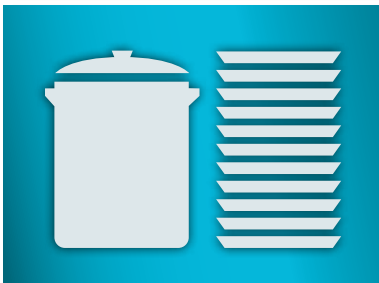




# PROJECTS DEMYSTIFIED



## PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

**IF YOU'VE EVER MADE A DONATION USING OUR WEBSITE, YOU'VE LIKELY NOTICED THAT GIVING IS SPLIT INTO THREE BROAD CATEGORIES: WORKERS, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS.**

While the meaning of the Worker category is obvious, some donors have wondered what the distinction is between a Project and a Program. To briefly explain, a Project is a ministry activity which is usually overseen by a mission worker in the country where they serve; while a Program is a broader category of activities across multiple countries overseen by MSC's staff and volunteers.

## PROJECTS AND WORKERS

However, some specific ministry activities require substantially larger amounts of money - especially ministries involving many people or requiring facilities or a lot of supplies. In these cases, MSC can set up a "Project" Account which is separate from Personal Support. While the project is still managed by MSC's mission worker, it is considered a ministry of MSC, so finances and reporting must be tracked separately. MSC must be more meaningfully involved in projects' administration and accountability, on behalf of donors and in compliance with CRA requirements. Most projects are presented separately on their own page on the MSC Website, along with their own separate donation link.

## PROJECTS TODAY

Each MSC project has a mission worker who is responsible for its fulfillment. However, most projects are ministries that involve the dedicated efforts of a larger team, and most projects are intended to continue long after the worker is no longer there. MSC's projects cover a wide range of ministries. *(continued next page)*

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They include important work such as health care, ministry to vulnerable children, women and elderly, literature distribution, correspondence courses, retreat centres, camps, school support, disaster relief, and much more. In some cases, project funds are used to purchase property and to build or renovate ministry facilities.

Recently, our Project Manager (Doug Anderson) together with the MSC leadership did an extensive review of MSC's many projects. This process helped us improve our criteria and guidelines, and we rolled some smaller projects into workers' Personal Support Accounts, thus reducing their administrative burden. MSC is now increasing our focus on the remaining 65 projects, providing better accountability and administrative support.

MSC's growing strategy of facilitating projects has greatly increased the impact of our mission workers in many countries. Projects are dramatically enhancing current ministries and multiplying the spiritual influence of our workers and the churches among whom they serve. Thanks to the generosity of MSC's many supporters, the Lord is using these ministry projects to touch countless lives around the world with His love and truth, and to point many people to the Saviour.

## SOME SAMPLE PROJECTS ARE...

### Phnom Penh Bible School (Cambodia)



Supplementing tuition fees and staff salaries to help develop future leaders of the growing Cambodian church.

### Abundant Grace of God Maternity Center (Philippines)



Sharing God's love through safe delivery of babies, care for new mothers, and training local midwives.

## Repairer of the Breaches School (Haiti)



Daily lunch program for hundreds of children in one of the few Christian schools still functioning in a very needy rural part of this troubled country.

## Antakya Christian Church Building (Turkey)



Helping the believers in biblical Antioch rebuild following the devastating 2023 earthquake, enabling ministry to a population hungry to learn more about the Lord.

## Celebrating Sandra Barnett

Sandra Barnett recently celebrated **25 YEARS** of serving as MSC's Administrator. In February, we gathered the whole team together as well as some surprise guests in her honour. All four of the Executive Directors she has worked for were present and shared their reflections on her diligent service.



It's abundantly clear to all of us that MSC would not be where it is today without her keen and gracious eye for detail, her clear-headed approach to finances and correspondence, and her heartwarming positivity and candor. Her coworkers shared tribute to her compassion, care, and warmth.

Sandra is the heart and soul of MSC's staff and in this issue, we would honour her publicly. **Please join us in thanking God for Sandra!**



**Sandra with all four of the Executive Directors she has served alongside!**

**L to R: Randy Hoffman, Kevin Shantz, Phil Barnes, and William Yuille.**

# MSC'S NEW WEBSITE!

Late last year, after much preparation, we launched a total redesign of MSC's corner of the internet. While the improvements to design and user experience should be obvious, we thought it might be helpful for you to know some of the underlying reasons why we made such sweeping changes and improvements.

Firstly, there are many benefits **TO THE ORGANIZATION**. A lot of the upgrades were made on the administrative side of the site. That is, the hidden-to-you parts that process and track donations, send out email notifications, manage worker accounts, and oversee security. Our new site is a significant streamlining of these systems, and reduces the administrative load on our staff for maintaining the site.

Secondly, there are benefits **TO MISSION WORKERS**. For years now, we have offered a Worker Portal on the website where mission workers can login, check their personal or project funds received in near-realtime, and keep their information with us up-to-date. This portal was improved significantly and we have also developed a digital-only onboarding process for new workers which will soon be in active use. This process modernizes our onboarding away from paper-and-pen forms, incorporates digital signing of documents, and is integrated with our internal database to reduce re-entry of worker data.

Finally, there are benefits **TO DONORS LIKE YOU**. Perhaps most of all, the new site represents ease-of-use improvements and vastly superior security. When you give online, we have done everything possible to ensure the highest level of reliability, simplicity, and certainty. Additionally, many of the systems and processes that we have built for mission workers form a foundation laid for a future point where we hope to offer Donor Accounts where you will be able to oversee, update, and manage your giving.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of Local Church Driven Missions. If you have feedback, questions, or thoughts about our new website, please reach out to me directly ([jerry@msccanada.org](mailto:jerry@msccanada.org)).



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