

# 2023 Annual Report

Fiscal Year (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)



**SIM**  
Serving In Mission

} Serving Where Christ  
is Least Known

Cross-Cultural Mission Work for  
**130 years**

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# Message from the Executive Director

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”  
-John 4:39

The story of the woman at the well in John 4 is a beautiful picture of both discipleship and evangelism.

Discipleship - We see a woman meeting Jesus at a well, with Jesus proceeding to share who He is with her.

Evangelism - John then goes on to share with us that the woman leaves her water jar and runs to town to share who she just met - and what she just learned.

I can only imagine the joy in her voice and the shine on her face as she shares about Jesus. The joy in that woman some 2000 years ago is no different than the joy that resonates in people who meet, accept, and follow Christ for the first time in today’s world. This is why we at SIM Canada strive to meet our vision of seeing Christ’s love witnessed where He is least known... seeing that same joy in the face of an individual whose heart has been transformed by our Lord.

The 2023 fiscal year for SIM Canada was one of a springboard for transition. God provided for a new Executive Director and Mobilization Director, both of whom started in October 2023 (beginning of the 2024 fiscal year). Our Project Director also announced his retirement. We were also met with God’s provision for this vacancy. We give thanks to our Lord for His goodness. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who stepped up and took on extra tasks to ensure that the work was getting done during these transitions.

In 2023, SIM Canada continued to impact the lives of people around the world through the support of our projects and Global Workers. We are making Christ known through both our words and actions – and are faithfully and continuously innovating in keeping with SIM Canada’s vision. Throughout this report, you will get a chance to read about how God is working through SIM Canada.

What does the future look like for SIM Canada? To answer that we need to ask ourselves two questions in the ever-changing realms of the ‘mission world.’

- 1) What does SIM Canada have to do to remain relevant in the ‘mission world’?
- 2) What does SIM Canada have to do to remain sustainable?

These are not easy questions to answer, and the answers will likely include change. Change is not always easy, but we can be assured that our God is never changing, and we can fully rely on Him as we move forward into this next year.

I am truly humbled and honored that God has called me to the position of Executive Director for SIM Canada... and I am excited to see where God will lead us.

Blessings,



Russell Wolf  
Executive Director, SIM Canada

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## Mission, Vision & Identity



### **Mission**

To reach communities where Christ is least known.

### **Vision**

That no one should live and die without hearing God's good news.

### **Identity**

Workers committed to sharing Christ.

## We Are A Gospel Community

### **Committed to Biblical Truth**

We are committed to biblical truth and joyfully affirm the good news of Jesus Christ. With courage, we declare to the nations the hope, healing, and good news of new life in Jesus Christ.

### **Dependent on God**

'By Prayer' – and in faith we depend on God for the provisions of all our needs. We demonstrate a posture of servitude, diligence, integrity, collaboration, and accountability, through cultivating and using the resources God provides.

### **A People of Prayer**

Prayer is foundational in our life and ministry. 'By Prayer' we praise God, seek his direction, request resources, and call upon the Holy Spirit to empower our ministries.

### **Mission Focused**

We are committed to the urgent and unfinished task of making disciples of Jesus Christ in all nations. In doing this we desire to work in loving, trusting, interdependent relationships with churches and other partners who share our vision.

### **Church Centered**

We are committed to being a Mission that begins, nurtures, and equips churches to be the expression of Christ in their communities and to reach out with cross-cultural missionary vision and action.

### **Concerned About Human Needs**

We humbly acknowledge that the ultimate human need is to know God. We also believe

that he has called us to compassionate, holistic service in this broken world by alleviating suffering, fostering development, and affecting change in society.

### **A Christlike Community**

We desire to be a transforming community dedicated to becoming like Christ in love, servanthood, holiness, and obedience to the Father. We also believe that He has called us to compassionate, holistic service in our broken world by helping to alleviate suffering, fostering development, and participating in affecting positive change in society.

### **A Learning, Growing Community**

We believe in the worth and giftedness of each person in SIM and of those we seek to serve. We practise the giving and receiving of discipleship, life-long learning, consultative leadership, mutual development, and training as enduring disciplines.

### **Strengthened Through Diversity**

We are intentionally interdenominational, international and multiethnic because we believe this expresses the unity of the body of Christ in the world. We believe we will be more effective in ministry as we incorporate the richness of cultural diversity in SIM and celebrate our oneness in Christ.

### **Responsive to Our Times**

We will respond with creativity and courage to ever-evolving needs and opportunities under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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## Impact – Rejuvenation & Replication

### Farming God's Way

Farming God's Way is a tool that reconnects people with God's heart. It's manifest in that His desire is for people to be able to grow food abundantly, provide for their families, and engage in business opportunities that come as a result of the abundance from their gardens. This is so much more than subsistence farming.

When people are taught the methodology of Farming God's Way, it can increase farm and garden yields from 3 to 10 times – sometimes as high as 20 times the currently yield. The overflow that's produced from the land is miraculous when we learn to work in partnership with God, one another, and His creation. In Farming God's Way our focus is trifold:

 **Biblical**

 **Technological**

 **Managerial**

**Biblical** - *The biblical focus includes critical, value-based truths predicated on authentic discipleship, and developing a deeper understanding of God's provision through natural resources.* This biblical component is the keystone focus. People that turn wholeheartedly to God and learn to work faithfully with the natural resources that He provides are seeing significant success in agriculture. The biblical component teaches a focus on being faithful with what God has given, reliance on Him, sharing yields in communities, choosing to live holy lives, and standing firm amidst spiritual battles.

**Technological** - *The technological component focuses on how to farm in partnership with God's creation.* Minimum tillage methods are taught with the use of a thick, organic mulch cover, regular crop rotations, effective plant spacing and accurate use of inputs. These methods are very different from current farming methodologies. And yet, these practices produce the return of fertility to the land, prevention of erosion, and substantive results.

**Managerial** - *The focal point of the management component is on realizing a profit.* The greatest current challenges in farming are the high costs. With Farming God's Way we are able to reduce costs to near zero, as we share practices such as using organic fertilizer in the form of compost – which significantly reduces fertilizer costs. By reducing the need to plow, we reduce the costs of machinery. The focus of punctuality, avoiding the wastage of natural resources, and setting high standards are all crucial to the managerial component.

Farming God's Way is set up as a discipleship resource. An introductory course to Farming God's Way can take up to five days, which is just the beginning. We work with people over many years as they learn deeper and deeper components of the methodology. We are currently working with many leaders who are interested in accreditation which consists of a minimum journey of three years.

The Farming God's Way network supports all up-and-coming trainers and mentors them towards successful implementation.

The goal at Inundo is to tailor our training to the needs of the people in our communities. We offer one-day introductions, three-day deeper trainings, and five-day more intensive trainings. We also coordinate leaders' groups where we work specifically to capacity build into our leaders, and increase their ability to teach. We offer training to communities launching into new regions, and source leaders that can begin implementation. We also offer an introductory Farming God's Way tool called Garden's of Faithfulness. This consists of 7 weekly (usually morning) sessions where we share utilizing a simple 1x2 metre garden.

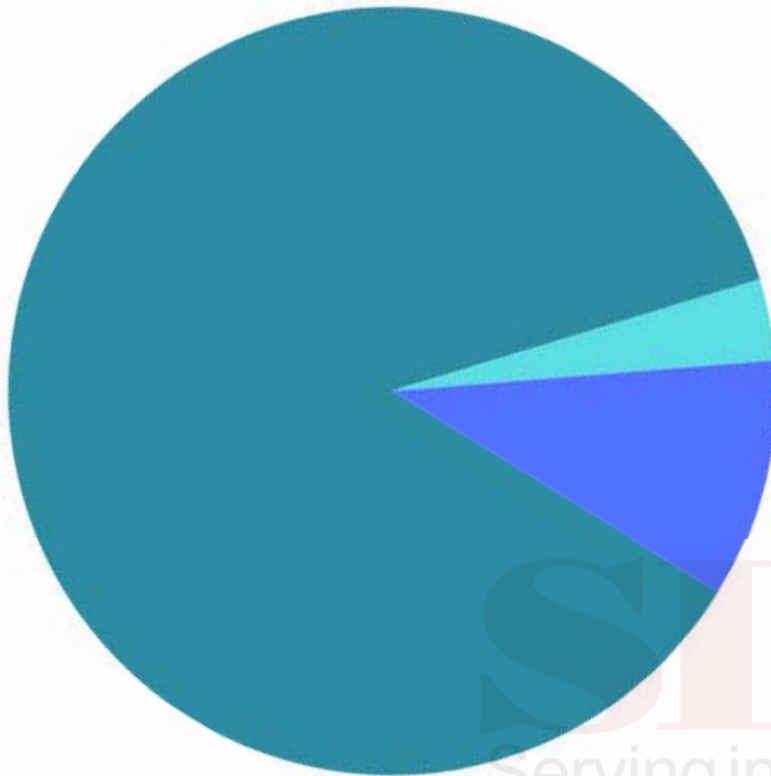
One of the most transformative aspects about Farming God's Way, is it doesn't matter what soil you start with. Our experience is that in Africa, most of the soils are heavily degraded due to lack of stewardship over many years – as well as huge rates of erosion. Many communities have a sense of defeatism - often giving up on growing food due to the challenging circumstances. The message of Farming God's Way is a tangible message of hope. The result is a recognition that God is able to restore soil through faithful stewardship practises of the land. At the Inundo model farm we've seen cogent restoration of our soil. The initial ground was a hard, red clay, and over the last 4 years we've seen God begin to transform it into a rich, fertile, brown soil. It's a gift to experience God doing miracles on such practical and tangible levels. Our hope is that more people will participate and share this message throughout the entirety of Africa. We are currently working with the SIM Ethiopia team to expand our training. There is deep, transformative potential with this project, not only here in Africa – but throughout the world.

*From Kerry and Dan Wiens,  
Inundo Development Training Farm & Inundo Infrastructure  
Location: South Africa  
Project Number: 509059*

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# Financials

Fiscal Year Financials 2023



86.6% Total Percentage Expenditures on Charitable Activities

3.3% Total Net Surplus Carry Forward to 2024

10.1% Total Percentage Expenditures on Management, Administration, Fundraising \*

\* 9.1% Percentage Expenditures on Management & Administration

1.0% Percentage Expenditures on Fundraising

## Financial information for the year ended September 30, 2023:

Total Revenue		\$13,861,686
Total Expenditures		
Total expenditures on charitable activities	\$12,010,759	
Total expenditures on management and administration	\$1,257,329	
Total expenditures on fundraising	\$140,454	\$13,408,542
Net Surplus for the year		\$453,144





**2022** Assistance to Victims of  
Floods in Pakistan



**2023** Disaster Relief: Assistance to  
Victims of Earthquakes in  
Turkey and Syria

## EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS

Disasters and crises we  
responded to in 2022-23



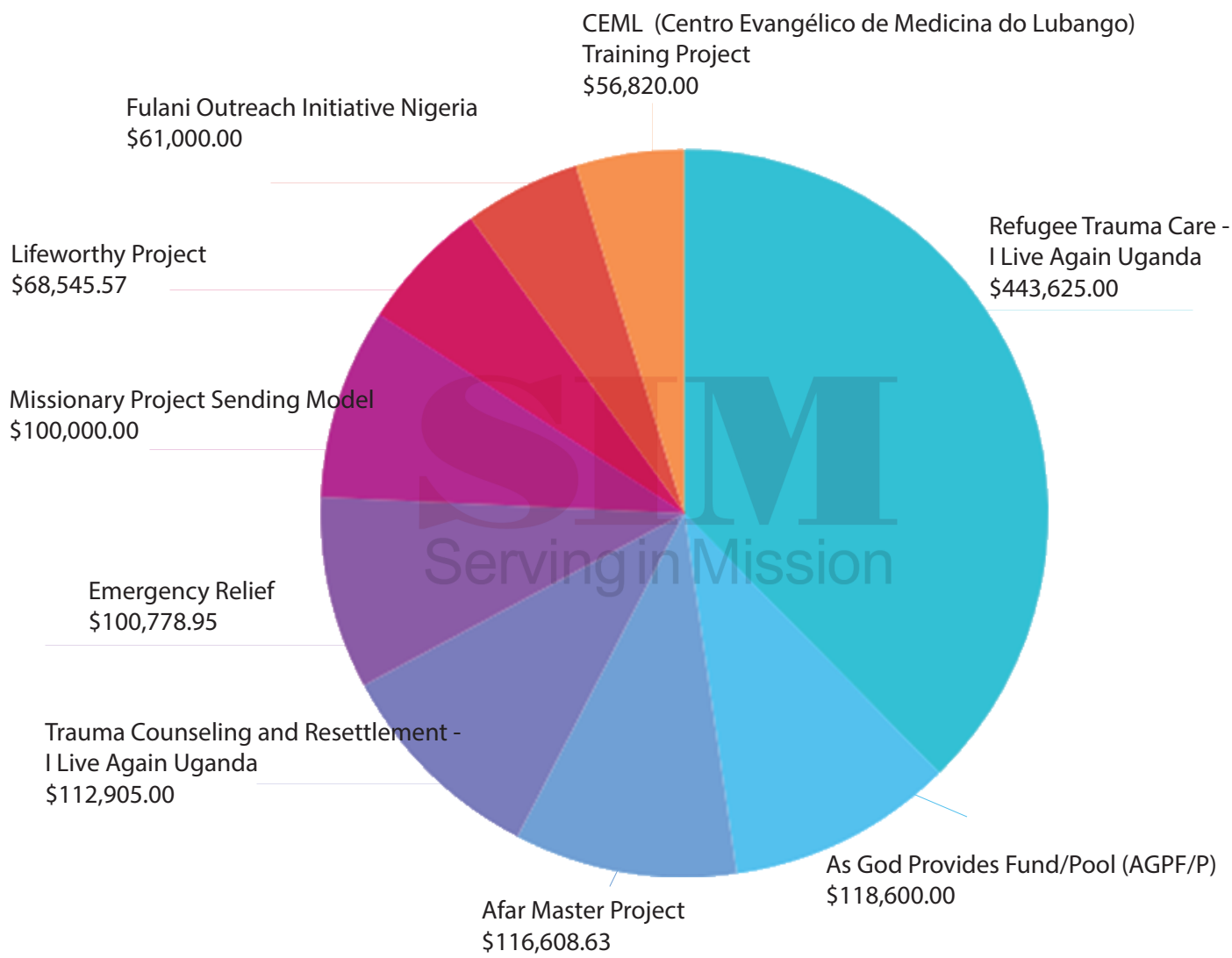
**2023** Niger Flood Relief



**2023** Afar Displaced People  
Appeal

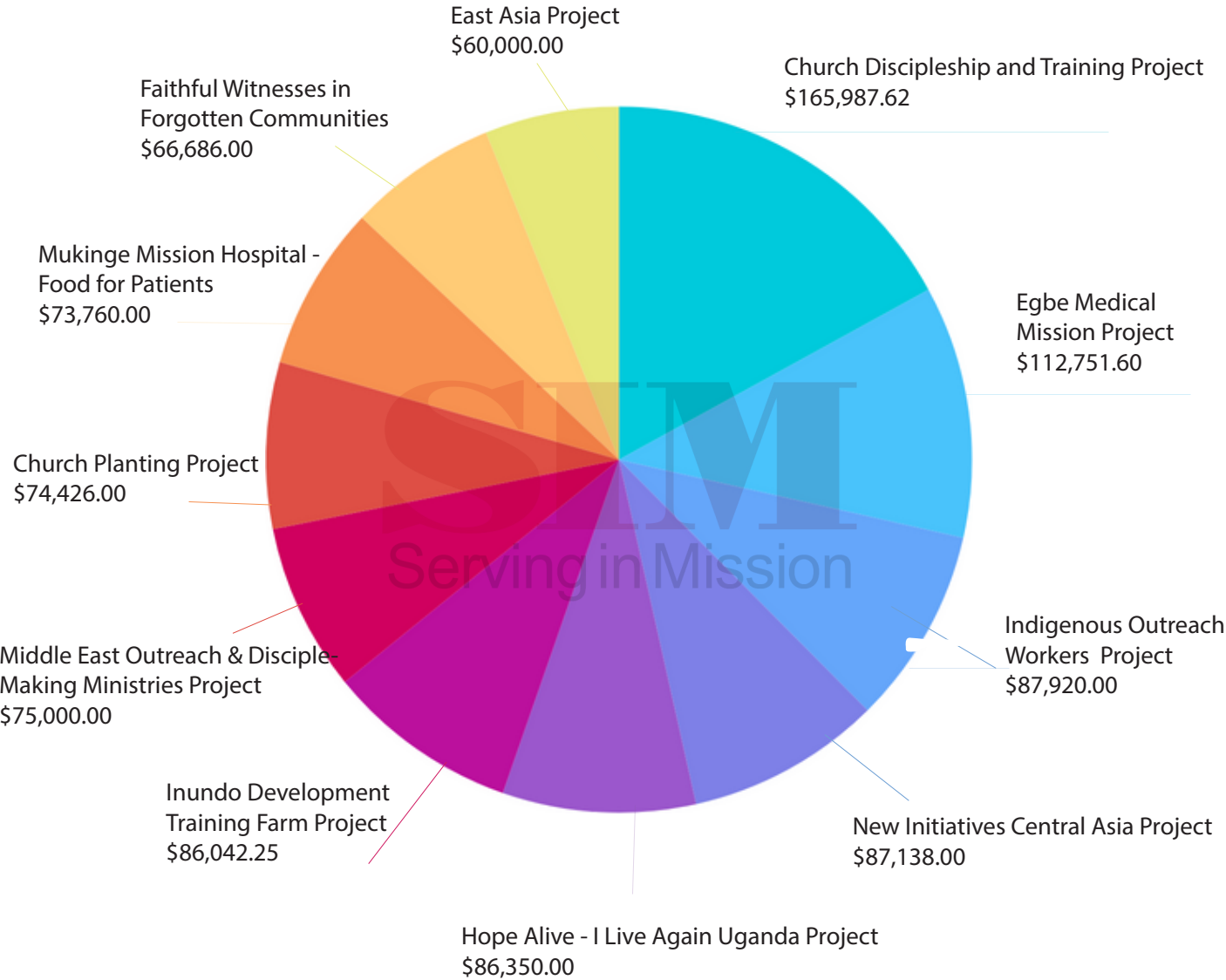


# Top Canadian Funded Projects



- Refugee Trauma Care - I Live Again Uganda
- As God Provides Fund/Pool (AGPF/P)
- Afar Master Project
- Trauma Counseling and Resettlement - I Live Again Ugan...
- Emergency Relief
- Missionary Project Sending Model
- Lifeworthy Project - Project
- Fulani Outreach Initiative Nigeria
- CEML Training - Project

# Top Globally Funded Projects



- Church Discipleship and Training Project
- Egbe Medical Mission Project
- Indigenous Outreach Workers Project
- New Initiatives Central Asia Project
- Hope Alive - I Live Again Uganda Project
- Inundo Development Training Farm Project
- Middle East Outreach & Disciple-Making Ministries...
- Church Planting Project
- Mukinge Mission Hospital - Food for Patients
- Faithful Witnesses in Forgotten Communities
- East Asia Project

# Global & Local Impact



SIM Canada missionary workers are engaged in different sectors:

- Administration
- Agriculture
- Business
- Camp Ministry
- Children
- Church Planting
- Community Education
- Construction
- Development
- Diaspora
- Discipleship
- Education
- Evangelism
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- IT
- Language
- Leadership
- Media
- Medical
- Prayer Ministry
- Sports
- Technical
- Theology
- Young Adults
- Youth



KOSOVO (UN DEBATED)  
 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (UN DEBATED)  
 NEW ZEALAND (AUSTRALIA)

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## Accountability

### Stewardship With Integrity!

In Psalm 24, David reminds us that the whole earth belongs to the Lord, as well as everything in it. At SIM Canada, we believe the work we've been given to do and the resources God has provided to do that work, all belong to Him. When you partner with SIM Canada financially, you can trust us to handle your gifts with the highest levels of transparency, integrity, and accountability because you're not giving to us, you're giving to God through us.

### How does SIM Handle My Gift?

All gifts to approved SIM projects and missionaries are used as requested by the donor, with the understanding that when the need has been met or the missionary's status changes, the gift will then be applied where needed most at the discretion of SIM Canada, preferably to a similar project or missionary. In keeping with CRA guidelines, SIM Canada has complete control and administration over the use of tax-deductible donations received for ministries within SIM Canada.



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SIM Canada is an accredited member of the Canadian Centre for Christian Charities.



SIM Canada is a member of the Kentro Christian Network where Canadian Christian agencies involved in international relief and development cooperate and share their expertise.

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Registration #12994-7537-RR0001.  
Donations to SIM Canada are tax-deductible.  
Spending of funds is confined to the ministry of  
missionaries, projects, and board-approved programs.*



We are so grateful to serve alongside you. Thank you for your advocacy, support, and partnership as we serve together through the core values of our dependence on God, embracing diversity, multiplying discipleship, being church-centered, living compassion, and sojourning together in the community. We are so grateful for God's goodness and your faithfulness that has impacted so many this past year.

As we enter 2024, it's our continued hope and calling to be agile and ready to pivot to where the greatest needs are. We can't do that alone and welcome your partnership whether that be as a global worker, through resources, prayer support, vocational expertise, financial partnerships, or any other calling... we welcome the journey together.

In His Service,



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