

Declare his

glory

among the nations

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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(Psalm 96:3, NIV). A group of Pastors from Hong Kong
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From the Director

WORKING AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

It's an honour to have been appointed as the International Director and to work with such a great team of people who are passionate about Jesus — living for Him and making Him known. It's also a real privilege and joy for all of us in OM to partner with you, the readers of this annual report. We thank you for that partnership and the many ways you support OM through your prayers and generosity. We love being part of this larger global community, who share the same passion to know Him, to follow Him and to make Him known where He is not yet known. Where we're seeing fruit in the OM world, it's God giving the growth.

We're pleased to present this annual report, which is just a glimpse of what God is doing through OM across the world. By reading the stories in it, you'll see a glimpse of what you are supporting, including about how prayer changed one woman's life in Türkiye and how Somalis are hearing the gospel through social media. It's all about Jesus, about the knowledge of the Lord covering the earth. Together, we do all this work because He is worthy.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"
– Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)



Co-labouring with you,

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IAIN PICKETT
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



A global mission

FOR ALL PEOPLE

We want to see
**vibrant communities
of Jesus followers**
among the
least reached.

- 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.



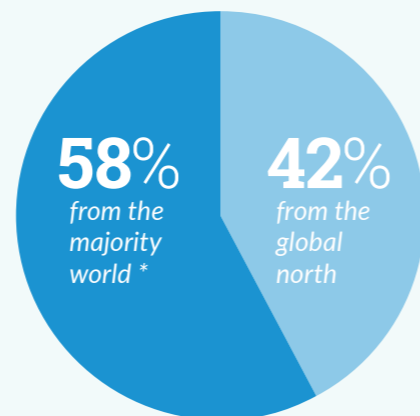
More than 58% of OM workers are from the majority world*

4,450
adults serving with OM

132
nationalities serving with OM

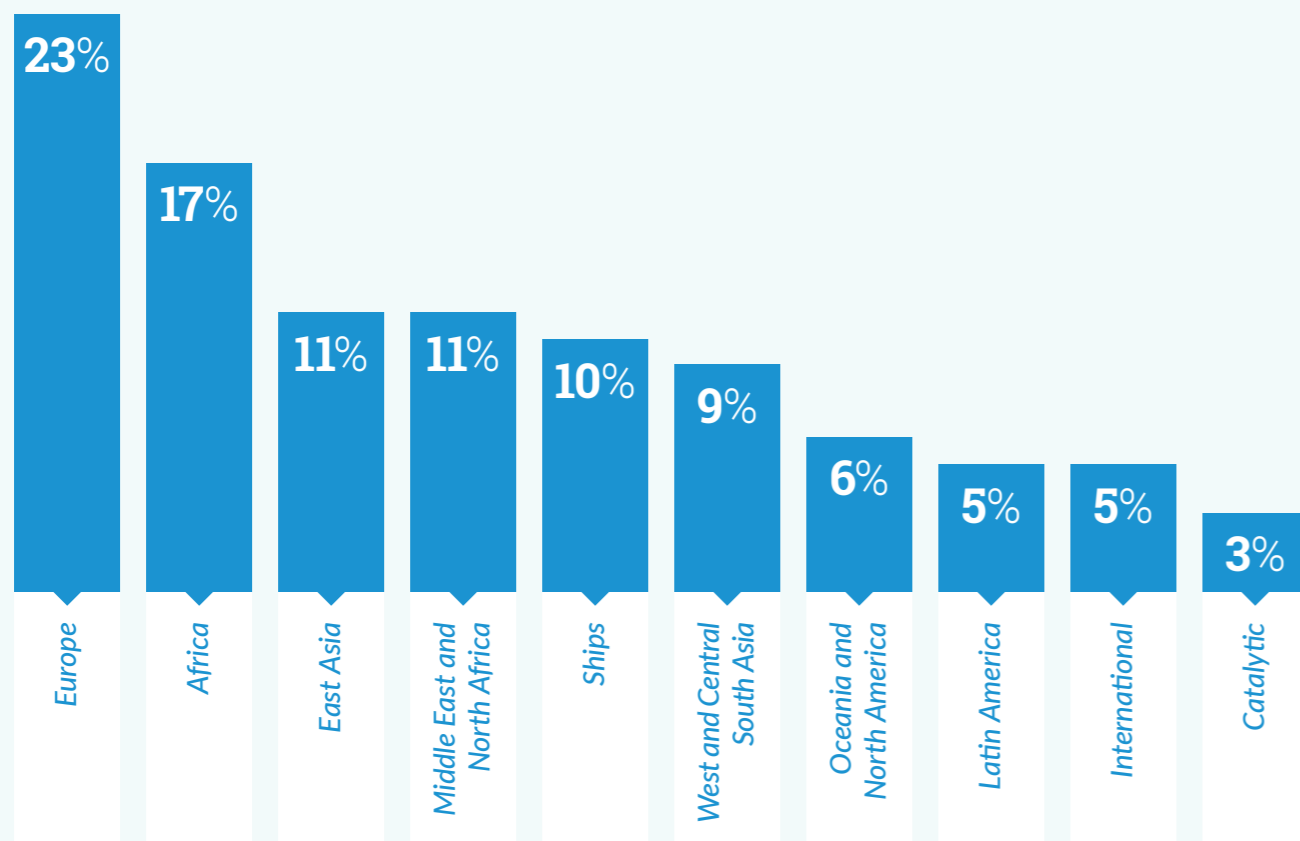
147+

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



* The majority world is defined by OM as Africa, Asia, South and Central America, the Middle East, Balkans, Eastern Europe, Caribbean and Papua New Guinea.

Where we are serving



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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.”
 ACTS 1:8 (NIVUK)

New groups formed

WITH YOUR SUPPORT DURING 2025

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535

Vibrant Communities of Jesus Followers

A group of believers who practise worship, prayer, baptism, breaking of bread, service, witness, giving, fellowship and Bible study. Each Vibrant Community is led by **local believers** and **has multiplied** to at least one more group.

577

Body of Christ groups

A local expression of the Body of Christ who meet regularly to engage around God’s Word, and practice some of the things described above. There are **some believers** in this group.

1,944

Small groups

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



The Bread of Life

TÜRKIYE

Asuman* lives in southern Türkiye and is a wife of nearly 30 years and a mother of three daughters. This is her testimony:

At 46, on a restless night, I met Him through a dream. But now, as I look back, I realise He was calling me long before that.

As a child, I tried hard to keep the Islamic faith. But in my heart, there was a sense that something didn't fit. Or an emptiness, as if something was missing.

SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN FAITH

One day, I met a Catholic priest. He was really kind and warm-hearted. I talked about Islam, and he explained Christianity. "You don't look like a Muslim," he said, referring to how I dressed. That comment deeply hurt me and made me feel like I had to defend

my faith. From then on, even though my mother and sister didn't cover their heads, I started wearing a headscarf.

Through an arranged marriage, I met my husband, who is from a very religious and conservative family. Whenever I raised questions about certain hadiths or verses from the Qur'an, the only answers I received were: "Repent" or "Faith means unconditional obedience."

At one point, I no longer found joy in prayer, and eventually said, "I'm not praying anymore. I'm upset with Allah." As a Muslim believer, that's a very heavy and painful thing to say — but I truly meant it. I believed I hadn't committed any sins or wrongdoings, so why was Allah ignoring me?

I PRAYED IN JESUS' NAME FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, MY PRAYER WAS ANSWERED. EVEN MORE AMAZING THAN THAT WAS THE CERTAINTY I FELT THAT JESUS WAS RIGHT BESIDE ME.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

One day, my eldest daughter Alev* mentioned she'd befriended a foreigner named Ayla*. I became worried. "What if this woman shakes my daughter's faith?" She visited our house once, but we only had a brief conversation. Again, I defensively talked about Islam and hardly listened to Ayla. Later, she moved away. Then, I had a dream.

In the dream, Ayla came to our house, which was so messy that I felt very uncomfortable and got angry with my daughter for bringing a guest without telling me first. But Ayla didn't seem to mind. She pulled out a piece of bread and said, "This is something Jesus told me to give to you. Jesus came and gave each of us a piece of bread — this one is for you." In the dream, I was so surprised and moved. "How could Jesus give me such a gift?" My heart was overwhelmed.

I was deeply touched by the dream, so I sent a message to Ayla who immediately

called me. She said, "This is a dream that many Christians long to have even once in their lives," and explained that the bread symbolised the body of Jesus. She read me the verse where Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

After, I began reading the Bible and, when she returned, meeting with Ayla. For the first time, I felt like I was someone truly precious.

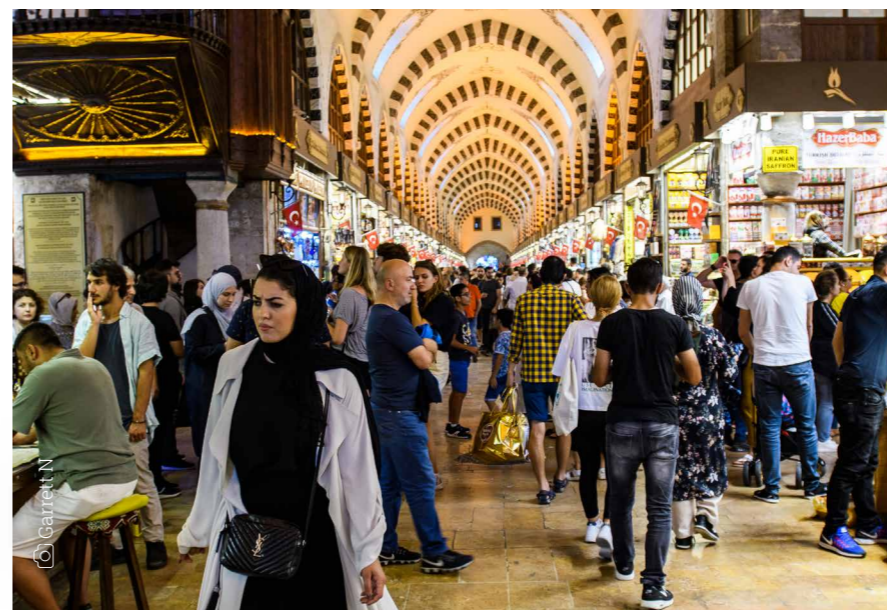
Sometime later, Ayla asked me, "Would you be willing to pray in the name of Jesus?" I didn't really know what to do, so I called my aunt, an Islamic teacher, and asked, "Is it a sin to pray in Jesus' name?" She said, "He is one of our prophets too. It's okay to pray."

A NEWFOUND FAITH

That day, I prayed in Jesus' name for the first time. And for the first time, my prayer was answered. Even more amazing than that was the certainty I felt that Jesus was right beside me. I felt with my whole being that He was surrounding me and protecting me. That's when I realised: What had been missing from my life was Him.

Since coming to faith in Jesus, Asuman has shared the gospel with more than 30 people. Among them, two of her daughters and one of her sisters have accepted Jesus. •

* name changed
Written by RD



Pray for Asuman as she shares the love of Christ with those around her.

Pray for Ayla and Asuman as they continue to meet with others to study the Bible and grow in their faith.



Reaching out online

SOMALIA

By sowing broadly through social media, Shino and Shania are seeing fellow Somalis turn to Jesus.

For least-reached people groups spread out around the globe or living in contexts where the gospel cannot be freely shared, social media has proven to be an effective way to share about Jesus. This is the case for ministering to Somalis in Somalia, as well as to the Somali diaspora. An estimated 53 per cent of the 28 million Somalis live outside of Somalia, with the highest

numbers being in Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti. Yet, the global number of Somalis who follow Jesus is still less than 1 per cent according to The Joshua Project.

Shino and his wife, Shania — both from a Somali Muslim background themselves — are passionately reaching out to their own people group with the message of Jesus — primarily online. They began their online ministry, Somali Christian TV Media Ministries, through OM in 2016.

“THE BELIEVERS IN SOMALIA, THEY ARE GIVING UP ALL THEY HAVE, JUST TO FOLLOW CHRIST — AND WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM THEIR SACRIFICE.”

Transformed by their own encounters with Jesus, the couple utilises a variety of platforms, including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok and a website to reach out to fellow Somalis. They regularly face opposition and threats as they share, but remain confident that the message of hope, joy and life found in Christ must be spread.

THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST

“A Somali will say that they are a Muslim and then that they are Somali,” explained Shino. “So when my wife and I left Islam, we had people say to us: ‘You cannot be Somali’. This is how it is for those who choose to follow Christ. They lose their families, they cannot go home and they may lose their lives.”

Abdi* lives in Somalia and came to faith after listening to Shino and Shania’s online teaching. He is growing deeper in his faith through an online discipleship programme with the couple, but faces challenges. Because his community does not have good internet connectivity and is not a safe environment for him to speak freely about his faith, Abdi walks six kilometres (3.7 miles) one way to join the calls. “We told him to ‘Stay home, we will find a different way to disciple you,’ but he said, ‘No, I

want to be with the team. It gives me encouragement that I see you and know other believers; to pray together and to ask my questions.” Committed, Abdi continues to make the long walk every week to join other Somali Jesus followers in fellowship and to grow in his faith.

“The Somali Jesus followers are like the widow [in Mark 12] who came to give God all the money she had at the synagogue — even if it was very little. And Jesus told the disciples that her small gift was greater than all the others’, because she gave all she had to live on,” Shino explained. “The believers in Somalia, they are giving up all they have, just to follow Christ — and we can all learn from their sacrifice.”

** name changed
Written by Ellyn Schellenberg*



Pray with us for the many Somali viewers and listeners who are engaging with the gospel message that is shared online — that they would hear the truth and believe.

Pray for wisdom as Shino and Shania teach and share about Jesus.

Pray too for the Somali Jesus followers to grow in their faith and be powerful testimonies of the hope in their families and communities.

To find out more, visit www.scmministries.org.

Addressing the needs

MALAWI

Through self-help groups in Malawi, Jesus followers are engaging deeply with communities to share the love of Christ.

Malawi has significant challenges for its population of 21 million. Poverty, high population growth and increasing pressure on agricultural land have contributed to high levels of national debt and unemployment, low educational opportunities, challenges with HIV/AIDS and harsh living conditions in this largely rural nation.

LOCAL PEOPLE ARE THE BEST EXPERTS ON THEIR SITUATION. THEY KNOW HOW BEST THEY CAN SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS.

OM in Malawi aims to support communities holistically, particularly among one least-reached people group, to empower both men and women.

“Local people are the best experts on their situation. They know how best they can solve their problems. It’s just that they have not been given opportunities to look at what they have and can do,” points out an OM leader.

WOMEN LEADING THE WAY

One such opportunity has arisen through women’s self-help groups, which provide education on health,

nutrition, human rights and literacy, and explore how participants can share their knowledge and resources. This is counter-cultural in Malawi’s male-led society; families have traditionally looked within at their resources rather than supporting one another to benefit the whole community.

The women’s groups are encouraged to discover what small businesses they can set up with what they already have, working together to succeed. OM microloans are used to buy and share a chicken (or goat) or seed for farming with the rest of the village. Animal and plant manure enriches the cultivation of tomatoes, maize and groundnuts to both eat and sell. Resultant income enables families to send their children to school, benefitting the whole community’s future. The success of the groups has not gone unnoticed, as Doreen, an OM worker who is one of the women’s group leaders, attests:

“We were visiting an area at the invitation of the village headman. He said: ‘I am so worried because what is happening here is only happening to ladies. Why not the men? I am so concerned about [all] my people here – can you help them [too]?’

“We had originally decided to reach out to just the women,” shares Doreen, “But the inclusion of men will enable better results for the families and communities involved. That’s how we can bring the gospel to communities practically through addressing local →



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needs. We now have 334 women and 94 men in seven different communities: a total of 18 groups.”

TRUSTING GOD

Olivia, a follower of Jesus and now a self-help group leader, joined the training to gain a practical skill while studying the Bible.

Olivia married early in life, bore three children, and then adopted her sisters’ children after their deaths, resulting in nine children to care for. Overwhelmed, Olivia’s husband left. Grieving the loss of her sisters, whilst providing for their children and her own, Olivia also felt the social stigma of being divorced.

“I took a rope to hang myself,” Olivia says. “But someone noticed I hadn’t been to the self-help group and came to see me. They had shared in the Bible study how we must trust God, no matter what: to put Him first, knowing our situation. I had to do the

same.” She knelt and started to pray, asking God to forgive her. Throwing the rope away, she started to feel better in her heart.

Today, Olivia encourages others to trust Him. She knows that by breaking down her problems, step by step with God, identifying what she has, and contributing together, she co-creates a strong, wholesome community that will last the years. Just as she learnt how to build her own house, stone by stone, slowly but surely, trusting in His equipping. •

Written by Geraldine



Pray that the self-help groups will continue to impact communities and bring people closer to God.





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Working together for the future

JAPAN

In Japan, OM is boldly mobilising 'senior citizen Christians' to pray for unity in the Church.

"Japanese churches are in big trouble," says Kenji, an OM worker in Japan who is also from the country. "And for the few numbers of churches that we have in Japan, we have 175 denominations. It is an unhealthy number of denominations.

"So we really need to bring down the walls of denominational barriers for Christians to work together. That starts with talking, meeting and praying, and seeing where the Lord is going to lead."

WORKING TOGETHER

A few years ago, Japanese churches conducted a survey and found that by the year 2030, the number of Japanese churches will have halved.

In response, churches in Mie Prefecture, an area in the southern part of Japan's main island where OM works, have begun to partner and Kenji now spends much of his time focused on church and mission collaboration. "OM is the only interdenominational mission that exists in this province of 1.8 million people. And the number of Christians here is about 1,000," he explains.

"RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON WHAT WE DON'T HAVE, WE DECIDED TO FOCUS ON WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE – MANY 'SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTIANS'."

"There are many churches, but most churches are very weak, and quite a few churches don't have any leaders.

"We found out that the reason the churches are not very motivated to do missions is because the leaders are not loved. We believe that if the leaders who are loved and blessed, the blessing from God will flow. So we started to help the pastors, and that actually helped us to develop a wide network of different pastors."

A prayer group for the pastors has grown from fewer than 10 to a network of prayer covering the whole area.

"I decided to start having pastors meet together, encouraging them to pray for each other, because with the shrinking and dying population in Japan, the only way for the churches to survive is for them to work together."

AN AGING CHURCH POPULATION

Between 2023 and 2024, the OM team surveyed 59 churches across different denominations in Mie. They found that in 40 churches, there were no people under the age of 30, and across all the churches, there were only 79 students in grades one to six of primary school.

Compared to a government census of the number of primary school children in the province, this number is less than 0.1 per cent.

"I go to so many different churches in Mie," Kenji says. "When we walk into a church in Mie, we assume to see only senior citizens, 65 and above, up to 90 years old." Many churches in Mie have fewer than 10 people, "So, it is very hard to engage a church that is actually catering for the real needs of younger people."

RAISING PRAYER WARRIORS

Kenji's vision for the future is to empower church members in Mie to take action. "We are not a strong or popular province like Tokyo, where there are many mission workers and many young people, but God gave a vision to my wife and I," he explains. "Rather than focusing on what we don't have, we decided to focus on what we already have – many 'senior citizen Christians'. So, we decided to turn that into a resource for prayer for least-reached people in Japan."

OM published a booklet with information on how to pray for each city in Mie. "We will mobilise senior citizens in this prefecture as prayer warriors," Kenji states. "They might not be able to go to places and do as much physical action, but they certainly have time. We want to turn that into prayer resources for missions in Japan!" •

Written by Pamela Kingsley



Give thanks for the 'senior citizen Christians' praying for Mie. Pray that churches will see growth and will impact their communities.

Thank God for the religious freedom in Japan, which allows Christians to share their faith without fear.



First steps in Portugal

PORTUGAL

The first-ever TeenStreet event in Portugal purposefully disciplined young people.

In April 2025, teenagers in Portugal had their first TeenStreet experience through a day-long event in Porto. Sixteen teenagers gathered in three small groups, where their leaders challenged them to have fun, go deep and be bold.

In preparation for a more in-depth Bible study during the summer on the seven letters to the churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3, the event's theme, 'SEVEN Kick-Off', gave an overview of the book of Revelation and delved into chapter 4.

The programme mirrored the larger TeenStreet events in Europe, including the Main Hall, where the primary teaching was shared, along with moments of praise, fun and worship.

HEARING FROM GOD

Isabela, one of the participants, shares, "During the TeenStreet event in Porto, I felt God speaking to me in a very intimate way. In the moments of worship, in the messages and even in conversations with people, it was as if He was reminding me how much He loves me and that He has something for me.

"But I also realised how much I have been neglecting my time with God.

Sometimes I get distracted by so many things and end up not getting closer to Him as I should. I returned home with a full heart, but also with the awareness that I need to seek Him more, to connect with Him more in my daily life. And of course, I really enjoyed exploring the theme of Revelation."

Another participant, Josias, enjoyed the Interacts sessions, where different workshops, sports, games, art and music were available to try.

"TeenStreet was a very good experience for me, as I was able to talk and play football with people my age who share the same faith as me," he recalls. "This was rewarding for me, as I don't have much contact with other people of my age who are Christians.

"I really enjoyed the small groups, as I was able to study the Bible and discuss topics that I always wanted to discuss."

SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

Small group leader Larissa said the event was valuable for the young people and a blessing to those who helped organise and run it.

"The TeenStreet event in Porto was truly special. Sharing the presence and power of our Lord is something extraordinary, even more so when you see teenagers with hearts thirsty to know more and more of Him," Larissa says. "Teenagers need to experience for themselves not only the moving of the Holy Spirit, but also to realise that there are other people, just like them, who are intensely seeking the same God.

"Holding a local event like this is essential, as it shows that there are young people like them, from the same city, from the same country, who want to deepen their love for the Lord. Participating in this is a real privilege and an honour that the Lord has given me. Being present, crying, laughing and sharing moments with them is essential

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for them to know that they are not alone on this journey."

Rúben describes the chance to walk alongside the teenagers in their Christian journey as "a privilege."

"Honestly, it was amazing to be able to serve God in a ministry that I am so passionate about," he adds. "I had the opportunity to see up close how God works in hearts, how He speaks personally and transforms lives. Being there, alongside the teens, listening to their struggles, praying with them, laughing and sharing the Word was a huge privilege." •

Written by Rute Vivas



Join with us in prayer for the teens who attended the TeenStreet event in Porto – that they will continue to grow in their faith with Christ and be encouraged to live out their faith among their friends.

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“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip his people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 (NIVUK)

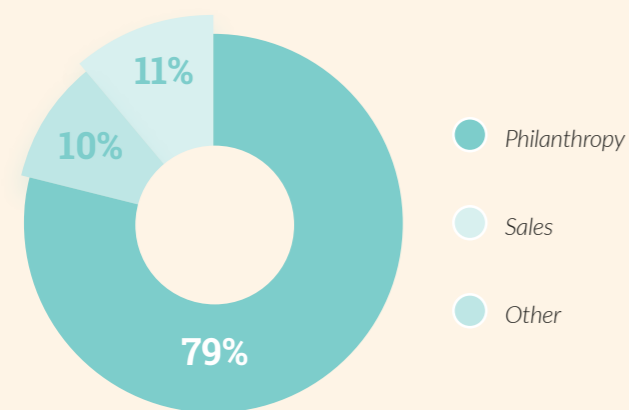


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Every year, in partnership with more than 4,450 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.

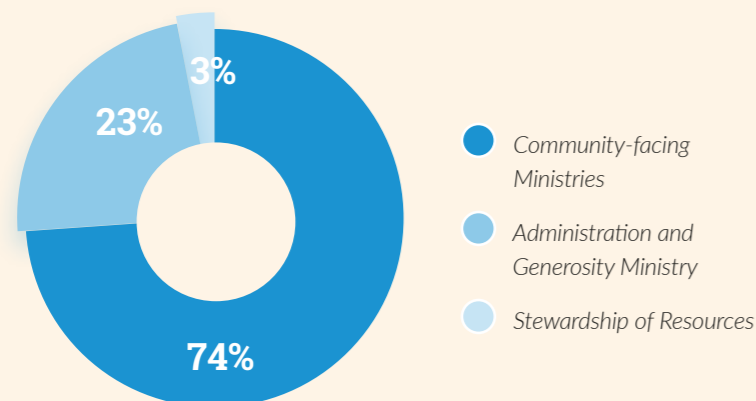
2025 Ministry Income

PERCENTAGE



2025 Ministry Expenses

PERCENTAGE



Income and Expense

USD MILLIONS

INCOME	2023	2024	2025 [†]
Philanthropy, which includes gifts for personnel and ministries	\$88.4	\$80.1	\$79.8
Sales	\$6.2	\$7.8	\$10.9
Other	\$10.5	\$10.2	\$10.3
Total Income	\$105.1	\$98.1	\$101

EXPENSES	2023	2024	2025 [†]
Community-facing Ministries	\$80.6	\$74.2	\$75.4
Administration and Generosity Ministry	\$23.0	\$23.4	\$23.1
Stewardship of Resources	\$3.7	\$2.4	\$3.7
Total Expenses	\$107.3	\$100.0	\$102.2

SURPLUS / (LOSS)	-\$2.2	-\$1.9	-\$1.2
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[†] Estimate based on unaudited consolidation of financial reports from 147+ countries where OM serves.

COMMITTED TO GOOD STEWARDSHIP





“This is the confidence
we have in approaching God:
that **if we ask** anything
according to his will,
he hears us.”

1 JOHN 5:14 (NIVUK)



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