

WHAT DOES MSC STAND FOR?

Since 1993, our full and legal name has been **MSC Canada**. One of the challenges of having a name that used to be an acronym for something is that we're often asked what MSC stands for. Perhaps, after 77 years, the initials MSC can just stand on their own like the initials of well-known brands such as IBM, 3M, A&W, or DHL?

However, when we are pressed to give some meaning to our name today, we'd say we are **Mission + Service Connections**. Let's take a minute and consider why...

In a rapidly changing world, connections have massive value. Over time, it becomes all the more important to establish and maintain meaningful relationships and the clear communication that enables them to flourish.

This issue, we're talking about a big part of MSC's identity - making and maintaining connections. We connect workers and their sending local churches to mission. We connect given funds to workers. We connect prayer items from workers to prayer warriors back home. We connect vital services to local churches and their mission workers. **In print, on the web, and via social media, we connect you to what God is doing around the world through Local Church Driven Missions.** In this newsletter, we connect YOU to what is happening InsideMSC.

While making these connections is our daily work, we also highly value the network of connections we've cultivated throughout our history. These include many **similar missions organizations around the world** with whom we share similar history, values, and methodology - CMML in the US and Echoes of Service in the UK being the prime examples you may be familiar with.

We're also connected to specialized organizations who we cooperate with to equip mission workers for uniquely challenging fields of service. This includes organizations like Ethnos (formerly NTM), Frontiers, several mission aviation services, and others who prepare and support workers with specialized training while sharing our commitment to the Gospel and excellence in missions.

Finally, we're connected with hundreds of local churches across Canada who are invested in our model of missions. In our model, local churches are the sending agency for their mission workers and MSC enables them legally and logistically. **Additionally, every month we hear from local churches that would like to connect with us for the first time to have us assist them in sending their workers in a biblical way.**

As for "Mission + Service," workers are called to the great mission of reaching the world for Christ, and to the service of others in His Name in a thousand different ways.

In this issue, we're going to look at some of MSC's most important connections. First, we'll zero in on the important, practical connecting we do every day - caring for mission workers and helping local churches cultivate strong relationships with their workers. Then, we'll look at our simple missions model and how we believe it is timeless but increasingly attractive and relevant in the present day, enabling new and exciting connections. Finally, we'll consider who we fit with - what kinds of connections we've been making and will be making in the days ahead.



MSC's Requip conference in 2015 equipped mission workers with expert training on cross-cultural challenges, raising children on the field, financial skills, and much more!

CONNECTIONS: WORKERCARE

WorkerCare



WorkerCare is the MSC program designed to provide connection and support to the Lord's workers, wherever they serve on the mission field. Whether it's a long email conversation, a field visit, or a phone call - WorkerCare is designed to help meet the unique needs of workers as they minister across cultures and across oceans.



MSC is dedicated to increasing our support and engagement with mission workers as they serve. We're here to encourage them as fellow workers who understand the unique stresses and demands of overseas service. Each of our WorkerCare reps has years of missions experience and are available as valuable, sympathetic resources.



So when a worker is at their wit's end with fellow workers who do things differently, when they or their kids are struggling to cope with cultural challenges, when there's a crisis in their family on the field or at home... WorkerCare reps are ready to be a listening ear for things that are hard to share with elders, co-workers, or family who may not fully understand their world.

We're thrilled to let you know that as of this summer, the WorkerCare team has grown! We're excited to introduce you to two capable, experienced couples who will be serving your mission workers in the months and years ahead.

So, please, take a minute to learn more about our WorkerCare team who will be caring for the Lord's workers around the world.



Conrad & Becky Lechelt

The Lechelts are former mission workers to Asia who bring a wealth of experience to WorkerCare. Becky grew up as an MK in Honduras. They will be caring primarily for workers in Asia as well as Central & South America.

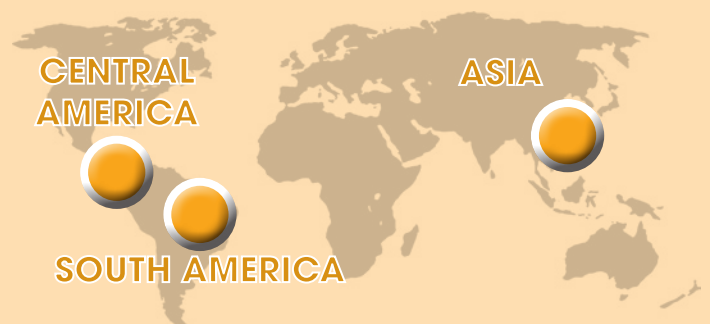
Conrad & Becky will be working out of Western Canada where they will also be serving as MSC regional representatives to Alberta and Eastern British Columbia.



CENTRAL
AMERICA

ASIA

SOUTH AMERICA





Ron & Robin Hampton

Ron has been serving as the Director of eTeams (formerly TnT Teams) with MSC for many years now. He and his wife Robin served as mission workers in Ireland for over a decade. They will be caring primarily for workers in Europe.

Ron & Robin will be working out of their home area of Manitoba where they also serve as MSC regional representatives to the Prairies and North-western Ontario.



Phil & Marilyn Barnes

Phil & Marilyn work out of MSC's head office in Markham, Ontario where Marilyn heads up the Workercare program and Phil serves as Executive Director of MSC.

Phil & Marilyn will continue to be available to workers for help regardless of where in the world they serve but will be caring primarily for workers in Africa and Sensitive Areas.



CONNECTIONS: OUR MODEL

1 God calls workers to mission.

2 Local churches send workers and give them direction and support.

3 MSC serves workers and their sending churches with missions expertise.



MSC has always championed a simple, biblical model of missions.

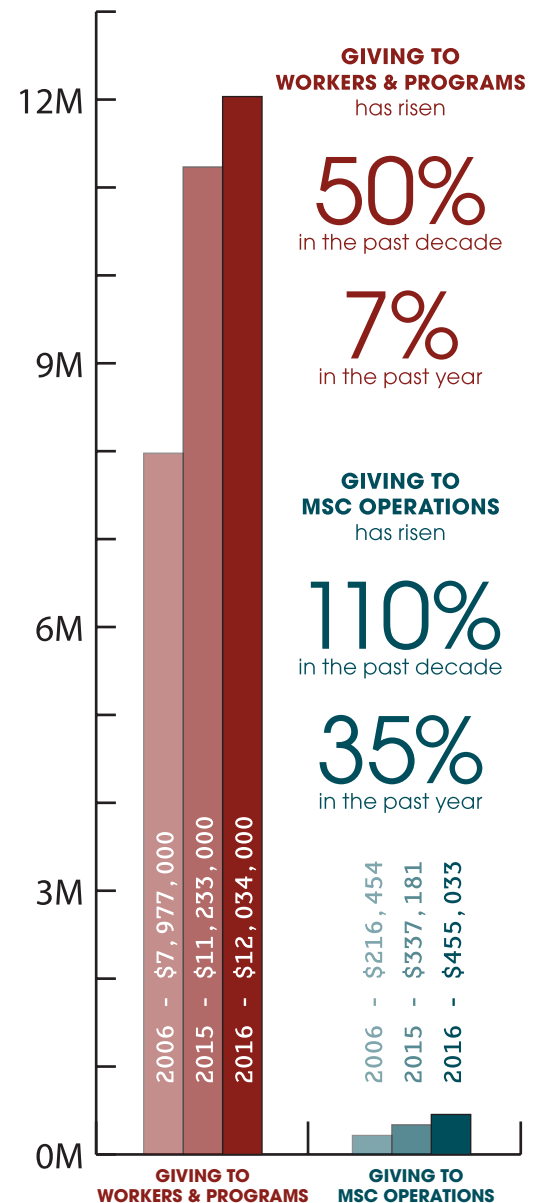
There are three key parts to our model. **First, God calls workers to mission.** **Second, local churches send workers and give them direction and support.** **Third, MSC serves workers and their sending churches with missions expertise.** The simplicity of this design lends itself to flexibility. Where many missions models require top-heavy organization and significant overhead costs, the Lord has enabled MSC to operate in a way that allows us to adapt quickly to a world that is accelerating in change.

Beyond flexibility, this model lends itself to longevity. After 77 years, we have come to believe that it is evergreen. Which is to say, there's no decade or season in which this missions model hasn't proven efficient and effective for mission workers and the churches that send them. Beyond being timeless, we have come to believe that this missions model is also urgently relevant in today's world.

A key element of being *Committed to God's Supply* is that, just as we don't fundraise or solicit support, we also choose not to actively recruit workers or churches. **Recruitment is not a part of who we are.** With that in mind, we have worked very carefully and intentionally for the past few years to ensure that we are very understandable and findable for those who are searching for a missions model like ours to embrace. For those likeminded local churches who seek us out, who share our passion for the Gospel, we are delighted to provide access to our biblical and agile missions model.

Consequently, in over three quarters of a century, **we have never sent out as many new mission workers as in the past few years** or as many churches seeking us out or re-connecting with us to send their workers. A biblical, simple, and nimble missions model is proving ideal in this rapidly changing world.

Connecting and re-connecting with local churches for the past few years has been invigorating. Seeing the passion that Local Church Driven Missions and being Committed to God's Supply evokes has encouraged us to press forward, refining and improving our connections to workers, churches, other organizations, and particularly you. **It's been great to hear from so many of you who have appreciated feeling more connected to MSC through these updates.** Thank you for all you've done to partner with us in enabling workers and churches to accomplish great things for Jesus.



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