

# THE FULLNESS OF FAITH. TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.



## FY23/24 ANNUAL REPORT

### BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

 **457\***  
People Evangelized & Catechized

 **30**  
Villages Visited for Evangelization

 **16**  
Christian Education Programs Supported

 **1200+**  
Communities Served by SAMP Priests

### ESTABLISHING THE CHURCH

 **24\***  
Seminarians & Catechists Trained

 **\$282K**  
Theological Education & Catechism Support

 **398\***  
Youth Engaged through Ministry

 **\$309K**  
for Income Generation

### SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

 **7**  
Orphanages Supported

 **\$107K**  
for Philanthropic Projects

 **200\***  
Received Addictions Support

 **1925**  
Received Healthcare

*\* Direct services by Mission Center Missionaries*

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# LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

## REFLECTIONS & THANKS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center:

For 40 years, the Mission Center has been bringing people into the fullness of life in Christ. This past year, your giving, prayer, and service has enabled us to continue this ministry and further establish the Church around the world. Thank you!

We've done this by sharing our Orthodox Christian Faith with more people, supporting local Churches and institutions with over \$1 million in grants, and establishing a new Translations department so that more people may experience the beauty of our Orthodox services in their native language. Together, we are fulfilling the Lord's commandment to "make disciples of all nations".

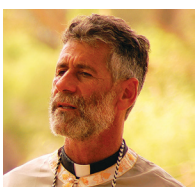
One example of this is the work we're doing in the Turkana region of northern Kenya. There, your support has enabled us to train catechists who are evangelizing new villages – many of which have never heard the Gospel. In October, we were able to visit some of these villages and celebrate the Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop Neofitos of Eldoret and Northern Kenya. Along with over 300 newly baptized Orthodox Christians, we witnessed the diaconate ordination of one of our Catechists in training, Dn. Gabriel.

These catechists are receiving instruction from Turkana clergy trained at the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi. This seminary and other theological training institutions like it enjoyed increased regular support from the Mission Center's grants program. Many of them were also able to undertake sustainability projects to help them raise operational funds thanks to similar grants. These are just some examples of initiatives established, funded, and led by our missionaries and partners, with support from Orthodox Christians around the U.S.

As local dioceses and institutions train new priests and reach new regions, there is a growing need for translations of Liturgical texts. To meet this need, in the last fiscal year, the Mission Center established a new Translations Department, a culmination of the work we've been doing in this area for many years. The department staff, led by Dr. Najeeb Haddad, continues to develop software and provide resources for national translators in the areas we serve, equipping them to produce accurate, high-quality translations in their native languages.

Whether through offering financial support, serving as a parish Ambassador, or following Christ into the mission field, we hope you'll continue to join us in answering Christ's call to bring the Gospel to all nations.

In Christ,



*Fr. Martin Ritsi*

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Executive Director



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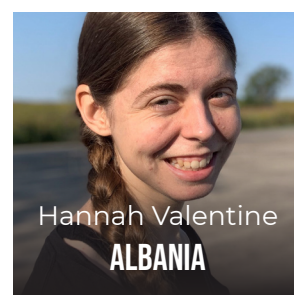
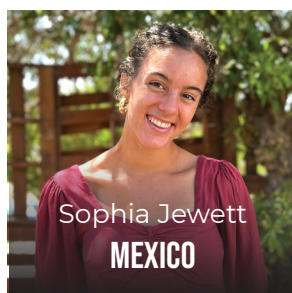
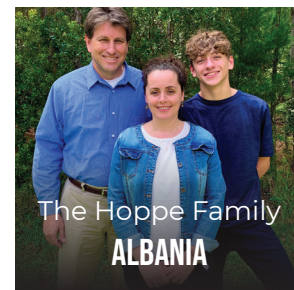
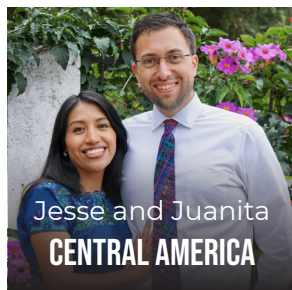


# MISSION CENTER PERSONNEL

LEARN MORE ABOUT  
OUR MISSIONARIES



Through your stewardship, we continue to spread Christ's light by supporting dedicated missionaries across six countries to help establish the Church, expand theological education, and welcome thousands into the Faith.



## CURRENT EXECUTIVE STAFF

- Fr. Martin Ritsi  
*Executive Director*
- Fr. Rob Spaliatsos  
*Missionary Director*
- Jason Sterling  
*Finance Director*
- Dan Christopoulos  
*Development Director*
- Dr. Najeeb T. Haddad, Ph.D.  
*Translations Director*
- Chrysanthe (Santhe) Loizos  
*Projects & Grants Manager*

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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|  | Ms. Stacey L. Gleeson   | Dr. Kosta Zinis               |
|  | Mrs. Valerie Gregory    |                               |

# YOUR GLOBAL IMPACT IN 2023/24 OUR STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GIFTS

## EUROPE

**10** missionaries engaged in mission ministries

**\$185,618**

for grants and local church support

## LATIN AMERICA

**9** missionaries engaged in mission ministries

**\$171,721**

for grants and local church support

## ASIA/SOUTH PACIFIC

**3** missionaries engaged in mission ministries

**\$108,843**

for grants and local church support

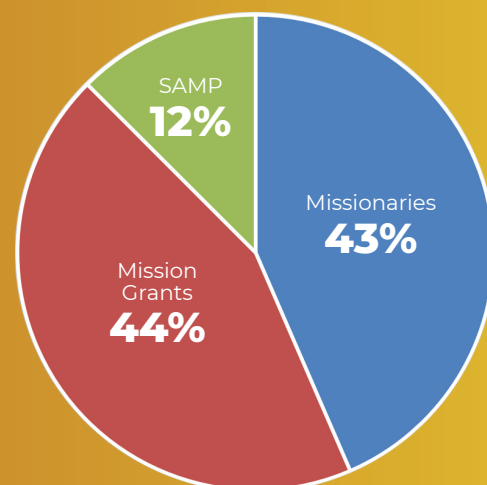
## AFRICA

**537** mission priests receiving support

**\$1,130,730**

for grants and local church support

## FUND ALLOCATION



Missionary ..... **\$1,508,355**  
 Mission Grants..... **\$1,526,035**  
 Support A Mission Priest.... **\$433,231**

## AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	6/30/2024	6/30/2023
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$510,732	\$1,208,008
Short-term investments	-	-
Accounts receivable	24,443	6,923
Prepaid expenses	58,562	56,782
Total current assets	593,737	1,271,713
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>		
Investments	12,714,093	10,986,325
Leased Right of Asset	10,622	14,274
Property and equipment	3,380,788	3,464,362
Total Noncurrent Assets	16,105,503	14,464,961
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>16,699,240</u>	<u>15,736,674</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	16,029	1,041
Lease Liabilities, current	3,723	2,928
Accrued expenses	393,479	493,392
Deferred revenue	112,128	173,859
Total Current Liabilities	525,359	671,220
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities, long term	6,899	11,346
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>16,166,982</u>	<u>15,054,108</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$16,699,240</u>	<u>\$15,736,674</u>

## AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For Year Ended	July 2023 to June 2024	July 2022 to June 2023
<b>Revenues and support</b>		
Contributions	\$4,783,679	\$4,927,468
Bequests	209,200	-
Special event, net of direct cost	-	-
Investments	1,167,477	775,795
Other revenues and support	(7,426)	366
Total revenues and support	6,152,930	5,703,629
<b>Expenses</b>		
Mission programs	3,620,746	3,092,622
Management and general	626,768	584,246
Development	792,542	919,832
Total expense	5,040,056	4,596,700
<b>Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses</b>	1,112,874	1,106,929
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning of the year	\$15,054,108	\$13,947,179
End of the year	<u>\$16,166,982</u>	<u>\$15,054,108</u>

OCMC's audited financials are available online at <https://www.ocmc.org/about/financials>

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