### Global Impact Report 2022-23



Engaging the One to Reach the Many

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### From the President



### **Intentional Harvesting**

Ask any farmer, gardener, or lawn enthusiast (such as my mom) about the intricacies of nurturing plants, and each will affirm that weeds thrive effortlessly without any planting, cultivating, watering, or tending. Conversely, cultivating crops, growing vegetables, and maintaining vibrant lawns all demand deliberate watering, fertilization, and care. Devoid of intentional efforts, weeds overpower and diminish the yield.

As we, with God's help, uproot spiritual weeds from our lives, God shapes us to fit into the distinctive purpose to which he has called us and allows us to bear fruit for his kingdom. By submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and serving alongside others in his field, we make a meaningful contribution. Regardless of our individual roles in God's overarching plan, one thing remains certain: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray ... [and] ask him to send more workers into his fields" (Luke 10:2, NLT). One Mission Society (OMS) thanks the Lord for our missionaries and partners and

the fruit he has provided while we pray for more.

As you read OMS' *Global Impact Report*, a testament to God's fruitful harvest for 2022 and the first part of 2023, you will get a glimpse into ministries facilitated by OMS' global network of denominations, partners, and missionaries. These stories exemplify our contribution to God's harvest, and we diligently strive to complete the entrusted task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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Jeffry Max Edwards President of One Mission Society



### **From Global Ministries**

### **Measure What Matters**

By Chris Williams, Global Ministries Executive Director





"Measure what matters" is a common business refrain that drives the push to achieve specific objectives and key outcomes. This report is an example of measuring what matters to OMS: God's impact through our missionaries and ministries. We praise the Lord for these quantifiable expressions of God's grace in the lives of individuals and communities where we work! But I also think of ministry aspects that are not as easily quantifiable.

How do we measure lives deeply impacted by

funerals, births, weddings, and family or community events that OMS missionaries attend to support and love those around them? How many tears were shed on their shoulders? Can we measure how fervently and faithfully they have listened, coached, consoled, mentored, discipled, prayed, sacrificed, or served? Further, how do we measure the blessing of God on all these and other activities?

In agriculture, we easily recognize and tally the outcomes of the harvest, but it is less common to report on the preparation of the soil; the prevention of weeds, pests, and disease; or the conditions God provides that yield a great harvest. These are the inputs that lead to a harvest and cannot be neglected.

The impact we celebrate in this *Global Impact Report* for 2022 and the first quarter of 2023 are similar. They are results of a shared effort in which supporters, partners, and missionaries put their hands to the plow and worked together, while God gave the increase. Everything you read in this report testifies to God's goodness, and we give all glory to him!



Thanks to God, OMS missionaries, national coworkers, and partners in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 22,000 pounds of vitamin-enriched lentils and rice were distributed in early 2023 to people in need. Along with the food relief, our DRC partners shared the Gospel message with every recipient. More than 100 people accepted Christ! One government leader, a Muslim, was so happy for the much-needed assistance that he blessed the efforts and encouraged our workers to continue sharing the Good News.





6,500 Bibles distributed 1,317 new worshiping groups formed 9,914 churches/worshiping groups meeting 138,541 decisions for Christ 92,067 baptisms



### Annie's Testimony

Annie lives in an eastern province of Zambia. She shares, "Before I gave my life to Christ, I lived as a prostitute, and I believed in using superstitious charms. I used the charms to attract married men as clients. I lived this kind of life from 2010 until 2021 when OMS Village Church Planting workers came to my village and shared the Word of God. I believed and gave my life to Christ. In 2022, I formed a small (church) group, where I share the Good News of Jesus weekly. I thank God that I am a changed person. I am not the same."

7,000 Bibles distributed 22,524 churches/worshiping groups meeting 158,523 decisions for Christ 48,646 baptisms

# Asia/Pacific

### Willing To Die

"My vision is to see 200 people come to know Jesus in 2023," Farah\* said. Our Asia/Pacific regional directors had met her at a covert meeting of about 20 fellow underground church leaders in her country.

Farah came to know Christ five years ago. Despite great persecution in her country, she actively shares her faith with her

community and leads more than 20 small house churches of 5-6 believers each.

In December 2022, Farah's husband accepted Christ, experienced God's physical healing power, and started boldly sharing his newfound faith. In January 2023, he left the house to share his faith and never came home. Three days later, he was found, martyred, with his tongue cut out. Naturally, Farah was devastated. Yet, despite her sorrow and fear, she perseveres with her God-sized vision of reaching 200 people this year with the peace and love that only Jesus can bring.

\*Name changed for security purposes.

### **Feeding Ukrainian Christians**

Since February 2022, OMS' Europe/Middle East team has led the charge of supporting the Christian community in Ukraine as its members serve and care for locals and refugees affected by the ongoing war. The team, including many OMS missionaries from other regions, has transported an incredible 607,000 pounds (about 275,000 kg) of food across the Hungary-Ukraine border since the start of the war, providing vital sustenance and hope.

In late 2022, the team embarked on a new project to serve Ukrainian pastors and their families who are selflessly staying to support their communities. They wanted to provide one month's worth of emergency supplies to these faithful pastors. The OMS team has successfully delivered food and relief packets to hundreds of pastors and their families throughout western Ukraine.

Thanks to generous support from OMS donors worldwide, who have contributed a total of more than one million dollars, OMS has been able to fund these ongoing relief efforts. Thank you for empowering our team to continue serving those who need it most.

82 discipleship bands 565,000 pounds of relief supplies for Ukraine 52 churches/worshiping groups meeting 284 decisions for Christ 48 baptisms

### Sustaining a Camp's Legacy

In recent years, business as mission has taken a more prominent role in the Europe/Middle East region, with emphasis on two of OMS' most significant projects there: Peña de Horeb Camp in Auñón, Spain, and the Bridge International Preschool and Nursey in Budapest, Hungary. The camp stands out as a feature project, with a renewed focus on financial viability and the ultimate objective of reinvesting in disciple-ship and community-based initiatives throughout the region. OMS Europe/Middle East missionaries welcomed three work teams to Peña de Horeb in 2022. Each group contributed immensely toward the much-needed maintenance and renovation of the camp; some team members served on a similar work team in 2023. God provided \$3,000 to fund the renovation projects and complete essential upgrades. Peña de Horeb has held an integral role in the history and community of Auñón, and our missionaries remain steadfast in their commitment to advancing and preserving this beautiful camp.

### From Anywhere to Everywhere



In early 2023, the OMS-founded IGLEICO denomination in Colombia sent Ivonne Cardenas Meza to minister with the Satura Mexico team that works in the eight-state region of central Mexico called the Circle of Silence. More than 27 million people, most of whom are mestizos and indigenous people, live in this area. Less than one percent of them are evangelical Christians.

Ivonne arrived in Mexico shortly before the Circle of Silence celebration that took place in La Piedad, Michoacán, on April 15. She will serve for a year, working with Socorro Ambrosio, who has worked alongside OMS for more than two decades.

450 Bibles distributed 575 people receiving aid 7,251 churches/worshiping groups meeting 50,660 decisions for Christ 10,135 baptisms

### A Glance at God's Impact Around the World of OMS

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Numbers included in this report represent statistics for the 2022 calendar year.

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### 1,351,384 vorshipers in OMS-related

worshipers in OMS-related churches and groups.

OMS partnered with

993 U.S. churches

and hundreds more worldwide in 2022.

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organizations and denominations.

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### 1,732 cross-cultural and national workers

serve globally with OMS, as well as more than

75,000 volunteers.

### **Theological Education**

OMS Theological Education (TE) serves the global church by raising up Spirit-led and biblically astute disciple-makers whose lives reflect God's holiness. TE works through strategic partnerships with Bible colleges, seminaries, and ministry training institutes around the world. The team also equips national partners and missionaries. In 2022, 9 TE members worked with 38 schools across 23 countries to teach intensive courses, offer consultations, mentor and coach leaders, provide needs assessment and training opportunities, serve as board members, and cultivate partnerships. TE celebrated 936 graduates from 35 schools. (*Photo: Latin America partner seminaries met together in Costa Rica in October 2022 to discuss collaboration*.)

# OMS Ministries

The ministries on pages 10-13 represent OMS' global outreach, serving people worldwide.

### Every Community for Christ

Every Community for Christ (ECC) is OMS' church planting ministry. OMS remains committed to equipping disciple-makers and church planters around the world. New Village Church Planting (NVCP), one of ECC's largest training programs, trains village church planters in Africa to multiply disciples, leaders, and churches.

Through NVCP, village church planters learn to find persons of peace, share the Good News, teach obedience to Christ, organize worship, develop and name elders and deacons, and multiply cell groups and churches.

By God's grace, NVCP functions in 31 African countries. In 2022, nearly 9,000 first-generation church planters were enrolled in the four-year training program, attending classes in 650 training centers. These devoted followers of Christ receive weekly training from experienced church planters and are equipped to plant new churches in villages where there are none.

Many denominational partners in Africa use NVCP to spread the Word of God to villages that have never heard the Gospel.



World Intercessors brings the nations and the lost, as well as OMS missionaries and ministries, before the Lord through prayer. OMS World Intercessors offers short-term prayer mission trips to help those feeling called to intercession become involved in supporting OMS missionaries and ministries through the work of prayer. In the past year, prayer relationships have been built that allow missionaries to be prayed for by someone who knows their name.

### **OMS** Prayer Resources

- Monthly prayer chapels at OMS World Headquarters and on Zoom.
- Prayer with OMS leaders.
- Short-term teams that travel to OMS fields to pray where ministry is happening.
- Monthly Prayer & Praise Guide calendar covering OMS ministries and missionaries.
- Monthly Strategic Prayer for the Nations guide covering OMS fields and regions.
- Biweekly intercessory sessions within the World Intercessors team.
- Mighty Men of World Intercessors monthly prayer time.

- Regional intercessors covering personal prayer needs for field missionaries.
- Prayer coverage for Missionary Council, regional retreats, trainings, and special events.
- More than 30 small, monthly prayer groups praying for OMS' 125 by 125 initiative.
- Multiple prayer triplets (groups of three praying by country).
- Six home-front volunteer prayer teams.
- Mentoring program for those called to become intercessors.

### Dynamic Women in Missions

Dynamic Women in Missions (DWIM) inspires women to become more involved in international ministry and equips women around the world to confidently share God's Word with their communities.

God is giving DWIM many wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us and become an integral part of one or more of our teams. Let God use you for his glory and to further his kingdom by:

- Serving on a medical team. Serving on a training team.
- Serving on a prayer team. Facilitating a women's conference.

DWIM offers about 10 short-term trips each year in which the Lord can use you to impact women around the world.

> In 2022, DWIM took 8 short-term trips to 7 countries, with 37 women participating. For God's glory, at least 350 women were reached on these ministry trips.

Sign up to receive the Prayer & Praise Guide calendar and the Strategic Prayer for the Nations prayer guide by emailing info@onemissionsociety.org.

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God blessed our work in a big way in Scipio, New York. At the 2022 OMK-led Missionary Zoo missions adventure, the boys and girls of Scipio Baptist Church got excited about helping young people in Mexico's underreached Circle of Silence learn about Jesus. Throughout the week, this group of 24 kids, ages 3–12, gave and/or raised \$1,800—enough for 40 youth campers in Mexico to attend camp and hear the Good News of Jesus ... many for the first time!

For more than a century, OMS' heartbeat has been encouraging the next generation to grow their missionary hearts. As a result, at least four generations of youth have been impacted by the ministry of One Mission Kids (OMK), proving that with God's help, kids can do missions too!

OMK empowers kids ages 4–14 to engage in missions through learning, prayer, generosity, and discipleship.

#### In 2022, OMK:

- Developed five educational lessons about OMS-related youth camps in Mexico's Circle of Silence and helped raise \$1,800 for these camps.
- Produced the Missionary Zoo virtual missions adventure, which reached more than 400 kids on 6 continents.
- Developed and tested the Missionary Zoo GO Map! evangelism tool.
- Distributed 570 missionary starter kits at camps, schools, and churches.
- Updated OMK's entire cartoon cast and international destination characters.

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### Church Partners

Church Partners is now shepherding a significant initiative with the new Global Methodist Church. More than 2,000 churches have joined this recent theologically conservative movement. We anticipate that many of these churches will collaborate with OMS through Church Partners.

Church Partners continues to strengthen OMS' partnership with the U.S.based Korean Evangelical Church of America (KECA), a daughter denomination of the Korea-based Korea Evangelical Holiness Church, which OMS helped launch nearly a century ago. In March 2023, 18 KECA leaders spent a week at the OMS World Headquarters (pictured) for training in the use of our Train & Multiply (T&M) method. KECA will be the first denomination to utilize T&M in the U.S. OMS USA Church Partners cultivates partnerships with churches in the U.S. to provide mutual value and advance the Great Commission. OMS strives to expand partnerships with churches to build relationships and help them grow their missional DNA.

### Billion.Global

The big idea of Billion.Global is to give at least a billion people the opportunity to know and follow Jesus. Through March 2023, 187 partners from around the globe are engaging in this collaboration, with nearly 700 million Gospel shares since 2016. OMS serves as the founding and lead partner.

In early 2023, the president of the Tim Tebow Foundation (TTF) called OMS. "We're in the fight against human trafficking in a West African nation. It's extremely difficult, and we need help." His tone was urgent. Within a few days, five Billion.Global partners met virtually to respond. TTF had funds and people on the ground already engaged in this struggle. Another partner specializes in establishing Christian homes where vulnerable children can be safely nurtured and discipled. Two others represent the largest in-country church networks, and OMS' HOPE61 human trafficking prevention ministry presented its training that equips local churches to recognize vunerablities that can lead to involvement in trafficking.

God works redemption through collaboration, helping us discover missing puzzle pieces in ministry and putting them into place.

### Men for Missions

God used Men for Missions (MFM) this past year to impact lives in the U.S. and globally, including in Ukraine. In 2022 and the first part of 2023, MFM sent 8 work teams to Hungary, with 45 volunteers. We thank God that 47 percent of these people were new to OMS/MFM. These short-term teams partnered with our OMS Europe/Middle East regional missionaries to help make a difference in Ukraine. They drove approximately 600,000 pounds of life-saving supplies to western Ukraine. Once there, MFM gave the supplies to three different ministries who then distributed them. What a blessing to help meet urgent needs for the people in Ukraine.

God is growing the number of servants he is sending out post-COVID:

Year	Teams	Participants	Countries	
2021	12	86	4	
2022	33	216	115	C
2023 (thru 3/31)	11	92	7	G
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MFM, a lay-focused ministry of OMS, mobilizes ordinary men and their families from all walks of life to do extraordinary things by doing, going, and giving whatever God asks. God uses MFM to provide short-term mission opportunities to volunteers who steward their talents and testimonies while impacting a lost world for Jesus Christ.



### Embark

Emily, a summer 2022 Embarker, shared, "I loved the team. [They were] by far my favorite part of the trip. They all were so fun and taught me a lot. Everyone cared and welcomed me onto the field so well. The ministry activities pushed me out of my comfort zone, catered to my strengths, and taught valuable lessons. I got amazing feedback—not just affirming my strengths but also pointing out my challenges—while I was on the field and during debriefs afterwards."

### HOPE61

HOPE61 uses ENGAGE trainings to mobilize churches around the world to prevent human trafficking in their communities by addressing vulnerabilities that can lead to involvement in trafficking as victims, buyers, and/or traffickers. A core part of the training is the emphasis on sharing the message of the Gospel with those who are vulnerable.



Pastor N\* started his six-hour motorcycle journey to Mombin-Crochu, Haiti, before sunrise to avoid gang trouble and roadblocks. Most of the pastor's HOPE61 ENGAGE trainings are outside of his community. Travel by car isn't safe and can take much longer. Pastor N and the other Haitian HOPE61 trainers do whatever is necessary to continue to lead trainings. Sometimes, they travel by boat, bus, or even on foot.

Pastors and leaders in Haiti who have attended a HOPE61 training give testimony of the importance of this ministry and stay in touch to encourage one another practically and spiritually. Many church leaders who have completed an ENGAGE training say that the training was their first time hearing about human trafficking. The training helped them realize that trafficking happens all around them, that they can raise awareness about it, and that they can prevent it in their communities.

\*Name withheld for security purposes.

Many engage with the global church through Embark, OMS' 1- to 12-month cross-cultural Christian mission experience specifically (but not exclusively) geared toward young adults.

Participants learn to more effectively share the Gospel with unbelievers and disciple and train believers from different cultures while gaining a new perspective of daily residential missionary life.

They develop as leaders by serving alongside and learning from experienced missionaries, and they discern if and how God may be calling them to serve through missions.

Embark by the numbers: In 2022, OMS sent 5 Embarkers to 3 countries. In 2023, OMS sent 9 Embarkers to 5 countries.

### How OMS USA Funds Are Used:





Management and General Fundraising



One Mission Society USA, Inc. (OMS) is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. OMS is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and as such is committed to their Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship<sup>™</sup>. The financial books and records of OMS are audited annually by independent auditors, and a copy of the audit is available upon request. OMS operates on a fiscal year, with our latest year ending March 31, 2023. For fiscal year April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023, approximately \$23 million was donated to missionaries and ministries. Approximately \$20 million was spent for ministry around the world.

Enhancing Trust

For financial inquiries, or if you would like a copy of the audit, please contact Betsy Shroyer, OMS CFO, at bshroyer@onemissionsociety.org.



### In Memory of Stanley Tam

One Mission Society honors Stanley and Juanita Tam's unwavering devotion to Jesus, passion for evangelism, and extraordinary generosity toward God's kingdom and OMS. Stanley, the founder of U.S. Plastic Corp. and a faithful supporter of OMS, dedicated his life to telling the world that Christ is the answer.





He finished his earthly race on April 16, 2023, at the age of 107. OMS will continue the legacy endowed to us through Stanley and Juanita Tam. As we thank God for what he has done, let us remember to pray for those who have not yet heard that Christ is the answer.

### We believe the power of the Gospel, in the hands of disciple-makers, will transform all nations.

OMS' story began in 1901 when two telegraph operators, Charles (and Lettie) Cowman and Ernest (and Julia) Kilbourne, moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Tokyo, Japan, to work alongside Japanese evangelist Juji (and Katsuko) Nakada. Their vision was to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with every person in Japan. They formed The Oriental Missionary Society, now called One Mission Society.

OMS was founded and continues to minister on the principle that the most effective way to

spread the Gospel is by training a nation's sons and daughters to multiply believers and churches to reach their own people for Christ and then partner with them to reach the rest of the world.



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OMS earnestly seeks to welcome at least 125 new missionaries by our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the summer of 2026. Pray with us as the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Join us in fulfilling the Great Commission.





OMS engages the one to reach the many, multiplying disciples, churches, leaders, and missionaries throughout Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe/Middle East, and Latin America/Caribbean, making a global impact in 78 nations.

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