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Better dust off your passport!



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Our Mission

We want to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers among the least reached.

Our Vision

- Focusing on the unreached
- Partnering with churches
- Caring for our members
- Training & equipping world Christians
- Mobilizing the next generation
- Globalizing our ministry
- Strengthening our organization

Our Core Values

- Knowing & glorifying God
- Living in submission to God's Word
- Being people of grace & integrity
- Serving sacrificially
- Loving & valuing people
- Evangelizing the world
- Reflecting the diversity of the body of Christ
- Global intercession
- Esteeming the church

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Just let go and de-clutter

As we get older, we should become more aware of the brevity of life and the need to focus on our accountability to Christ for how we have lived and used His gifts to honour Him, bless others and further His kingdom. There's no 'extra' time to waste on things that will deceive, disappoint or divert us from that. We need to evaluate everything in our lives and stick to our 'core business' even if it means rejecting the pleas and plans of others. It is foolish to just hope that good things might happen; I need to plan today that they will happen.

I still remember a cartoon from the New Yorker magazine of decades past, in which a man on his deathbed lamented to those around him that "I should have bought more crap." Highly unlikely, but we live in a culture where we buy things we don't need with money we don't have to impress people we don't even like. This outward materialism is a symptom of a deeper malaise within us: a reluctance to not only recognize our limitations but also to choose to simplify. de-clutter and focus. That shift must come from the inside out.

Guard your heart-and your time

Over-extending our commitment to even good things reduces our effectiveness in daily life and ministry. Often we get caught up in issues and spend hours daily filling our minds with things that just don't matter and drag us down individually and collectively: mounting debt, chronic regret, worry, gossip, carrying bitterness, going with the crowd, needing to share our opinions about partisan politics half a globe away. These inhibit our ability to live freely. Out they go!

Other things distract from our personal mission: building earthly



GREG KERNAGHAN EDITOR

There is great freedom in de-cluttering materially but also mentally

kingdoms, addiction to social media and entertainment, being critical and selfish in spirit. Kick those to the curb.

There is great freedom in de-cluttering and maintaining a simple lifestyle. We should measure our satisfaction by being free of want, finding fulfillment in relationships and pursuing new knowledge and experiences.

Learning to let go of such mental clutter will free us to pursue the things on God's heart such as loving our neighbours, celebrating goodness, investing in the kingdom and inspiring others to also 'have better plans'.

Everyone wanted a piece of Paul, and yet he was able to live and work free from the constraints of others. He was not lashed to his past. "One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil.3: 13,14 NIV). So, when asked to join people who will only hinder our calling, just say no. Instead, speak the truth: "I have other plans"—plans to lift up, to heal, to bring hope and purpose to those in need and plans to make Christ first in everything.



The world in our home

LOGOS HOPE

A hundred people attended an onboard event organised especially for Japanese people living in the Argentine capital, Buenos Aires. Shinya Funakoshi (Japan) wanted the community to know that they were welcome on board Logos Hope. The children living on board performed a drama, musicians gave a percussion show and different dances were showcased. Jun Nukada (Japan) shared a message in his mother tongue and each Japanese crewmember serving on the ship made sure to be involved in some way.

The guests showed their delight at meeting people from their homeland. Pastor Luis Yonamine, born in Argentina to Japanese parents, explained that while members of the group that performed their traditional dance at the event were not believers, they felt privileged to be part of an event on the ship and that it had been a positive opportunity.

Pastor Luis had served on board one of OM's previous vessels, Doulos, from 1981 to 1983. "We wanted them to see Logos Hope and see not just what Christians say but also what we do; showing our faith through our work," he says. Pastor Luis wants the community to see that truly knowing God isn't about religion, but about a personal relationship.

"I believe that when a non-believer comes to a place like this, full of prayer, the Holy Spirit touches hearts," Pastor Luis said. "Christians and churches should use the ship's visit as an opportunity to bring others along, for God does miracles. It is also an exceptional opportunity to travel the world in an hour, meeting volunteers from so many countries."

God speaks my language!

Shinya explains, "Japan is a least-reached country, but I've been told that in Argentina, there are many opportunities to hear the gospel in Spanish. First-generation Japanese people need to hear it in Japanese. After the ship leaves, I believe Pastor Luis can continue the task."

"This event showed the visitors that Christians are not only in Argentina, but in the whole world," Pastor Luis says. Several people phoned him after the event, to express their gratitude for the experience. The pastor thanked Logos Hope for coming to his country and using the rich multitude of nationalities on board to connect with others.

I have what you gave me

IRELAND

"I joke that I called in for a cup of tea, and two years later I'm still here," shared Jarlath, OM's I.T. manager in Ireland.

Jarlath first heard about OM years ago when he saw an OM poster that said: 'Go into all the world' on the wall of a church in his city. Years later, Jarlath decided to retrain in I.T. and needed work experience for his classes. The OM office provided the training he needed, and an avenue to serve God's Kingdom. "After I finished my classes, I said I'd come in for a few days a week to help, even though I felt very inadequate," Jarlath remembered.

Missionaries are usually defined as 'people sent on a religious mission to a foreign country.' There's a preconception that missionaries are street preachers who have moved to another country to share the gospel. However, there are many with behind-the-scenes roles that play equally

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Much like Jarlath, Thiago was introduced to OM in the past and came back to serve years later. "I began working with OM as a work experience student, helping with anything I could." After the semester ended, Thiago agreed to continue volunteering in the office part-time. People with practical skills like Jarlath and Thiago are invaluable to OM offices. Jarlath urged: "We have missionaries who are born evangelists, but we also need the practical skills—construction. secretarial, what have you—who are willing to do that to benefit the overall ministry."

There are lots of different aspects of ministry besides preaching. Jarlath knows that: "You can be involved because you clearly have skills that the Lord wants to use to extend His Kingdom. Just ask! You might be just the person they need."

Do you have practical skills that could be used in missions? Get in touch with us to learn how you can start using your skills for the Kingdom!

Something new on Crocodile Island

ZAMBIA

"I love people on this island so much," said Kelvin Chibuye, explaining why he wanted to stay on Crocodile Island when so many others have refused. The island consists of four fishing villages on Lake Tanganyika. There is one community school but no clinic, which is a half-hour boat ride away from Mpulungu, the main town on the Zambian side. The people on the island are bound to witchcraft for fishing, successful business and physical protection. There were churches, but no pastor was willing to stay beyond an occasional Sunday to preach. Without a strong Christian influence, witchcraft, polygamy and drunkenness were still common in the churches. OM partnered with a church in Mpulungu to send a local couple. Kelvin and Florence, to Crocodile Island as missionaries in 2016.

At first, the Headman of the village was not open to receiving them. He couldn't believe that outsiders would be willing to stay on the island with a pure motive of sharing God's love and truth. Understanding the need for a spiritual breakthrough, the OM team went to fast and pray on the island before they officially moved in. The couple wants to make sure that people from all backgrounds have a chance to experience the love of God and see real transformation in all areas of their lives. From house visits to youth and children's ministry, leadership development to Self Help Groups, they make sure that people have opportunities to grow. Every night, there is Bible study and prayer time at their house that is open to all.

Breakthrough by prayer

People were initially sceptical and even tried to stop their work. Yet by seeking to love their neighbours, people have



started to ask for prayer. One neighbour originally sent to teach about Islam came to know Jesus.

One night, an unconscious young man, David, was brought to the couple's house. They prayed for him thoughout the night. "He was troubled by evil spirits," said Kelvin. After David came to his senses, Kelvin invited him to stay with them for a while. "I wanted to make sure he understood what had happened and start to live rightly with God." David was baptised and has started sharing his story with other youth.

Not giving up

Running a small business was insufficient to support the Chibuye family. They work in town during the week and return to the island from Friday until Monday with a packed schedule of ministry.

They have developed young believers to stand on their own and to help. Many share their testimony of how God has set them free from drinking and witchcraft. Even the Headman is now open to know more about the Bible.

OM welcomes Allan Hiebert as Director of Development

Allan served the last 19 years as Vice-President in a large, privately held, building supply company. His responsibilities ranged from managing over 50 staff, land development, customer, supplier and buying group relations and negotiations and giving overall strategic guidance as part of the executive team. Allan and his wife. Heather, have been on multiple short-term trips with OM and both have a heart for missions. They look forward to being on our team. Allan will remain in Winnipeg, leading and building our Financial Development team and strategy from there.

Allan writes, "When I think about being able to share how God did amazing things through our experiences and hearing many more stories of how He is working miraculously in so many parts of the world, I think: What an awesome opportunity!"

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3 key positions open in OM in Canada

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING DIRECTOR URGENT!

How can we better inform others of opportunities to reach people with the Good News? What will it take to lead and manage a team? What will it take to communicate our story? It takes a person with vision and commitment and that could be you. You would work alongside our team in Canada to provide leadership to our Communications Department. You will have relevant work experience or a degree in communications and be adept in utilizing multiple platforms to inspire others to action. If you have a passion to use your skills and talent and grow in leadership as a team player, then we invite you to explore a conversation with us.

MISSIONS COACH

Be the personal link for many in their mission experience. You will guide them in the joining process and connect with them while in their field of service. You will fulfill administrative HR duties, develop good relationships and networks at home and abroad, as well as provide People Care and support.

IT ADMINISTRATOR/NETWORKER

Are you a tech-savvy missions-minded team player? Can you see yourself managing networks, accounts, hardware and software for our local and remotely based teams in Canada? If you have a desire to serve with your giftings, then contact us. Your knowledge of IT, Microsoft 365, and security protocols will support OMers worldwide to reach those who have yet to hear of God's love.



Training and outreach

PAKISTAN

Central to the ministry of OM is the training and equipping of the next generation of disciples to be bold and courageous witnesses of Christ in a dominant Islamic environment by overcoming the natural fears of a minority community under pressure.

OM recruits and trains young men and women to know and love God and to be grounded in Scripture. This training includes classroom and group sessions for regular study and to resource Bible Camps.



\$50

Sponsors one trainee at Bible camp.

\$100

One month's support for a one-year trainee at the School of Mission.

\$750/MONTH

Sustain a national worker and his family as they train and lead a generation of disciples throughout the year.

\$800-1000

Facilitates a Bible Training Camp for 60–80 participants at the School of Mission.

They are also regularly involved in evangelistic outreach. Men's teams engage the marketplace, using literature, films and personal witness to both nominal Christians and non-Christians. Women's teams often engage in schools and youth work, home visitation and one-to-one discussion and testimony. Such training increases their faith and courage and strengthens the whole Christian community.

OM recruits young Christian men and women ready to learn and express their faith and walk with Christ. In the practical outreach experience, OM teams present the gospel message of salvation and discipleship to minority groups including nominal Christians and especially to the majority Muslim community which forms 96% of the population.

Your financial support is an investment in the future development of both God's people and the surrounding society that desperately needs a message of hope and peace.

Food for body and soul

SOUTH SUDAN

Independent since 2011, South Sudan is the world's youngest country. Ongoing tribal tensions have contributed to government instability and armed conflict among the country's 10.2 million people, nearly one-fifth of whom are internally displaced. OM teams reach out to these suffering communities that have experienced violence, major injuries, illness, inadequate potable water and infectious diseases.

Hunger is real

Monthly relief outreaches help the elderly, widows and orphans. The teams spend four days among each group of displaced people, assessing needs, listening to stories, preaching the gospel, training people to study the Bible in small groups and providing limited medical care. "We give them hope that they are not forgotten," Elia, an OM worker, said.

One woman admitted that she had been a believer but had stopped attending church. The relief packet and the volunteers' compassion helped restore her relationship with God. She said: "I got my faith back, and I learnt to thank God in all situations."

Equipping a new generation

Last year, a seven-day youth conference brought together 140 people from

multiple tribes. As they spent time together learning, playing sports, worshipping, praying, sharing and reaching out, they created a new future for their generation. Instead of letting their tribal history dictate behaviour, the youth embraced their identity in Christ and their role in bringing peace. Pray that the youth in South Sudan would receive sound education and biblical training to be prepared for future ministry.



\$65

Enables one young believer to take part in a 5-day church planting training.

\$275

Feeds an extended family of 12 people for one month.

\$18,000

Purchases property where OM could run training programs without renting expensive venues. This could be rented out to churches and other entities, creating financial sustainability.



Getting fit for service

MIDDLE EAST

In recent years, team members have experienced a growing need to involve more Arab believers on international teams as local churches began expanding their vision and capacity to send missionaries. "What makes OM unique is a call to partner and a focus to go where there are no churches," described Jeremy.

As a practical way to prepare local believers from both Muslim and Christian backgrounds to be sent on mission long-term, the field debuted its year-long Arab Internship Programme which begins with a three-month in-residence training. Participants then join an existing team in the Near East (Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Iraq) or pioneer a new movement in an unreached area.

Locals know best

Participants come with a lot of ministry experience, fluent Arabic and varying degrees of cultural awareness. By equipping interns with reproducible ministry tools, helping them to thrive in a team setting, OM hopes to send a stream of Arab workers into the least-reached regions.

The speed at which the local interns can start making an impact is "quite startling," Jeremy said. "The guys in the internship school, within a month, had opened the Bible 21 times [on house visits]. As a foreigner, I was happy to be able to buy fruit after a month [of studying Arabic]."

The right fit

Hamad and Nidal were two of the first Arabs to complete the training module. Hamad had been looking for an opportunity to use evangelism training. Nidal wanted to begin ministry in a place where nothing was happening. They learnt how to facilitate Discover Bible Studies (DBS) on visits, first practicing it themselves. "We applied the Bible to our own lives before we expected other people to accept it." Hamad explained. They learned how to talk about Jesus to people using language Muslims understand. Answered prayers on visits were a stand-out hallmark of Nidal's time in training.

Nidal and Hamad joined a nearby OM church planting team, allowing them to develop relationships made during training as well as expand to new families. "There are no churches here, and very few people doing outreach. There are few people ministering to Syrian refugees," Nidal said.

Pray that the Arab Internship Programme would find new sources of funding so that it can continue to train and equip local workers to reach the least-reached areas of the Near East (Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Iraq). Pray for grace as current interns join existing teams and wisdom as future groups look to establish new teams in new locations.

A story worth telling

CENTRAL ASIA

Talking about God isn't the problem; talking about Jesus causes a reaction. "He will either be the stumbling block or the One that they really want to know," explained Catherine who, with Edward, has spent the past decade living among an unreached people group—learning their language, discipling the first known believers and now mobilizing believers to share the gospel in remote towns. During that time, 15 individuals have come to faith.

"One privilege of being there long enough to see some believers return was to encourage them. They didn't know any other Jesus followers in the area. God gave us the privilege of discipling them as they came back," Catherine said.

When Edward and Catherine sought to duplicate their efforts in another city, David and Ellen took over team leadership in the mountains telling Bible stories to their language helpers and working out the best ways to explain gospel themes.

Go tell it on the mountains

Eliza, a local believer who moved back to the mountains, started practicing her professional trade in her new home. A church in the city gave her a grant to purchase more equipment and take on apprentices. She hired two local girls, taught them her craft and started

telling them about Jesus. "Sometimes they would watch movies in the national language about Jesus, and she would share her testimony. They were amazed that, though she was from their ethnic group, she was a believer in Jesus," Ellen recounted. Eliza read the Bible with the girls and showed them who Jesus is.

"Why didn't anyone tell us this before?" one wondered. "We've grown up our whole lives and not known about Jesus." Eliza gave both apprentices New Testaments in the national language; one of them took it home to her father, read it with him and watched DVDs about Jesus with him, too. Both young women decided to follow Jesus. "They're some of the first people we know of that have become believers in our town," Ellen stressed.

"As more local people share with others, our prayer is that family groups or natural communities of believers will gather together around the Word, so that none need to feel isolated," Catherine explained. Pray that these believers would faithfully read God's Word and find encouragement and strength in His promises. Pray the new believers would understand and embrace suffering as a context for spiritual growth. Pray that family groups would come to faith to provide community for isolated individuals.

Short-term opportunities

Portugal

Creativity, passion, engagement with children and endurance will be key features of your time in Portugal! OM workers regularly engage the community in children's ministry and evangelism that can impact whole families with a deeper message of Bible principles and morals.

The first days will focus on preparation, set up and design. The second portion will be spent working at a festival and, with the team, leading the children's care section. Expect long hours and lots of fun!



11 14-28 NOVEMBER | APPLY BY 23 OCTOBER

Logos Hope

Life on the ships is fast-paced and intense. Many who have been on the STEP (Short Term Exposure Programme) bear witness to its impact on their lives a unique opportunity for young people (18-39) to serve God on board the ship. Living and working alongside

people from different nations gives you firsthand experience of cross-cultural Christian work. The days will be filled with practical work (40 hrs/week; 8 hrs/ day). Outreach Teams are one day per week; you will participate in an assigned ministry experience, whether an onboard programme or an onshore event.



16 JANUARY-20 APRIL | APPLY BY 20 NOVEMBER

Japan

'Taste Discipleship' is a 3-week discipleship training time in Miyagi prefecture of northeast Japan. Participants will receive training in evangelism, leading someone to Jesus, starting long-term discipleship relationships, leading a fellowship of believers and more: evangelism in the local community, exploring ministry gifting, and planning a short evangelistic trip by themselves. Adaptability is essential in this unique land.



10-31 JANUARY | APPLY BY 2 NOVEMBER

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Longer-term opportunities

Ukraine

Many ministries in OM are looking for qualified ESL/TESOL English teachers to work toward the purpose of seeing vibrant communities of Jesus followers among the least reached. Some of these teaching opportunities involve building relationships with a particular people group, while others involve equipping missions workers for future ministry.

If you are self-motivated and enjoy new challenges in reaching those who have never heard the gospel, consider using your skills with OM. You need to be able to develop an English curriculum for people starting at the A1 level, and be able to have someone achieve the B2 level. You should be able to use your teaching opportunities in a discipleship role to believers, as well as an evangelistic role to unbelievers.



LONGER-TERM | APPLY BY MARCH AND SEPTEMBER

South Asia

In the remote mountains are many unreached people groups untouched by the transformational impact of the gospel. We are working hard to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers among these least reached! Join us in our Summit Mission Exposure Program for two years and be part of what God is doing to expand His Kingdom to the least reached peoples of the remote mountains.

You will learn the language, culture, receive other necessary trainings and will be regularly sent to remote villages to share the gospel and support churches. You will also have the chance to use your skills and gifts in many particular ministry areas.



2 YEARS | APPLY BY MARCH AND SEPTEMBER

Turkey

People with administrative skills are needed in almost every facet of ministry to ensure that outreaches, meetings and programmes are accomplished with completeness and attention to detail. If this describes how God has wired you. consider here how you can use your

administrative gifts to see more vibrant communities of Jesus followers established among the least reached.

Turkish Outreach (OM Turkey) is urgently looking for a new administrative assistant. We are considering applications for both onsite and off-site admins, so living in Turkev is not a requirement for this position.



2 YEARS | APPLY BY MARCH AND SEPTEMBER

Therefore pray...

PRAY for courage and commitment to 're-boot' your own life with fresh purpose for the Kingdom.

PRAY that the Logos Hope crew will seek out unreached people groups in every port with the gospel, and for local churches to create vibrant communities of Jesus followers.

PRAY that more Canadians will fill vital support roles on our teams worldwide, enabling career workers to stay focused on connecting with and discipling the unreached.

PRAY that key positions with OM in Canada will soon be filled!

PRAY that resources will overflow for training and sending out workers and local believers in Pakistan, South Sudan and across the Middle East.

PRAY for indigenous believers to model and testify to Jesus across Central Asia, house to house, town to town.

WHERE CANADIANS SERVE

Canadians serve in 27 fields

Canada • Logos Hope • Nepal • Ireland • Tajikistan • Zambia • Chile • Arabian Peninsula • Jordan • Japan • Moldova

• USA • Spain • North Africa • Portugal

- France UK Belgium Austria
- Vietnam Laos New Zealand
- El Salvador Ukraine Turkey
- South Africa
 Myanmar

LOGOS HOPE

Upcoming ports

SANTOS, BRAZIL

August 24 - September 17, 2019

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

September 18 - October 8, 2019

VITORIA, BRAZIL

October 9 - 22, 2019

SALVADOR, BRAZIL

October 24 - November 12, 2019



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Canadians are making a difference

We desire to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers emerging in some of the most difficult places to reach. It is estimated that around three billion people currently have never heard the good news of Jesus—and never will unless someone makes the effort to engage with them.

As you have been reading through the stories in this issue of Walk the Talk, we hope it has encouraged and inspired you to learn about countries and ministries where Canadians are serving the Lord through OM. I have been encouraged as I travel and meet with leaders and teams with OM, by how impressed they are with Canadians on their teams. I hear words like "hard working, committed, determined, persevere, godly, generous"...just to name a few. They often tell me. "Send more Canadians!"

I have to agree with them. Living in Canada for the past four years, I have noticed the same sentiments. There is a certain tenacity within the Canadian context. I have met extremely generous people and seen firsthand the commitment to complete the task. I have witnessed incredible godly people who are passionate to see God moving in their life and world.

I encourage you to continue to pray. Pray that God would raise up more people from Canada to be ambassadors for Him. Pray that God would use you to make an impact today for his



JAMES SINSEL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Kingdom, no matter how old or young. Pray that Canadians would be a people obedient to any request of the Lord. Pray that Canadians would be filled with compassion for the lost: not just feelings of compassion, but a willingness to personally invest in those who otherwise may never hear the name of Jesus. Pray for the Canadians who sacrifice their freedoms here, go to difficult places and meet people seeking purpose and meaning. Pray that their words and actions would reflect God's love in meaningful and powerful ways.

Pray for OM, that we would continue to be sensitive to the Spirit of God and never lose our passion to share Jesus with the least reached. Pray that we will love as He has loved us.

Look what the Lord has done

These are stories of lives transformed, communities changed, the gospel proclaimed, people discipled, churches planted and His glory declared among the nations. They tell of ordinary people with small faith in a great God. Our hope is that you might retell these stories to magnify our God.

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