



ANNUAL REPORT



Partners
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2019 REFLECTION

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of my leadership disciplines is to look back each year to evaluate and reflect on my growth and God's provision, guidance and leadership in my own life. In my first year at Partners International Canada, I have learned so much about our ministry. I am entering this next year with an even greater resolve to reach the world for Christ through partnership with local leaders in challenging places.

This past year I visited three very different regions of the world where we work. I saw the incredible work of our international partners in India—serving in both rural and urban contexts where poverty and injustice continue to suffocate many. They are sharing the love of Jesus, planting churches, fighting injustice, and caring for practical needs. And they are doing this as the country becomes increasingly more hostile towards Christians.

I spent a few days in the Peruvian Amazon, where our indigenous missionaries visit and serve remote tribes. There are areas restricted to outsiders in this region of the world. However, our local leaders are able to travel deep into the rainforest on foot or by canoe, putting their lives at risk to share the love of Jesus.

I also spent time with our partners in the Middle East. I met with our church leader from Algeria, whose congregation continues to find ways to worship Jesus even though the authorities have locked up their building and forbid them from meeting. I spent time with one of our mission leaders who planted a church in Yemen that has now grown to 40 in a country that currently has fewer than 1,000 known followers of Jesus.

I met our Kurdish missionary from Northern Syria who shared with me about his work, despite the current Turkish incursion and its impact on the people living in that region. I also happened to be in Lebanon just as demonstrations broke out across the country, shutting down all major roads. Young people, desperate for their voices to be heard, packed downtown Beirut.

In all of these places, I experienced the passion of our partners who are uniquely qualified to do the work that they do. Following Jesus' example, despite persecution, they work to alleviate social, economic and spiritual poverty—transforming individuals and whole communities in the process.

This past year, our leadership team and board of directors have gone through a revisioning process. We enter a new decade with clarity of purpose, a new strategic plan unfolding, an updated logo and exciting communication tools that will better connect Canadians to our incredible field work.

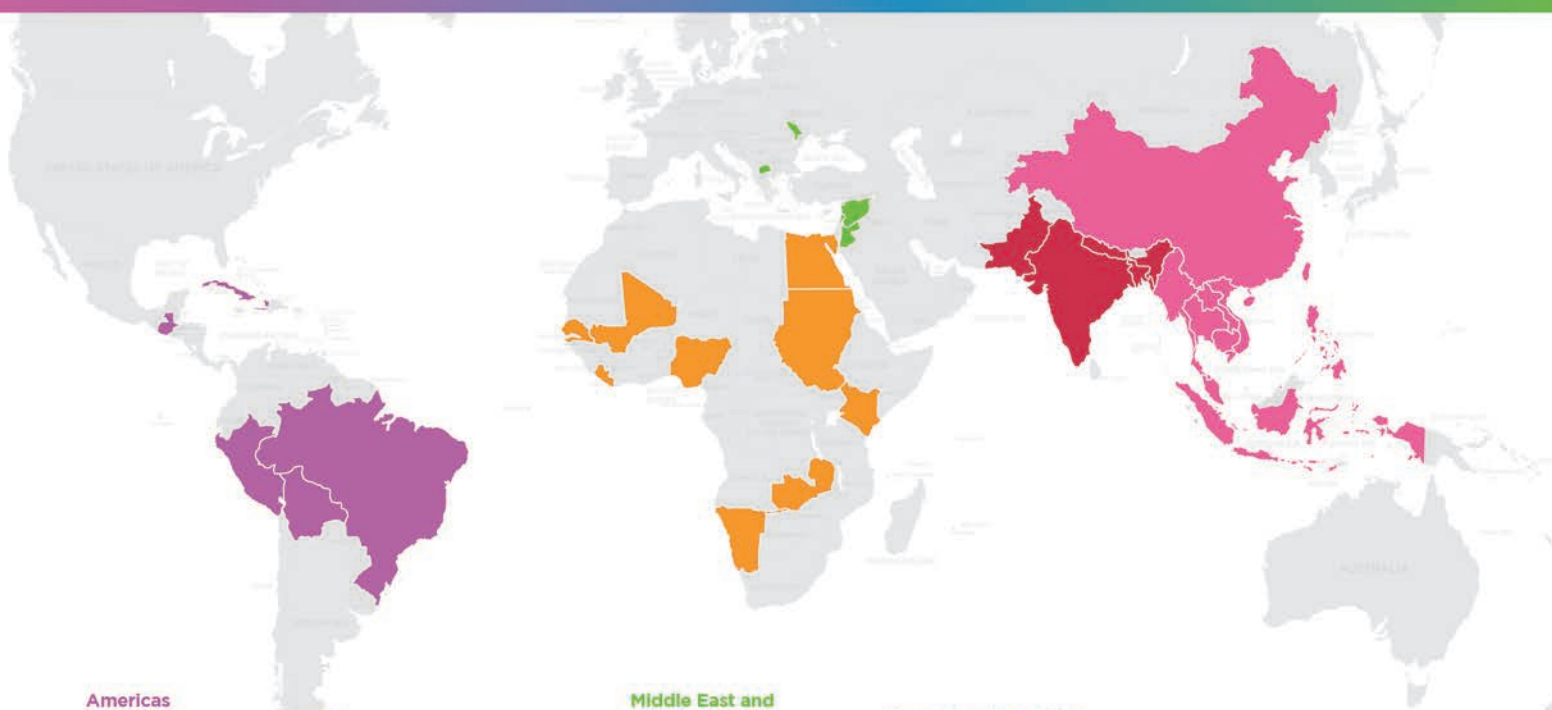
Take time to read the powerful stories in this report that demonstrate once again how fearless and bold our partners are in producing eternal outcomes due to your faithful support. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." I can attest that in even the most challenging corners of our world—Jesus is keeping His promise.



Darren DeGraaf
President,
Partners International Canada



WHERE WE WORK



Americas

1. Bolivia
2. Brazil
3. Cuba
4. Guatemala
5. Haiti
6. Peru

Africa

7. Egypt
8. Kenya
9. Liberia
10. Mali
11. Namibia
12. Nigeria
13. Senegal
14. South Sudan
15. Sudan
16. Zambia

Middle East and Eastern Europe

17. Jordan
18. Lebanon
19. Macedonia
20. Moldova
21. Syria

East & Southeast Asia

22. China (including Hong Kong & Macau)
23. Cambodia
24. Indonesia
25. Myanmar (Burma)

26. Laos
27. Philippines
28. Singapore
29. Thailand
30. Vietnam

South Asia

31. Bangladesh
32. India
33. Nepal
34. Pakistan

MISSION STATEMENT

We partner with local leaders in challenging places worldwide to build the church and transform communities in the name of Jesus.

We accomplish this through:



Local Leadership

Every initiative is locally-led. Our leaders speak the language, know the culture and serve in their own or nearby communities.



Risk-Taking

We work in some of the most challenging places on our planet. Many of our partners face persecution and take great risks to tell others about Jesus.



Holistic Transformation

We build churches and ministries that invest in the spiritual, emotional and physical transformation of the people we serve.





BUILDING THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, NIGERIA

"How can we strengthen our churches and reach the most remote areas?" This question weighed heavily on David Umune, the Director of our local partner in Nigeria. Rural Nigeria is an extremely difficult context for successful church planting. Communities are entrenched in animism and witchcraft. Clan initiations pledge young men to local deities building strong ties that are not easily broken. Over the past decade, we focused in the southeast region of the country and established a network of 55 churches and house churches in the area.

Our vision is to develop the church network into a healthy, fast-growing church planting movement to reach the lost. It was necessary to build the principle of multiplication into the churches to accomplish this vision. And we needed to disciple enough leaders so that new churches are well-established. This required leadership training.

We chose a church-based training model called LeadersFormation. This model has several benefits. The best leaders do not need to leave their communities for months at a time.

Leaders integrate what they learn in the context of day-to-day ministry. We can train a lot more leaders than we can at a Bible school, and it costs a lot less than running a residential Bible school. Also, the methodology suits the local context. The program uses facilitators to create open discussions enabling participants to fully engage and delve deep into the Bible and its truths.

In 2016, we gathered 40 leaders for orientation and then selected 24 to be part of the first cohort. Three years in, we have a flourishing training program. David Umune shares, "For the people who have participated in this project it has been all testimonies. We see changes. We see transformation. We see leaders gain the ability to dig deep into the Word and uncover truths for themselves, by themselves. And this is making them better leaders, more able to serve." Leaders are engaged. The growth is self-sustaining, with leaders reproducing the training in their local setting using their resources. Leadership training was the investment that was needed. Today the church planting movement is strengthened and growing in one of the most challenging places on earth.



TRANSFORM

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES OASIS REFUGEE PROGRAM, LEBANON

Since the Syrian civil war broke out in 2011, over 5 million Syrians have crossed into neighbouring Arab countries as refugees. Lebanon became a significant receiving country. With a population of 4.5 million, Lebanon is host to an additional 1.5 million Syrian refugees.

With over a decade of partnership with the Free Evangelical Association of Lebanon (FEAL), we were prepared to come to the aid of displaced Syrians in Lebanon. With the support of Canadians, we serve mainly Muslim refugees with humanitarian relief and the love of Christ.

Our Oasis program has been assisting refugees in Beirut and the Bekaa Valley since 2011. The Oasis team conducts home visits and provides transitional housing and necessities to give refugee families support and stability as they begin to rebuild their lives. Oasis' weekly programs take place on Saturdays, and offer educational opportunities for children as well as skills training for adults. Families that attend Oasis receive support from FEAL staff and Christian friends who genuinely care for them and their children.

As the ministry work touches refugees lives, many have become interested in the Christians that are showing them mercy and kindness. ***One incredible outcome we see is Arab Muslims opening their hearts to hearing and receiving the Good News of Jesus.*** FEAL shared one of these testimonies with us.

Miriam left Islam and gave her life to Christ after only two weeks attending Oasis. She is a 13-year-old Kurdish refugee who was touched by the Word of God and believes. Miriam always brings her Bible to class and sits in the very front row—eager to learn more about Christ. She is growing in her faith in an amazing way, all because of the Oasis Program.

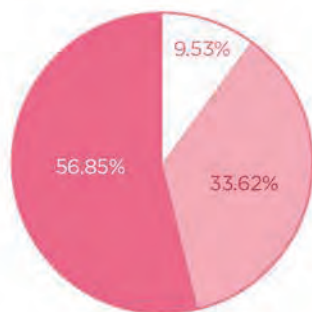
As individuals come to Christ through Oasis, FEAL provides discipleship and leadership training opportunities specifically created for Muslim Background Believers (MBB). This growing group of new believers have a desire to return to Syria where they can become part of a growing church planting movement. Together, we are preparing the ground in Syria to receive these returning refugees, help them get established, and foster the growth of the house church movement. Some of these movements have already begun to take place.

In recent days, more Muslims have come to Christ than in the previous 1,000 years. Millions of Arab Muslims are open to hearing and receiving the Good News. We continue to be part of God's work unfolding in the Middle East impacting the lives of Syrian refugees through the generous support of Canadians.

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2019 STATISTICS



PROJECTS BY CATEGORY

- Building The Church
- Empowering Women & Children
- Transforming Communities

TOP 6 PROJECTS

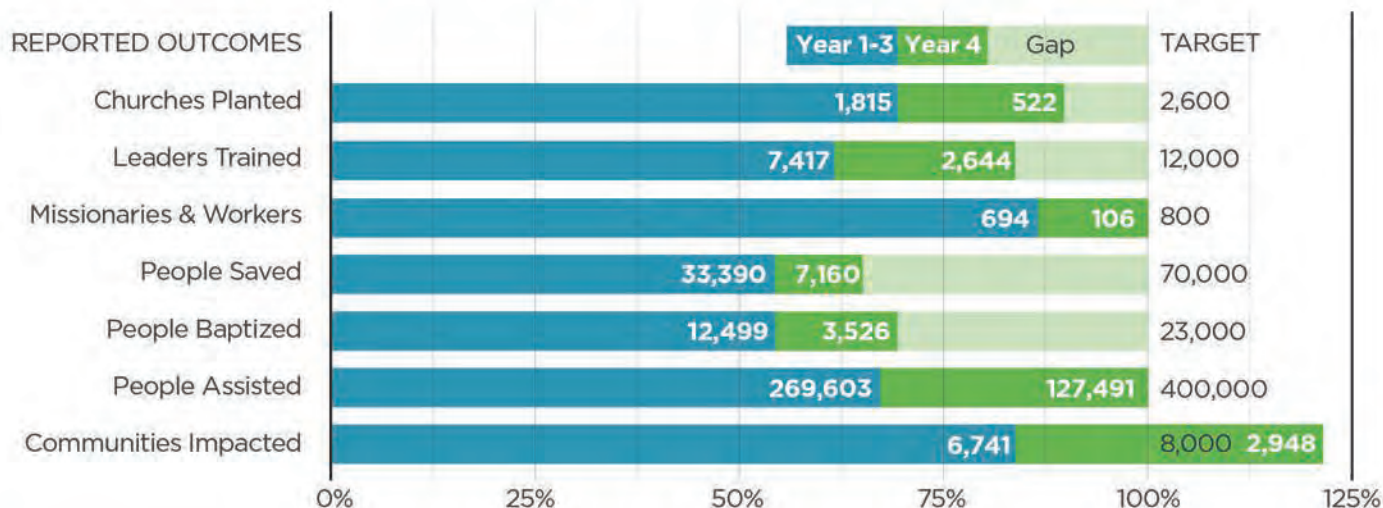
- Leader Support **Global**
- Mahima Homes **India**
- Training in Disciple Making Movements **Global**
- Refugee Care **Middle East**
- Studio of Innovative Leadership **Moldova**
- Adopt a Village **Bangladesh**

PROJECTS FUNDED BY REGION



This annual report is reporting on FY18-19

JULY 2015-JUNE 2020 5 YEAR VISION



OUR PARTNERS

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT KAMATI'S KIDS, NAMIBIA

Partners International is investing in children through our incredible local partner Kamati's Kids, working in Namibia's poorest shantytowns. The mission of Kamati's Kids is to inspire and equip vulnerable children to shape their future and give back to their communities.

Children growing up in Namibia's shantytowns have little guidance, resulting in low levels of education, exposure to negative influences, and physical danger. They need support to navigate these challenges and realize a brighter future.

Our holistic programs offer after-school tutoring, life skills through sports, nutritious meals, and school supplies. Together, we aim to provide mentorship and a positive outlet for children to grow and succeed as individuals. Christian discipleship at the core of the program is changing young hearts and minds. The ministry is a movement impacting the story of many young lives and communities.

**MEET KAMATI EKONIA
IN ONTARIO
JUNE 9-19, 2020**

**JOIN OUR DISCOVERY TRIP
TO NAMIBIA
AUGUST 2020**

If you would like to connect with Kamati in Canada or join the Discovery Trip team to Namibia, please contact Tim Arkell at tim.arkell@partnersinternational.ca



LOCAL LEADER HIGHLIGHT EDUARDO TORRES PURICHO, PERU

Eduardo Torres Puricho is the President of our local partner, The Holistic Tribal Mission of Peru, also known as MINAP. MINAP is a Christian indigenous development organization working to strengthen the indigenous church, to plant new churches and to contact unreached people groups in the Peruvian Amazon.

Eduardo belongs to the Hunikuin Tribe. When he was 15 years old, Eduardo surrendered his life to Christ when several missionaries visited his community and spoke to him about eternal life. He started helping his local church and attended a Bible Institute with the hope of becoming a pastor. While he was studying, Eduardo heard about an opportunity to volunteer for the local church working with uncontacted tribes. Despite the many dangers he would face, Eduardo felt called to serve Christ's mission in the jungle. That decision led to him planting the first church among the Mastanawa Tribe.

Eduardo has many years of experience travelling through the winding tributaries of the Amazon to connect with remote communities. He became president of MINAP in 2015 and currently leads a team of 15 tribal missionaries and pastors deployed throughout the Amazon. Shortly after becoming president, he realized that the ministry would improve if he developed his management skills and he entered a Business Administration degree program with the help of Partners International. More than ever, Eduardo has a clear vision of how to advance the mission and establish an authentic, indigenous church in the Amazon.

Under Eduardo's leadership, MINAP is reaching communities in Peru through their Student Outreach Initiative, Medical Support Program and Fish Farm Sustainability Project. Partners International is committed to partnership with local leaders, like Eduardo, who have the vision and potential to transform their communities. Eduardo embodies the Great Commission and we are honoured to call him a partner and friend.



PARTNER IMPACT

IMPACT RESULTS MINAP 2019



417

PEOPLE HEARD
THE GOSPEL



293

NEW BELIEVERS



135

PEOPLE BAPTIZED



5

NEW CHURCHES



60

TRIBAL STUDENTS HELPED THROUGH
STUDENT OUTREACH MINISTRY



160

PATIENTS RECEIVED
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



130

PEOPLE RECEIVED
CLEAN WATER





DONATIONS



2019 INCOME:
\$3,709,800

HOW YOUR DONATION WAS DISTRIBUTED



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
82%



FUNDRAISING
10%



ADMIN
8%

WHERE WE GET OUR PROJECT FUNDS



INDIVIDUALS
47%



CHURCHES
31%



FOUNDATIONS/
OTHER
16%



BUSINESS
6%



PARTNER WITH US

2 WAYS YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

1 - BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER

We believe prayer makes all the difference. Partner in prayer with us and see how God is building the church and transforming communities through our work. As a Prayer Partner you will receive monthly updates with prayer requests from the field.

2 - BECOME A GLOBAL IMPACT PARTNER

Join our amazing community of monthly givers. Your generous monthly partnership of \$39 will build the church and transform communities in some of the most difficult places on earth. As a Global Impact Partner you will receive a monthly story sharing the impact your donation is making in places like: the Middle East, the Amazon Basin, Pakistan and more.

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