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# MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT **2020**

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# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a year marked by uncertainty and difficult challenges for all of us.

In the places where we partner to bring the good news of Jesus, curfews and lockdowns have had dramatic effects. We have lost beloved missionaries to Covid19, and a number of our partners have experienced illness.

Covid19 instantly revealed real needs around our world. In India, one of our local leaders saw the immediate need created by the early lockdowns: itinerant day-labourers were told to return home to their villages but trains and buses were shut down. Within days, thousands of workers gathered at train stations - tired, hungry and fearful. We mobilized to provide food and comfort in the name of Jesus to these desperate people.

Meanwhile, in a rural village in India, another local leader was determined to respond to the desperation of itinerant workers who attempted to return home to villages that were terrified they may be bringing a new deadly disease with them. Care packages and temporary housing was provided in the name of Jesus to people who were not welcome in their communities. ***Just like in other dark times in history - in the darkest moments, the light of Jesus shines brightest!***

Because of your partnership with us, we continue to effectively share the good news of Jesus through courageous local leaders who are building disciple-making movements in the most challenging of circumstances.

***Our ministry is moving forward with confidence and a renewed passion to effectively partner with local leaders to build the church and transform communities.***

Our local leaders tell us that hearts have never been more open to receive the good news of Jesus and the hope that comes when one walks with God in Christian community. So many people are turning to Christ in these dark days. Revival is happening around the world!

In this report, we celebrate God's provision through your generosity. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." The Church of Jesus is being built and communities are being transformed through your prayers and support.

Thank you for partnering with us,

Darren DeGraaf  
President



# MISSION STATEMENT

**We Partner With Local Leaders In Challenging Places Worldwide To Build The Church And Transform Communities In The Name of Jesus.**

***Over 2 billion people have never heard the good news about Jesus and live without hope. Many of these people live in places where there is no church. Our vision is to transform the least reached areas of the world through the holistic power of the gospel.***

## Local Leaders

We believe local leaders building local churches is the most effective mission strategy on earth. Our leaders speak the language, know the culture and reach into their own or nearby communities.



## Risk-Taking

There are still billions who haven't heard the good news of Jesus, and live in places where it is dangerous and difficult for the message to go forward. Our local leaders take great risks to share the love of Jesus in some of the most challenging contexts.



## Holistic Transformation



God is on a mission to restore people into right relationship with Him, others and society. The gospel is multi-dimensional and brings reconciliation, redemption and restoration spiritually, emotionally and physically.

# WHERE WE WORKED IN 2020

EGYPT  
KENYA  
LIBERIA  
NAMIBIA  
NIGERIA  
BOLIVIA  
BRAZIL  
CUBA  
HAITI  
PERU  
CHINA  
JORDAN  
LEBANON  
MOLDOVA  
SYRIA  
BANGLADESH  
INDIA  
NEPAL  
PAKISTAN  
CAMBODIA  
INDONESIA  
LAOS  
MYANMAR  
SINGAPORE  
THAILAND  
VIETNAM

***Through our Global Alliance and Other Funding Partners we were also able to contribute to Projects in:***

ALGERIA	MOROCCO	SPAIN
CHAD	SENEGAL	SRI LANKA
D.R.C.	SOUTH SUDAN	UZBEKISTAN
GHANA	MACEDONIA	ZAMBIA
MALI		



# 2020

## CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF A FIVE YEAR PLAN

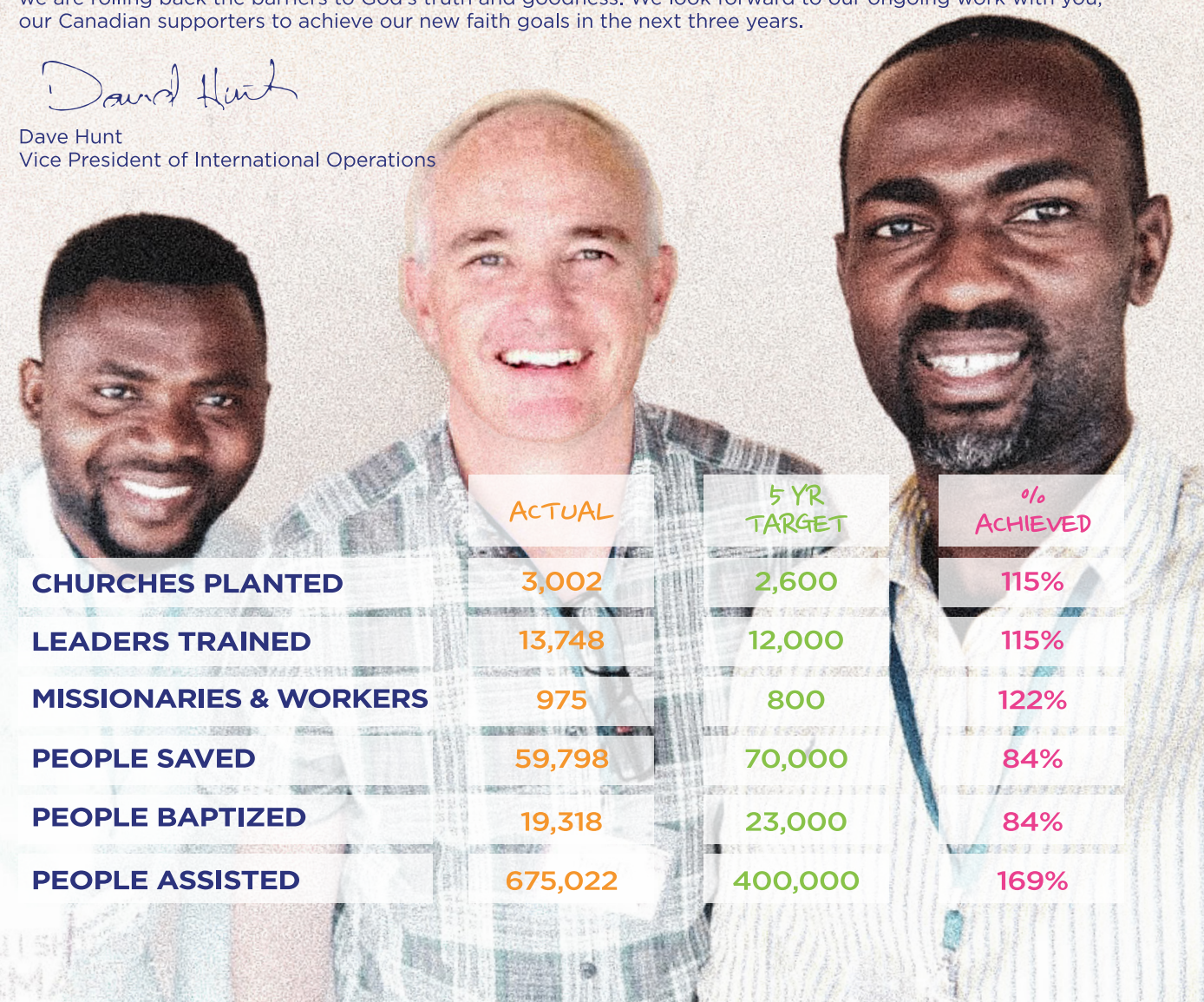
In 2016 we set some 5 year faith goals that would require us to reach beyond our visible resources, anticipating that God would do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine. God answered our prayers through your partnership, allowing us to achieve a number of ambitious stretch goals.

Over the past five years, a new church was birthed every day, and another was well on its way. Many of these churches were birthed among unreached people groups in contexts hostile to Christians. Just imagine the impact as tens of thousands of people came to faith in Christ, many under-resourced children were given an education, and hundreds of thousands of people were provided with life-saving resources in the name of Jesus. Outcomes are directly related to the daily ministry of the 975 local missionaries we partner with. Our five year numbers affirm the effectiveness of the Partners International model: The best way to advance mission is to support local people with vision.

The statistics below are just a part of the impact story. They serve as data points indicating that we are achieving our vision to transform the least reached areas of the world through the holistic power of the gospel. Toward that end, we will continue to share the impact on lives, churches and communities in the places where we are rolling back the barriers to God's truth and goodness. We look forward to our ongoing work with you, our Canadian supporters to achieve our new faith goals in the next three years.

*Dave Hunt*

Dave Hunt  
Vice President of International Operations



	ACTUAL	5 YR TARGET	% ACHIEVED
CHURCHES PLANTED	3,002	2,600	115%
LEADERS TRAINED	13,748	12,000	115%
MISSIONARIES & WORKERS	975	800	122%
PEOPLE SAVED	59,798	70,000	84%
PEOPLE BAPTIZED	19,318	23,000	84%
PEOPLE ASSISTED	675,022	400,000	169%

## LOOKING AHEAD

*Our partnership-first approach is more relevant than ever. Outcomes since the onset of Covid19 attest to that. No global travel? No Problem! Our local partners are still on the job, often at great personal risk, yet with amazing effectiveness. Our local partners have nimbly retrofitted their programs and courageously continue to provide impactful ministry.*

### 2021-2023 Vision

*Massive shifts are happening in global mission right now. Our new three year goals reflect our response to these new realities:*

**LOCAL LEADERS:** are more key than ever before. In the next three years we will make extensive use of video-conferencing technology to support and encourage the training of 10,125 local leaders invested in their own communities.

**DISCIPLE-MAKING MOVEMENTS:** Brick and mortar churches are less a measure of what the church is than ever. The most rapidly growing church movements are organic disciple-making movements. We are focusing our resources to foster disciple-making movements that will establish over 2000 new vibrant communities of faith, prayerfully leading another 40,000 people to Jesus.

**HOLISTIC MINISTRY:** Healthy churches address injustice and the barriers that prevent people from living whole lives. Providing loving support in the name of Jesus also opens hearts to the gospel. We expect to meaningfully resource and care for over 675,000 people in the name of Jesus. Among other responses, this means justice for the persecuted, restoration for trafficked children, literacy for the marginalized, life-saving medical care and clean water for communities.

## 3 YEAR GOALS



LOCAL MISSIONARIES  
MOBILIZED  
875



LOCAL LEADERS  
TRAINED  
10,125



CHURCHES  
PLANTED  
2,025



NEW  
BELIEVERS  
40,500



PEOPLE  
BAPTIZED  
10,125



COMMUNITIES  
IMPACTED  
7,500



PEOPLE  
ASSISTED  
675,000



God is writing some awesome storylines in this chapter of global missions. Together, we will advance those story lines. And we will do this by engaging Canadians to contribute where we can be catalytic for local leaders to make exponential outcomes.



# ENGAGING THE CANADIAN CHURCH IN GLOBAL MISSION

Partners International loves the church. We believe the greatest force for good in the entire world is the local church doing what the local church does best - sharing the good news of Jesus and reaching out with the love of Christ to its own community and beyond.

In Acts 1, Jesus said to his disciples “With the power of the Holy Spirit inside you, you are going to take my good news to the very ends of the earth.”

God is raising up Spirit-filled leaders around the world who desire to bring the good news of Jesus to the very ends of the earth. These brothers and sisters already live in or near these places and are willing to take great risks to share their faith and demonstrate God’s love despite the challenges and difficulty.

Dr. Johannes Reimer from the World Evangelical Alliance recently said, **“The future of mission does not lie with the Western Church any longer. Indigenous churches and leaders in the majority world are the focus of 21st century mission.”**

God has called the whole church to bring the whole gospel to the whole world! In the 21st century the most effective way to do this is for the Western Church to resource church and ministry leaders that are building churches and bringing the love and hope of Jesus to the places where they live.

Partners International loves working with Canadian Churches to help make this a reality. Canadian Church partnerships have been a vital way in which we help bring Canadians into relationship with amazing local leaders around the world.

“The Peoples church has been in mission partnership with Partners International for more than 40 years. Partners International’s model of connecting global leaders serving in their national settings has strengthened the international church in fulfilling its mission and allowed for a truly kingdom model of mutual resource sharing. We have been incredibly blessed through our global relationships established through Partners International Canada. These global relationships have helped us to learn and grow in our mission focus and initiatives.”

- Sandra Ryan, Missions Pastor,  
The People’s church, Toronto



Learn about three new programs that we have launched to help engage more Canadians and their churches in Global Mission:

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## PARTNER WITH A LEADER

Connecting Canadian churches and donors to amazing men and women serving on the front lines of God’s work in some of the most difficult places on our globe. This connection builds powerful partnerships across cultures. When a church or individual partners with a leader, they join in incredible ministry outcomes by providing living and ministry expenses with strategic leaders that are building effective ministries in the most challenging and least reached parts of our world.

Our local leaders plant churches, share the good news of Jesus, lead justice initiatives, compassion programs and community transformation projects that bring dignity and aid to people in desperate situations. It is often through community transformation that our partners build a positive reputation in their communities and earn the respect and platform to share the good news of Jesus.

### Increasing Ministry Reach In Nepal Through Local Partnership!

Our local leaders, Bhim Lal and Kalpana lead a growing ministry in Nepal. They lead a team of 51 missionaries in 24 different districts of the country.

Bhim Lal recently shared: “With all our workers in the various parts of the country, we were able to reach about 10,000 people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Among them, around 2000 people accepted Christ as their saviour. Over the past seven months there were a total of 200 baptisms. We strongly believe that all of these things we are able to do are because of God’s grace and your constant prayers, faithful partnership and sacrificial support.”

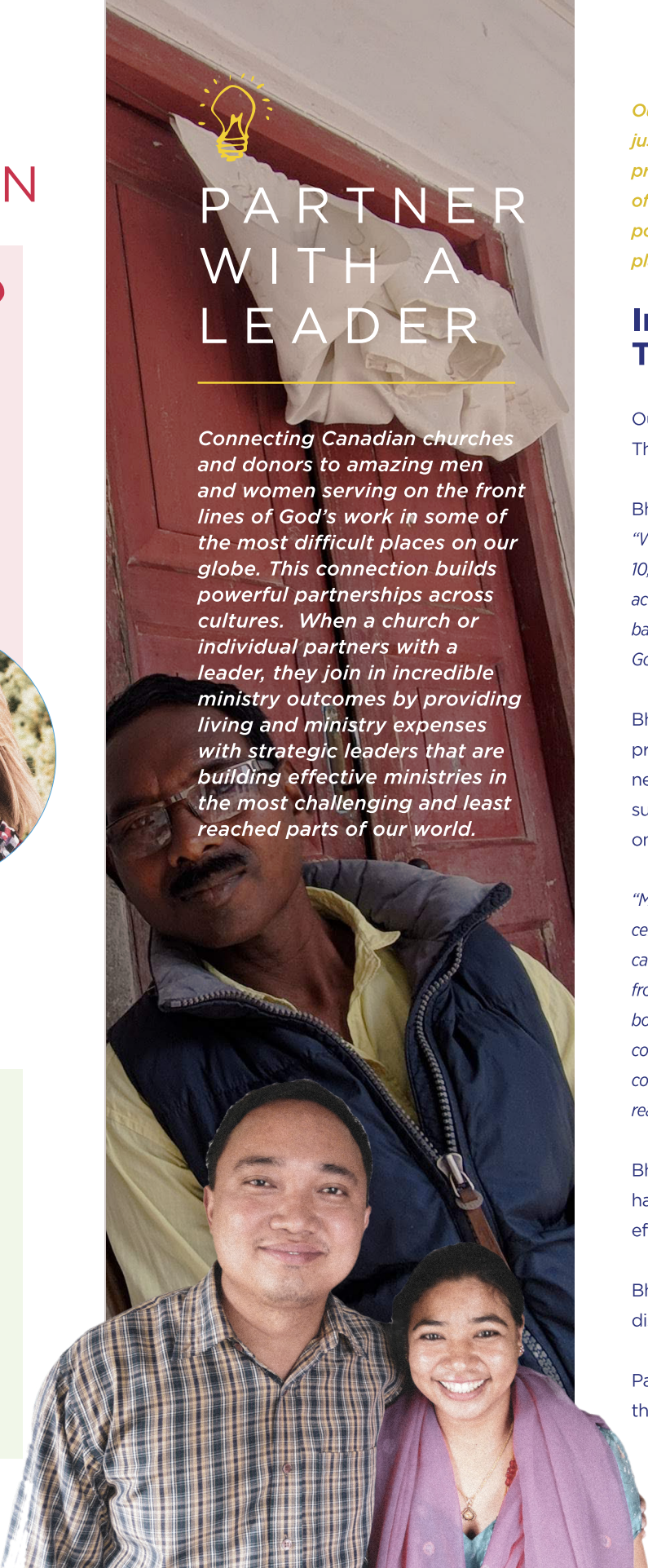
Bhim Lal and Kalpana reside in Kathmandu and also lead ongoing programs including Unreached People Group training where they equip new believers with biblical training as well as income generating skills, such as sewing, to bring back with them to their village. Bhim Lal shares one story in particular:

“Mr. Nabin Thapa was a newly baptized young man who had come to our UPG training centre. His parents are not Christians and he was the only believer from his family. This caused him a lot of problems. He recently graduated from UPG training. After his return from the training center, with much prayers and fasting he led his brother to Christ and both the brothers prayed for their family with fasting. Now, as the result of their continued prayers their parents are open to the gospel. Their parents are now ready to come to the Church. There are 4 others who have come to the Lord and are getting ready for the water baptism soon.”

Bhim Lal and Kalpana also lead an orphanage, help destitute widows and have created income generating projects to sustain their ministry effectiveness.

Bhim Lal and Kalpana exemplify the power of local leaders, building disciple-making movements through holistic ministry.

Partnering with a local leader is one of the most strategic investments that a Canadian Church or donor can make in global mission today.







# GLOBAL IMPACT PARTNER

*Our global impact partners are a passionate community of monthly donors who are on a mission to transform people and communities in the name of Jesus. Each month we share a new story that highlights the impact of our partners around the world.*

*Global impact partners are about bringing holistic transformation to people and communities around the world in places like Laos, where only 2% of the population are Christian.*

## Transformation Multiplies As The Gospel And Persecution Spread In Laos

In Laos, government officials have imposed many restrictions on Christianity, especially in the Northern mountainous regions. Christians have little freedom for religious worship and activities and yet God's Kingdom continues to expand.

Partners International has partnered with local leaders in Laos since 2012. Our partnership in Laos focuses on planting churches, leader training, discipleship as well as care for orphans and the poor through a variety of holistic programs.

*Last year alone:*

21

**NEW CHURCHES  
PLANTED**

3,556

**NEW FOLLOWERS  
OF JESUS**

1,921

**NEW  
BAPTISMS**

A few years ago our local partner began to work in the mountainous Northern Laos region. There are very few Christians in that region, and many villages had no church. Our missionaries built relationships with local farmers and began to tell them about Jesus. Several people decided to follow Jesus, including some community members who were freed from severe drug addictions.

The team encouraged the new believers to share the good news of Jesus with their communities. Over the next five years many people became Christians. Our partners identified and recruited new leaders from within the communities and provided ministry training. These community leaders continue to share Jesus, and birth new churches, despite the warnings of local authorities who told them to stop talking about Jesus.

Our partners in Laos exemplify the power of multiplication and leadership training which is bringing the good news to unreached regions of Laos.

Global Impact Partners are investing in this work to ensure that we can continue to provide essential leadership development.

Persecution is real here. Recently, two of the original key leaders trained by our local partner got arrested. These detained men remain uncertain about when they will be released. Please pray for them and their families. Please also pray for Laos and the villages that are growing in their faith but also experiencing persecution because of their faith.



# PARTNERS KIDS

*Our Partners Kids donors are a passionate community of monthly donors who are on a mission to ensure the education, health and spiritual development of children in the most challenging places on earth. Each month we share a new story that highlights the impact of our work with children who are being transformed through your love and prayers.*

*Our new Partners Kids Program is replacing our Sponsor a Child Program in response to feedback from our local partners around the world. While child sponsorship has a wonderful legacy of assisting children, it is very complicated and time consuming to administer effectively. Because we empower local vision, we do not have a one size fits all approach, and desire to resource each of our partners in ways that best meet their needs.*

## Children In Refugee Camps Have The Opportunity For An Education Again

Since the beginning of the Syrian Civil War in 2011, there has been a staggering influx of Syrian refugees into Lebanon seeking refuge. Among them, hundreds of thousands of displaced children whose lives have been torn apart by war.

Partners International Canada serves refugees in Lebanon and across the Middle East and North Africa. Partners Kids provides refugee children in the region with nurturing programs that offer education, physical activities, and Bible teachings. For many children in this region, Partners Kids provides a much-needed escape from the challenging realities that children in this region face, such as trauma, abandonment, food insecurity and poverty.

Dalia is a young girl that lives in a refugee camp with her mother and three siblings. After her dad left them, Dalia's mom became the sole provider for the entire family. She found work at a nearby agriculture field, but she struggles to support her four children's needs on her own. Dalia dreamed of going to school. She stopped going because her mom couldn't afford to pay for the most inexpensive government school near their refugee camp. Dalia's mom found out about our Partners Kids education program in their refugee camp. Dalia and her siblings registered for free. They joined other refugee children with similar backgrounds. They are learning how to read and write. Dalia enjoys listening to stories about Jesus. She loves attending the program.

Dalia is one of many displaced children who feels like a child again because of Partners Kids and the generous partnership of our Canadian donors.





## REVENUE

		2019 / 20	2018 / 19
CONTRIBUTIONS	DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,900,000	\$2,837,000
	UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$944,000	\$818,000
OTHER INCOME (RENTAL, INVESTMENT, ETC)		\$36,000	\$55,000
TOTAL REVENUE		\$3,880,000	\$3,710,000

## EXPENSES

		2019 / 20	2018 / 19
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS		\$3,060,000	\$2,688,000
SUPPORT SERVICES	FUND DEVELOPMENT	\$460,000	\$513,000
	ADMINISTRATION	\$392,000	\$355,000
	FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT	\$55,000	\$51,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,967,000	\$3,607,000

## FUND BALANCES

	FUND BALANCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR	FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR
OPERATING FUNDS	\$538,000	\$581,000
DESIGNATED FUNDS (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMING)	\$894,000	\$734,000
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$1,432,000	\$1,315,000

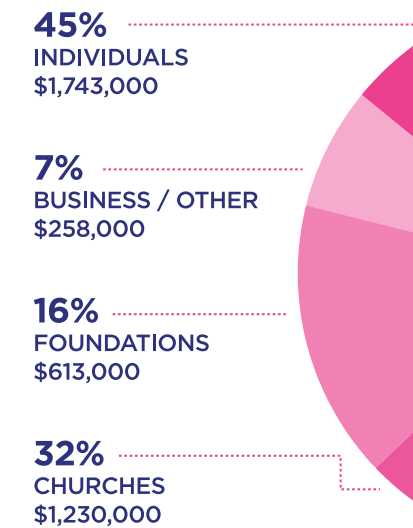
**Note:** Partners International Canada keeps reserve funds to ensure that we can meet our monthly commitments to our International Partners, ensure ministry continuation through times of difficulty or to be able to respond quickly to emergencies and strategic opportunities. In 2019-2020, we intentionally drew down on our Designated Funds to respond to the global economic impact of Covid19.



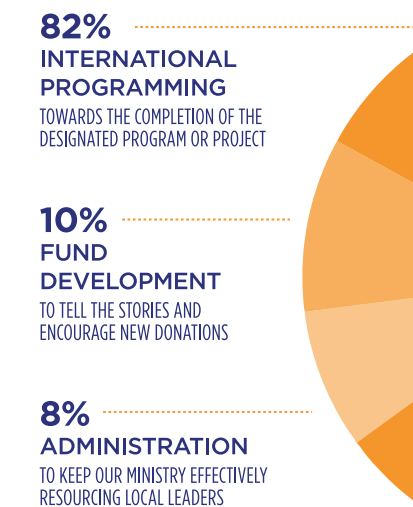
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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## SOURCES OF SUPPORT



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK





# IMPACT OF YOUR DOLLAR

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

IN 2020, YOUR GIVING ENABLED US TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

## TOP FUNDED PROJECTS

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP PROJECT (UNDISCLOSED LOCATION):

**\$155,606**

TRAINING IN INTEGRAL DISCIPLESHIP MAKING MOVEMENTS IN ISLAMIC CONTEXTS

**\$153,180**

JUSTICE INITIATIVES (ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING, BONDED LABOUR, ETC.)

**\$138,716**

MISSIONARIES IN THE ARAB WORLD

**\$113,044**

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

**\$111,772**

## FUNDING BY REGION

SOUTH ASIA  
**49.7%**

MIDDLE EAST & EUROPE  
**16.18%**

AMERICAS  
**13.2%**

AFRICA  
**10.53%**

SOUTHEAST ASIA  
**8.66%**

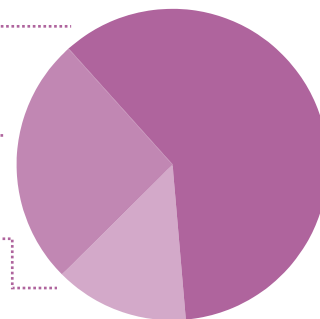
EAST ASIA  
**1.73%**

## MINISTRY ACTIVITY

**60%**  
BUILDING THE CHURCH

**14%**  
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

**26%**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN & CHILDREN



Our gift catalogue continues to make an impact in lives and communities around the world. This past year, we were able to provide 225 gifts worldwide including Bibles, microloans, support for widows in Nepal, leadership training, rehabilitation for girls rescued from the sex trade and providing transportation for evangelists.

## GIFT CATALOG

In 2020 our Partners were able to quickly respond to urgent needs in our world. Here are some of the ways in which we could assist our partners through your gifts:



### MARCH 2020

**Covid 19 Update**  
**\$110,703**

Covid 19 made living conditions harder than ever before for vulnerable communities across the world. Through your support, we were able to help with relief and medical support. More than 7,500 individuals received food rations containing essential items such as rice, cooking oil and dry goods in countries like Brazil, India, Lebanon, Nigeria and Pakistan. There were also awareness programs launched and handwashing stations in places like Bangladesh.

### MAY 2020

**Cyclone Amphan Update**  
**\$97,237**

Cyclone Amphan hit Bangladesh and India hard, causing devastation and multiplying the risk of people who were already struggling. With your support, we were able to equip our partner in India and our partner in Bangladesh to help a total of 9,776 people with relief including food rations, as well as provide tarps and mosquito nets to families and children in need.



### AUGUST 2020

**Beirut Explosion Update**  
**\$181,493**

On August 4, an explosion at the Port of Beirut took place, leaving its city devastated. The explosion left over 200 dead, 6,000 injuries and around 300,000 people were displaced. Our Lebanese partner was there to help immediately with relief, cleaning, and repair efforts. With your support, we were able to organize and mobilize 8 teams of volunteers to help families that were directly affected by the explosion and will continue to visit around 80 of those families over the next 6 months offering help and hope.



**731**

CHURCHES PLANTED



**3,574**

LEADERS TRAINED



**975**

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED



**13,248**

NEW BELIEVERS



**3,294**

PEOPLE BAPTIZED



**277,929**

PEOPLE ASSISTED



**7,927**

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED





**Smita Singh, Director of the Mahima Homes in India, passed away on July 15, 2020**

Smita dedicated her life to human trafficking awareness and helping survivors rediscover their sense of self-worth and identity in Christ. Smita leaves behind a tremendous legacy of justice initiatives and a world-class Christian ministry; Mahima India. Mahima India consists of several care homes that provide Christian rehabilitation and reintegration programs for individuals rescued from the sex trade. Support at the homes includes medical care, legal aid, and counselling. This ministry reduces the incidence of child trafficking in Kolkata. As a global expert in rescuing trafficked girls, Smita had the vision of holistic programming that addressed the complex needs rescued children face. Few organizations in India before Mahima provided rehabilitation programs and long-term care for rescued children. Smita sacrificially served those around her, especially the children at Mahima, who she loved deeply.

Our hearts are still heavy to accept the sudden passing of Smita. The ministry was able to hold a memorial service in India, where the Mahima staff and children shared memories of their loving "Smita Di." Smita's life's journey inspired everyone. Her memory lives on in the ministry of Mahima and the lives of the girls she fought for.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF SMITA**

**NEW PARTNERSHIP: Vision Thailand**

Three years ago, Partners International Canada began to work together with the Canadian charity, Vision Thailand Canada in support of a common international Partner, Vision Thailand. Vision Thailand is focused on church planting in the least-reached areas of the country. Despite 200 years of Protestant mission in Thailand, evangelical Christians only make up 0.5% of the population. Vision Thailand is changing that story. Vision Thailand has the missional DNA that we value. It has exceptional leadership and effective ministry programs led by Thai nationals, leading Thai people to Jesus. Programs focus on training leaders and establishing churches in unreached and often very remote communities.



We have great news to share. Vision Thailand Canada and Partners International will be merging this year. What does the merger mean for those who invest in the ministry of Partners International? It means a greater global impact. It also means an injection of passionate prayer and financial partners. We will be welcoming a community of donors and investors who know and love Vision Thailand through their partnership with Vision Thailand Canada. Further, Partners International Canada values the leadership experience on the board and executive of Vision Thailand Canada. They will be joining us as we continue to partner with local leaders in the most unreached parts of the world to build the church and transform communities in the name of Jesus. God's ideal is that we partner together and act in Christian unity. We look forward to all that God has planned through this extraordinary partnership.

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Join Partners Kids

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See our Gift catalogue Opportunities

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"Partners International Canada's independent and volunteer Board of Directors deeply appreciates your partnership with us. As accountable and diligent stewards of your gifts, we strive to ensure your donation has the greatest impact in equipping and resourcing local leaders in the most challenging parts of the world. Each year our board approves a budget and ensures excellent accountability as our financial statements have been audited by an external auditor. We offer our wholehearted support of the financial statements in this Annual Report" - Dave McComiskey, Chair of the Board.

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