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2024 IN REVIEW

Reflecting on 2024, I feel a sense of amazement and gratitude for all that God has done through our OM team here in Australia and through our Aussies serving OM ministries around the globe.

Last year, we saw the war in Ukraine grind on into another year, and new conflicts arose in the Middle East and between other nations. Amid these tumultuous events, our teams have faithfully persisted in bringing help and hope to those caught in conflict or experiencing grief and loss.

In a world of seemingly endless conflict, our teams are sharing practical help and a message of peace and restoration. As God's love is lived out before them, people encounter the living God, and individuals, families and communities are transformed.

OM continues to work in many, many countries where there is a significant spiritual need, and people can't read the Bible or talk to a Christian. In these countries, unless a believer comes to live in their neighbourhood and shares their personal relationship with Jesus, they won't have an opportunity to hear of God's love for them. Yet, despite these challenges, our teams are finding new and creative ways to share God's love meaningfully.

In this Impact Report, we are excited to share some of the stories of lives touched both in Australia and overseas over the past year. We hope you are challenged and inspired as you read about what God has been doing through our ministry.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support for our ministry. Despite the financial challenges many have experienced in Australia in the past year, we have been so encouraged by your generosity.

Thank you for your part in helping us take the love of God to those who have not yet heard!

Till all have heard of His fame,



Neil Cummings

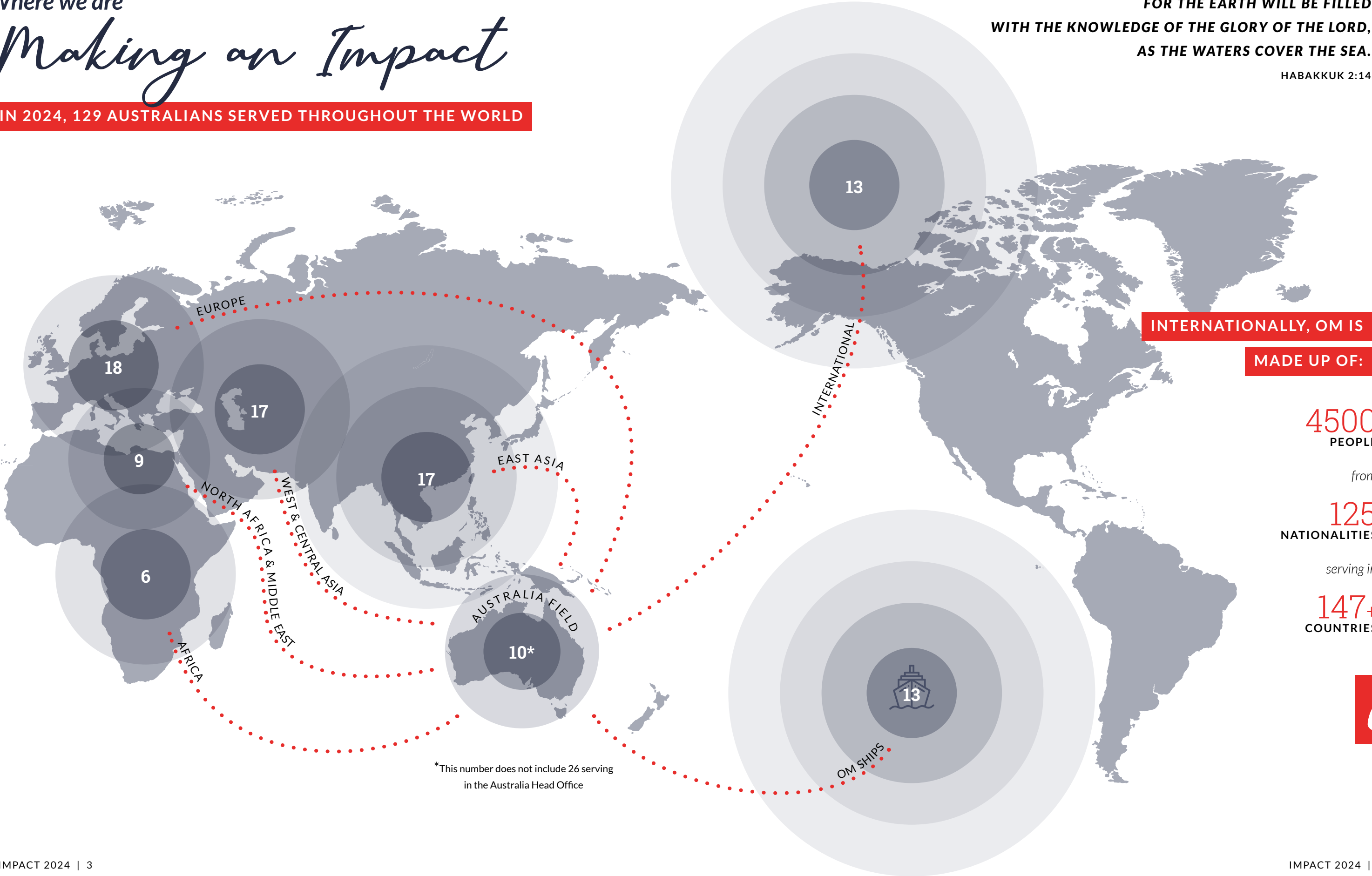
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CEO DURING 2024, OM AUSTRALIA

Where we are

Making an Impact

IN 2024, 129 AUSTRALIANS SERVED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD,
AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.
HABAKKUK 2:14



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Sow Broadly

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

WITH THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW IT

I WILL MAKE YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS,
THAT MY SALVATION MAY REACH TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

ISAIAH 49:6



God changes everything

Every day before going to work, Moses* drank strong coffee. Early one cold winter morning, he put down his cup and looked out the window, staring into the dark. Suddenly, a bright light filled his face. He put up his hands to thank God but could not utter a sound.

“As I opened my mouth,” he said, “this dead Muslim came out of me! The Spirit of God came in, and the spirit of Islam left!”

That experience of God’s transforming love changed everything for Moses. Soon after, his wife became a believer. Moses is one of many Syrian refugees who have experienced God’s love. Living in a country in West Asia with his wife, life was difficult. Yet workers in a local community centre had been helping, praying and sharing the Gospel with those who came through the door.

Moses, his wife, and many others who had newly received Jesus were now sharing the Good News with their family and friends. Through their witness, a church of vibrant Jesus followers has been established.

“God is actively pursuing people through His Word, even those who come here from other countries,” said Julia*, an Australian OM team leader, who has been working in the Muslim majority country for over ten years and has seen the impact of the Gospel.

“Through working in partnership with local church networks, we see people experience God’s love in tangible ways by helping practically in times of crisis and supporting vulnerable communities like refugees,” she said.

The OM teams, spread throughout the country, share the Good News through short term outreaches, meeting people with faith questions and personal discipleship.

Many younger Christian workers need visas to stay in the country and enrol in local universities as students.

“This is the age group where we see God moving visibly. Many young people have given up hope in Islam, saying they are atheists but still searching for the Truth,” shared Julia. “We praise God for this new access to universities to work alongside what He is already doing.”

Julia has been amazed at how God prepares hearts, even before teams arrive in parts of the country where the Gospel is little known.

When doubt plagued a local leader of a mosque 30 kilometres from where an OM outreach team was working, the team leader drove to meet them. While having tea, he shared how some mornings he wakes up as a Muslim and others as an atheist. He was in a crisis of faith and wanted to see what the other books said. After many questions and talking for a long time, he asked, “How can a man dying on a cross pay for my sins or anyone’s sins?”

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WHAT IF THIS WAS NOT JUST A MAN,

BUT WHAT IF IT WAS GOD?

WOULD THAT CHANGE ANYTHING?

The OM team leader answered with a question. “What if this was not just a man, but what if it was God? Would that change anything?” The leader sat back in his chair and murmured, “That will change everything.”

The Gospel story does change everything. Jesus came to earth to reach people. And he is still doing it today, drawing people from all nations into His Kingdom.

*Names changed

The unshakable faith of many new believers in South Asia, supported by hard-working OM teams, has driven the Gospel forward even in hard-to-reach village communities.

Brett*, who leads the team in one South Asian country, believes God has prepared hearts to sow broadly.

“We work with new believers, helping them grow and live out their faith and some train to become OM workers. Things happen, and people often look to them for help, and that’s when God steps in.”

Brett shared about a time when visions haunted a Hindu teenager, Ria*, at night time. Ria’s family decided to seek help from a witch doctor but stopped at a house to ask for water when Ria became thirsty.

“Maya*, a Jesus follower, answered the door and shared about Jesus while Ria drank,” said Brett. “Afterwards, Ria continued her journey, but the witch doctor’s cures didn’t work. Ria remembered her conversation with Maya and asked Jesus for help. She prayed, and her visions stopped.”

Ria was so encouraged by the healing in her life that she wanted to learn more about Jesus and serve Him.

“She took part in our Disciple Maker training,” said Brett. “She realised that God had used her sickness, Maya’s words and the OM team to help her know Jesus and grow in faith, and now He is working through her to reach others.”

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Reaching people with the Gospel has its challenges in a country where 80 per cent of the population lives in poverty, in rural communities that are hard to visit due to a lack of infrastructure, and sometimes, natural disasters. Yet, God’s love continues to be shared.

In 2024, the team shared the Gospel verbally with over 500,000 people and delivered almost 300,000 Gospel packets of information to households. Over 900 people accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

God’s transforming love may start with an individual, like Ria, but often entire communities benefit. Brett believes that Jesus makes a big difference.

“We’ve seen health improve in communities, children returning to school, and in one village devastated by many suicides, no one took their life after our team arrived. We also find where there are enough believers to start a church fellowship, it helps. People are cared for, people are prayed for, and God is worshipped there.”

When Prem* met a young boy walking on the road and began to share some Bible stories, he didn’t know that it would lead to one of over 90 new fellowships starting throughout the year. Prem had attended OM’s Disciple Maker training when the boy asked him to pray for his sick mother. She was healed. The next day, Prem was invited to the village to share about Jesus, and a few people said, ‘I believe’.

The new believers began to meet at the boy’s house, and a regular fellowship started. Prem diligently taught them, and God grew the numbers as the community was encouraged by the faith of a few.

“Hearing the conviction in people’s voices when they say, ‘I believe’ is always a humbling experience,” shared Brett. “But when we send out our workers and see God at work through them all over the country, that’s powerful.”

**Names changed*

I believe



We are made to

Mobilise Boldly

INSPIRING & EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO GO INTO

ALL THE WORLD & TAKE THEIR GIFTS & PASSIONS WITH THEM

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

MATTHEW 28:19



Our history-making year!



After more than 50 years of ship-based ministry, the adventure continues. God is enabling the ships to visit places they've not been able to reach before, impacting new communities.

OM's Ships *Logos Hope* and *Doulos Hope* have had an extraordinary year sharing knowledge, help and hope while training hundreds for future service.

Doulos Hope

After spending two months in the Philippines, *Doulos Hope* and her crew were excited to dock for the vessel's first time in Hong Kong, SAR China. After a short stop and welcoming over 34,000 visitors, she sailed to the port of Phnom Penh in Cambodia. The historic visit made Ship Ministry history. *Doulos Hope* navigated Vietnamese waters to voyage up the Mekong River to reach her berth, the first of our ships able to do so, welcoming 24,000 visitors onboard and connecting with 22 local communities.

Previously named *The Taipan*, meaning 'boss of all bosses', *Doulos Hope* means 'servant of hope' and strives to do just that. Celebrating one year of service in May, the ship has spent an incredible 12 months visiting ten ports in five Southeast Asian countries, impacting thousands of people on shore through crewmember visits to nearby communities.

"There are so many stories of how God has built this ship over the last year," shared Nathan Schmutz, *Doulos Hope* Managing Director. "I'm very encouraged, especially because I recognise that we only scratched the surface this first year."

Logos Hope

For the first time in OM Ships' history, doors opened for a visit to Angola. During the eight days in the Portuguese-speaking country, over 42,000 people stepped on board, and

34 teams helped communities on shore.

Logos Hope's maiden voyage to Angola was part of a 15-month journey around the African continent, ending in November. With countless memories and testimonies to be celebrated, *Logos Hope* also participated in God's story told in and through Africa by Africans. The ship visited ten countries and welcomed almost one million visitors on board!

While crewmembers visited churches and communities on shore, over 600 locals came on board, serving alongside crew in different departments as 'port volunteers', undergoing training and discipling.

Hundreds of new crewmembers also joined the ship, excited to serve and immerse themselves in new cultures. Among them, four Aussies. Over the past year, a total of six people and three families from Australia served in the Ships Ministry full-time, with many more serving short-term.

For Aussie worker Mish Dunlop, who joined *Logos Hope* in South Africa, it has been a year of adventure since the crew welcomed her group with cheers and flag waving in January.

To Mish's great surprise, she was placed in the engine department.

"This was the department I least expected, because I don't know anything about engines," she admits. "However, my grandfather David Gillan was an engineer on several OM ships from 1998. The current chief engineer on *Logos Hope* worked under him, and now I work under him too, so it's like a full circle!"

For those on board *Logos Hope* and *Doulos Hope*, God has invited them to follow His leading, stepping out of their comfort zones to be 'full circle' believers — looking outward, helping others pursue Him, and inviting them to join the same journey they have taken.

In November, a group of church interns gathered at Brisbane airport, bound for Barbados and an experience of a lifetime — a vision trip aboard Logos Hope.

They were excited to share God's love but found so much more — an eye-opening, heart-changing adventure that proved to be an extraordinary God-shaped experience.

"It was amazing," said Declan. "Meeting so many people from all over the world who serve Jesus, I learnt so much."

Declan was one of nine Bridgeman Baptist Community Church interns who went on the trip with their pastor, Dan Mora, and OM Queensland Director David Bernard. They lived and worked alongside the crew for the 11-day stay, gaining exposure to life on board and the ship's operations.

With a strong sense of community among the crew, the group instantly became part of a much bigger team working for a united purpose.

"We all believe in the same God, yet I was shocked to hear that people are living such different lives in the same world at the same time as I'm living," shared Declan. "They heard the Good News, and now they're on this ship."

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Their lives will never be the same again, and that's the impact of what ministry can do."

Seeing lives changed also opened Tyler's eyes and led to his own transformation.

"I went on this trip expecting to give a lot, but I actually received so much from being here," said the intern. "When you meet visitors through the bookfair and see hope so tangibly and the heart of people, you can't walk away unchanged. I have a deeper understanding of who I really am and what I need to do."

Experiencing the heart of God's community is unmissable on *Logos Hope*.

"There's joy there in all working together. It felt like a fuller, richer ministry experience, a safe space where the interns could try a heap of different things," shared Pastor Dan.

As a result, he noticed many interns became open to God's leading.

"It was a tremendous opportunity for growth. They were really challenged about life, their own walk and what that means."

"How can this not benefit the Church when people engage practically in ministry overseas?" Pastor Dan remarked. "There's a whole community behind every person who serves on board, who understands the need out there."

When the last day came, and final goodbyes were made with new friends, the group left with a great sense of freedom, feeling the impact of experiencing God's love and sharing it with others.

A vision for ministry



We are made to

Care Deeply

DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS

THROUGH PRACTICAL AID & RELIEF

2024 saw an outpouring of love for Ukraine.

God has made it possible for OM in Ukraine to continue serving and supporting those in need.

We thank you for sharing in the journey supporting our Aussie workers who tirelessly helped so many people in this war-torn country.

We are grateful for your prayers and generous giving totalling over \$362,000.

THE WAR, NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR...

Thanks to your support, we have:

- distributed humanitarian aid (food, personal care, bedding and clothing)
- provided medical care
- financed fuel for delivery
- supported the chaplaincy services of the army and police
- provided psychological support for armed forces and police
- developed a war widows and orphans ministry
- organised a retreat for war widows and orphans
- provided assistance in a rehabilitation centre for wounded soldiers
- organised camps for traumatised kids and teens

DEFEND THE WEAK AND THE FATHERLESS;
UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED.

PSALM 82:3

In Rivne, a city in western Ukraine, the OM team runs an art studio offering children who have lost their parents in the war healing and hope. Initially burdened by grief, Tanya joined the art studio. She discovered the joy of painting and learned to express her emotions through art, which helped her emotional state and with this painting, won an international children's drawing contest.*

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Peace in a time of war



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WHO HIMSELF SAID: “COME TO ME,
ALL THOSE WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

Shane and Jemimah Paxa serve God through OM and have lived in Ukraine for 14 years. From Australia, they moved to Ukraine two weeks after their wedding. They focus on youth ministry and constantly see God’s hand at work in the lives they seek to help.

Dear OM family,

What a year it’s been. Sometimes, I find it difficult to know what to write. How can one describe war? War is an experiential thing. You feel war. Deep down inside your heart, mind, body and soul, it is difficult to put into words.

Imagine trying to describe the taste of a mango to someone who has never tasted mango before. There are a few descriptors that you could use, but tasting a fresh mango from the tree, well, there’s really nothing else like it in the world. Such is war. It must be experienced to really be understood; once tasted, it’s never forgotten.

I am so thankful for the peace that God promises us, a peace that is beyond understanding. That means in moments when the Russians are only 2 km away, as was the case recently when I visited my friend Dima in Kupyansk. Shells were falling all around us, yet we could still sit, talk, laugh, pray and even take communion together in the front seat of my car.

Who in their right mind, apart from Christians, would have peace in a time of war right on the front lines? For this, I am so thankful.

Before Dima was conscripted, he served our town through music ministry. He offered music lessons to youth and children, ran a small recording studio, and served at a local café in town. Now, Dima serves as a field medic.

As I was leaving, I put my hand on Dima’s shoulder, and we bowed our heads to pray. Mid-sentence, I was interrupted by an artillery shell landing only metres from where we were. The sound was deafening; the shockwave hit us, and I felt it in my bones.

“You better run now,” were Dima’s words.

Amid all the turmoil and suffering, pressures and stresses, Ukrainians are tired. Tired of the war, tired of fighting, and just tired. It is the perfect opportunity for people to turn to the Saviour King, who Himself said: “Come to me, all those who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

In Jesus, we can find rest in and amongst the most challenging situations and circumstances.

While our team at OM helps practically, Jesus is the hope and promise we share with the people of Ukraine.

In the heart of a small rural village in the Near East, lives are changing for the better for children with disabilities and their families.

A Children's Centre, run by an OM partner, is a sanctuary for these children who have faced huge challenges in their short lives.

Finding love, support, and a chance to thrive at the Centre is 6yo Fares*. Diagnosed with cerebral palsy, Fares lived a very isolated life, shielded from pitying stares and whispered judgements. He struggled daily with his condition, but with the help of staff, he began to laugh, make friends and join activities that brought him joy.

Although unable to kick a soccer ball, the other children made Fares feel part of the team by giving him a brand-new whistle and a jersey. They appointed him as referee, and he found his place on the field.

Fares' family, who once felt so alone, now has a community to lean on — a network of support that understands their challenges and celebrates their son's progress, both emotionally and physically.

During the year, OM raised funds to help people like Fares and his family, giving hope to more little lives in the village.

The village sits in a region ravaged by war that has over 1.5 million children living with disabilities. They often grow up unseen, hidden away due to cultural shame. Their families feel overwhelmed and isolated, unsure of how to care for them.

WE FELT THE CALL OF GOD TO BRING

HOPE TO THIS PLACE.

Through working with our partner, we have begun to see change. Providing rehabilitation and equipment has enabled children and families to celebrate physical improvements. Training for parents and local staff has encouraged the community to provide quality care. Most importantly, there is laughter, friendship, opportunity and a sense of belonging among the children.

Zara*, a Community Centre leader, said she and her team began the work with home visits, basic training and support for parents.

"Twelve years ago, we received a rare invitation from the local authorities in this region," said Zara. "There are no known believers here; it's heavily Islamic. We felt the call of God to bring hope to this place — not only for these children but for their families and the future of this community."

With each visit, more families began to open up, welcoming them into their homes. The team started praying for the area, and slowly, doors that had been closed for generations began to open. Today, the project has grown in ways we could not have imagined.

For years, OM has responded with love and compassion, working with local partners and networks in countries and regions like the Near East to provide help and hope in practical ways. While we might not be able to change the whole world, we can help change the future for children, such as Fares.

Through your support, Christ's love is at the centre of communities and families in need.

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Love at the center



We are made to

Disciple Purposefully

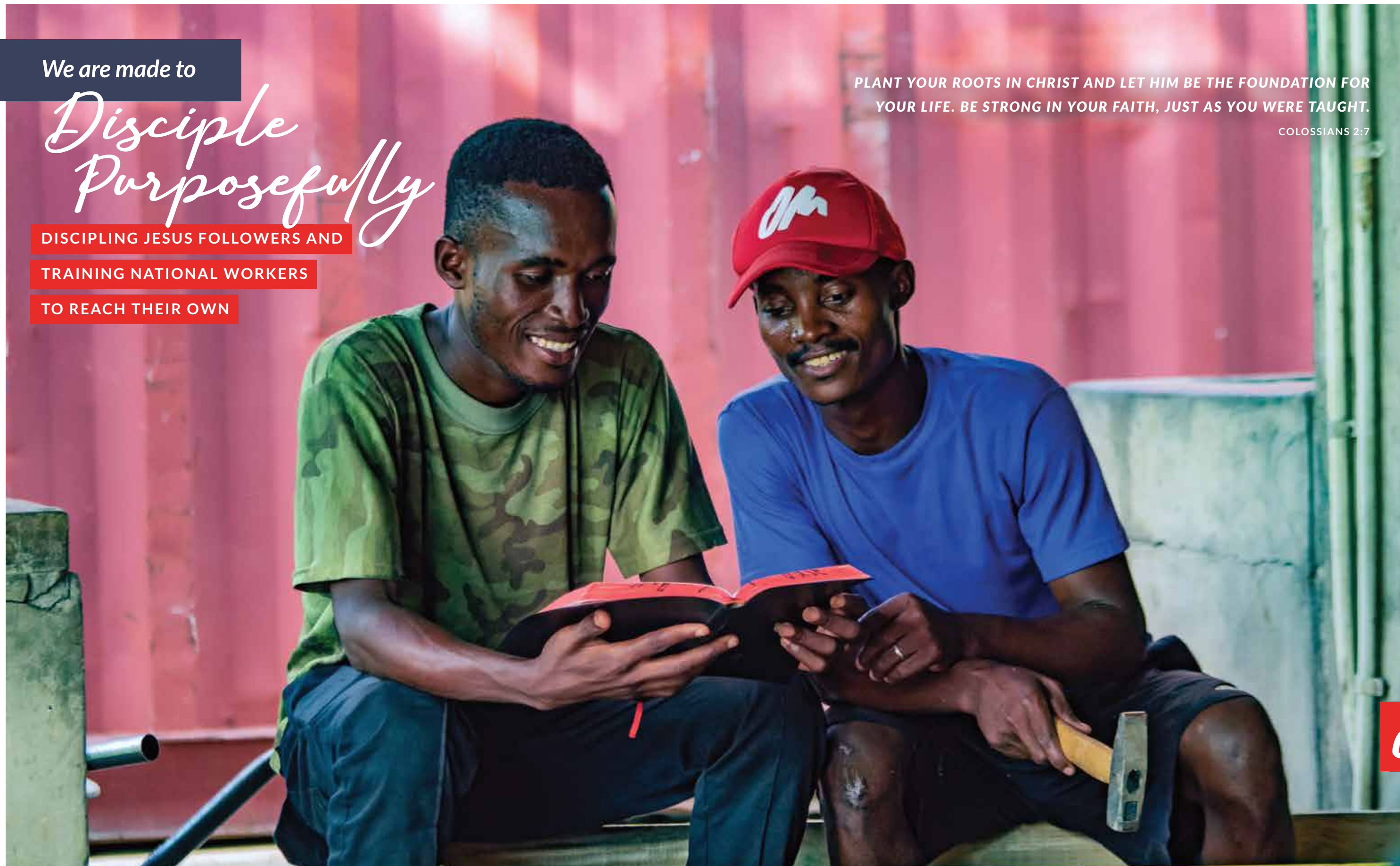
DISCIPLING JESUS FOLLOWERS AND

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TO REACH THEIR OWN

PLANT YOUR ROOTS IN CHRIST AND LET HIM BE THE FOUNDATION FOR
YOUR LIFE. BE STRONG IN YOUR FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT.

COLOSSIANS 2:7



Multiplying Disciples

Wedged in a mountainous area between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea lies the Caucasus region. It's home to a unique mix of cultures and millions of Turkic-speaking people, many of whom are unreached.

Yet, through the training of disciple makers, new believers are strengthening their faith, discipling others and magnifying Jesus in places where the Gospel has taken hold.

Training national disciple makers — local believers equipped to share the Gospel — is part of a long-term vision to reach more Muslim people in the region. Spearheading the ministry, the OM team in the Caucasus creates social media advertising to identify those seeking to connect.

"It's powerful," said Bryson*, leader of the ministry. "People chat online for the first time with our trained operators who are believers. It breaks down a lot of walls."

National disciple makers meet with people who have requested a New Testament through the online chat.

"That's when the deeper discipling begins," said Bryson. "Relationships grow, and people come to faith. Bible studies form and some study groups have grown into churches."

There are many good news stories. Fuad*, who lives in Azerbaijan, had been searching for God, but when he looked at his friends and family, he saw their faith wasn't genuine.

Fuad prayed, "God, where are you?" One day, he saw an OM social media advertisement and asked for a New Testament. A local disciple maker helped reveal the truth, and now Fuad attends a home church, shares his faith boldly with others and has benefited from OM's disciple makers training.

Training is the backbone of the outreach ministry and includes adopting a mindset of multiplication to increase reach and effectiveness.

Disciple Purposefully

"We offer contextualised training and Bible studies so that people are multiplying believers amongst their own networks and families," shared Bryson.

The training programs range from two days for online operators to 10 days for those on the ground meeting and discipling others. In 2024, OM took the exciting step of launching a REACH school for Turkic language speakers. Established in several countries, OM's REACH schools provide a unique training experience for those attending the residential program and aim to work in full-time outreach ministry.

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Mehdi*, a student at the Caucasus REACH school, stepped away from being a pastor to devote himself to multiplying disciples.

"Now I am training my own disciples to make disciples. And our ministry has multiplied. We're now doing work in four provinces, not just one. We've started discipleship groups in those four provinces — praise the Lord!"

Mehdi is an example of the profound way in which God works in and through people. In 2023 and 2024, over 16 new groups of Jesus followers were formed and now flourish in places where there previously were none.

For Bryson, the work is inspiring: "One of the most exciting things is seeing our disciple-making tools not just applied by those we train but passed on to the next generation and seeing a movement of disciple making spread beyond contacts we gather through social media. As we're working with our many disciple makers, we see so many multiples of ourselves, and I think that's what God is really doing."

*Names changed

When Jesus was revealed as the Saviour King during recent TeenStreet events, the teens responded with full hearts.

For many, it was a deepening of their faith. Some put their trust in Jesus for the first time, while for others, it was a call to action.

One Aussie teen who had a life-changing encounter with God was Jack. During the week at one TeenStreet, Jack put his trust in Jesus on one of the days, was trained to share his faith the following day, and the day after, he picked up his phone, called his girlfriend and shared the Gospel with her, and she put her trust in Jesus over the phone.

“That’s the power of God at work,” said TeenStreet Australia Director, Callum Thomas.

Since OM’s Youth Movement began in Australia in 2010, TeenStreet has impacted countless young lives with its core focus on Biblical teaching, discipleship and mission.

“We lead them into a deeper relationship with God, encourage boldness in taking the Gospel into the world, and have a heap of fun along the way,” said Callum.

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“Jesus made some big claims about himself,” he continued. “For our 2024 events in QLD and VIC, we led the teens through the Book of Mark, revealing those claims to be true. The excitement caught on.”

Harry was one of those teens emboldened to share his faith. During a worship night in the Throne Room, Callum challenged the teens to text a friend about Jesus. Harry took a step further, rang a friend, shared the Gospel, and invited him to church.

“We have so many teenagers in our churches, and we really want to engage them and prepare them for God’s work,” said Callum.

And TeenStreet is doing that! The optional seminar on ‘How to share the Gospel’ at QLD and VIC events was packed with teens.

The connections they make are not just with God and realising His plan for their lives but with others. During the intensive week, many teens experience the joy of being part of God’s family and make life-long connections.

“It was such a powerful week,” shared one teen after the QLD camp. “Many of us entered it as strangers but left feeling a closeness to each other and, most importantly, a united desire to spread Christ in the world. This week deepened my walk of faith and reminded me again of the faithfulness of God.”

With Christian teens increasingly living ‘between two worlds,’ OM’s youth ministry is vital in helping them recognise the goodness and authority of Jesus.

“We long for young people to see this,” said Callum, “so they can’t help but share about Him wherever they are as God continues to shape their lives beyond TeenStreet.”

Jesus Revealed





Faith through dance

FREESTYLE DANCE MINISTRY

Young people around Australia have embraced OM's Freestyle Dance Ministry (FDM) in 2024.

With creativity, high-energy dance moves and storytelling, the travelling ministry never missed a beat with the message of Jesus.

FDM aims to grow faith in the next generation by revealing God through dance workshops and testimonies that deeply connect with kids and teens.

In its ninth year, the momentum keeps building with 220 workshops across 97 locations, visiting schools, church groups and Christian camps, and reaching over 9,600 children.

"It's been our best year yet," said FDM's

founder Justin Seidel. "We make it fun, and they are so receptive. Even those students who aren't of faith yet, we show them that the Christian community is awesome and loving, and Jesus is for them."

To reinforce all the fun between visits, FDM created a series of videos, another highlight of the year. Two videos were released on YouTube, and another five are on the way.

At times, Christianity may seem remote from today's youth culture, yet Justin is often humbled when the ministry shines a spotlight on God.

"When they come up to you and say: 'Hey man, just so you know, I'm actually a Christian, too!' We know we are making a difference."



On our doorstep

MAP MINISTRY

What a joy and delight it is to witness God revealing Himself!

Many Muslim communities in Australia have continued to benefit this year from our local OM team, MAP, sharing God's love in practical ways.

For some, the MAP team are the only followers of Jesus they have ever known.

Reading the Bible with a large family from a 'closed' country, one MAP member shared, "We cannot put into words the joy of watching the young teens in the family catch a glimpse of the beauty of Jesus in His Word. It was evident on their faces."

Being present and spending time with people remained a key focus over the year through

discipling, hospitality, home visits, language learning (ESL), and meeting needs.

Rising costs increased the need for food assistance, clothing and furniture. MAP was able to meet the demand by purchasing a van to reach more families.

With Muslims from over 60 countries now living in Australia, Ben, who leads the team, believes showing compassion is vital to revealing Christ's love.

"The community centre we opened a year ago has seen a steady stream of refugees seeking help and friendship. We have a wonderful opportunity to show love and grace to the nations on our doorstep. We see it as more than a responsibility. It is a great privilege."



Sensational Türkiye

PARTNERSHIP TOUR

In September, a number of OM's partners experienced a unique and unforgettable adventure in Türkiye.

Rich in cultural and Christian heritage and home to world-famous sites and great food, Türkiye proved to be a captivating destination for OM's first tour in collaboration with *Selah Travel*.

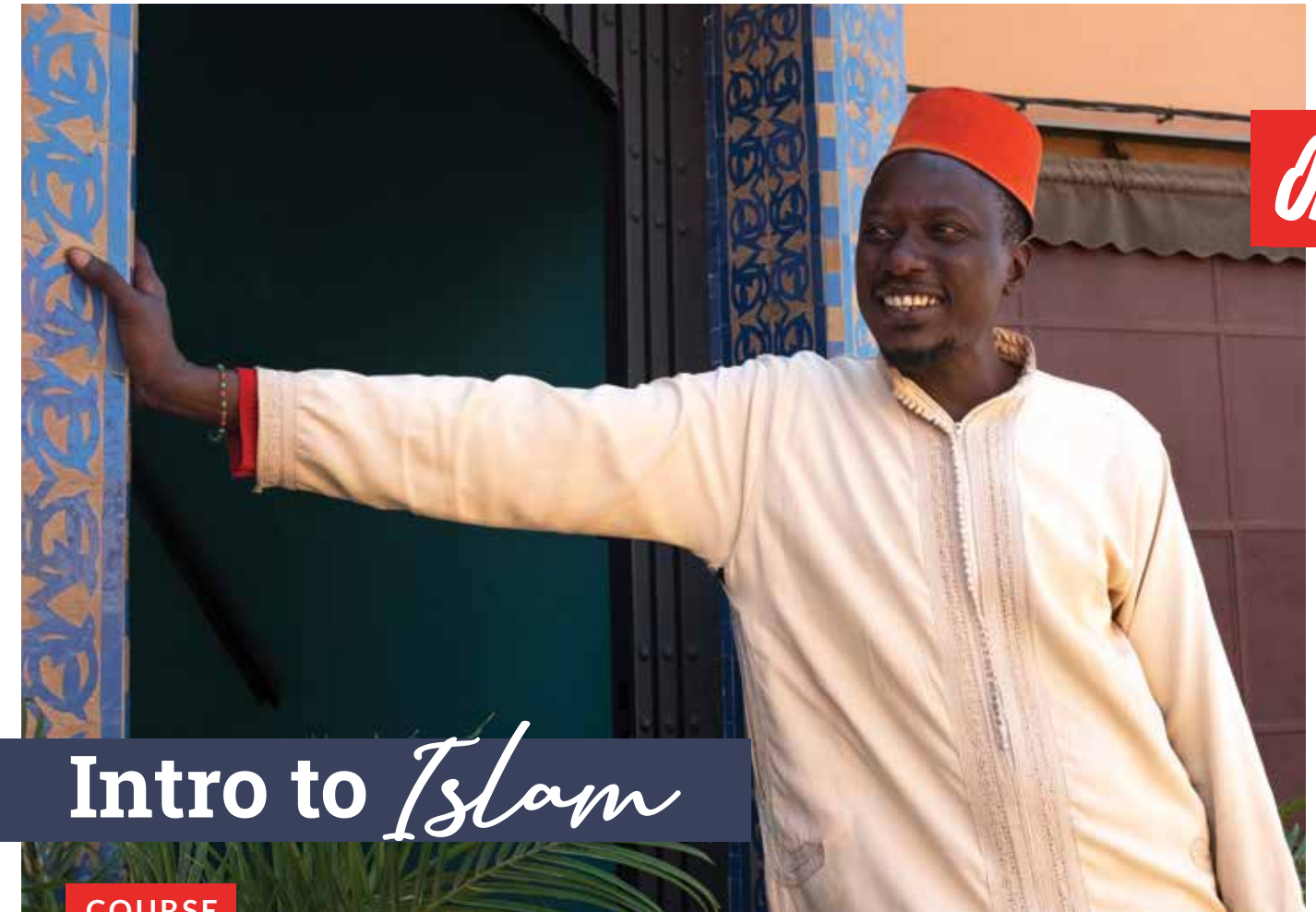
Led by Pastor Allan Demond of *NewHope Baptist Church*, the tour group explored the country's biblical history, visiting Patmos, Sardis, Pergamon and Laodicea, sites featured in the Book of Revelation.

Starting in Istanbul, they also visited many other iconic sites - the Spice Bazaar and Grand Bazaar, Gallipoli, the Temple of

Artemis and the lunar-like landscape of Cappadocia. One highlight was seeing God at work through the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC), founded by OM in 1962.

Elim, her brother Enoch, and their mother, Lucy, were among the 32 people on the three-week tour. Tracing some of the footsteps of the early church, Elim said the trip renewed her sense of understanding towards what she imagined the events in the Bible looked like.

"It was also an overwhelming experience. To walk in places the Bible described and to feel the oppression of persecution in some of these places. The hot springs of Laodicea reminded me, especially of the biblical events. It was a treat to experience it in person."



Intro to Islam

COURSE

Thousands of Muslim people are coming to faith in Jesus, yet the majority have still never heard the Gospel. OM seeks to change this by running courses like Intro to Islam.

Intro to Islam aims to inspire and encourage Christians to become more engaged with Muslim people and to recognise opportunities with neighbours or colleagues here or in a cross-cultural setting abroad.

Nearly 2 billion Muslims from diverse communities and cultures practice Islam. The three-week course, which ran over July and August, helped broaden the participants' knowledge, from the roots of Islam to the varying sects.

All three guest speakers shared their expertise from their extensive time abroad across Central Asia, the Middle East and East Africa. Their experiences helped participants understand how to foster meaningful relationships.

Ben Everard, Victoria/Tasmania State Director of OM, believes the course was valuable in teaching people how to minister Jesus' love and encouraging people that God is bringing Muslims to faith in Him.

"We need Christians from all nations who can share their faith locally and globally with Muslims," he said. "The people who attended the course and the many praying for our Muslim neighbours have the potential to change this."

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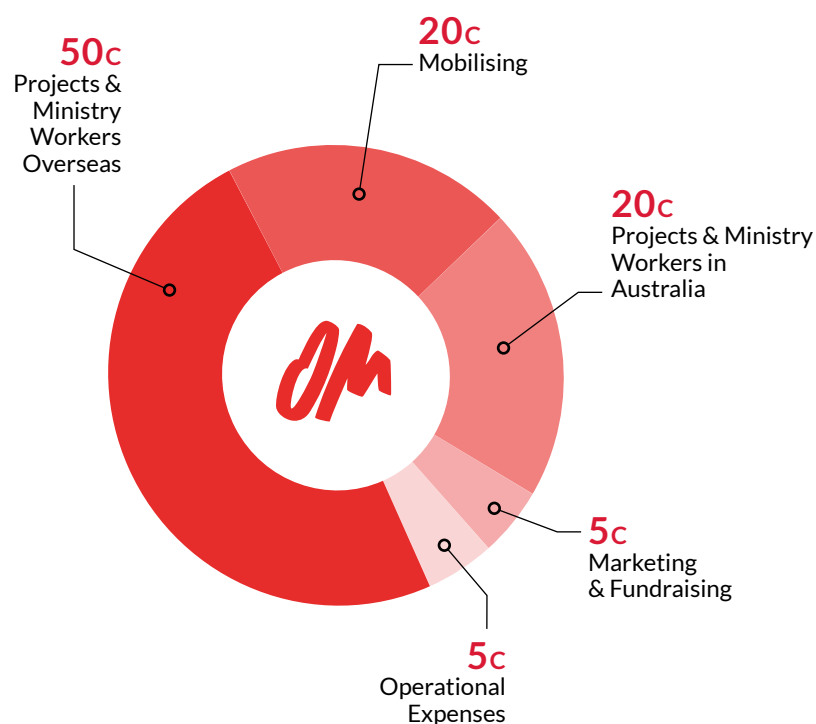
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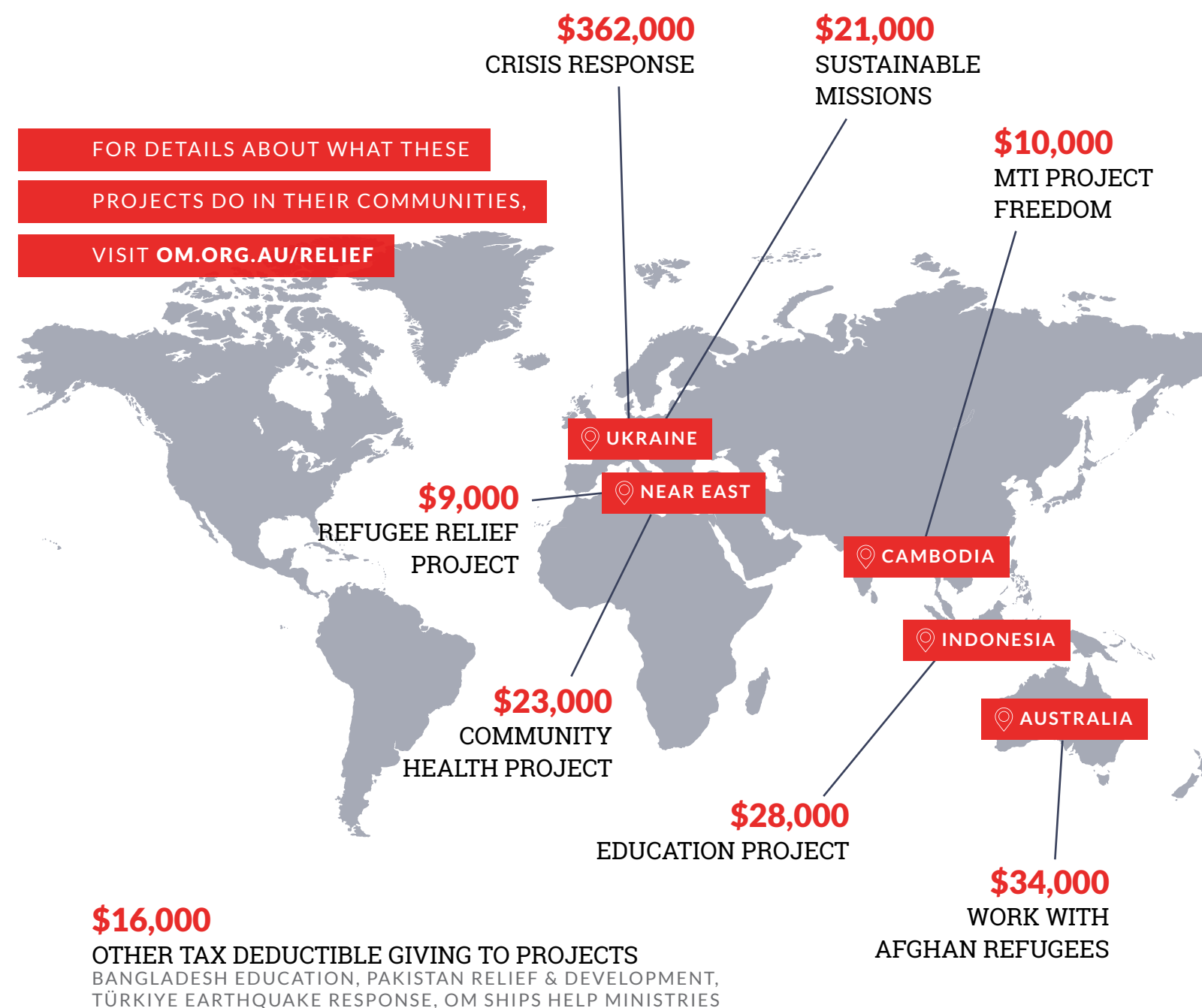
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