

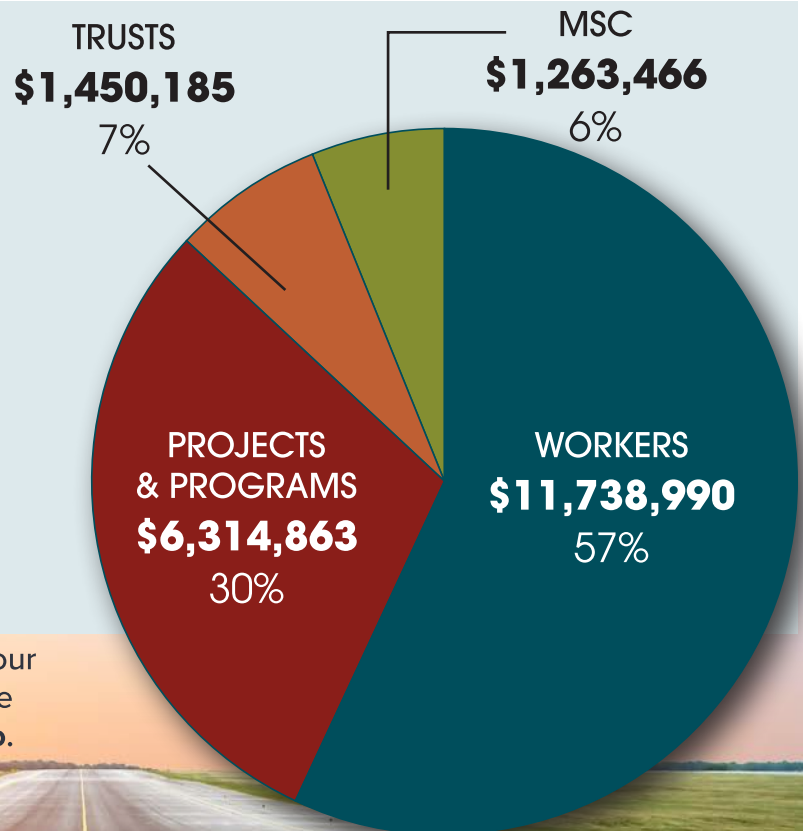
FINANCIAL UPDATE 2024



For fiscal 2024, which ended on June 30th, MSC received donations from 4,715 unique donors, and 396 of these donors were first time donors. Those who gave submitted 22,863 unique donations from as low as \$10 to as much as tens of thousands. In general, most donations handled by MSC are designated to one or more **WORKERS** or **PROJECTS & PROGRAMS**. MSC, unlike most mission organizations, does not deduct an administration fee from these gifts and so the entire amount is passed on to the designated recipient. Because of this, we are especially grateful for those who give to **MSC OPERATIONS** so that we can provide these services. We also receive donations and legacies held in **TRUSTS** that sometimes span multiple years until we are able to fulfill the donor's wishes.

Overall Donations

- WORKERS** includes giving to active and retired mission workers in Canada and around the world.
- PROJECTS & PROGRAMS** includes giving to projects, programs, relief, development, and medical missions.
- TRUSTS** includes giving from legacies that have not yet been designated.
- MSC** includes giving to our operations, administration, and General Fund.



For detailed information on our finances, our complete **audited financial statements** are available on our website under **Donor Info**.

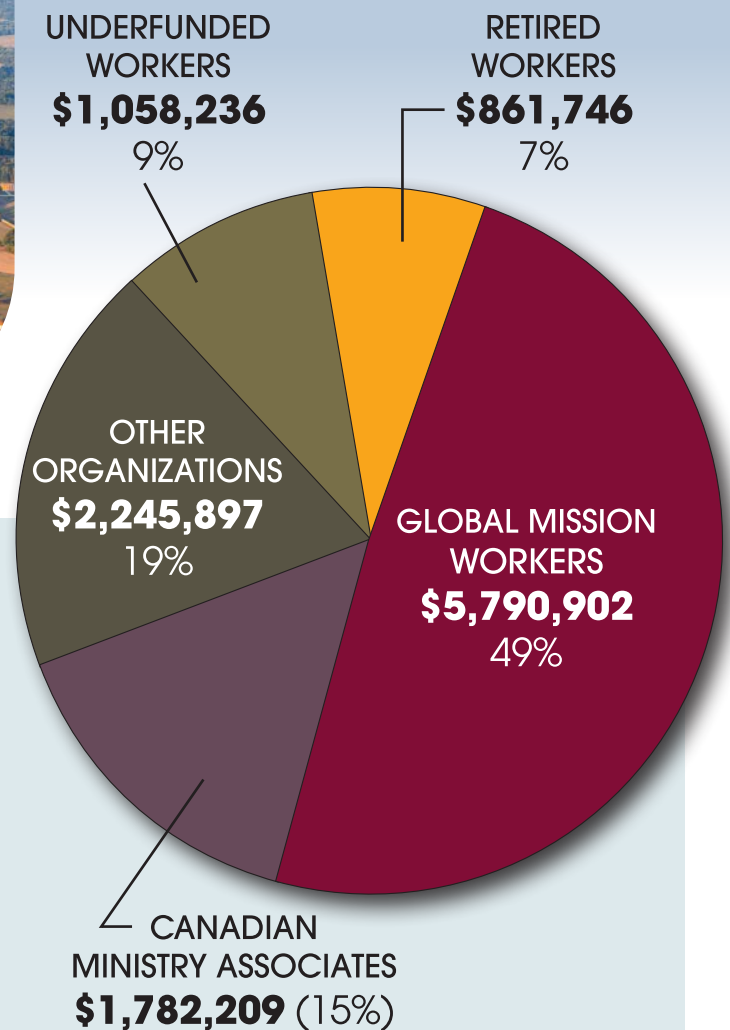
TOTAL DONATIONS
\$20,767,504

DONOR REPORT

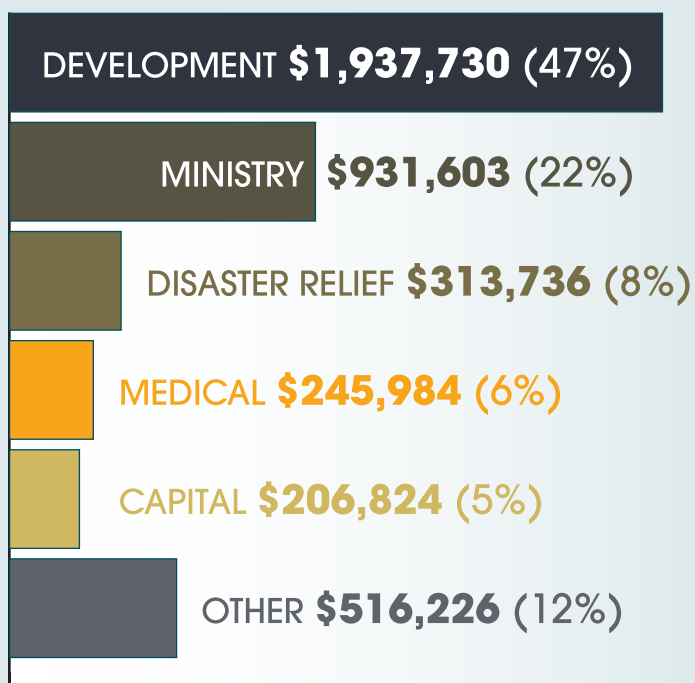
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Donations to Workers

- GLOBAL MISSION WORKERS** serve cross-culturally around the world and in Canada.
- CANADIAN MINISTRY ASSOCIATES** serve within Canada.
- OTHER ORGS** workers serve with another charity or service organization.
- UNDERFUNDED WORKERS** are supported by special distributions every month.
- RETIRED WORKERS** serve in new ways and receive ongoing support.



Donations to Projects & Programs



DEVELOPMENT is primarily humanitarian with a gospel focus. It includes the operation of schools, orphanages, feeding programs, and other practical help.

MINISTRY is primarily spiritual. It includes correspondence courses, prison outreach, literature production, and other evangelistic programs.

DISASTER RELIEF includes nutrition, hydration, safety, and other disaster response.

MEDICAL includes the operation of mission hospitals and other healthcare activities.

CAPITAL is for the construction of buildings and the purchases of major equipment.

OTHER includes all other project and program types and any giving to other charities via MSC.

Supporting RETIRED WORKERS

When mission workers reach a certain point in their life and ministry, it is common for them to retire (or “refocus”) from the work they have been doing. Although they have retired, most have not retired from serving the Lord and continue to do so in new ways here in Canada.

One of the great challenges many retired workers face is that their supporters often misunderstand the realities of retirement when you have served as a mission worker elsewhere in the world, especially if you’ve done so for many years. While workers are typically eligible for the same government benefits (Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security) that other Canadians receive, they don’t have any employment pension and often have not had the resources to invest in their own retirement savings.

It’s important for those supporting retired workers (or workers preparing for retirement) to know that mission workers often need to apply for and acquire special provisions in order to receive many of the retirement benefits you and I take for granted. Additionally, their support often diminishes significantly once they do retire, largely in step with the perception of how active they are. To some extent this is natural and expected, but it can have significant ramifications for retiring mission workers, especially those who are returning to Canada from places where the cost of living is much lower than it is here.

MSC does not have any pension plan or retirement scheme for workers. MSC does have a *Retired Workers Fund (RWF)* which distributes each month that provides assistance to retired workers, especially widows, that we know or believe to be constrained financially.

Here are some quotes from retired workers (or their loved ones) expressing their appreciation for your giving to their needs:

“ I am most appreciative of your continued faithfulness in sending the stipend (from the RWF) each month. How often have I been thankful to the Lord for your interest.”

“ Once again, a very warm thank you for forwarding this gift. It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord continues to minister to my needs, even in retirement.”

“ My mother thanks you for the gift from the Retired Workers Fund. She recently had a week of respite care in a home for which she paid herself while my wife and I were on holiday. The gift will help towards the cost.”

DID YOU KNOW?

MSC has been privileged to offer grants over the past year to support the Lord's work globally in diverse ways. This includes education scholarships, street ministry, work among Indigenous peoples, tiny homes in earthquake-ravaged Turkey, relief efforts in Ukraine, national worker support, a youth conference in Pakistan, Bible translation, and discipleship ministries, among many others. These grants have been provided in part by donations designated for these various needs as well as by amounts allocated by the MSC Committee from our General Fund.



CONTINUITY & CLARITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a privilege it is to be part of the family of God and to serve Him! My name is Paul DeJager and I was privileged to step into the role of President of MSC's Board of Directors this past November. My wife, Ondra, and I reside in Halifax, Nova Scotia and we have an adult daughter named Olivia.

Ondra and I were both blessed to be raised by parents who loved Jesus. In them, we observed the rich reward of being in His service. Our desire for Olivia was always to see her enjoy the same great salvation and immeasurable joy of knowing Christ, which we are blessed to see her now doing. Many in our immediate family have served overseas as mission workers, which has given us an up-close perspective on the unique opportunities and challenges of global missions.

My involvement with MSC Canada began several decades ago. Ondra's father, Fred Gordon, was MSC's Regional Representative for Atlantic Canada for many years and when he stepped back from the role, he passed the torch to me. I have served in that capacity since, later joining the board as a Director and most recently as President. I am thankful that former President, Russell Sutherland, remains a key member of the board and Vice-President. As a Board, we live in the legacy and investment of many gifted believers over more than eight decades, seen clearly in the health of the organization and our ongoing opportunity to learn from those who have served before us.

One responsibility of the Board of Directors is to oversee and maintain an organization that is legally and financially compliant with relevant authorities, so that Local Church Driven Missions can continue for God's glory. While much of this work occurs behind the scenes, we are ever aware of our need to maintain a godly testimony in all we do. In addition, we strive to cultivate support structures that enable work on the front lines. Having spent many years working in a corporate environment, there are few things I find more frustrating than seeing time and resources spent on initiatives that serve no practical purpose. The support we provide must be relevant to the actual needs of mission workers.

Ondra and I recently attended the 47th Annual European Workers Conference, which was invaluable for helping us better understand the challenges faced in modern mission work. Both our incredible staff and the Board rely heavily on our personal engagement with mission workers, local churches, supporters, and other related organizations to ensure that we provide support that strengthens the Lord's work everywhere.

We truly value the prayers and support of each individual who stands with us. I would like to express my personal gratitude for your generosity demonstrated in financial support of our workers, projects, and programs, as well as a special thanks to those who support MSC's operations.

As we continue forward, I ask you to please join us in praying for wisdom and understanding concerning MSC's role in fulfilling the Great Commission in an ever-changing world. The message of the gospel remains the same, but new tools and delivery methods present wonderful opportunities to expand and optimize our labours. There is so much to be done, so I would also ask for prayer that many more would heed the call to serve in missions both abroad and here in Canada. Consider the words of Jesus in Luke 10:2 - **The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**



It is a privilege to serve alongside each of you as workers together for Him. Thank you again for your support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Paul DeJager
President, MSC Canada

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