



2023 Ministry Impact Report

Every number has a name.



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A Letter from the President

Dear partners in ministry,



I am excited to share our 2023 ministry results with you! These results would not have been possible without your support or the work of our hub leaders and our global staff. We do the work together!

One of the highlights this year was that we surpassed a goal we dreamt about years ago: to see over 10,000 churches started in one year. It is particularly special because our brother Tim Maxwell, who recently graduated to be with the Lord, also participated in this dream. As someone who loved and embodied accountability in results, he would have liked it if we shared the exact number as seen in the powerful church planting database that he helped design. **So it is a pleasure to announce that exactly 11,808 churches were started this year.**

Thank you for working with us as we all participate in the mission of God to reclaim this world for Christ.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Wagenveld".

Dr. John Wagenveld
Founder & President

Celebrate with us!

We surpassed our mega goal of

10,000+

new churches started in one year!



Asia Ministry Hub

In the province of Kampong Chhnang, Cambodia lives a church planter named Chetra Phorn. Once an antisocial and angry man, Chetra was brought to Christ through the work of Pastor Oun Sina. Knowing Jesus as his Savior changed Chetra's life and made him a new person. Chetra has been involved in Multiplication Network's church planter training and has started churches in three different provinces. Though he has had to face several challenges, including persecution from his family, Chetra continues to share the Gospel with people. He is thankful for Multiplication Network's training because it has helped him to start healthier churches with a deeper understanding of the Gospel.



Churches Started:

618



People Reached with the Gospel:

33,323

The team in Cambodia has opportunities to expand training efforts into several southeast Asian countries after several meetings with ministry partners in 2023. Asia Hub Director Sopheak Ea asks for prayers for more leaders and mentors to continue the work.



Caribbean & US Hispanics Ministry Hub

Hub Director Dr. José Almonte asks that prayers be lifted for stability in Haiti. Recent gang violence has destabilized the country and foreigners in Haiti have been advised to flee the nation.

In the vibrant city of Atlanta, Georgia, Maria Fernandez has been serving with unwavering passion since moving from her home in El Salvador 13 years ago. Thanks to Multiplication Network's training, Maria is ministering to people all over the state who come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and languages. Maria's ministry proves that reaching the Hispanic community in the United States for Christ is both possible and necessary. Together with Multiplication Network, Maria and other church planters like her are creating a movement of transformation and growth.



ANNY FELIZ is a church planter in the Dominican Republic who experienced God's love and provision in a special way after the death of her daughter. Watch her story here!



Churches Started:

426



People Reached with the Gospel:

35,366



East Africa Ministry Hub

The second largest country in Africa is Ethiopia and 30% of its population of over 120 million people claims to be evangelical. As the Gospel continues to spread in this nation, church planters and leaders depend on materials like Take Your Church's Pulse to improve the health of their churches. Milkyas Lelago, the National Coordinator of Ethiopia, writes that Take Your Church's Pulse has been translated into Amharic, a major language in Ethiopia. Those who have received it said, "The tool makes me look at my church from the outside. It not only reveals the church's need for healing but also provides the knowledge necessary to improve the situation. Now I am ready to help my church start the process of healing."

Milkyas adds that the need is great in Ethiopia. They need more laborers to address the needs of already existing churches and provide training to new church planters. We praise God for the work taking place in Ethiopia and the rest of East Africa.



Churches Started:

4,494



People Reached with the Gospel:

675,737



The heartbreaking part is just to have friends on two sides of a war. And to see people I've done trainings with that instead of holding a guitar leading people in worship, they're holding weapons of war."

- Greg Stamm, Eurasia Hub Developer

Olena lives in Ukraine and has learned more about Multiplication Network's training through translating the training modules. "God was very good to me through Multiplication Network," she says. "The people were encouraging, praying for me, and inviting me to retreats. I was very blessed by that and my heart is thankful." Her work is impacting many Ukrainians in Ukraine and in the surrounding countries. They can receive training in their own language and learn to share the Gospel in whatever circumstances they are in.

Eurasia Ministry Hub



Listen to Greg's episode on our podcast where he shares more about our work in Eurasia!



OLENA MAYSTER



People Reached with the Gospel:

1,683



Churches Started:

39

Europe Ministry Hub

Pedro Cardeal, a church planter in Portugal, is appreciative of the training made available through your support of Multiplication Network. "The modules have been very useful," he says. "They are easy to understand with the support of the videos. The self-assessment of the leader's role provides an opportunity for improvement that starts from the inside out. This helps to train local leaders to effectively multiply churches." Equipped and trained, Pedro was able to plant a church in Vale de Cambra, Portugal.

Work is continuing in Spain and Portugal and several contacts have been made in other European countries. Europe Hub Director Xoán Castro asks for prayers that those contacts would soon become partners in bringing the Gospel to Europe.

Latin America Ministry Hub

The Waorani tribe, located in the remote rainforests of Ecuador, were once known for the deaths of Jim Elliot and four other missionaries in the 1950s. Since then, members of the Waorani tribe have embraced the Gospel and sought to reconcile with the families of the slain missionaries.

Many have a desire to share the Gospel with their people, in their language, and within the context of their unique culture. They understand the importance of reaching their community with the message of hope, love, and redemption, and they are eager to be instruments of God's grace in their land. With Multiplication Network's training, leaders in the Waorani tribe are being equipped to start churches and reach their community for Christ.

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Churches Started:

53



People Reached with the Gospel:

771



Churches Started:

5,364



People Reached with the Gospel:

154,899



West Africa Ministry Hub

Simon Isaiah, a church planter in Niger, has utilized materials from many organizations. However, in his experience, none have compared to the training he received from Multiplication Network. Simon commends Multiplication Network's emphasis on practical evangelism strategies which are contextualized for use in the local community. He also notes the effectiveness of the Take Your Church's Pulse diagnostic tool, which has brought harmony to his church and fostered spiritual growth. Thanks to the training he received, Simon is ready to bring the Gospel to more people in his community with a renewed sense of purpose.



In 2023, a team of interviewers from West Africa interviewed a random sample of church planters to find out to what degree we are starting churches that multiply. The initial findings are that 81% of churches started in Ghana in recent years are active with 41% of those churches having started at least one daughter church. In Nigeria the findings show that 83% of churches started are active with 34% of those churches having started at least one daughter church. We praise God for the sustained growth in West Africa!



Churches Started:

814



People Reached with the Gospel:

160,856

Global Ministry Results



Churches Started:

11,808



People Reached With The Gospel:

1,062,635



People Who Now Follow Jesus:

397,595



People In Bible Studies:

270,919



Bibles Placed Globally:

84,104

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A Letter from the Director of Finance



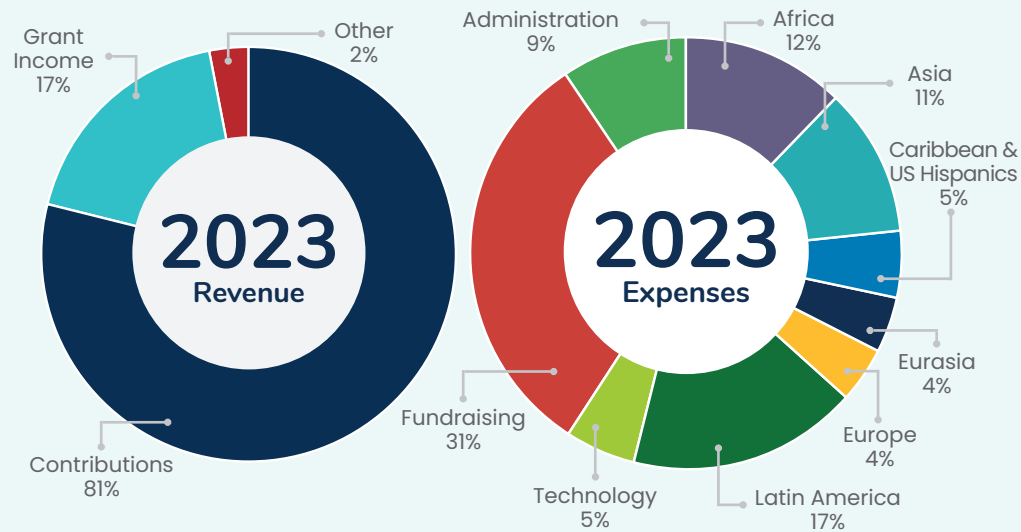
2023 was an incredible year of generosity for Multiplication Network. Over \$6.2 million was raised to fund the work of church planters around the world – our best year ever! Expenses were down slightly over projections and cash reserves landed right where we hoped they would. All-in-all, we finished 2023 in a very strong financial position thanks to Kingdom Investors like you!

The last three years have seen a complete changeover in the staff of the Finance Team. Audrey Podlin (Finance Administrator) and Nita Venhuizen (Finance Volunteer) retired in 2022 and 2023, respectively. I was blessed to shadow Tim Maxwell, our CFO and VP of Operations, during the last year and a half of his life, learning all I could to become competent in the role of Director of Finance/Controller of the organization. The baton was passed when Tim went to be with the Lord in October of 2023. I am privileged to work alongside my three other colleagues Cindy Feuerstein (Finance Administrator), Trina Keene & Sonia Goubeaux (Accounting Associates).

Given these changes as a backdrop, 2024 will be a time of learning and growing together as a Finance Team. We will intentionally seek to understand, grow, and leverage our individual strengths to build an even stronger team. We will focus on making small but impactful, incremental changes to the many financial processes we have in place, streamlining and simplifying for efficiencies to help enable future growth. We will continue striving for excellence and building trust through transparency and Christ-centered stewardship practices to provide confidence to Multiplication Network leadership and Kingdom Investors like yourself. Thank you so much for your support that enables us to continue starting More Churches and Stronger Churches!

Michael Gutierrez
Director of Finance / Controller

2023 Statement of Activity



REVENUE

Contributions	\$5,025,748
Grant Income	\$1,030,218
Other	\$146,378
Total Income	\$6,202,344

EXPENSES

Africa	\$785,172
Asia	\$697,507
Caribbean & US Hispanics	\$300,239
Eurasia	\$319,165
Europe	\$263,833
Latin America	\$1,076,573
Technology	\$307,308
Ministry Total	\$3,749,797
Fundraising	\$2,013,697
Administration	\$589,566
Total Expenses	\$6,353,060

2023 Executive Summary

In 2023, Multiplication Network focused on expanding translations, launching several technological initiatives, deepening our ministry partnerships, and most of all, continuing to grow in all continental regions. Amazingly, 11,808 churches were started in 71 countries in 2023! Additionally, as we continue to work toward achieving our strategic goals for 2025, 25 countries have trained over 100 church planters and 49 countries now have 3 or more denominational partners. We praise God for this growth and are excited to see what God makes possible in 2024.

Global Strategic Initiatives

- The Center for Innovation and Technology (CIT) has completed several projects including an app for digital reporting and an online Mission2Multiply course designed to provide online refresher training for church planters.
- Anna's Circle, focused on providing discipleship and evangelism training for women, has completed a 16-session training process focused on Pray, Share, Give.
- The Stronger Churches Task Force completed a revised 12-module version of Stronger Churches training. The Take Your Church's Pulse (TYCP) online diagnostic tool is now available in 7 languages and 7,430 churches were strengthened after using it in 2023.

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A Letter from the Vice President of Development & Communication



2023 was an amazing year for Multiplication Network. God provided the best fundraising year in our history and I'm grateful to you for that.

God knew we needed these resources because we saw **11,808** healthy new churches started in 71 countries and God brought generous people forward to provide the finances. I hope that number makes you pause, as it did for me, for just a moment to say, "Thank you, Lord."

It is all to God's glory and because of God's provision.

Despite all that we have to celebrate about 2023, it was a difficult year as well. As has already been noted, we lost our first and only VP of Finance and CFO, Tim Maxwell, on October 16 after a multiple year battle with brain cancer. John Wagenveld says, "Tim laid the tracks on which Multiplication Network rides."

Multiplication Network owes much to the wisdom, guidance, and leadership of Tim. His absence is felt by all of us. But his legacy lives on through thousands of new churches and hundreds of thousands of new believers.

So, we dedicate this 2023 Ministry Impact Report to Tim Maxwell. He would have been amazed at the impact Multiplication Network is having around the world. And he would have given God the praise.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done.

Ken Neevel
VP of Development & Communication

Learn more about our Development Team here!



In memory:

Tim Maxwell
January 26, 1965 –
October 16, 2023

