



MISSIONS

HAS and hasn't CHANGED

A couple years ago, MSC helped out with some missions break-

fast events in Southern Ontario. We used the theme *Changing Lives in a Changing World*, but the big idea tying everything together was really the theme of change - how the world we're all trying to reach with the Gospel is ever-changing, how people need the changed lives that the Gospel provides when embraced, and how the methods mission workers use to reach people with the Gospel are changing. While the Gospel never changes, the way that the Lord has guided workers to accomplish missions has perhaps changed more in the past two decades than the previous two centuries.

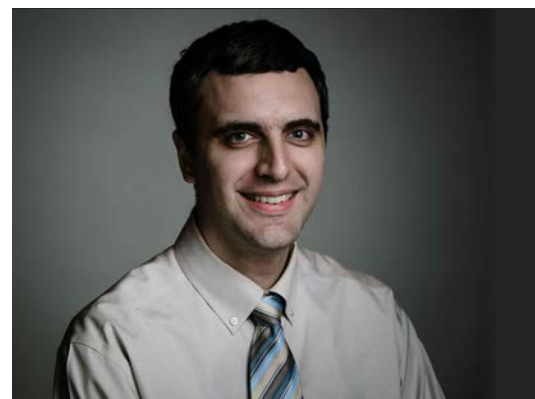
It used to be that "missionary" was a clearly defined role that was commonly understood: you go to one place overseas in a foreign culture for a long time, usually until retirement or even beyond. In the last two decades (and even before), what it means to be a mission worker has become something much broader. Today, although some workers still go "for life," there is generally much less freedom for them to stay in one place long-term than there used to be.

For more nations than ever before, creativity is required to even get access into the country and stay there for any period. As a result, many mission workers must commit for shorter periods of time to a single place because of this uncertainty. This happened in the past century occasionally but now happens regularly. Depending on the type of access needed,

many workers run businesses, work with NGOs and nonprofits, teach English, and work bi-vocationally while on the field. What's more, some workers' ministry has them serving in multiple nations (ie. among refugees). Finally, others serve within Canada but work so cross-culturally that the lack of an ocean to cross doesn't change the fact that they are as much mission workers as any.

In the midst of these challenges, the Lord continues to equip, prepare, and send workers to the harvest fields with the direction of their local churches. Last issue, we looked at some of the ways we're sharing our unique missions model with like-minded local churches and their mission workers. This issue, we'll be looking at how MSC's model allows workers to nimbly adapt to the changing landscape of world missions. Read on for some of the interesting, innovative, and category-defying ways they're following the call of God on their lives across oceans and cultures.

Jerry Bolton
Communications
Director



SUPPORT



Bruce & Marilyn Poidevin

The Poidevins run **Mission Flight Services** which provides transportation around Africa for mission workers, medical emergencies, and education support. MFS significantly reduces transit time which directly enables various ministries around the continent.

21ST CENTURY MISSION WORK

MSC has always been low structure and low overhead. The great strength of our missions model is each mission worker's commendation and support by their sending local church. Unlike most missions organizations, **MSC HAS NO CATEGORIES THAT WORKERS HAVE TO FIT INTO.**

We work alongside workers and their sending church to help shape their ministry case-by-case to best fit the giftings of the workers, the uniqueness of God's calling, and requirements of the work.

All around, you'll see examples of some of the kinds of mission work that we see happening today. Not all of these types of work are new,

MEDICAL



Jaimie Weber

Mission workers with medical expertise and training use their skills to tend to both the bodies and the souls of those in their care. Whether at the mission hospitals in Zambia or, like Jaimie, at malnutrition treatment centers in Haiti, their work is valued and holistic.

BUSINESS AS MISSION



Allan & Caulene Bussard

The Bussards oversee a number of businesses which involve multiple nations. Their personal ministry includes their employees as well as suppliers, distributors, and neighbours.



but they all represent some of the creative ways workers are using their gifts to reach people with the Gospel. MSC doesn't invent categories or labels and stick workers into them, **each mission worker with their sending local church determines the nature and scope of the work.**

MSC serves an increasing number of workers who use these and other means as a part of their access and ministry. **HERE WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED SOME EXAMPLES OF THE MANY WAYS MISSION IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED TODAY:**

MULTI LOCATION



Steve & Francine Lilford

The Lilfords' ministry is focused on Zimbabwe but they are unable to live there permanently. They spend time there regularly running Alpha, recreation, and young farmers' outreaches. They spend most of their time while here in Canada investing in the work there as well.

NEWCOMER SUPPORT



Tim Nielsen

Tim runs Naomi House, a seven bedroom transitional home in Winnipeg for newly arriving refugees and asylum seekers. During their stay, newcomers learn how to live in the Canadian climate and culture.

CROSS-CULTURAL IN CANADA

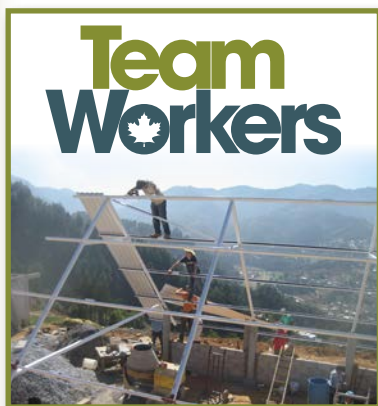


Steve & Heidi McCandless

Steve and Heidi recently moved to Pond Inlet, Nunavut which can only be reached by air or, one month of the year, by boat. As they live there, they disciple, evangelize, and participate in radio ministry as well.

SHORT TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER
& SPRING
2019

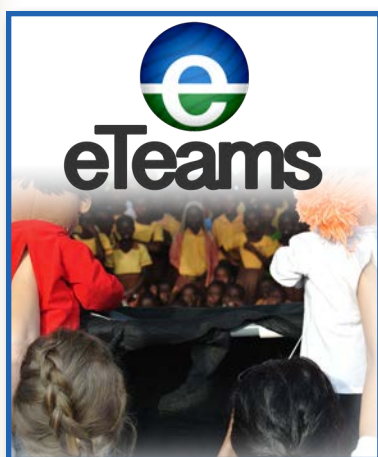


Construction and Maintenance

Established in 1992, TeamWorkers exists to meet the technical and practical needs of mission workers around the world by mobilizing skilled believers in North America. Every year, TW teams head to Central & South America, Africa, and even Asia to relieve mission workers of the tedious and time-consuming aspects of building and maintenance work so they can focus on the ministry they've been called to.

If you have plumbing, electrical, welding, masonry, or general construction skills, **TeamWorkers needs YOU!**

Learn more and apply to join a team today at teamworkers.org



Equip, Encourage, and Evangelize in English

For over 30 years now, eTeams has been coordinating short-term mission trips to places in English-speaking nations where existing churches and resident mission workers are present to follow-up afterward. Teams are provided with orientation and training and learn how to effectively evangelize by serving alongside seasoned, skilled evangelists and mission workers.

If you want to explore missions, encourage national churches, and learn how to be more effective in your personal evangelism, **eTeams needs YOU!**

Learn more and apply to join a team today at eteams.ca.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GIVING TO WORKERS

has risen

15%

in the past year

2017 - \$7,808,404
2018 - \$9,004,665

GIVING TO PROJECTS

has risen

10%

in the past year

2017 - \$1,649,981
2018 - \$1,817,565

TOTAL GIVING

has risen

10%

in the past year

2017 - \$11,630,432
2018 - \$12,771,361

GIVING TO PROGRAMS

has dropped

-13%

in the past year

2017 - \$1,683,248
2018 - \$1,471,759

GIVING TO OPERATIONS

has dropped

-5%

in the past year

2017 - \$458,725
2018 - \$435,200

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