



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# United, to share God's love



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# United as a family

From the beginning of OM, God has bound us together as a family that grew out of adventure, faith, testing and triumphs. That identification—once part of the OM family, always in the family—is genuine and proven worldwide; that status is priceless and deserving of our care.

This year, the bonds of our OM family were tested and strengthened as we trained together, ministered together, prayed together, ate together, struggled together and celebrated together our failures, as well as our successes.

Every culture creates its own definitions and demonstrations of family. As a Chinese father of two children, I would love to have my sons living with me until they marry. But the reality is that they have their own lives an ocean away. What's most important for me is to respect and celebrate their accomplishments and bless them. This will keep us together far more than geographical presence. Likewise, the intent of God for each of His family members is to exemplify His love, grace, care, forgiveness and acceptance to their friends and neighbours; without that, our witness is compromised.

In 2022, OM continued to examine the way we do missions now and to consider how we need to change in the coming years, as well as sharpen our guiding values, so that they may become deeply embedded into every fibre of our culture and ministry. In 2023, these tasks will continue as we press on towards the work of seeing vibrant communities of Jesus followers within walking distance of every person. Please pray that we, as an OM family, put ourselves under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to take us into the future God has determined for us. As Jesus followers, we exist to serve His purpose and to make Him known among the nations.

**Thank you for being part of our family.**

Until all have heard of His fame and renown,



**Lawrence Tong**

International Director



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**vibrant communities  
of Jesus followers**  
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least reached.

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- We believe that the gospel has the power to change everyone and everything.
- We believe it is God's mission to transform lives and communities as He reconciles the world to Himself.
- As believers, we ALL have the privilege of joining with Him in this mission.





# A global movement

For over 60 years, OM has been working around the world to motivate and equip ordinary Christians to share God's love.

One of our founders, George Verwer, passionately preached the importance of every person having the chance to hear the gospel at least once. But the number of people who have never heard the gospel or experienced Christ's love continues to increase—by around 60,000 each day. The total is more than one-third of the world's entire population.

We want to reverse this trajectory! As mobilisers and disciplers, **our Holy Ambition is to see 25,000 new vibrant communities of Jesus followers being launched every year, by 2030.**

“Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. **Ask the Lord of the harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’.”

MATTHEW 9:37-38 (NIVUK)



## PEOPLE SERVING WITH OM

**5,411**

The number of people serving with OM, including children

**134**

The number of nationalities serving with OM

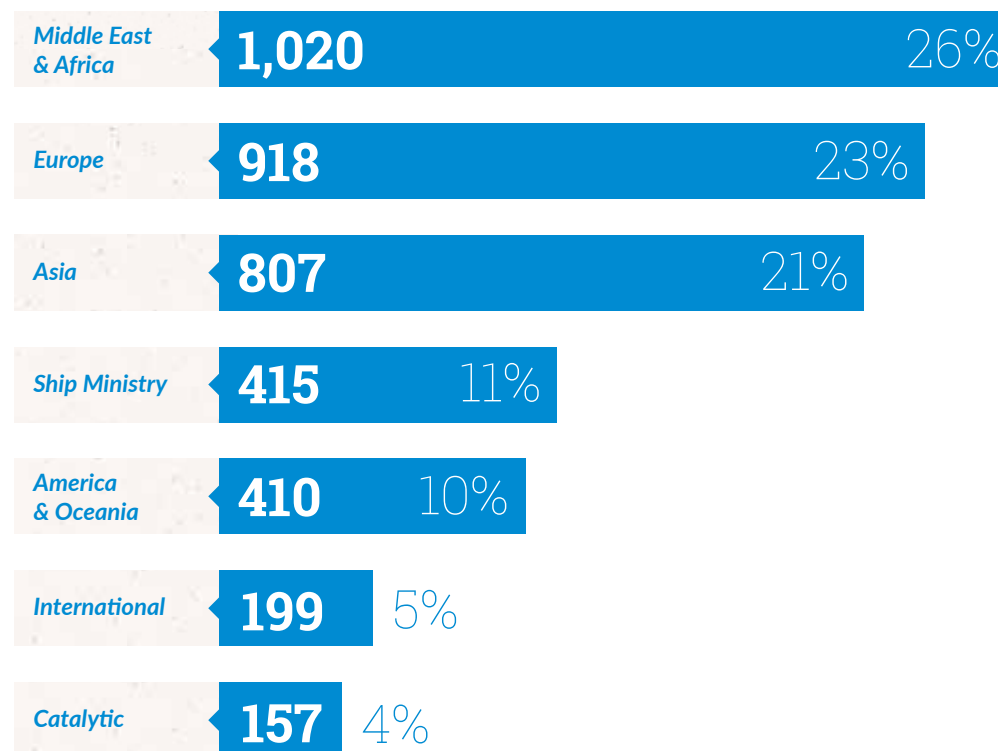
**147+**

The number of countries where OM workers are serving and are in partnership, in addition to on board OM's ships.

**Over half** of all OMers serve in their passport countries.



### WHERE WE ARE SERVING\*



\* Numbers do not include children



## IMPACT

# New groups we contributed to seeing form in 2022

Each **Vibrant Community** is led by local believers and has multiplied to at least one more group.

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**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

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ACTS 1:8 (NIVUK)



# 390

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



# 1,338

BODY OF CHRIST GROUPS



# 1,751

SMALL GROUPS

## Vibrant Communities

A group of **believers** who practises worship, prayer, baptism, breaking of bread, service, witness, giving, fellowship and Bible study.

## Body of Christ groups

A group with **some believers** who meet regularly for Bible study and teaching.

## Small groups

A group meeting around the Word of God in some way. They may be **seekers** and not yet believers.



# Ukraine response

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On 24 February 2022, Russian forces invaded Ukraine under the orders of Russia's President Putin. The next day, OM's response began.

With teams ready to respond and relationships with local churches already in place, volunteers manned crossing points at the Polish and Moldovan borders, providing practical support to the most vulnerable people leaving the country in search of safety. OM and local churches offered hot meals and more to people as they waited, engaging in many spiritual conversations, listening to people in crisis and praying for those in need of comfort and hope.

FUNDS RAISED AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2022

• **\$5,530,000 USD**







**710**

local church partnerships

**7,600**

people mobilised  
as volunteers

**269,000**

people served

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*“We’re burdened by the destruction and pain [this war] brings to millions of innocent people. The battles continue, making it still impossible to rebuild towns and cities in Ukraine. **Yet, it is such a joy and a blessing to see Jesus rebuild people’s precious lives, restoring their hope and dignity.** We’re grateful for all the prayers and generosity that enable our teams and the greater Body of Christ to bring His transforming love into the lives of thousands, offering practical aid, children’s programmes, trauma healing and vibrant communities to belong to. **Thank you for your continued partnership in this great effort.**”*

**- WERONIKA CZAJKO,**  
OM COUNTRY LEADER IN POLAND

## BEYOND THE BORDER

**...In Ukraine,** OM supported local pastors who continued to serve in occupied areas, distributing relief food packages, praying for community members and transporting people to safety. Several OM workers stayed throughout the conflict, offering hope to their neighbours, directing distribution of aid coming from surrounding countries and transporting people to the borders.

**...In Moldova,** OM offered temporary accommodation at their office for several people fleeing the war with nowhere else to go. The team also drove supplies into Odessa, Ukraine, where they were relayed to the eastern front.

**...In Romania,** OM partnered with local Jesus followers and churches to support displaced Ukrainians in practical ways and organised events to share God’s with them.

**...In the Czech Republic,** OM partnered with local churches to run summer camps for Ukrainian children and to teach resettled Ukrainians Czech and English to help them acclimate.

**...In Poland,** OM and local churches partnered with OperationSAFE (OpSAFE), an organisation that trains communities in child trauma psychological first-aid intervention, to run five-day camps for children who have experienced community trauma.



# Ukrainians at TeenStreet Netherlands Event

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TeenStreet, a ministry of OM, is an international community of young Jesus followers that partners with churches around the world to engage and unlock teenagers' potential towards seeing vibrant communities of Jesus followers amongst the least reached. In early August, a group of 33 Ukrainian teenagers travelled to attend a week-long TeenStreet event in the Netherlands. Almost 1,000 teens and adults gathered for several days of fellowship, worship, Bible study and experiencing God's presence.







The camp was especially meaningful for the Ukrainian teens who travelled from Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Germany and Norway—and whose lives and faith have all been impacted by the ongoing war. Whether they are now living in foreign countries or displaced within their own, these young people have faced incredible uncertainty, fear, loneliness and hardships.

One young man shared with a coach at TeenStreet how hard it was for him to maintain a relationship with God in a church where he doesn't speak the language, and other teens in similar situations echoed his feelings. During TeenStreet, these teens were able to talk with others about God in their native language and learn together about what God was speaking to them. One girl shared in an interview with TeenStreet staff that for the first time she realised it was not enough just to go to church—it was important to have a personal relationship with Jesus! Several of the teens took a step forward to be baptised.

OM also organised and sponsored a professional psychologist to travel from Ukraine to support Ukrainian teens at TeenStreet. This counsellor was available for teens to meet with during the event, so they could share and process their recent experiences. The community and care provided at TeenStreet reflected God's love for these teens—at a time when they needed fellowship, encouragement and to feel God's presence.

For the non-Ukrainian European teens at the event, "interacting with the Ukrainian teens was a huge eye-opener," said Ewout van Oosten, the International Director of TeenStreet. "It widens their worldview, and they understand that the impact of TeenStreet is a lot bigger than their own experience." At the event in the Netherlands, the teens also raised money for other teens in a refugee situation, allowing them not only to gain awareness but also to act on behalf of those in need. •

teen  
street

In 2022, TeenStreet engaged over **10,000 teenagers** from **60 countries** through year-round small group discipleship, events and programmes in **40+ countries**.

# Mobilising **boldly**

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We encourage and equip Jesus followers to live and work in communities where the gospel is not known, establishing credible, authentic relationships in Jesus' name.





# God's call for all

"Our church's ultimate goal is our motto: Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and go make disciples of Jesus among the nations," said Pastor Winit of Immanuel Baptist Church in Bangkok, Thailand.

The church provides office space to the OM team in Thailand, a physical representation of a long-term partnership in mobilising Thai believers. Pastor Winit first encountered OM when its ship Logos visited Bangkok in the '70s. He remembered serving alongside the vessel's visit by supplying some food and funds.

"Before I encountered the Ship Ministry, I was saving up some money to buy a van in order to drive around Thailand and bring the good news to people....I was so impressed and touched, I remember giving all the savings for the van to the Ship Ministry, hoping to be part of sending good news to the world!" he remembered.

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Since then, the church has sent several members to serve with the Ship Ministry, providing them with prayer and financial support. Pastor Winit "doesn't just teach by word but by action," said Lynchee Buakham, who currently leads OM's ministry in Thailand and is, herself, a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.



"Those who had been mobilised and sent out, came back to mobilise more people to be involved in mission," Lynchee explained. And Pastor Winit "continues to mobilise boldly whenever he has an opportunity to speak at a pastor's fellowship or to speak to different communities of Jesus followers."

"If we commit to Matthew 28:18-20 and do it faithfully, people will see the whole church moving towards the will of God," Pastor Winit said. "But if we do not obey the command of the Lord, we won't be able to see the Church moving towards God's purpose both on an individual level and a community level." •

# Opportunities to serve

"We're blessed to be in a church that is teaching, reaching and loving others—not just within our walls, but out," explained Jim, the missions pastor at Calvary Chapel Sarasota (CCS) in Florida, USA, a church that heavily emphasises God's Word and worship.

The church first connected with OM 25 years ago when OM's co-founder, George Verwer, spoke at a missions conference they hosted. For a long time, CCS financially supported George, and when one of their own members committed to moving to Western Asia to serve with OM, after nearly 25 years of doing annual short-term visits, the church leadership journeyed with her. "You can't read from Genesis to Revelation without seeing the importance of entering into God's work to go out and tell others," said Jim. "Missions is God's work yet unfinished. It's God's Plan A for people, and there is no Plan B."

In 2022, 22 people from CCS travelled to Asia to host the children's programme at a retreat for OMers from across Western, Central and Southern Asia. It was the third time since 2014 that CCS has partnered with OM in this way. "A lot of faces have changed; some haven't though," said Cameron, an CCS member who has served at all three retreats. "It's good to see long-term [OM workers] again and we want to allow them to focus on the spiritual teaching at these retreats—and to love on their children, so they know how special they are and that God loves them."



While there are countless needs that CCS could respond to, Jim talks about the strategy behind the missions committee's plan to continue investing in people and programmes they are already partnering with. "We want our short-term efforts to augment our long-term efforts. And I think this is going to bear fruit," Jim said. "And it's also going to deepen our partnership with and our exposure to OM. We love the people we have met, and that's exciting." •



# 50 years of faithfulness

Shortly after Kamal decided to follow Jesus in 1972, at age 19, he felt God calling him to use the knowledge he'd received to lead others to the Lord. The young Sudanese Christian-background man spent two years serving on board OM's ship *Logos*, where he encountered Jesus followers around the world and saw God's work in action. Inspired, Kamal dreamt of a similar movement in his home country.

In 1976, in partnership with OM's Arab World ministry, Kamal started the work in Sudan. "As a team we focussed on three goals: sowing the seed, discipleship and mobilising the local church. Later we got involved in mercy work and church planting," Kamal said.

Although the government pressured Christians and limited their activities, over 20,000 people attended one family conference Kamal helped organise, and around 4,000 people accepted Christ, he estimated. When Sudan and South Sudan formally split in 2011, many Jesus followers, including those serving with OM, fled the north. Nonetheless, Kamal's early faithfulness paved the way for what God is doing there today.

Since late 2017, when two Sudanese men relaunched OM's mission of mobilising national believers inside the country, the movement has ballooned to over 150 individuals directly and loosely involved in working to establish vibrant communities of Jesus followers in each of Sudan's 18 states. "Everybody has to do his part in obedience to God, and then the rest God does... It is incredible what God has done raising men and women for the harvest field as people pray," Kamal said.

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Despite the effective mobilisation of Sudanese believers, "the country is in a state of constant crisis. People are really suffering, much more than it's known ... through the media," the current OM leader for MENA explained. "In this time of need, it really seems as if there's an openness towards Christ, which has been bigger than ever before," he explained. "Our team—by getting alongside people, loving them, and even here and there also doing some relief work—is seeing a lot of fruit, more than ever before." •

# Engaging **deeply**

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We demonstrate God's love for the whole person—mind, body and spirit—through education, medical care, vocational training, anti-trafficking initiatives, disaster relief and more.





# Jesus changes lives

As a communist nation, Vietnam is culturally different than its neighbouring countries in South East Asia. However, Buddhism still influences its population—particularly with ancestral worship, which is mostly observed by the oldest male in each family.



"In the past, the government was anti-any type of religion," explained Joshua\* (North America), who lives with his family in Vietnam. "They tried to snuff it out and make it irrelevant. In the rural areas, any time a church or Buddhist temple were built, they were burned down. However, since the Vietnam War, the country has been a bit more liberated. There's still a stronghold in the North, where there's a strict government watching for any misstep. But in the South, it is a bit more free—and the Church is growing."

And even in the North, God is moving.

An international church that began 25 years ago was told they could not invite local Vietnamese to

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attend, but they could meet if they didn't speak badly about the government. The church began to intentionally pray over their city and share God's love in practical ways: everything from cleaning up trash to disaster relief to food drives and anti-trafficking help. People heard about the church and started attending on their own. The government

noticed and began going to the church to make sure they weren't speaking against the government.

"That's when something amazing happened," Joshua shared. "Three years ago, the government committee told my pastor: 'What you are saying is good for our community. You aren't exploiting people; you are lifting them up. You can invite people now. We want more people to go here.' We didn't want to do humanitarian aid without sharing the gospel, and now we don't have to. It is such a big thing in seeing the real change that Jesus can do in your life." •

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# 5 USD is enough

Jacob\* (Zambia) and his wife Esther\* (Switzerland) are part of a team that conducts micro-business training across Africa. They provide classroom training and 5 USD loans, which students use to start a business during a ten-day practical challenge. At the end of the ten days, students pay back the loan—with interest—and share their experiences.

Chloe\*, a widow from central Africa, used to beg for food to provide for her five children, relying on the generosity of others to survive. With the start-up loan from the training, she purchased small food items that she could quickly resell. The high turnover rate allowed her to generate a small income, and soon she could feed her children. She did not stop there, however.

Keeping in mind what she had learnt, Chloe set aside money until she had enough to rent, and later buy, a field to plant sweet potatoes, a staple food in her country. Chloe sold what her family did not eat, using the funds to purchase other necessities and pay for her children's school fees.

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"The business training brought back dignity because she's able to provide for her children herself and doesn't need to beg anymore," said Esther. "It was exciting to see how her whole attitude, her whole life, changed through that."

Though the training is built on biblical values, the participants are not always Jesus followers. Many

people are eager to receive business training, and "we want to engage with whoever needs it," said Esther. In a few places, government officials and other leaders witnessed the impact of the training and asked for the programme to be repeated.

"Most of the people that we reach out to, you cannot actually reach out to them with your Bible under your arms," Jacob explained. "Meaning that you need to have other ways through which you can reach them, and the business training is one of the tools." •

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# God's love shines on the darkest streets

When Rosie (UK) joined OM's urban outreach in Zurich, Switzerland, in 2006, she first sensed God's heart to save people out of the sex trade and into His Kingdom. Since 2010, Rosie has lived out this heart-burden through OM projects in the red-light district of Athens, Greece. She's seen the darkest side of human nature, but through the years, what has she discovered about Jesus in her own life and in the lives of those around her? "Let me start at the beginning, with God's grace. I've been seeing that in action right from when I was a kid," Rosie shared.

As one of the few native English speakers in the Athens ministry, Rosie found she connected very naturally with English-speaking women from Nigeria and Ghana. "I found the only place ever where it just came so naturally to talk straight up about the gospel, was on the street at three in the

morning with these West African girls," she said. "That was a gift and a privilege."

After eight years in Athens, Rosie grew bothered that for women wanting to leave prostitution, a sewing project was the only alternative employment option—and not everyone sews. "I'm an epic book nerd," Rosie described, "so I started joking about opening a bookshop and employing these girls there. Then it stopped being a joke, and I partnered with some local people with a heart for anti-trafficking and opened a second-hand bookshop."

With loads of prayer, they found just the right shop at a fraction of the market rent. It opened three weeks before the first COVID lockdown in 2020. Humanly speaking, the shop should have failed. Yet two years on, there are enough profits to sponsor another anti-trafficking project. "Now I'm getting crazy ideas about starting a cleaning company to employ more girls, including ones from the Middle East who can't speak English or Greek," Rosie said •

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# Sowing **widely**

We take every opportunity to provide a clear gospel presentation, using the right channels to touch the right hearts at the right time.





# Waiting for an invitation

When Jared\* and his young family moved from South Asia to Scandinavian Europe, they joined a global diaspora community of millions. Instead of seeking economic advancement, Jared followed God's leading in faith, leaving both secure employment and extended family in his quest to share God's love with Muslims.

Individually, ethnic European Jesus followers often struggle to share their personal faith. "[They] are not used to talking about faith, not even in their own family," explained David\*, a former leader of OM's work in Sweden. South Asian culture, on the other hand, revolves around religion.

Retaining his professional identity as an accountant and integrating into the community through his other interests, like sports, Jared spends his days being salt and light to people who don't know Jesus. "He's doing same kind of sharing that we are doing in the Middle East [and other creative access countries]: building friendships, building trust and

sharing the gospel a little bit slowly," David said. That intentionality is necessary, particularly in neighbourhoods like Jared's, where immigrants are less likely to fully assimilate into their new culture.

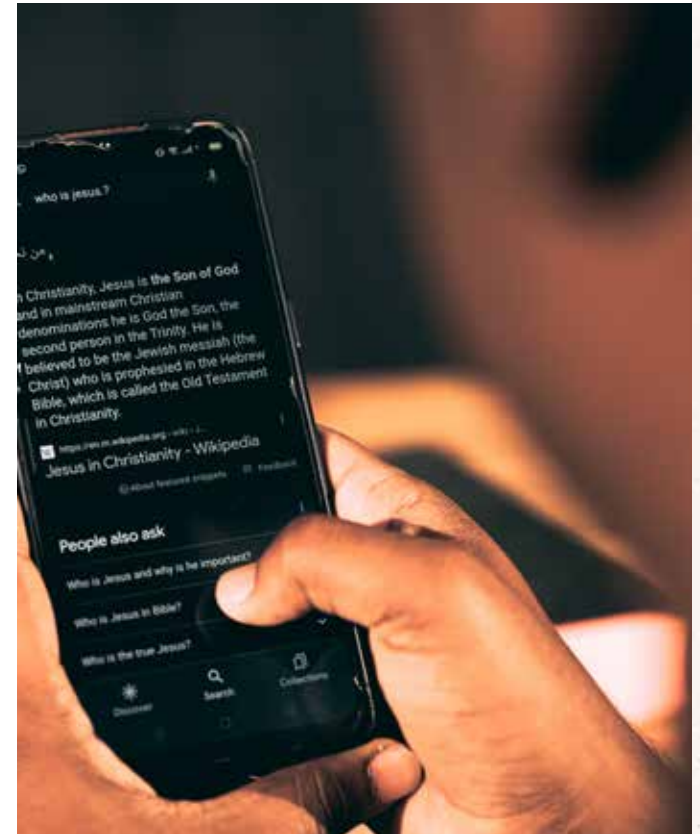
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In late 2020, Jared created a group on social media to provide a platform for interfaith conversation. The group has since grown to more than 1,700 members—80 per cent Muslim and 20 per cent Christian, Jared estimated. He also said that the gender and age demographics of the group, where a majority of the members are men ages 18 to 34, matches those missing from traditional churches, making his media platform especially strategic.

One Christian man living in the Middle East told Jared via private message that he was struggling with the constant questioning of his beliefs by Muslims. "He was doubting Christianity and very



close to losing his faith," Jared said. After joining the group and reading other believers' responses to some of the same questions, the man messaged Jared again: "Through your group, my question was clear, and I came back to my faith. And I'm also now able to give an answer to the Muslims." •

*\*Name changed.*

## ARABIAN PENINSULA

# Finding Jesus in the desert

Peter\* (South Asia) grew up the same way everyone around him did: in a Muslim family, in a Muslim society, having never met a Christian before.



Eventually, Peter moved to the Arabian Peninsula (AP) in search of a job to support himself and his family back home. Six months later, he had a vivid dream where he and his father, who had died two years prior, were sitting in a church. “He told me that Jesus is the living God and asked me to pray and receive Jesus because Jesus Christ is real and alive. Then I saw the shadow of the cross in front of me,” remembered Peter. He fell back asleep and had a second dream: “My father told me again that Jesus Christ is true and alive.”

The following day, Peter typed ‘Who is Jesus Christ?’ into a search engine. He also downloaded a Bible in his mother tongue, reading it in seven days. “When I finished, I went to my room, closed the door and prayed. ...suddenly I felt the Holy Spirit touching my heart, and I truly received Jesus Christ, who is now my everything,” Peter said.

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Peter met OM workers living in the region, and they became fast friends. When he needed a place to stay, Peter moved in with Juan\* (South America), who was there exploring long-term opportunities to serve amongst local people. “I wouldn’t say I helped him grow in his faith—it truly was the outcome of reading about the first Church,” Juan said. “The boldness and courage with which they shared the good news—even in the midst of persecution and difficulties—were the best example and fuel for Peter’s growth.”

Peter has faced death threats, insults and bodily harm as he lives out his faith in his community as well as rejection and persecution from his family in South Asia. Yet he eagerly shares the good news. He explained: “The Bible tells us to go into the world and share the gospel with everyone, and that is why I am always looking for opportunities to share what I know about Jesus with non-believers... Even though many people refused to learn about Jesus, 19 people received Him!” •

*\*Name changed*



# Building bridges through literature

Sharing Christ's love in rural mountainous regions can be an almost impossible task. Houses dot the ridge lines, and only small clusters of homes sit in the valleys, isolated from others by a lack of roads.



Saajan\*, an OM leader in a mountainous area, is passionate about God and speaking about Him with others in his home country. The district where Saajan serves is home to around 144,000 people. Over 77 per cent of the district's terrain is above 2,000 metres (6,400 feet). To navigate the rugged mountains, pastors often walk one or two days to get to church members' homes to check on them. Individual Christians may only sporadically attend church services because of the far distances and physical isolation.

Over the course of about four years, Saajan's team partnered with local Jesus followers to distribute Christian literature to every household in the

district. "Through this wide literature distribution, Saajan's teams formed about six or seven small fellowships of people interested in knowing more about Jesus," Saajan's leader, Won\*, shared. "Then, after a few months, we look for someone within that fellowship that we can raise up as a leader and invest in training more."

Though not all the fellowships continue to meet together, the seed sowing efforts done through partnerships have left a trail of seeds to harvest at later times. Pastors were strengthened in their missional vision, local Jesus followers were disciplined in their faith, and people who had never heard of Jesus received literature and follow-up

conversations. "We cannot guarantee the timeline," Won said, "but we know that this is God's vision for all people to hear about Him."

"Without cooperation with local churches, OM cannot achieve the vision to see every household reached. Local churches are the key," said Won. "OM also supports these churches with training and resources, and we listen to them and their vision and look for ways to partner with them. This approach takes time to build trust." •

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# Discipling **radically**

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We walk alongside people who have shown an interest in God's word, studying the Bible, developing local leaders, encouraging sustainability and promoting multiplication.





# Questions and answers

Nearly every day Moussa\*, an African believer from a Muslim background, makes the 30-minute journey from his home in town to the garden plot. He's not the only one. Sometimes five men gather, while other days, more than 20 come. Some men go to the garden to work; some go to collect water, but most go for the conversation. "Before, it was very difficult to share the gospel among a group of non-believers. But now in the garden project, we share the gospel openly," Moussa said.

In the two years since Moussa began going to the garden plot, 20 men gave Christ their lives. As the new believers seek Jesus and how to be more like Him, their lives are radically changed.

For years, after the death of three of his children to sickness, Oumar\* believed that God did not

love him. He was unhappy and avoided going home to see his remaining four children—three of whom were still sick. Through conversations at the garden plot, Oumar learnt about Jesus and heard other stories from the Bible. The testimony of Job encouraged him as he could identify with Job's loss. "He lost everything, but he kept being faithful to God and God blessed him even more," Oumar reflected. As Oumar learnt more about Christ's love, he began spending time with his children, praying for them, and trusting God with their futures.

Adam\* learnt about the garden from his cousin, who owned a nearby farm and suggested he look there for work. Moussa hired Adam and a few others to make bricks to build a wall. Adam quickly noticed that the work environment was completely different than he had experienced elsewhere. Moussa shared about Christ's love and gave him an AudioBible. After Adam listened to Scripture, he asked Moussa about what he had heard. "He explained it to me until I came to total conviction




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that Christianity is the religion of God and Jesus died for my sins!" shared Adam. •

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# Christ-following communities

"I think that the greatest joy of my life is seeing a Muslim family coming to know the Lord," Bir\* said. "My life is for them, and I want to spend the rest of my life sharing the gospel with Muslims."

Bir works to share the gospel and raise Christian leaders amongst the Muslim community in northern India. He serves with a variety of ministries and partners with OM to provide training and resources to Jesus followers across the country.

Bir and a team of eighteen full-time team members live and work in an area where there are more than 60 million Muslims. He describes the task of sharing the gospel in India as a mountain sitting before them. Yet, just as Christ used the small fish to feed thousands in abundance, He can do the same with a small team among millions.

God has brought many people to faith in Christ, but new followers of Jesus need guidance and direction to know what comes next. The team's goal in northern India is to disciple Christians and

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teach them how to find their hope in Christ so that they can stand strong through persecution and other challenges. In order to disciple all those who come to faith, India needs more Christian leaders.

In 2022, the team trained and sent 105 new leaders all around northern India —men and women from a Muslim background who portrayed servant-leader attitudes and a passion for the gospel. During training, new leaders learnt about the character of God, how to study the Bible, church planting and leadership.



Though Bir grew up in a Christian home, he stressed the importance of raising leaders from a Muslim background to minister in their own communities. "There are people already in the community that God is at work in their lives. Finding the right person of peace or house of peace is the key, and that is where you know the ministry really expands and multiplies," he said. •

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# Pray, play and say

Abu's method to live out Christ's love on the football field in Zanzibar, Tanzania, is simple: 'pray, play and say.' Before each football practice or fitness training session, Abu calls together the players, asks what everyone is thankful for that day and prays for the day. During scrimmages, drills and games, Abu ensures he plays with integrity. Lastly, everything Abu says to the players is said with love. Through this three-prong approach, Abu has seen the young men he interacts with open up to the good news of Christ.

Saleem\* joined Abu's morning fitness programme along with a few friends. From a Muslim background, Saleem showed interest when Abu prayed for each session and was always one of the




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first to volunteer what he was thankful for, which was encouraging to Abu as many players struggled to come up with anything.

One day, a player purposely tripped and kicked Abu—who did nothing in retaliation. "Once we finished that training, I spoke about love, like: 'Guys: we can love each other,'" remembered Abu. Later, Saleem approached Abu, saying he had learnt a lot from Abu. That Abu not only instructed the players on how to act and behave but led them by example.

Saleem began regularly visiting Abu and knocked on his door one evening as his family started

their daily Bible study. Abu invited Saleem to join them, and afterwards, Saleem asked if he could come again the next day. Later, Saleem requested a Bible to read on his own, which the family gladly gave him. Abu saw Saleem's words and actions change on the football pitch, and three months later, Saleem knocked on Abu's door to announce he wanted to follow Jesus.

"Saleem has become a very strong follower of Jesus," said Abu. "Saleem decided to use his ability to also help other players to follow Jesus." The young man moved to another area of Tanzania that is predominately Muslim to mobilise, teach and equip a team of 26 players.

Abu, like Saleem, is from a Muslim background and came to know Christ through football. "We see how God is using sports as a tool to reach people," Abu explained. •

*\*Name changed*

# Giving generously

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We celebrate partners like you who make our mission possible! God works through your generous financial gifts, enabling Jesus followers to take the gospel to the nations, seeing lives and communities transformed through God's love.

**Thank you!**





Your gifts make a difference by:



**Purchasing Bibles, teaching aids and other resources to help new believers grow in faith.**



**Supporting Jesus followers around the world so that they can share the good news of God's love in their own communities.**



**Meeting practical needs, including food packages and other aid.**



**Providing care for believers facing hardship, persecution and extreme conditions.**





# Financial Highlights

Every year, in partnership with more than 5,000 workers and hundreds of thousands of generous partners, OM shares God's love with millions of people in some of the hardest parts of the world, and we invite thousands more to join our cause.

## COMMITTED TO GOOD STEWARDSHIP



## Income and Expense

USD MILLIONS

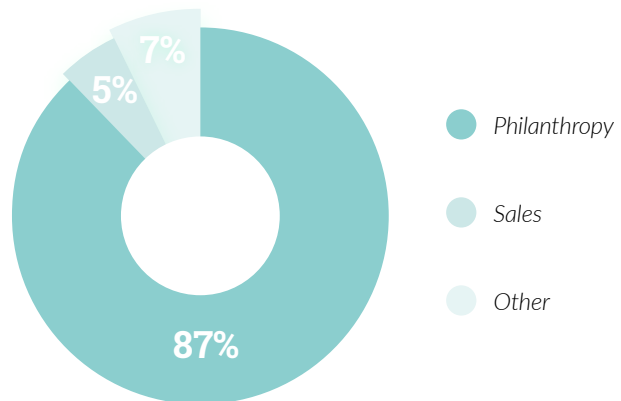
INCOME	2020	2021	2022*
Philanthropy, which includes gifts for personnel and ministries	\$78.2	\$79.9	\$89.1
Sales	\$5.4	\$3.5	\$5.5
Other	\$6.0	\$5.6	\$7.5
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$89.6</b>	<b>\$88.9</b>	<b>\$102.0</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022*</b>
Community-facing Ministries	\$66.8	\$65.0	\$76.1
Administration and Generosity Ministry	\$14.3	\$15.3	\$22.8
Stewardship of Resources	\$3.0	\$2.2	\$2.3
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$84.1</b>	<b>\$82.5</b>	<b>\$101.2</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$5.5</b>	<b>\$6.4</b>	<b>\$0.8</b>

\* Estimate based on unaudited consolidation of financial reports from 147+ countries where OM serves.



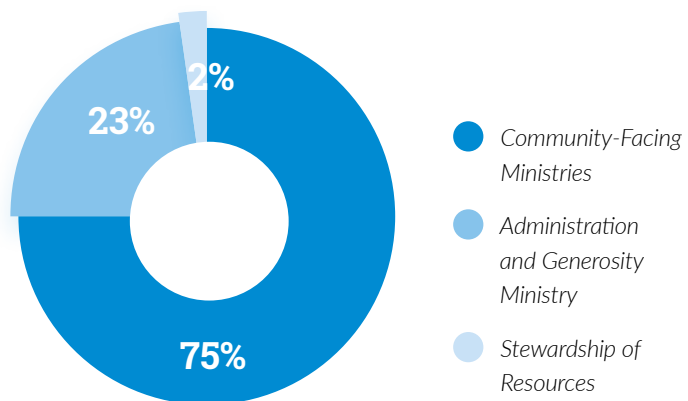
## 2022 Ministry Income

PERCENTAGE



## 2022 Ministry Expenses

PERCENTAGE



# Global Leadership

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM \*



Lawrence  
Tong

*International Director*

📍 Singapore



I'Ching  
Chan-  
Thomas

*Associate International  
Director, Resourcing*

📍 Malaysia



Peter  
Tarantal

*Associate International  
Director, Shaping Our  
Future Together*

📍 South Africa



Ian

*Associate International  
Director, Field Ministries*

📍 Europe



Katherine  
Porter

*Associate International  
Director, Organisational  
Development*

📍 UK



Gian  
Walser

*Associate International  
Director, Global Services*

📍 Switzerland

\*As of April 2023



## GLOBAL BOARD



Shura  
Façanha

📍 Ecuador



Mary  
Lederleitner

📍 USA



Kelvin  
Samwata

📍 Zambia



Wei-Leong  
Goh

📍 Singapore



Julyan  
Lidstone

📍 United Kingdom



Jon  
Seeley

📍 Australia



Bert  
van de Haar

📍 The Netherlands



Zenet  
Maramara

📍 Philippines



Albert  
Teh

📍 Malaysia



Paul  
Hynam

📍 Barbados



Calisto  
Odede

📍 Kenya



Andrea  
Vogt

📍 Germany

OM is committed to seeing a community of Jesus followers **within reach** of every person in the world.

Together, we are called to the ends of the earth to share God's plan for redemption. Of the billions of people who have never heard the gospel or have never met a follower of Jesus, some are concentrated across these **five geographic regions**.





## SPOTLIGHT REGIONS

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### NORTH CAUCASUS

Southern Russia, including  
Adygea, Karachay-Cherkessia,  
Kabardino-Balkaria, North  
Ossetia-Alania, Ingushetia,  
Chechnya and Dagestan

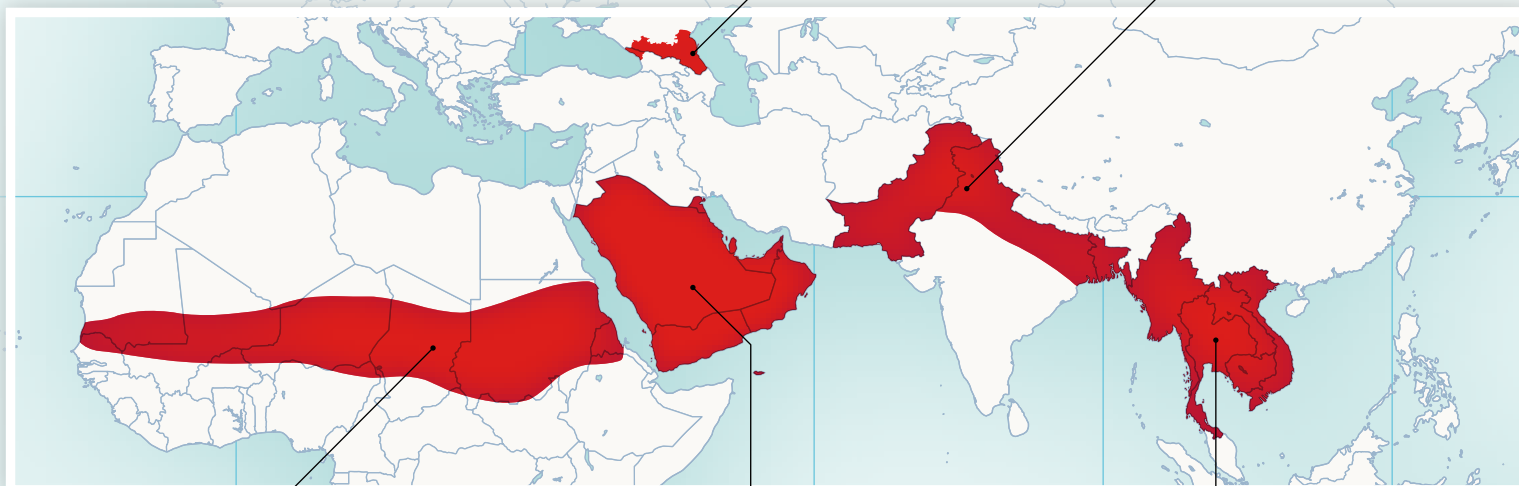
Few known Jesus followers  
among 5 million people

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### SOUTH ASIA

India, Pakistan and Bangladesh

Few known Jesus followers  
among 1.5 billion people



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### SAHEL

Diverse tribes across Mali,  
Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania,  
Niger, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia,  
Senegal and Sudan

Few known Jesus followers across  
5,000-kilometre belt of land

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### ARABIAN PENINSULA

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain,  
Qatar, the United Arab Emirates,  
Oman and Yemen

Only 500-1,000 local Jesus  
followers reported among  
30 million Gulf Arabs

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### MEKONG

Myanmar, Thailand, Laos,  
Cambodia and Vietnam

Very few Jesus followers  
among 240 million people

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**“Therefore go and  
make disciples of all  
nations, baptising  
them in the name  
of the Father and of  
the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.”**

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MATTHEW 28:19 (NIVUK)

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is  
in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:10 (NIVUK)



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