

# 2020 Annual Report



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### Letter from the President

2020 is a year that will remain at the forefront of people's minds for many years to come. It was a year of unrelenting change, profound challenges, and difficult choices. Life looked different for each of us. Some found themselves working from home without the long commute; some found themselves unemployed and facing financial peril. For others, it was an opportunity to spend more time with family, meanwhile many found themselves all alone. For many it was a season of mourning. But wherever we found ourselves, one fact became very clear – we were utterly dependent on God's mercy and love. And what a place to be! I cannot think of a better posture for The Alliance Canada than 100% reliance on God.

In the 2018-2019 Report, I wrote how each morning I was asking God for two things: open eyes and a burning heart. Well, open eyes and a burning heart I received! In 2020, stories poured in about people finding creative ways to love their neighbours and share the Gospel, churches with congregations that tripled or quadrupled in size due to online services, and ministries that broadened their reach from local to international through digital means. Opportunities that I might have missed otherwise came into focus, and extra time spent with God deepened my passion for the lost.

COVID-19 changed the world, but God is changing me. I cannot go back to "business as usual" and neither can the Alliance. 2020 has set us on a new trajectory. God has opened our eyes to the need to shift from "the way it was" to "the way God wants it to be." Our vision prayer is, "O God, with all our hearts, we long for You. Come, transform us to be Christcentred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere." Let us not miss the opportunity God has put before us in 2021. Our eyes are open to the harvest and our hearts need to burn with passion for the lost. I remain more convinced than ever of what I wrote in the 2018-2019 Report, "God has set the stage for an incredible harvest."

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. David Hearn President, The Alliance Canada

God has opened our eyes to the need to shift from "the way it was" to "the way God wants it to be."



### Letter from the Chair of the Board

I have no doubt that you have a variety of terms you use when describing what 2020 looked like for you so do I. The first is *pivot*. It suggests a sudden turn or reorientation. Board members not only pivoted in their own lives and ministries, but also as a board. We listened to and encouraged national staff as they unpacked the impact of COVID-19 on their areas of ministry and how to pivot to fulfill the mission of the Alliance. We *'increased accountability'*, building trust and confidence between the Board and the National Ministry Centre as we worked to ensure financial policy and protocols were being followed and staff and directors were managing their departments well.

*Care* is another word. As the Board is made aware of national issues, international crises, and workers' struggles, we pray-not out of obligation but because of our sincere affection for our co-labourers in Christ.

The term *cultural awareness* arose as we were made aware of areas in the Alliance culture needing attention. As our Canadian culture struggles with issues, the Board has committed to significant dialogue in these areas and, more importantly, how our national leadership will respond.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for their ability to pivot, engage in difficult conversations, hold one another accountable, and care for you, our Alliance family.

Blessings and may the Lord sustain you amid these days.

Rev. Jeff Sensenstein Chair, Board of Directors

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you.

1 Samuel 12:23





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#### **Strategic Drivers**

Culture, Nurture, and Venture are three key strategic approaches to The Alliance Canada's work.

### Culture

2020 filled the world with uncertainty. Within a few months, we were impacted by a global pandemic, economic crisis, political turmoil, and ever-changing circumstances. But the Alliance lives in a culture of certainty – certainty that God loves this world and He is committed to fulfilling His promises and purposes. 2020 was a year of loss for many in the Alliance, but it was also a year of God speaking to His people, calling us to a renewed commitment to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focused. We are excited to share stories with you demonstrating that, even in a pandemic, the Gospel is being shared and Jesus continues to build His Church. As you read them, we hope you will be inspired and hear a fresh call of God to lean into His mission with renewed intensity.

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Photo courtesy of Dariush. Local COVID-19 protocols were followed.

#### **Ocean Baptisms**

Since 2017, Dariush Eyvari, the pastor at North Shore Alliance Iranian Church (BC), has baptized close to 400 people.

In March, when the church stopped gathering in person due to COVID-19, they were no longer able to perform baptisms safely. They started a list to keep track of those who wanted to be baptized. Before mid-summer, the waiting list grew to over 100 people!

In the summer, they went to the beach in small groups at different times to baptize these new believers in the ocean. The story does not stop with baptisms. The church is planning ahead by focusing on discipleship programs. Dariush said, "We want to equip people with the Gospel to return to Iran. God is working in Iran, and He will make Iran free one day."

#### Raise a Hallelujah

Within the first few weeks of the pandemic, when fear and uncertainty were palpable, we put out a call for prayer. This event was an opportunity for people around the world to gather on social media to worship together, hear stories about what was happening in the Alliance, and be encouraged.

Between April and December, seven events were held, with thousands of people joining and a combined 150,000 minutes of people watching, praying, and worshipping together!

#### **Open Doors**

A responsibility to stay at home was a common theme throughout 2020. But what happens when you don't have a home to stay at? This was the reality in March for 120 men experiencing homelessness in Calgary (AB).

The Mustard Seed, a nearby shelter, was required to distance its beds, preventing them from having enough space for everyone. First Alliance Church in Calgary, one of the largest churches in the city, turned their building into a shelter to house 60 people by setting up sleeping areas that followed social distancing protocols. The congregation embraced the opportunity to meet needs in their community.

Photo courtesy of First Alliance Church Calgary

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### **Canadian Context**

District organization in the C&MA is designed to help churches grow, provide for regional relationships, and to give oversight to the licensing, ordination, and ministries of its official workers.

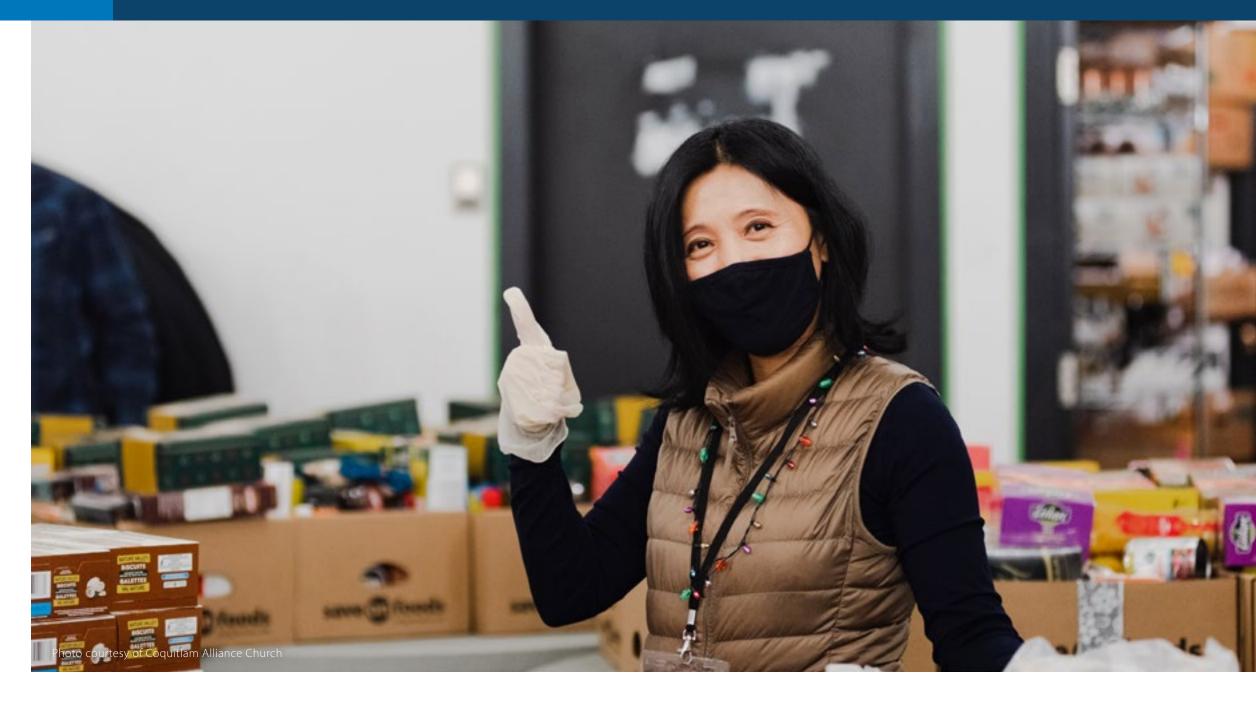
District churches and workers are united in fellowship and service in order to promote unity of faith, and to facilitate the spread of the Gospel.







76 Newly licensed workers



### **Canadian Pacific District**

British Columbia and the Yukon

Hampers of hope

When COVID-19 shut everything down, the missions team at Coquitlam Alliance (BC) recognized that many people in their community were struggling, and opted to provide hampers and offer grocery pickups.

The group gathered supplies from retail stores using coupons and acquired the maximum quantities allowed. Later, they were able to partner with grocery stores, wholesalers, and small businesses.

In the first week, the team was able to deliver 42 hampers, and since then they have delivered over 150. This ministry has allowed the church to meet the needs of people in their community during a challenging time.



### Western Canadian District

Alberta and Northwest Territories

#### **Creative Flexibility**

When in-person services were shut down in the spring, Deer Park Church (Red Deer, AB) pivoted to 'drive-in' style services and had the opportunity to advocate for drive-in options to be permitted in Alberta.

Limited volunteers and new protocols in the summer led the church to find a creative way forward. They reimagined services by opening a dedicated Sunday morning service for families with children and by making space for the youth group to take over the sanctuary on weekday evenings.

Through all of the changes, God provided just when things were needed: encouragement, funding, joy, community, morale, and especially creativity.

### **Canadian Midwest District**

Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nunavut, and northwestern Ontario

#### **Overcoming Hurdles**

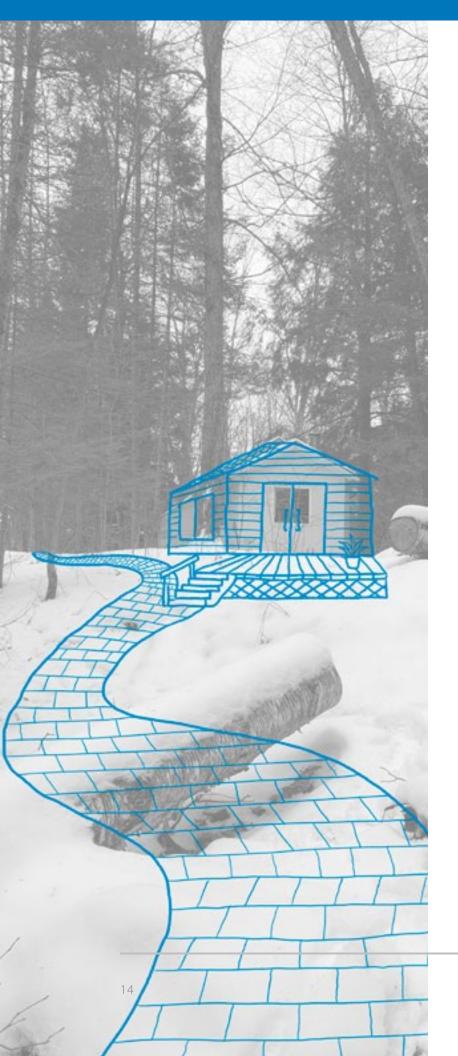
Shaunavon Alliance Church (SK) found ways to continue reaching the younger generation in its church and community despite the pandemic.

Over the summer, morale in the church and the community was extremely low. The church got creative and set up a parking lot carnival where one family at a time could pull up and play games.

Shaunavon Alliance was able to continue its youth mentoring program through the summer and Vacation Bible School according to the Child and Youth Day Camp Guidelines. Once school resumed, the church continued its Sunday School, Kids Club, and Youth Group in person, being intentional to follow government guidelines. Though it was challenging, the church was thankful for the opportunity to meet.

Photo courtesy of Shaunavon Alliance Church. All activities were following current guidelines. VBS and the parking lot carnival activities were done with social distancing. Kids were grouped in families and/or cohorts. At the time, masking was only required for singing.





### **Central Canadian** District

Western and northern Ontario

#### **The Butterfly Project**

"A year ago, living in Utterson (ON) with 10 acres behind me wasn't on my radar." On October 2, 2020 Christina MacBean and her family moved into their new home near Huntsville and started The Butterfly Project—a journey to develop and discern a ministry to hurting families who have experienced crisis and trauma.

While Christina has been working on her own development, God has been taking care of what seemed impossible, leading her to a property where she can begin applying what she has been learning.

Through Christina's New Ventures Apprenticeship, she will continue her research through McMaster Divinity College and to further develop The Butterfly Project. Christina will also engage with people and organizations throughout Muskoka. She will be researching what services are currently available, counsellors in the area, mental health supports, and more.

Photos courtesy of Christina MacBean.

Possible renovation for a community art studio on the property. Art therapy is often a helpful form of processing trauma.

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#### Saint Lawrence District

Québec

#### Beards, Bible, and Memes

David Pearson, Youth Director for the Saint Lawrence District Team, was searching for a way to reach his youth during the first COVID-19 lockdown in Québec. He started a Bible study twice a week but felt that it wasn't enough.

David and his brother Samuel started a podcast called Barbu + Bible (Beard + Bible). Their goal is to reach the French-speaking Québecois Christians and non-Christians through speaking about memes, the Bible, and faith in an authentic way.

In their first week they reached a hundred people. Since then, they have interviewed emergent leaders from the Saint-Lawrence District and other guests. David Pearson said, "Since the beginning of Barbu + Bible, we have seen how God is using us to reach more and more people with the Gospel. We pray that God will use our podcast for His Kingdom in Québec and reach more people with

Listen to Bardu + Bible at facebook.com/BarbuBible

God's Good News."



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### **Eastern Canadian District**

Eastern Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces

#### **Spotlight on Partners**

Over the past twenty years Toronto Alliance Church (ON) has developed a ministry that feeds and clothes people who are experiencing housing insecurities. The church building did not have a stove, and insurance wouldn't allow it to add one, so members cooked all the meals offsite and brought them to the church.

As the crowd grew, other churches offered help. Toronto Alliance developed partnerships with many churches in the area. The increase in need for clothing and donations put a spotlight on the importance of these partnerships to keep the pantry stocked and the closet full.

This ministry has touched many lives; numerous individuals have given their hearts to Christ, people have experienced healing and deliverance, and countless lives have been rescued from despair and hopelessness.





Risen taken 2018 in Hamilton, Ontario. Since then, they have become a church: newventurescanada.com/risen

### Nurture

Ryan Graham, Vice President

#### What is Nurture?

Nurture exists to build capacity for the future. Through Envision Canada, New Ventures Canada, Candidate Development, new strategic sending partnerships, new funding strategies, working with our official schools, and national networks we are growing leaders, opening doors, and ensuring support for the future of the Alliance. We work with districts and churches to identify, develop, and mobilize new leaders, launch new church expressions, develop sustainable funding, and tell the Alliance story.

**New Ventures** desires to see new leaders, in new places, leading new churches across Canada to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus.

**Candidate Development** prepares people, both spiritually and professionally, who are passionate about going to places where few or none have heard the Gospel.

**Donor Development** develops new sources of income and sustainable funding models for Alliance initiatives all around the world.

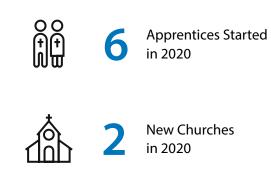
**Envision Canada** helps identify, equip, and launch future missional leaders who will innovate, establish, and strengthen communities of faith in Canada and around the world. Envision connects young adults to unique experiences that prepare them for global careers, church leadership, and deeper intimacy with Jesus.

#### **New Ventures**

David Enns, National New Venture Developer

During a Holy Spirit Encounter weekend in 2018, leaders at Bayridge Alliance Church (Kingston, ON) felt compelled to reach out to people living in a local motel. John Russell, a member of the congregation, was moved to respond and give leadership to a New Venture that would show the tangible love of Jesus.

When the motel sold in early March 2020, the group was forced to move out and create a tent city during the pandemic. Thanks to John and his team of volunteers, the people continue to receive compassionate support through a Bible study, regular visits, and practical help.





New Ventures Planted in 2020

Photo courtesy of John Russell



### Candidate Development Office

Harv Matchullis, Director

We send people to be ambassadors of the love and life of Christ, in whatever they do. Some are sent as international workers funded through the Global Advance Fund and some as Marketplace members funded through their profession.

Although COVID-19 delayed many departures in the last year, it did not delay candidates in preparing to go abroad. In 2020, 61 people were in the process to become international workers.

#### International Workers (IWs)

The Candidate Development team worked on ways to focus on recruiting and developing ambassadors. Every candidate is trained and developed in specific ways they will contribute to building the Kingdom in the place they are assigned.

#### Marketplace

Our goal is the mass mobilization of Alliance people who take up employment globally and share the life of Christ in their workplace, especially in locations where there is little or no access to the Gospel. Currently 30+ people are established in this way and a team is laying the groundwork to increase this number significantly.



### **Donor Development**

Anders Bygden, Director

2020 marked the launch of an innovative and sustainable funding opportunity. The Alliance Charitable Foundation (ACF) offers donors life-time stipend payments and a charitable tax receipt for 125% of their donation. In a few short months, the ACF received over \$188,000 in contributions, and began distributing to the Global Advance Fund (GAF). The ACF will generate an estimated \$150,000 for GAF in 2021 and over half a million dollars annually thereafter.

Learn more at TheACF.ca







### **Envision Canada**

Frances Kim, Director

2020 was set to be a year full of launching global missional engagements to Mexico City, Thailand, and the Middle East, in addition to gathering 100+ young leaders for our annual Summit in New York City. Despite setbacks from the pandemic, we saw virtual experiences launched at our Mexico City site. Canadian groups met with Mexican ministries on Zoom, with a variety of activities: prayer walks, guided prayer time, skits, interactive games and crafts, personal testimonies, worship, teaching, and even cooking classes so the Canadians could get a taste of Mexico in their own kitchens.

Multiple participants shared that through this experience they felt God confirming a call on their life to ministry; others were impacted by testimonies and by the spiritual disciplines practiced together. Our Mexican ministry partners were also deeply encouraged! Envision is continuing to explore how to launch virtual experiences while hoping that travel restrictions will soon lift and in-person gatherings can be a reality once again.

2020 Annual Report: Nurture

Mexico City photos courtesy of Ray and Cindy Perry.

### Venture

Brem Frentz, Vice President

#### Bringing access to Jesus where few or none have heard

God passionately invites all people to live in intimacy with Him. With over 40% of the global population still living without the hope of Jesus, Venture identifies and equips leaders to multiply disciples and churches in rural communities and urban centres. We are going to people and places where few or none have heard the Gospel to see a wave of multiplication and mobilization globally.

In addition to the significant work of **Global Ministries**, Venture also includes **Mobilization**, **Member care**, and **National Cultural Associations** as well as:

**Defend Dignity** exists to end all forms of sexual exploitation in Canada through Awareness, Aid, and Advocacy.

**Justice and Compassion** works to bring wholeness and well-being to people made vulnerable by circumstances of poverty, disaster, and injustice.



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33	Countries where we have workers.
65	Least-reached people groups engaged
215	International workers around the world
83	International workers in creative access countries*
2**	Newly deployed international workers in 2020

\*Creative access countries restrict regular ministry activity.

\*\*These workers were sent in January 2020. Additional deployments of IWs were deferred due to COVID-19.

Statistics are as of December 31, 2020

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### **Defend Dignity**

Glendyne Gerrard, Director

In the spring, Defend Dignity launched the annual Choose Change campaign, asking Visa and Mastercard to stop processing payments for illegal sexual content online.

In December, a newspaper article attracted the attention of the Canadian government. It highlighted that explicit child sexual abuse and nonconsensual content can be easily found on the largest pornography website in the world, which is a Canadian company.

With this company in the news, Defend Dignity and partners sent letters signed by nearly 50 organizations to Mastercard and Visa. They agreed to pull their processing, although Visa has since recanted some of what it initially agreed to do.

Defend Dignity is rewriting its Choose Change letter to urge Mastercard and Visa to make a difference. In addition, ongoing interaction is taking place with MPs and Senators as they work on legislation to provide protection from online exploitation.

### **Alliance Justice and Compassion**

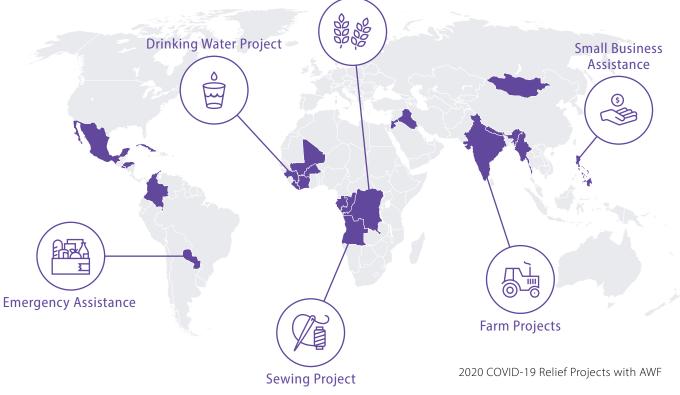
Joanne Beach, Director

At the beginning of the pandemic, we gathered to pray with CAMA Services (the development and relief arm of the C&MA US) and the Alliance World Fellowship (AWF). We felt the need to seek a quick and effective response to the needs of the most vulnerable. In May, we met with Alliance entities around the world to discuss how to meet the needs of vulnerable communities.

We reached out to pastors and received over 230 proposals for COVID-19 relief projects. In June, we disbursed over \$100,000 in aid to support projects in more than 50 countries. This money funded the distribution of food, masks, soap, medicine, and more.

At the end of December, project proposals from 17 countries were accepted to begin the process of the second phase of COVID-19 recovery. The donations for these projects totalled nearly \$300,000, including \$118,000 from The Alliance Canada's Global Emergency Response Fund, and have directly impacted more than 170,000 people. The recovery efforts include support for agriculture, nutrition, savings programs, and more.

Next step initiatives include offering training to better equip the national churches to engage in holistic community development within their church ministry work.



#### Agriculture and Nutrition

### **Caribbean Sun**

Core ministry initiatives in Mexico, the Caribbean Islands, and Central and South America are to raise up believers—in partnership with the local churches—to become international workers who will go to places where there is little or no access to Jesus.

#### **Local Partners**

In the mountains of Jalisco, Mexico there is a remote Huichol village where Christianity is not accepted and cannot be openly proclaimed.

In November, International Worker Rick Kilbrai and his son Ricky participated in a local Mexican church's mission trip to this village to connect with Huichol believers in their ministry to reach and bless the village.

The group served in children's ministry, began construction of an outdoor kitchen, helped with plumbing, assisted with medical ministry and a women's ministry, and built relationships with the community.

#### **Experiencing Peace**

On Monday evenings Ray and Cindy, international workers in Mexico, would go to a language exchange group where they practiced Spanish, and Spanish speakers practiced English. In this space, believers and non-believers met to study, build relationships, and encourage one another in their language development.

Due to COVID-19, this group moved to an online forum. One evening a fellow international worker, Bob, asked, "What do you do when you are stressed?" People began to honestly share ways they are coping with the stress of being isolated: screaming into pillows, eating, reading, watching Netflix, exercising...

Out of the four Mexican participants, only one had a growing relationship with Jesus. Among other things, she said that when she is stressed, she prays and gives all her concerns to God, letting Him be the One to take care of them and her.

Number of Workers in Sun

Photo by Carlos Davila Cepeda on Unsplash

**10** Engaged People Groups in Sun

Stories featured from

workers in Mexico

3.





Population in Sun

Photo courtesy of Lisa Rohrick

#### **Desert Sand**

In Africa, we are bringing access to Jesus to followers of Islam. This part of the world is facing COVID-19, devastating droughts, famine, religious strongholds, and the ever-increasing influence of extremists. International workers in this region are committed to proclaiming His name through word and deed.

#### **Broadcasting the Gospel**

Tuaregs are known as fierce warriors, though there is a fear among them when it comes to Christianity. Tuaregs can often be shamed by others for having Christian materials or associating with Christians.

The international worker team in Niger is sponsoring a Christian radio program that provides private listening to those who want to listen but are too afraid of community pressure. The program airs on the only national radio station in Niger, allowing Tuaregs to easily access biblical messages—in their own language Tamajaq—without shame or pressure.

Through this radio broadcast, people all over Niger are hearing about Jesus for the first time!

Stories featured from workers in Senegal and Niger

#### The voice of Jesus

Gary and Sharon Howell, international workers in Senegal, are investing their time in a ministry at the local hospital. Aaron\*, a mechanic, has been attending these Bible studies for several months after receiving an invitation from his sister. He loved the stories of Jesus but knew that to follow Him, he would have to make a sacrifice. He was scared.

One night, he heard a voice in a dream saying, "Do not be afraid." When he woke, he knew the voice belonged to Jesus and, feeling reassured, he decided to follow Jesus!

> Aaron shared his story the next week during Bible study and they talked, prayed, and celebrated with him.

> > \*pseudonym

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Number of Workers in Sand

13

Engaged People Groups in Sand

93.1m

Estimated Least-reached Population in Sand



### Silk Road

In Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East, international workers are committed to expressing the love and grace of Jesus. They are addressing the needs of nationals, refugees, and displaced people by living out the Gospel in their workplaces and communities.

> **48** Number of

Workers in Silk

#### **19** Engaged People Groups in Silk

233.8m

Estimated Least-reached Population in Silk

#### Dreamer

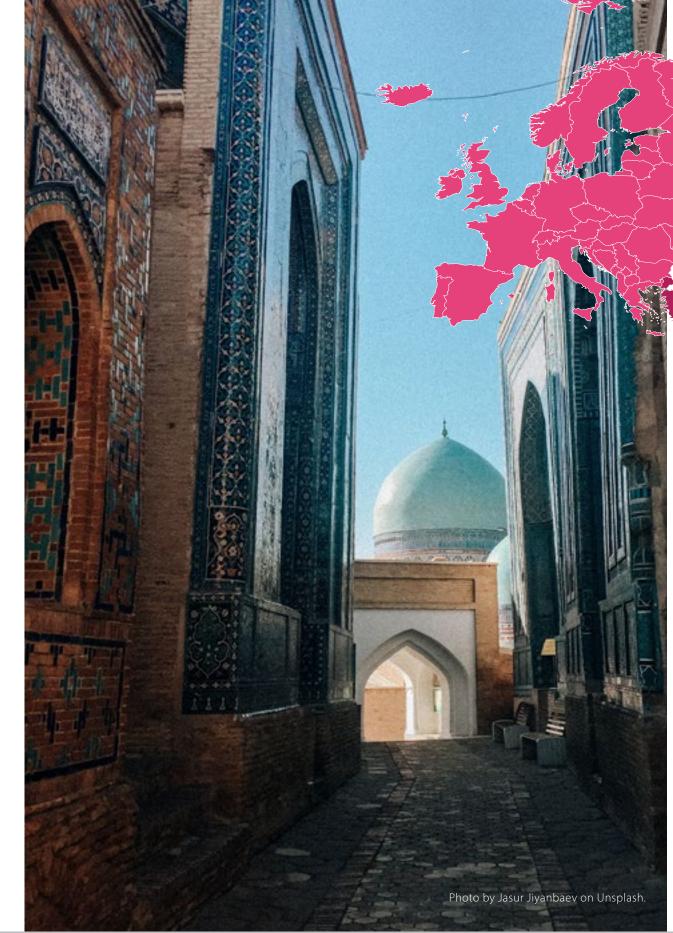
In Patty's dream, she was standing beside Jesus, looking at the silhouettes of five people behind bars. Jesus said to her, "I want you to lead them out of prison." Then she heard, "Get up and pray!"

In the office the next day, Patty, a believer from a Muslim background, told International Worker Clara about her dream. When she finished, Patty asked, "Who were those people in prison?" Clara suggested they ask Jesus. They had barely said "Amen" when Patty blurted out five names, all Muslims.

The fifth was a work colleague—Hazel. Just then, Hazel walked past. Patty called out, "Hazel, come and pray with us!" Hazel pointed to her phone and said she could not come.

Minutes later, Hazel poked her head through the door and said, "Can I come and pray with you? I'm so curious about what you're doing."

Patty was bursting with joy as she told Hazel how Jesus had changed her life. Clara was able to give Hazel a Bible and pray for her. After Clara finished praying, Patty prayed; then she turned to Hazel and said, "Can you see that God is calling you? Jesus will change your life, like He's changed mine."



biotections featured from workers in West Asia and Central Asia

#### **Cautious Coworker**

In a Silk Road country, one international worker couple boldly shares their faith with their office employees. Someone was warning others in the office to be careful, saying this couple was trying to brainwash them.

Just before the COVID-19 lockdown took place, one of the IWs gave this person a Bible. The woman read it and told the IW that the Bible became her only source of hope during the lockdown.

Praise God that the one who called them "brainwashers" is now eagerly meeting in the prayer room at the office, open to receiving prayer, and finding hope in Jesus.

### **Asian Spice**

East and Southeast Asia are immensely diverse. You can find all major religions, thousands of languages and cultures, and a wide range of political expressions in this area of the world. More people live here than anywhere else, and many have never heard the name of Jesus. In 2020, a unique initiative into South Asia called Gateway was launched and is building momentum.

#### Impact through Aid

A team of international workers was involved in an emergency aid program in response to COVID-19 for Rohingya refugees from March to June. The team made efforts to involve local leaders and beneficiaries.

Some of the people served during those months who had previously been cold and antagonistic to the team slowly warmed and had a transformation. Many of the refugees already had longstanding relationships with the international workers spanning the past 5+ years.

As the food aid program began, many community groups recognized that this money and help was coming from Christians as an expression of Christ's love for them.







#### **Thailand Ministry**

Thailand team members worked for several months to help support two youth who are victims of international child trafficking. In November Kaura-lea, an international worker in Thailand, drove six hours with a case manager to visit them in a shelter. Praise God that these teens are safe and doing well.

Stories featured from workers in Thailand and South East Asia

> Number of Workers in Spice

Photo courtesy of International Worker in Spice Region.

The same team is involved in baby milk formula distribution in two impoverished communities in Phuket. To promote sustainability and optimal infant health, they are also running breastfeeding seminars for mothers. Breastfeeding is not commonly encouraged or utilized in Thailand, and it's exciting to teach about God's incredible design and provision in hopes that more mothers will be able to be educated on the topic.

> **Engaged People** Groups in Spice

### 311m Estimated Least-reached

Population in Spice

### South Asia—Gateway to the World

In South Asia there are over a billion people spread across 500,000 villages who have never encountered the Gospel. This is where the Alliance is going with a focus on local leadership development, planting new churches, partnerships, and holistic ministries.

Gateway launched over the summer and it was an opportunity for people to be educated and get excited! In partnership with a local South Asian ministry, The Alliance Canada contributed funding towards two training centres that will be built in 2021. These centres will train and equip new church planters.

Learn more at cmacan.org/gateway

#### **Online Mentoring and Discipleship**

Morgan, an international worker going to South Asia this year is currently engaging online—mentoring and building relationship with local young women. One of these young women is Nayana\*.

Nayana told Morgan about her challenges with loneliness, hopelessness, and abuse. Morgan empathized with her, shared local phone numbers for professional help, and prayed.

After a couple of days, Morgan reached out because she was worried. Nayana wrote back expressing more hopelessness and fear.

Morgan assured Nayana that she matters, and shared about the hope that is found in a relationship with Jesus. And then, Morgan asked if she would like to know Jesus personally.

Morgan almost couldn't read Nayana's response through her tears! "I would love to know Jesus personally." Morgan explained how she can know Him and wrote out a prayer for her to accept Jesus into her life. A couple of days later, Nayana confirmed that she had prayed and said that she's looking forward to getting to know Jesus personally. Praise God! Morgan is excited to walk with Nayana along the journey of discipleship.

\*pseudonym

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### Coming in 2021: International Students Partnership

As universities prepare to welcome back students, the Alliance is expanding our ministry with international students.

We have crafted a partnership agreement between International Student Ministries Canada and the Alliance. This partnership helps Alliance people and churches to bring access to Jesus through encounters with migrant, refugee, and international students across our nation.

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Structure

Doug Gerrard, Executive Vice President

Structure is the behind-the-scenes work that makes everything run effectively: governance, finance, human resources, and operations.

### Finances

Ken Pelissero, Director

We view all our resources and possessions as God-owned and we use them with integrity, accountability, and maximum effectiveness. Email communications@cmacan.org to request a copy of our audited financial statements.

#### **Global Advance Fund (GAF)**

Revenue		
General contributions		
Estates and legacies		
District contributions		
Government Assistance		
Investments and other		
Total		
Expenses		
Culture		
Nurture		
Venture		
Structure		
Total		
Excess		
Approved Specials (Non-GAF)		
Total Designated Funds Allocated		

2020	2019
12,808,129	13,760, 411
2,092,441	227,088
265,636	389,438
1,893,403	0
535,267	726,877
\$17,594,876	\$15,103,814
1,807,303	1,944,795
2,299,711	2,229,782
9,304,744	10,275,121
1,072,946	892,076
\$14,484,704	\$15,341,774
3,110,172	(237,960)
2020	2019
\$4,803,701	\$4,352,726

### **Board of Directors**

The board of directors is comprised of 12 elected members. They are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Alliance and ensuring that the decisions made at General Assembly are executed properly.

Rev. Hérault Alphonse	Rev. Steve Kerr, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Karla Babcock	Rev. Stan Man
Rev. Dr. Matthew Chiu	Mr. John Quigg, Treasurer
Rev. Mardi Dolfo-Smith	Rev. Tony Sammut
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Ryan Graham

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