It was into this reality we as OM stepped forward to bring the hope of the gospel, which has the power to change everything.

Our mission, of course, is to see vibrant communities of Jesus-followers among the least reached. We want these communities to be transformational, locally led, self- multiplying, and ultimately self-sustaining.

But underlying this focus, I believe, is another aspect of our missional DNA worth reflecting upon. It comes from our history of experiencing God in a certain way and should bring encouragement to our present and future.

When OM’s founder George Verwer first dreamt of a ship that could dock in some of the world’s least accessible places, the idea was naturally met with skepticism. But as he continued to pray into this dream, believing God was in it, one miracle seemed to follow another, until eventually, the MV Logos embarked on its first voyage to India in 1971 with crates full of gospel literature.

The faith lesson here was about more than God’s provision; it imparted a kind of faith that would shape the variety of OM ministries to come—that willingness to venture with Jesus into the unknown, making paths in missional strategy where previously there were few or none to draw from.

In other words—we serve a God who is on the move. His kingdom not only advances in the nations, but in ways that defy familiarity as spiritual, social, and political currents evolve. Today, unique doors are being unlocked for the gospel through business, technology, media, the arts, and other platforms at a rate that will only grow with the world’s rapid changes.

At OM, we have made it our ambition to recognize these doors, follow Jesus through them, and make Him known where His name has yet to be heard.

As such, my prayer for this coming year extends to more than just OM and our cherished partners; it is for an entire generation of Jesus followers who are better equipped than all others before it to advance the Kingdom of God. May we add to our material resources a kingdom-mindedness like the Sons of Issachar, who applied their “understanding of the times” to God’s purposes.

Finally, I reserve my deepest gratitude for the OM family, including those who support us prayerfully or financially. Because of your partnership, the joys and blessings of what you will be reading about in the following pages are as much yours as they are for anyone directly involved on the mission field. We are in Christ together!

May He continue to surround you with His love, bounty, and protection as we share in the ultimate goal of fixing our eyes on Him, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Blessings,

Andrew

Andrew Scott, President of OM USA

CHURCH

At the center of a vibrant community sits a healthy church, serving and sharing God's love. We believe God wants to use the gifts, talents, abilities, and obedience of people in local churches—in partnership with churches around the globe—to bring the message of Christ to the world's least reached people.

Mozambique

Now that his church of 10 members has grown to 50, OM leader Limardes Domingo is certain that he has been called to serve the Yao Muslims. Moving to Mecula meant great sacrifice for both his and his wife's families, and a pastor at his church told them that if they went to the Yao people, one of them would die to be a testimony; the people of Mecula promised death for anyone who accepted Christ.

Those who became Christians faced banishment with no food, but Limardes and his wife (now with a team including four other couples) planted themselves in the community nonetheless.

About two years ago, the local Imam (leader of the mosque)—and dealer in witchcraft—became paralyzed. He sought healing from Imams, with no results; the man who used witchcraft to 'cure' locals of their sicknesses could not be helped. It took those two years of paralysis for the Imam to send his wife to Limardes. "She said, 'I want your help. You can give us another way that we can follow,'" Limardes remembers.

At first, Limardes wouldn't pray for the Imam, because his house was filled with instruments of witchcraft; he told him he would only pray when all traces of the Imam's incantations were removed. "The Imam said that he didn't want to follow witchcraft anymore," Limardes says. With the house cleared out, Limardes prayed, and the Imam experienced a healing that sent shockwaves throughout the village.

Though the OM team still faces persecution—specifically when someone accepts Christ but their spouse does not—the growth in the church has meant increased outreach and witness. Pray for God's deliverance of the village of Mecula, with a population of around 5,000, many of whom still worship nature and animals.

Syria

After two decades in the region, Joe* and Alisa* are amazed at the changes and new opportunities to share the gospel. Before the war, Muslims in local churches were rare. Now, up to half of their congregation is Muslim refugees from Syria. Churches have been instrumental in helping refugees, regardless of religious background. In the past, Kurds were not open to the message of Christ. Now arriving as refugees, they were welcomed and loved by the churches and our workers. They now have ladies' meetings where 50–70 refugee women come together, often bringing their children. They listen to stories and teaching about Jesus, starting from creation, the fall of man, the sacrifice (which they would recognize from their culture and the Qur'an) and salvation through Jesus.

Joe and Alisa have never witnessed so many Muslims wanting to learn from the Bible. "They come," said Alisa, "in need, in tears, in sadness and find release and peace as

people pray for them. Many refugees now minister to others, offering to share and pray with relatives and neighbors. We see many miracles and answers to prayer." Joe's ministry extends to several countries, as he visits groups of believers to mentor, encourage and develop new local leaders. He and the OM team organize training for Arab partners in a neighboring country. The training deals with church planting and Discovery Bible Studies but, equally important, with self-care and member care. Meeting others in the same situation is a great encouragement.

While the world may look at the physical war in Syria and the movement of refugees, OM workers in the Near East see a very real and present spiritual war. Pray that Syrian refugees would understand and receive the message of Jesus, see God at work in their lives, and grow in faith.



BUSINESS

In some of the world's least reached places, we partner with entrepreneurs to foster transformational business models based on spiritual, economic, social, and environmental principles for managing a company. This not only creates opportunity for locals, but results in business God can bless, generating support for ministry and additional start-ups.

Moldova

As a former member of the Soviet Union, the small land-locked country of Moldova was forbidden any private enterprise for 70 years, resulting in high rates of unemployment, alcoholism, child abandonment, and orphan exploitation. Currently the nation ranks sixth in the world on the human trafficking index. But God has not forgotten its people and neither have we.

In 2006, OM Moldova launched B4T—the Business for Transformation program. This involves an intensive business course for locals, a proposal from each student for a start-up, and a loan for those who meet investor approval.

A farmer named Mihael has since established several greenhouses from his loan. As one of the few in the country who can now harvest certain crops during winter, Mihael has been able to expand his business, hire additional staff, and invest back into the cause that made it all possible. “As a Christian my goal is to work for God,” he says. “I believe you can do all this through your normal work and your money. My dream is that with part of what I am making in my business, I will be able to invest in the spread of the Gospel.”



Zambia

The potential of what people can do through business—empowered and empowering others—is amazing,” said Eva, a leader of the Tabitha Initiative, a Freedom Challenge project in Kabwe. This business initiative teaches women further business skills to market their products with a small loan of \$4.14 US. Though an insignificant sum, successful businesses have been started with a similar amount. Explained Eva, “The idea is that the reinvestment of their profits could actually grow their businesses.” Business concepts ranged from selling popcorn to buying and re-selling books, making samosas to sewing. With the prospect of a bigger loan came bigger ideas: a grocery stand, raising poultry, a tailoring shop. Eight ladies were given loans of varying amounts.

Meeting monthly, the group learns business strategies and shares their struggles and successes as entrepreneurs. There is also time

for worship, prayer and a devotion, and each lady has been given an audio Bible and taught to use the Discovery Bible Study to replicate it in their communities. “It’s not only that we want to bring them forward in business,” said Eva. “It’s a road of discipleship we walk together.”

When offered a larger loan, Monica didn’t know what kind of business to propose. Her grown son, Solomon, was already raising chickens and suggested she follow suit, as she could benefit from his experience and share the building he had already made to contain the birds. Said Solomon, “We are working as a family to see that we keep the chickens happy.” Once grown, the chickens are sold to individuals around the community and in the local market. Profits will pay the school fees for Monica’s youngest daughter. Monica advises future entrepreneurs: “You cannot start a business without preparation.”

SOCIAL SECTOR

As Jesus ministered to the crowds—healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and freeing the oppressed—He was revealing God’s love in practical terms. Likewise, our refugee outreach, social justice ministries, and other relief projects express a restorative gospel, and because of these platforms, many are embracing faith in Jesus.

Ecuador

Carmita stared at the immensity of the Pacific Ocean in front of her home city of Pedernales as the sun’s light faded and the stars appeared. She could not have known that shortly after, in April, her neighbourhood would collapse under a 7.8 earthquake. When OM teams visited Carmita’s community a few days later, she told team member Ana María how fortunate she was because she only had material losses. Carmita and the people of the community of Pedernales were touched by OM’s presence in the disaster areas—they didn’t just bring material aid but gave also themselves by listening to people, talking to them and hugging them. Carmita started to help alongside the OM team, following their example.

Rosita, from the affected community of La Estancia, told the OM team, “Thank you so much that you have come and have continued coming. You have been a shoulder we can cry on, and you have given us hope that things will improve in the midst of our fear of aftershocks or another earthquake.”

Ana María and Alfredo, two OM leaders, are receiving support to provide temporary shelters and homes made out of local bamboo, plastic and simple materials. Pray that villagers will understand that this compassion is a gift from God.

Pakistan

Many women in Pakistan face gender discrimination, forced marriages and less access to education than men. These daily realities are particularly hard for Christian women, who make up a minority. A five-day retreat led by OM’s team created a safe haven for over 75 women from four major provinces, who united for Bible training, fellowship and community. The teaching began with an explanation of God’s plan for salvation and new birth. The participants were then invited to accept Christ as Savior. Ten women made a decision to place their trust in Him.

“I am Catholic and never heard the Gospel message in such a clear way,” wrote one new believer, Samreen*. “I found Christ has given His life for my sins. I am changed and now have a passion to spread this news to others also.” Nimra* added, “Being a female, I felt helpless and unworthy but, through the teachings from the Book of Esther, I found that women can be powerful, impactful and change the world. I am encouraged and thankful to God that He cares for me.”

Small-group activities, relaxing times in nature and meditation on God’s Word allowed the women to experience Christian community. Housewife Sumera* shared, “To me this is a golden time of my life [as] my routine is very tough at home. This time has refreshed me spiritually and provided much-needed energy for my life.”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

“In a day when Biblical truth can be expressed through art like never before,” says Bill Drake, Director of OM Catalytic Ministries, “it not only mirrors God’s creativity to engage the arts, but also identifies with His missional heart.” Through OM Arts we work alongside visual, performing, and technical artists to provide training and opportunities on the mission field.

North Africa

In February, Heart Sounds International (HSI), a ministry of OM Arts, sent four ethnomusicologists (those who study music in its cultural context) for one week to help one of only a few known modern-day Sudanese Nubian believers write a worship song in his native language.

The Nubian people group was one of the first African people groups reached in church history, but the believing population was overtaken by Islamic expansion. Today, HSI knows of only one Nubian believer. HSI was invited to help a group of North African singers reach out to the Nubians.

“This project was challenging because the Nubian believer was the only one who could speak the language or translate the songs,” said Kelly*, who led the team of ethnomusicologists. “We helped the singers understand the music and culture so that they could effectively minister,” she continued.

They invited a group of secular musicians to play the music. “We were blown away when they learnt that they would be working with seven Sudanese Nubian musicians!” Audrey* exclaimed. Many of the North Africans had never interacted with the Nubian people. Working together was a fruitful time of bonding and relationship building for the two people groups. “We were able to build a bridge between the two peoples,” Kelly said. “We used music as a tool to build relationships.”

The song created was modelled after Psalm 23, which puts emphasis on the Lord’s role as our protector, provider and comforter. The added emphasis on traditional instruments and music ensured that if someone heard it they would immediately recognize it as Nubian. By the end of the project, all the Africans involved had developed strong relationships and brainstormed on future projects.



Brazil

As millions of people came to Brazil for the 2016 Olympics, churches united to seize opportunities. OM worked in partnership with Movimento Braços Abertos (Open Arms Movement) to gather churches, missions and individuals with one single goal: to share about Jesus. Together they prepared for months beforehand.

As the games started, the OM team saw 45 people from 12 nations work alongside at the Olympics and Paralympics outreaches. They were split into three teams in different locations around Rio de Janeiro using arts, sports and creative evangelism to reach people in slums, streets, parks, arenas and fan zones. The team experienced God opening doors in front of the Maracanã Stadium. As they looked around, they saw the police preparing to protect the games, and they spoke with them. One policeman was a believer and called all of his colleagues over so that the team could pray for and share the Gospel with them.

Overall, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro brought unity among churches and organizations, as well as many open doors for the teams to connect, serve, love and share life with people.

EDUCATION

In poverty-stricken communities, it's often necessary to provide relief in the form of food, shelter, and clothing. But ending the cycles that keep people in poverty requires the long term solution of education. Our schools and literacy programs throughout the world not only open doors for sharing Jesus, they are keys for shaping destiny, reflecting the gospel's power to change everything.

Madagascar

In the drought-stricken southern countryside, everything is brown, which is why the newly constructed school in Tavirmongy immediately draws the eye: A red roof symbolizes the blood of Christ, white represents light, and green stands for growth. The one-room school is the biggest building in the village—the first of its kind in an area where education was never a high priority.

Then the OM team started making regular visits. Meeting under a tree, they talked with people about everyday matters. Through this, a team of local believers from Ambovombe and OMers shared what Jesus had done in their lives. In May, the team held a training course on church planting and community transformation. Two ladies in particular were eager to reach out and bring change.

Under the only tall tree in the village, they held literacy classes and soon had 20 students. So the village decided to build a school. Said OM Field Leader Hanitra,

"One person gave the land and others give this or that. We helped with roof sheets and concrete." Now, Tuesday through Friday, students gather to learn at the Akany Fahazavagne (Light Center) using a Christian-based curriculum from the Malagasy Bible Society. "They learn to read and write, but also learn about God," Hanitra said.

The school officially opened in October. To celebrate, the village pooled funds and purchased a cow to eat at the event. In Tandroy culture, the cow is a symbol of wealth and status. The school opening was the first time a cow was killed for a celebration rather than for a funeral or sacrifice—a big step in changing mindsets. The school has already become a source of pride for the village. Explained Hanitra, "This is theirs. They invited the authorities to see what they had done themselves."

The villagers, eager to reach out, have started building relationships in five other villages wanting others to know the love of God. "Before, nothing happened here," said one man. "But now there is. Not from our strength but from God."



Bangladesh

Bangladesh has a population of 160 million people. Day laborers and garment factory workers earn less than \$3 US a day, while an office worker with IT skills earns about \$10 US a day. To make a better living, about one million people each year leave to work abroad. About 50 per cent of the population is under age 25.

Computing skills are vital for the development of the country, yet personal ownership of computers is minimal, and only the top educational institutions have a functional IT department. And although it is taught at school, English is generally not spoken.

OM resources Bangladeshi youth with job skills by offering three-month, two-hour-a-day courses in computer skills covering English and Bengali word processing, database

and spreadsheets, basic photo editing and Internet access. In April, 33 people applied to study at the computer training center. The team hopes to talk to the students about God's Word, as some students are interested to learn more.

Nayef* took part in the three-month computer training course in 2015. He is a believer and ambitious. Nayef applied the computer skills he learned at the computer training center. He bought an old computer, rented a small place and opened a shop for his small business. Not everyone in the country has access to Internet and music or entertainment media files, so it's common for people to go to a shop like Nayef's to download media files.

At his shop, he loads files such as videos and songs onto people's mobile phones or memory sticks and gets paid for it. His father fixes old electronics like mobile phones, radios and televisions. Nayef is now thinking of expanding his business by buying computers and starting his own computer training center.

MEDIA

“Everyone in the world must hear the gospel at least once.” With the historic boom in industry, broadcast, and travel, George Verwer envisioned a world being prepared for spiritual harvest when he voiced this conviction.

So he pushed the idea of buying a ship for worldwide literature distribution even though it at first drew skepticism. Today, his trend of unorthodox missional strategy continues with OM as the gospel finds creative in-roads through technology and media.

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Europe

OM worker Kiet started life as a refugee, his family fleeing Communist rule in Vietnam after the war, living in a makeshift shelter off the coast of Malaysia before resettling in the UK when Kiet was two years old. “Lots of boats sank, as has been happening in Europe,” Kiet said. During the past 18 months, Kiet has been serving with OM’s EurAsia Support Team (OM EAST) at a time when thousands of refugees travelled through the Balkans and Eastern Europe, many similarly surviving a life-threatening journey.

As a graphic designer with OM EAST’s media ministry, Kiet has been involved in designing a card and website to help OM teams and partners share the gospel with refugees. Written in six languages, the card asks, “Are you looking for hope?” In answer, it directs individuals to a new website, called Love4refugees, which provides links to Christian resources in the Arabic, Dari, Farsi, Kurdi, Pashto and Urdu languages.

“The hope card is a tool to strike up conversation or offer even without a conversation,” Kiet explained. Since most people own smart phones, they can easily access literature, talks and videos online, including the Jesus film. “The question ‘Are you looking for hope?’ connects with them,” Kiet emphasised. “They view each country they go to as a place that can offer hope; the card directs them to a better place.”

Within the past nine months, over 160,000 hope cards have been ordered by OM teams, Christian organizations and churches throughout Europe and beyond. The commitment of believers to support refugees in a time of transition and uncertainty has lasting value. Just as Kiet’s family were pointed to a place where they discovered a new identity and home in Christ, God is using the Church today to bring refugees the message of true hope for the future, a hope extending into eternity. To order hope cards contact: love4refugees@gmail.com.

Malawi

Over seven days, 17 cyclists from eight countries biked a combined total of 8,591 km in this year’s Ride 2 Transform Malawi (R2TM), raising prayer and awareness for the Yao tribe, a predominately Muslim tribe numbering two million. OM has found ways to build relationships through programs such as entrepreneurship training, Foundations for Farming and AudiBible training.

The team handed out 49 AudiBibles provided by Davar Partners International to people they met along the road; three ministry teams distributed an additional 210. The solar-powered AudiBibles contain the whole Bible in Chiyao (the local language) as well as a few sermons and songs. People gather around in the villages to listen to the devices simply because it speaks their language. The cycling tour also raised funds to build a school in Chisopi, a Yao village—the first of its kind and an ideal way to reach not only children, but families.

Three teams of local missionaries and members of the OM Africa Trek went to five locations along the 640-km cycling route to connect with local churches and run programs, such as AudiBible training, children’s, women’s and sports ministry, and door-to-door evangelism.

As often happens, people check out a vehicle when it parks. Lindsey groaned inwardly at a group of teenage boys talking and laughing outside her window. God changed her view though: What hope they could have if they knew Jesus and what amazing men of God they could become! Lindsey explained to them what the AudiBible was, how to work it and gave one to the boys with a prayer that they would use it.

NATIONALITIES SERVING IN OM: 113

TOP 10 NATIONALITIES:

India 3479
USA 522
UK 327
Germany 252
South Africa 237
South Korea 159
Netherlands 159
Australia 122
Switzerland 120
Zambia 104
Canada 96

REGIONS WE SERVE:

Europe 875
Africa 459
Ships 421
East Asia Pacific 405
Middle East/North Africa 326
West and Central Asia 277
North America 230
Latin America 157
International/ Other 173
GS/OMI (India) 3487

Depicted ministries illustrate just a few of the thousands of ways OM is working globally to foster the growth of vibrant communities of Jesus followers amongst the least reached.



WHERE WE SERVE

AFRICA

Algeria
Angola
Egypt
Madagascar
Malawi
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Somalia
South Africa
Tanzania
Tunisia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

PACIFIC

Australia
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea

ASIA

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Kazakhstan
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Russia

Singapore
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Thailand
Uzbekistan

EUROPE

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia & Hercegovina
Bulgaria
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Kosovo
Macedonia
Moldova
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Slovakia
Spain
Sweden
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay

MIDDLE EAST

Bahrain
Iran
Iraq
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

NORTH AMERICA

Barbados
Canada
Jamaica
Trinidad and Tobago
United States

WE ARE MORE THAN 6,800 MISSIONARIES

FROM 100+ NATIONS

WORKING IN 118 COUNTRIES

 **COUNTRIES WHERE OM IS WORKING**

 **NUMBER OF OM WORKERS SERVING IN THIS REGION**

OM SHIPS

Since its first voyage in 1970, the OM International Ship Ministry has visited 480 different ports in over 150 countries and welcomed over 46 million visitors on board. Teams from the ship go into surrounding areas to supply aid and community care. In each port, the ship's international crew joins local churches to bring hope and show love to people whatever their circumstance, culture, or background.

The current ship, Logos Hope, visits each port for several weeks and hosts hundreds and sometimes thousands of visitors each day. The floating book fair offers over 5,000 titles, providing many visitors their first ever opportunity to purchase quality educational and Christian literature.

This past year, a new feature was added to the ship's visitor ministry—live theatre performances of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, made of an excellent cast, props, computer-generated backgrounds, and scripts in several languages. Its impact is reaching more than children, but the 200 underprivileged kids who enjoyed the show in Curacao and learned from the cast afterward about the death and resurrection of the real Aslan (Jesus) are a prime example of its artistic power.

We are especially grateful to Narnia film producer Douglas Gresham, C.S. Lewis's stepson, for granting the rights to this production. One day many years ago, as we would later come to find out, he was among the ship's multitude of visitors on the island of Malta.



MARKETPLACE WORKERS

Our Model of sending from the West also needs disrupting, both in how and where we send. The global business world wants engineers, medical professionals, and teachers—and many want to go! As Marketplace professionals work and live within the neighborhoods of the unreached world, they can have a significant impact for Christ in their communities. We want to facilitate sending professionals as self-sustaining workers in the marketplaces of the least reached world. Key elements of this innovative

model include launching TalenCo, a for-profit recruitment agency specific to matching mission-minded professionals with employment opportunities in least-reached regions. Another key element is Scatter Global, a web based collaboration between missions, churches, and sending organizations to support marketplace ministry. This new model continues to take shape daily as the structure, talent and resources are aligned for a projected launch later this year.





GLOBAL SOUTH INITIATIVE

Recognizing the church in the Global South (Africa, Asia, Latin America) is more effective and better suited to reach their own people and those from a similar culture, the Global South Initiative was launched in 2013. The GSI plans to send 7,000 new workers from Global South cultures in effective, innovative and financially sustainable ways and train hundreds of GSI leaders to plant indigenous churches among the least reached and forgotten. This ministry model employs a turn-key, income generating business model that workers can use to create self-sustaining ministry. One outcome of this new initiative is that in three short years, 34 projects have been launched with a direct impact on more than 70 fields and ministries.

We continue to send out coaches and vocational trainers with specialized expertise to help GSI leaders develop sustainable ministry. Many of these workers are trained at our Tyrone, Georgia, headquarters. More Global South Ministries and churches are asking to work alongside us to develop similar ministry models to reach the least reached. Increasing OM USA capacity will enable us to mobilize, empower, and serve many more leaders and workers globally for sustainable ministry among the least reached.



FREEDOM CHALLENGE

In so many of the communities where we work, women and children are marginalized and forgotten. We believe that the vibrant community of Jesus-followers must work to change this injustice. To raise awareness of this plight and engage women who are believers around the world to give, act, and pray, we launched the Freedom Challenge.

In the last 3 years, Freedom Challenge has raised \$2,500,000, attracted 5,000 new donors, and raised the profile of OM more than any other project in the

last decade. More than 50,000 women in 40 OM projects have been helped through Freedom Challenge, and we seek to double that number in the next five years.

This summer's event in Jackson Hole, WY—160 women on a 3 day climb—raised \$700,000, making room for 4,700 more victims to be sponsored in our prevention and rescue programs. As a result of these women being helped, many vibrant local communities of Jesus followers are being established.

Your gifts enable OM to serve around the world, taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations to see lives and communities transformed.

Financials

INCOME STATEMENT (IN US\$ THOUSANDS) ¹

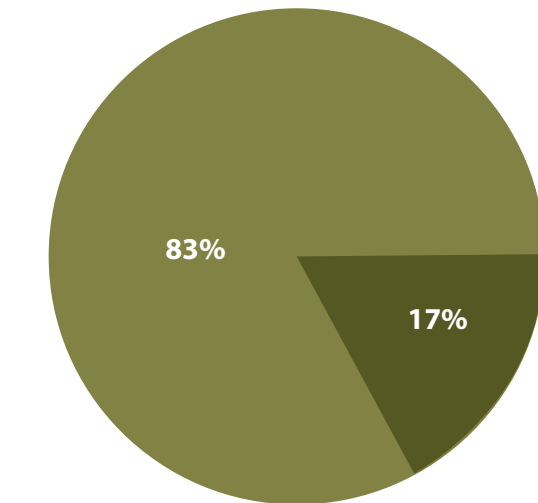
	2016	2015	% CHG
INCOME:			
CONTRIBUTIONS:	27,771	29,110	-5%
INVESTMENT INCOME:	325	40	712%
OTHER INCOME:	1,087	684	59%
TOTAL:	\$29,183	\$29,834	-2%
EXPENSES:			
INT'L MINISTRY:	19,242	21,329	10%
OTHER MINISTRY:	5,313	4,877	9%
GENERAL & ADMIN:	2,901	2,954	2%
FUNDRAISING:	2,539	2,290	11%
TOTAL:	\$29,995	\$31,450	-5%
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:	(\$812) ³	(\$1,616)	

ASSETS, LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS (IN US\$ THOUSANDS)

	2016	2015	% CHG
ASSETS:			
CASH & INVESTMENTS:	5,179	6,006	-14%
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS:	171	186	-8%
FIXED ASSETS:	4,539	4,812	-6%
TOTAL:	\$9,889	\$11,004	-10%
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:			
LIABILITIES	1,534	1,837	-16%
NET ASSETS:	8,355	9,167	-9%
TOTAL:	\$9,889	\$11,004	-10%

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES ²

MINISTRY ADMIN & FUNDRAISING



Notes

¹ Fiscal year runs October 1 – September 30.

² Average Distribution 2014-2016

³ Approximately half the change in net assets is timing differences in contributions and spending on field projects and missionaries





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