

Africa Inland Mission Canada 2014 Annual Report



Introducing Africans to Jesus

Last November I sat in the kerosene-lit lodge of two young missionaries who live in northern Kenya. Fraser is from Manchester, England, and Josh is from Toronto. They live an hour's trek into the Keresia Hills deep in Samburu Land. The Samburu people scattered in this region have never heard that Jesus loves them and died for them and offers them eternal life.

Every night at eight about a dozen shepherd lads take a twilight break from their camels and goats. The young teens crowd into Josh and Fraser's "clubhouse" to laugh, drink a mug of hot chai, and take turns sketching the leopards and hyenas that stalk their herds. No ordinary Pictionary! But an excellent opportunity for Fraser and Josh to practice speaking and understanding the Samburu language. Their goal is to be able to share Bible stories with their new friends. They pray that one by one these sinewy, thoughtful young men will put their faith in Jesus, the "Great Shepherd."

Josh and Fraser's ministry is one snapshot of AIM ministry in 2014. If it weren't for your prayer and support over the last year, our work across Africa and among African immigrants to Canada would not be possible. Through your sacrifice, and the giving of many other Canadians, lives have been transformed from the sands of the Sahara to the beaches of Madagascar. They thank you - and so do I!

Dr. John P. Brown
Canadian Director



AIM Canada Income & Expenses

From general missionary contributions AIM Canada deducts 12.9% for mobilizing and administration.

From donations to mercy ministry, 9% was deducted.

2013 total expenses \$4,064,000

2013 total income \$4,156,000

2014 total expenses \$4,397,000

2014 total income \$4,139,000

Closing AIM Canada's Relief & Development Work

During 2014 AIM International developed a strategic plan for the future, called the Framework. That plan places primarily focus for all ministries on the remaining peoples of Africa who have no chance of hearing the Gospel.

Most of AIM Canada's Relief & Development ministries were in parts of East Africa which were deemed to have been evangelized. During the last half of 2014 we therefore took the necessary steps to close this ministry.

Of course the needs of the poor and suffering continue, so we have made every effort to ensure that our projects were adopted by other evangelical missions.

Over the last 35 years it has been our great joy to see children and adults healed, restored, and grow in their love for God through our compassion ministries. We are so grateful that thousands of Canadians have been a part of that important work.

Our Membership at a Glance



34 Short term personnel who departed for Africa in 2014



29 members serving in Canada



73 children of Full Term members who have lived in Africa

Message from the Home Council Chair

Paul Frew

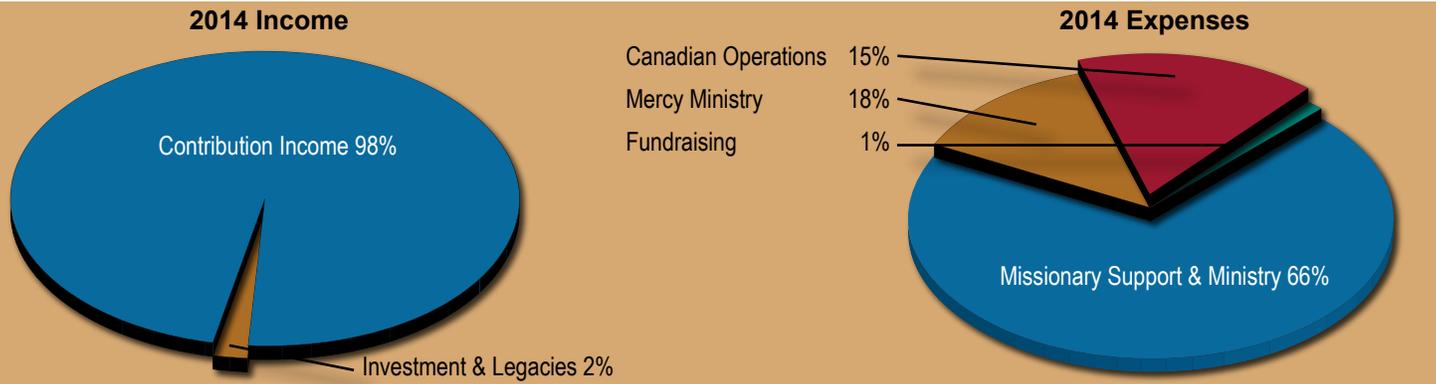
At the close of 2014 John Brown, our AIM Canada Director, informed our Home Council that he would be stepping down as the Director on July 1, 2015. John has made a tremendous contribution to AIM and has served faithfully, along with his wife Jennifer, for 20 years!

Whether it was representing the mission to churches, pastoring our AIM family, negotiating agreements or setting up a new sister organization, he has done well. John has worked tirelessly for the church in Africa, our missionaries and AIM as an organization. For that we are truly thankful!

The question of course remains, who will lead AIM Canada going forward? Home Council has set up a Search Committee to help AIM determine who God would have us choose for our next Director. Our primary desire is that God would move us all in His direction.

Please pray consistently for direction and unity in this matter.





Mobilizing New Missionaries in Quebec

Rosemary Walker

What do I love about being AIM's Provincial Mobilizer in Quebec? It's the fun of seeing real people here getting in touch with real people there—and strengthening the Church on both sides of the ocean!

When someone I mentor from Quebec actually gets on the plane and goes overseas—well, that's the real payoff! I think of Sam and Morgan Thrall who went out on an AIM medical mission to Kapsowar, Kenya, last year. I helped them through all the travails of completing their applications, gathering their references, and fundraising. At times when they got discouraged I prayed with them real hard.

God answered prayer and they did get out to Kapsowar Hospital. Sam and Morgan summed up their trip from Montreal to Kenya with the words "Vision, sacrifice, need, challenge, friendship." What a thrill that is to my heart!



7 Full Term personnel sent to Africa in 2014



21 Appointees preparing to go



49 members serving in Africa



(up to 25 years old)

From Quebec City to Chad

Justin Wong Med student at l'Université de Laval

My time here in Chad has been eventful! Seeing the harsh reality of poverty in this healthcare setting has helped me understand the immensity of our call to love others.

Early last Tuesday I flew out with a couple of missionary doctors and a Chadian nurse for our medical tournée. Our arrival in southern Chad was advertised ahead of time so we were met with hundreds of waiting patients at the clinics.

The need was overwhelming! I was in charge of doing visual acuity exams, which is getting patients to read out the progressively smaller letters on a chart. God gave me many chances to share the gospel with many of them! I was able to pray with the blind and encourage them to seek out a relationship with Jesus.

It was very common to hear the sick confess that they had turned away from faith in God and reverted to witch doctors and fear of curses and evil spirits. We reassured them that God is greater than any curse or witch doctor. He is a loving and forgiving God. We prayed with them and encouraged them to go to local churches for follow-up.

I can confidently say that my goals and expectations for this trip have been surpassed. This has been a thrilling first experience in missionary work, and, Lord willing, it won't be the last.

as Africans hear the gospel of salvation...



Ruth Ewert is an AIMer sharing Christ on the streets of Toronto

Canada's largest city is also home to the largest number of the African diaspora. When I first met Kideest, she was hungry, cold, homeless and pregnant. Her family's refugee claim had been denied; she was kicked out of the house as financial resources were limited. She knew nobody. Helping took time. Hoping was difficult. She gave birth to the new life within her. But in the midst of the many conversations, I introduced her to the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus for her. In time, she gave her heart to Him. Life is still difficult, money and housing are scarce; but she speaks often of the love she has for her Lord and the hope that sustains her.

Jay & Laura Callaghan teach & give medical help in Northern Kenya

As we assist the Samburu, people have become open to the Gospel. One chief who received medical help invited us to bring the Jesus Film for his people, and we were able to follow up with a vacation Bible school for the children. That is our testimony—being willing to use whatever means possible to share the Gospel. We believe that as the Gospel is demonstrated in our lives and the lives of the Samburu believers God will give us more opportunities to share the Word of Hope.



John & Krys Cassels serve in Soroti, Uganda

We had been teaching the Alpha Course in the women's prison for some weeks. Every prisoner came to every session—but we thought it was just because we made them sweet tea! One hot sweaty afternoon we asked if there was anyone who wanted to give up their old life and follow Christ. There was a pause. Then from the back of the group came two beautiful Muslim women, crying, and asking for Jesus. Knowing what these young women would face on the outside, we were careful to check they knew what they were doing. They were adamant, and our tears mixed with theirs as we welcomed them into His Kingdom.

Rhonda Grochowski reaches out to street kids in downtown Kampala, Uganda

Last week I had to bring a 13-year-old boy to the hospital. He was at death's door. He was treated for sepsis and has a 50-50 chance of making it. Where this little boy will go after he is discharged—I don't know. He has a mother, but because his left hand is deformed from a burn she gave him he probably will not go back to her. I have been to see him every day and have read him the book "The Lamb". Several Ugandans have come to the hospital and joined me praying for him. He now understands the Gospel—he is now saved.



Gord & Carole Sawatzky disciple leaders across Central Africa

John Dunyi (his name means "clay pot") is from the unreached Kachipo tribe of South Sudan. He first came into our lives in 2004 when we helped facilitate his treatment against respiratory TB. He came to Christ and we discovered that God had birthed in him a vision to translate the Scriptures for his own people. Since that time, as we have discipled him, he has completed secondary school and will soon complete a diploma in Biblical studies. He is now the most educated member of his tribe. He and his young family are also about to begin work with an SIL translation team. His theme in life is, "Put God first". He is indeed a "clay pot" carrying a precious treasure to his people!

Brent & Amber Thiessen have an agricultural outreach in coastal Tanzania

For years Daudi was a smoker and a struggling alcoholic. His wife and four young daughters had no school fees and often went without meals because he wasted all his money drinking and smoking. But one day he listened to Christian radio and decided he needed Jesus. He went to see our Tanzanian partner who shared the gospel—and he accepted Christ! Daudi then went and told his wife what had happened and she also accepted Christ! They began attending our house church. I started teaching her the stories of the Bible, first from the Old Testament and then the New. What I thought would be a once-a-week meeting turned into a daily appointment because she desired so much to learn the Bible. She shares all my stories with her girls and it's been a privilege to see their faith grow as a whole family!



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