



GOSPEL OUTREACH CANADA

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Adventures in MISSIONS

Introducing people to Jesus in the 10/40 Window

Stories From Africa

With your donations, Gospel Outreach Canada is able to support over 300 local evangelists in the African 10/40 window. These are their stories. For more information on supporting Gospel Outreach go to www.gocscda.ca

Love Wins- by Jules

I was not always a Seventh-day Adventist, though I had a deep appreciation for the Word of God and was somewhat familiar with the Adventist Church.

However, an earlier encounter with an Adventist roommate left me disheartened. Her strict, legalistic interpretation of various laws—laws she insisted were part of her faith—gave me the impression that the Adventist Church was not for me.

Some time later, while visiting family, I met a group of people who openly shared their love for God. We quickly developed a bond, and I was initially unaware that they were Adventists. When I eventually discovered their faith, I realized my first impression of the Adventist Church had been limited and incomplete.

After gaining a deeper understanding of their message, I felt called to make a commitment and decided to be baptized.

I kindly ask for your prayers as I continue to grow in this spiritual journey.

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God Heals Nightmares - as told by GOC Arotemiwo

During an evangelistic outreach in a town called Tawuto I met a woman named Maria, a member of another church. Introducing myself as an evangelist from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I shared that I was there to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

After learning their names, I continued to visit Maria and her family, building a warm and friendly relationship. On each visit, I encouraged them, shared tracts, and prayed with them. As our bond deepened, I began studying the Bible with them.

One day, during a study session, I asked for prayer requests and testimonies. Maria shared her deep concern about her daughter who was plagued by terrifying nightmares. Her daughter often woke up crying, sweating, and visibly shaken, describing dreams where people were chasing her with knives and sticks. Maria, desperate for solutions, admitted she had turned to Voodoo priests and spent significant money on charms, but nothing worked.

Maria asked for my prayers for her

daughter. I gently asked if she believed in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She said yes. I then encouraged her to bring everything given to her by the Voodoo priests and to remove the charms tied on her daughter. She obeyed and, with her consent, we burned these items together as an act of faith and surrender to God.

I guided Maria through prayer and fasting, encouraging her to pray from sunset to sunset for three days while I joined her in fasting and intercession. I also taught her how to pray, and over time, she became

confident in her prayers.

A month later, Maria joyfully testified that her daughter was completely free from the nightmares. With gratitude, she praised God for His intervention and expressed her desire to follow Him fully. Maria now eagerly awaits baptism, planning to take this step of faith after giving birth.

This testimony reminds us of the power of God to transform lives when we trust Him completely. Please join us in praying for Maria and her family as they continue their journey with Christ.



Have you ever wondered, “What happens when I give to Gospel Outreach Canada?” We asked our treasurer, Victor Bell to explain.

Here are the four categories that receive funding from each donation. What is included in each category?

- **Administration** includes: bank charges, postage, accounting salaries and audit fees.

- **Overseas Travel** is for Regional Directors to visit their respective fields to receive face to face reports on how the supported workers are functioning, helping us understand the challenges in each field as well as auditing the use of funds being sent.

- **Communication and Advertising** covers the expenses incurred for travel to camp meetings along with promotional material communicating what is happening in Africa.

- **Region Worker** expenses include the Bible Workers, Medical Missionaries, as well as support for the Deaf workers. Some years we may have special projects such as bicycles, phones, etc. that individuals want to specifically support to help in certain areas. These always have to relate to the regions that Gospel Outreach Canada is responsible for. The only functions that includes people being paid here in Canada are those for the day-to-day accounting as well as for the year end audit which is included in the Administration category. All directors do not receive any remuneration but are paid for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in meeting their respective duties.

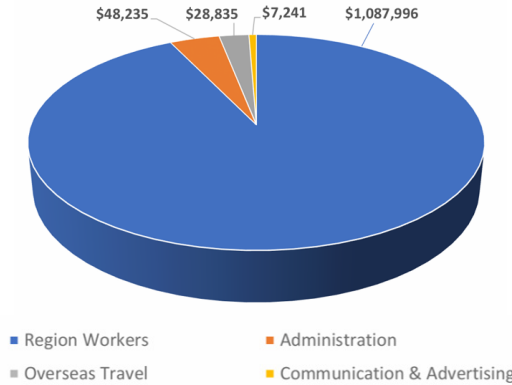
This year our total donations have reached \$665,235

by the end of October and our budget for the year is \$804,354. Comparing our donations to last year we are ahead by close to \$150,000 - Praise God. Over the years the board has maintained a commitment to spend as much of donors’

money on Gospel Outreach Evangelists yet keep a reserve that is reasonable in case of emergencies. Several years ago, we had some large donations come in that have allowed the Board to increase the number of workers and run a deficit in subsequent years to bring down our reserves. The goal is to maintain a minimum reserve of 50% of our total year’s expenses.

If you have further questions concerning the use of funds or want to understand more of our mission, please contact Victor Bell or any one of our directors by mail at the address below or email stories@gocsd.ca.

**Gospel Outreach Canada
Use of Funds Through October 2024**



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Nov. 29, 2024

Dear Donor,

Re: Gospel Outreach Financial Status and Update

On behalf of Gospel Outreach Canada (GOC), we want to thank you again for how you have been supporting Gospel Outreach Canada over this past year. As a result of your continuous and generous support, as well as several large donations received in 2022, GOC is supporting about 300 Indigenous Evangelists including 15 Medical Missionary Ladies in 2024. This in turn has meant that our Indigenous Evangelists have been able to work in more areas where there has been no Seventh-day Adventist church presence.

In addition to funding these Evangelists and Medical Missionaries, GOC has also been able to address some of the financial pressures faced by our Evangelists, which include the increased living, utility and travel costs. For 2025, GOC will need to increase the stipends again as our Evangelists continue to face these rising costs.

Furthermore, GOC continues to receive funding requests to enable the Missions to hire additional Evangelists to meet specific needs as well as for some specific projects. For example, we recently received the following requests:

1. **Central African Republic** – Currently, we do not support any Gospel Outreach Evangelists in that country. There is a request for GOC Evangelists to go into areas in the northern part of the country.
2. **Tunisia** – There is a request for a second Gospel Outreach Evangelist to work there. The cost to support one evangelist in Tunisia is higher than in most of the sub-Saharan desert countries.
3. **West Africa** – A request was made for French Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books as well as for bicycles and projectors for our evangelists to do evangelism.
4. **Across all Missions in West/East Africa** – A request was made for solar chargers for our Indigenous evangelists so that they can charge their cell phones. Many villages/areas where our evangelists work do not have electricity.

If you are interested in supporting these specific projects and would like additional information, please contact Harald Zinner at president@gocscda.ca or (250)446-2517.

As a result of these increased expenses to support the current 300 GOEs and Medical Missionaries, as well as having adequate funds to provide for additional evangelists for 2025, GOC could be in a deficit budget situation. So we want to make two appeals:

1. Share this evangelistic funding need with friends and families and invite them to support Gospel Outreach Canada on a regular basis.
2. Appeal to you to provide additional financial support where possible.

Donations, general or specific, can be made to Gospel Outreach Canada by cheque, e-transfer, online, credit card, (See the GOC website – gocscda.ca/donate.) or by calling (778)754-2079. Our preference would be that donations be made by cheque or e-transfer so that we would not incur bank service charges.

Your continued support is appreciated as together we finish the gospel work so that Jesus can return to this earth. May God bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Harald Zinner
President, Gospel Outreach Canada