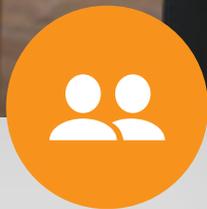


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Our Purpose

OM's role in the body of Christ is to motivate, develop and equip people for world evangelization, and to strengthen and help plant churches, especially among the unreached.

Our Vision

- Focusing on the unreached
- Partnering with churches
- Caring for our members
- Training & equipping world Christians
- Mobilizing the next generation
- Globalizing our ministry
- Strengthening our organization

Our Core Values

- Knowing & glorifying God
- Living in submission to God's Word
- Being people of grace & integrity
- Serving sacrificially
- Loving & valuing people
- Evangelizing the world
- Reflecting the diversity of the body of Christ
- Global intercession
- Esteeming the church

Stewardship Policy

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Mentoring: there is no substitute

“He [Jesus] is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.” Colossians 1:28 (NIV)

That the idea of mentoring and discipleship today seems impossible, unreasonable or unnecessary speaks to a hidden poverty in our age of technological marvels and expectations. Who has, finds and protects regular times of reflection, or sets the nurture of one's inner life as a strategic goal? “Ain't nobody got time for that.” In its stead, we count on Google or hipster preachers' podcasts for our fix 'cause—hey—we're maxed out already.

Perhaps the idea of learning from and guiding others seems unreasonable in our individualistic society, even though that alone would be sufficient reason to make sure it happens. We will each stand alone before God, right? True, that—but the admonishment and instruction throughout the New Testament is to journey together intentionally as a testament to a watching world. Finally, is it really necessary to open oneself up in vulnerability to others, and be expected to invest time with them, both to give and receive? In a word, yes. Thus mentoring and discipleship—intertwined and yet distinct, one-on-one and as a group—is God's way for each of us to obey Jesus and imitate him as 'little Christs' (Christians).

Something For Everyone

Mentoring and discipleship in OM include training and the transfer of skills and knowledge, but they're so much more: They are witnesses to open lives worthy of imitation, be it an older, experienced person 'holding the ladder' for a younger colleague; or perhaps a young adult walking alongside a teenager just starting the journey of faith. They may be someone with a particular gifting patiently helping others to believe that they can succeed at something new. Or they might be a local believer meeting week after week with university students, wrestling with the authority of the Bible.

In OM, we esteem all backgrounds and cultures because we know we can learn from each other. Mentoring and discipleship in OM aren't a short-term commitment; they're hands-on, side-by-side, walking in faith to see each other develop and grow in relationship with God and each other as God designed. That's walk, not talk.

The typical limitations of too few church leaders serving too many young believers means there's an acute need for mentors in every OM ministry. We want mentors who are also students—humble, patient, encouraging, believing—ready to open their Bibles and their lives. We want people whose love for the people they serve is more widely known than their expertise. Most of all, we want godly men and women who will coach and develop others, who see discipleship not as a ministry, but as the best way of life. **Come and teach us. Come and learn from us.**



GREG KERNAGHAN

EDITOR

“The error of youth is to believe that intelligence is a substitute for experience, while the error of age is to believe that experience is a substitute for intelligence.”



Lyman Bryson
(American author)

The Influence of Biblical Womanhood



PAKISTAN

Many women face gender discrimination, forced marriages and less access to education than men. These daily realities are particularly hard for Christian women who make up a minority. A five-day retreat led by OM's team created a safe haven for over 75 women from four major provinces, who united for Bible training, fellowship and community. The teaching began with an explanation of God's plan for salvation and new birth. The participants were then invited to accept Christ as Saviour. Ten women made a decision to place their trust in Him.

"I am Catholic and never heard the Gospel message in such a clear way," wrote one new believer, Samreen*. "I found Christ has given His life for my sins. I am changed and now have a passion to spread this news to others also." Nimra* added, "Being a female, I felt helpless and unworthy but, through the teachings from the Book of Esther, I found that women can be powerful, impactful and change the world. I am encouraged and thankful to God that He cares for me."

Small group activities, relaxing times in nature, and meditation on God's Word allowed the women to experience Christian community. Housewife Sumera* shared, "To me this is a golden time of my life as my routine is very tough at home. This time has refreshed me spiritually and provided much needed energy for my life."



Pray that the teaching continues to bear fruit in the lives of the women and their families, so that they could become instruments of positive change in their own sphere of influence.



Interested in using the gifts God has given you to serve in the Middle East? Check out OM's opportunities to serve at www.om.org

Eternal Impact In The Slums



BANGLADESH

For over 11 years it has been a joy, to see children hearing the Good News through clubs run in a slum in one of the country's cities. It all started when the children of Christian ladies met for weekly Bible teaching and they needed someone to look after their children. It was not long before the children's work took on a life of its own and numbers far outgrew the size of the meeting room. Imagine the laughter, screams and chatter of an excited group of young children, who cannot sit still! After the group grew to several hundred children, the decision was made to split into two locations. But even then it continued to grow. Now, 11 years later, hundreds of children have not only heard the stories of God's Word, but they have memorized it too.

How is this possible where there are few resources in Bangla, the local language, to teach children about God and His love for them? As the ladies learned, when a resource does not exist it is time to create it. Materials were first written in English, then translated and put together. One dream of the ladies working with the children was to see all these materials collected in a format that could be easily reproduced and used by other groups and fellowships throughout the country. Imagine the joy, after many years working towards its production, not only to have printed materials in hand, but also to know they are doing used by others. **Continue to pray for the children—and those who were once children attending the program over the past 11 years—that they would know Christ as their Saviour.**

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learning more ?
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The Care and Keeping of Your Missionary

What does your favourite missionary actually need? The answers may surprise you.

1 Permission to be real

It's easy to forget in the midst of exotic photos, crazy God Stories, and funny cultural anecdotes that your missionary is a real person, just like you. Your missionary needs permission to talk about the hard days and the defeats, as well as the victories. For most missionaries, every day is a battle just to keep the lights on and ministries running. They carry a lot already. They don't need the weight of expectations to be super-spiritual, as well.

2 You to be real.

You may feel like your mundane, everyday life pales in comparison to your missionary's exotic adventures. Being a part of the everyday things in your life is probably what your missionary misses the most. Even the smallest details can be a "taste of home" for someone desperately missing life back home. If your missionary sends you a newsletter, take a couple minutes to write back with some stories from your own life. Make it personal and real. Your missionary will thank you for it.

3 On-going communication.

Knowing that people back home love them and are praying for them is so important for missionaries who are often serving cross-culturally in environments where they will never quite fit in and others always want something from them. But they won't know unless you tell them. Never underestimate the power of a handwritten card or letter. Keep in mind that, if your missionary lives in a remote location or works in a sensitive country, you might have to be careful what you say. When in doubt, ask.

"The best person to tell you what your missionary needs is your missionary. But if you take the time to listen—really listen—you will foster a relationship that will be a blessing both to yourself and to your brother or sister serving far from home."



Katie B

writer and producer with OMNIvision

4 Care packages

It may be an old-fashioned idea, but it's stuck around for a reason. Sometimes, everyday items like spice mixes or lotions can be impossible to find in a missionary's host country. Packages are great anytime but are especially appreciated for holidays, birthdays, or other occasions when your missionary would normally be celebrating with family and friends. Shipping can be expensive, so it might be helpful to collaborate with several friends or a Bible study group to share costs. If you're not sure what to include, ask your missionary or one of their family members or close friends. Each person has unique needs depending on their mission field and type of ministry. For example, I spend nearly half my year in airports, so Amazon or iTunes gift cards are great to keep me entertained on long-haul flights!

Note: Some countries have exorbitant customs fees or rules. Find out ahead of time, so your missionary doesn't end up having to "ransom" your package for far more than the value of the contents!

5 Permission to say 'no'

We serve an infinite God, but we still live in fragile human bodies. I remember very vividly a conversation I had with a close friend and financial supporter a few months into my first term as an overseas missionary. I'd been telling her what I was working on, the projects coming up, everything I needed to do—and she interrupted me mid-spiel to say, "Katie, just say 'No.'"

I've had many occasions since then to take her excellent advice. Sometimes, the godly answer to even good opportunities is "No." Or "Not yet." Examine your own heart and make sure you care more about your missionary and their health and well-being than you do about "results."



FREEDOM

CHALLENGE



Join us this summer
in the Rockies for the
first Canadian
Freedom Climb
Learn more at
www.om.org

Freedom Climb (Freedom Challenge) is an OM project in which a group of women climb mountains to raise money and awareness for projects focusing on women and children suffering from abuse, neglect, and slavery. One project that benefited from Freedom Climb last year was 'Rescue' in Guatemala.

For a week in November, a team from Freedom Climb visited the "Rescue" project of OM Guatemala. The project takes place at a house in Chimaltenango where 40-50 children come every week. OM team members and volunteers share the love of Jesus by playing with kids, serving them breakfast and lunch, and telling them stories from the Bible. The children come from poor families, and their parents often can't buy a new pair of shoes or a schoolbag for them.

On this particular week, the Freedom Climb group prepared a program for each day for the children, including devotionals and Bible stories in the mornings, and playing, drawing and making bracelets in the afternoons. They also worked with some mothers who visited the house to craft jewelry. One afternoon the Freedom Climb group and OM team went home with children to pray with their families. The mothers welcomed them into their houses, shared their stories and needs, and showed deep gratefulness for the help their children were receiving.

On the last day of the week, all the kids and their mothers came to the project house for a small ceremony. After a time of worship and prayer, the kids performed choreography and sang a song. All the children received a medal, rewarding their effort and good behavior throughout the week. The team members of Freedom Climb wanted to celebrate all the children's birthdays, so they sponsored a big party with sweets, cakes, sodas and the famous piñata. Every child received gifts which Freedom Climb bought for them. With lots of thankful and happy faces, the kids presented their new shoes, new schoolbags and accessories to their mothers.

At the end of the week, Gil, one of the leaders from Freedom Climb, told the OM team: "We may have been a blessing for you in Guatemala by answering some of the children's needs and the time we spent with you, but you can't imagine what a blessing this week was for each of us!"



In Search Of A Brother

“There’s a new believer,” a man told the OM Community Mobilization Team (CMT). The team has been living in a remote village in Mugu, a rugged and rough-terrained district in the far west of Nepal. For the past five months they have been tutoring at a school and teaching oral bible stories to a few believers.

There was no other information available about this new Christian other than the name of the area where he lived. For a few days the two CMT members discussed whether they should go look for the man and how they could find him. Finally they decided they had to try, so they packed a few of their things together and began the long hike on narrow roads that cling to the sides of the mountains.

They reached the area they had been told about, and began going door-to-door, asking people if they knew of a Christian there. It took them five hours to hike to the right area, and another two to find the right home; but they finally found Ram*, the man they had heard about.

Building with good basics

Ram* greeted them warmly and invited them into his house. For the next week, the two CMT men lived with Ram* and his family, discipling him in his new faith and teaching him the Old and New Testament. “We see God’s plan throughout the Bible,” one CMT member shared. “He is always in control.” The three men spent countless hours studying and discussing God’s word and encouraging Ram* in how to pray and spend time alone with God. At the end of the week, the three parted ways because Ram* needed to travel to a major city two days away to meet his sister. The CMT men returned to the village they’d come from.

While Ram* stayed with his sister and her family, he used any opportunity to teach them the things he had just learned. There were many questions he could not answer, but his faith in God and the Bible did not waver. Two weeks later, while Ram* and his sister’s family journeyed back to their village, Ram’s* brother-in-law prayed to receive Christ as well. The family stopped for a week to visit the CMT team, and during that time both the young believers were discipled.

The CMT men were amazed at Ram’s* faith and how quickly he used the little he’d learned to teach others. They were thankful for the opportunity to be able to walk alongside this new disciple, and to see him excited to share his faith.

OM Nepal teams desire to raise up men and women like Ram*; people who will not only allow the training to transform their own lives, but who are passionate about passing on what they learned to others.



Pray as the children's clubs continue, pray that many more young people in Bangladesh will learn about God and experience His great love for them.

Pray for OM workers in Pakistan as they continue to disciple women.

Pray for Godly women and men from across Canada who can use their skills and giftings to disciple and train in missions

Pray for the preparation for the Freedom Climb here in Canada in the summer of 2016. Pray for the women who are planning on attending as well as for more churches to become aware of the positive role they can play in ending human trafficking.

Pray for the OM missionaries in Nepal. Thank God for the new believers and how He is growing the church.

Pray for the preparation for the upcoming "Summer Challenges".

Pray more Christians in Canadian churches would be interested in learning more about how to share their faith with people from other religions.



This is our 'go to' resource for daily and weekly updates from around the world. Join us every day to pray and share info and resources!



CANUCKS ON THE MOVE

PRAY for quick cultural adjustment and ability to make friends in their neighbourhoods.



People Joining OM



People Transitioning Within OM



Re-Joining OM



Home Assignment



Exiting OM

Moldova



· JULY 18-31, 2016 · APPLY BY MAY 23

Are you adventurous, open to be stretched physically and spiritually? Do you have a passion to reach the lost by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Come and join us!

Share the Gospel by cycling from village to village through the countryside of Moldova. Together with the cycling team every second day you will arrive at a different village where you will meet with children, youth and elderly people to share the Gospel.

Singles, married couples, families and groups are welcome.



GO 
SHORT-TERM
OPPORTUNITIES

Egypt



· AUGUST 15-30, 2016 · APPLY BY JUNE 6

Join us and share the Love of the Lord Jesus through practical ways by providing aid and food assistance for the traumatized Sudanese and the poorest communities of garbage collectors. The goal of this project would be to meet the refugees' basic needs, and to empower, equip and mobilize the local church in their outreaches.

The love and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ will be dispersed through aid and relief actions to Nuba Sudanese Refuges in Cairo. Their quality of life will be improved and dignity restored. Hope, transformation and healing will be found in the Lord Jesus while connecting with the local church.

Singles, married couples, families and groups are welcome.



North Africa



· OCTOBER 21-29, 2016 · APPLY BY JULY 25

Join us for a vacation with a purpose. In the process you will see exotic places, wet your feet in missions, use your skills, interact deeper with locals while modeling the gospel throughout your journey.

Looking for a way to use your gifting and make an impact? Come and see what God is doing in North Africa!

Come alongside front line workers, pray and use your skills to bless the land, advance His kingdom and model the love of Christ.

If you have a heart for the unreached and you want to pray on-sight while serving practically, join us and be a change-agent in North Africa.

Singles, married couples, and groups are welcome.

"I had no idea I could learn so much and grow so close to God. A definite highlight of my life and something I'll never forget. Changed forever. Ruined for the ordinary."



Nick

Short-Term Participant

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Ireland



· 1-2 YEARS · BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2016

If you're interested in taking a year abroad, are looking for a college placement, or feel a career break might be needed in the near future, then Immersion should rank highly on your possibilities list!

Immersion in an 11-month program designed for any young person who wants biblical training and full-time ministry experience. The first couple of months in Ireland are based at the OM headquarters where Immersion participants study topics including evangelism, hermeneutics, and apologetics. As they grow in their knowledge and beliefs, they also learn practical ministry skills such as creative arts; and life skills like stewardship and time management.

After training, the remaining nine months of Immersion are spent at a ministry placement with partner churches located throughout Ireland. Smaller teams of Immersion students will share close community as they live together and serve the church in many different ways.

At the conclusion of the year, Immersion participants have the opportunity to lead a team of short-termers serving during Impact Ireland. Before returning home, Immersion team members will have grown in their walk with Jesus, ability to serve, and have a greater understanding of ministry life.

**Participants must be between 18-30 years old—
GAP students welcome**

OM Ships



· 1-2 YEARS · APPLY TODAY!

Live in a unique international community on board OM's ship Logos Hope. Experience God in new ways as you see Him at work in and through you. Learn from different countries and cultures, sailing from port to port.

Grow in character by living and ministering in the ship's international community of over 400 people from more than 45 nations. Build friendships which can last for a lifetime.

Serve and learn skills by working 40 hours a week in one of the ships departments. Being on board Logos Hope, you will be impacted as you participate in this life changing adventure

Singles, married couples, and groups are welcome.

Bangladesh



· AS SOON AS POSSIBLE · APPLY TODAY!

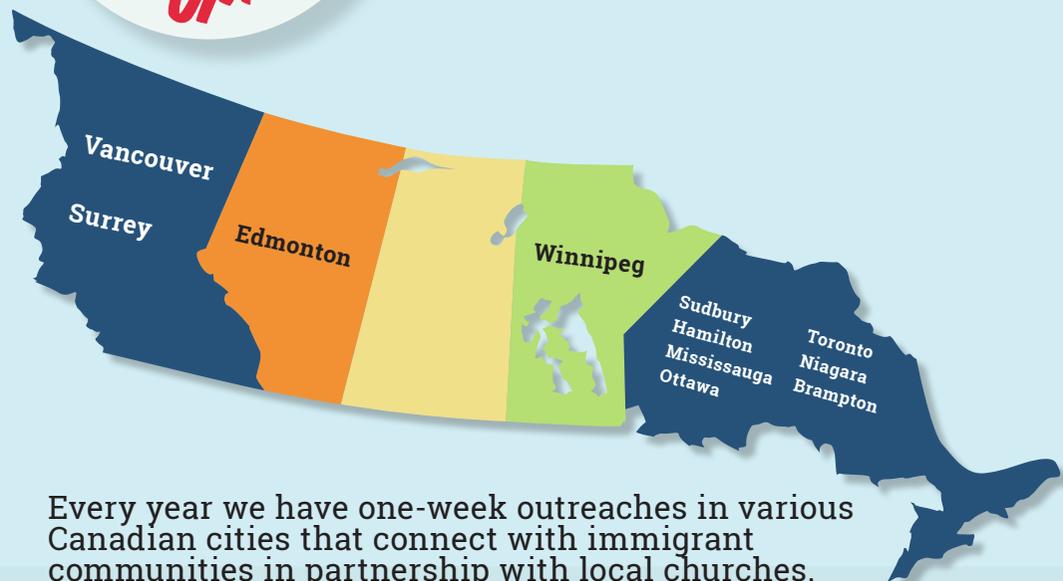
Would you like the unique opportunity to come alongside ladies in South Asia to train and empower them? OM is looking for a Women's Ministry Coordinator.

We run a number of computer and vocational training programs for young women. These mainly run in rural town settings and give opportunities for young women to learn skills that will not only improve their employment prospects but also give them worth, value and dignity in society.

The coordinator would be responsible for overseeing these programs and shaping the future direction of the courses. The coordinator would work alongside the local teams who are doing the training. You will make lots of local relationships and share your life with people.



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Every year we have one-week outreaches in various Canadian cities that connect with immigrant communities in partnership with local churches. So, you can do cross-cultural mission without a passport!

You will be a part of a team that will explore major religions, visit religious sites (eg. a mosque, temple and gurdwara) and then spend time each day in the community, interacting with people—telling your story and hearing their stories—all the while demonstrating to Canadian believers the great open doors God has given to us. It can't be simpler or easier to get involved.

Over 150 people joined us last summer. Over 1200 people have been trained in 14 cities since 2004. So take the challenge and join us for one of the following Challenges in 2016!

For more details (dates, cost etc.) contact at rob.weatherby@om.org or (705) 866-0847 or visit www.om.org



A Future Despite Diabetes

CENTRAL ASIA DIABETES PROJECT

With excitement, 20 youth in Central Asia came ready to participate in the long-anticipated diabetes camp. For five days children aged 10-16 years eagerly learned about their illness and how to live a good life with Type 1 diabetes. There were interactive lessons on how the body functions, what happens when one has Type 1 diabetes, how one can have healthy nutrition and how foods affect blood sugar. A highlight for the children was seeing how physical activity could affect their blood sugar levels.

Organizers were encouraged at seeing children begin to understand that they could impact their own health. At the end of the week the children did a presentation for their parents to show what they had learned at the camp. We could not have been more proud and so were the parents!

“ Hope heals and lays a foundation for health. The look in a father’s eyes—when he learned his son would be normal with the right care and could even be an airline pilot—will stay with me for a long time. If we want to tell them that Jesus will save their life, it makes sense that they can have a chance to live it. ”



Cory Thiessen

A child diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in Central Asia faces an uncertain future - stigma and discrimination, growth delay, blindness, amputation and deep emotional stress - but it doesn't have to be this way. With proper comprehensive care and access to medical supplies, that child can live a long, healthy, life.

Supporting OM Canada’s diabetes project in 2016 enables the following:

- a consistent supply of lifesaving insulin and blood sugar monitoring equipment
- intensive training for children and their families
- support groups for parents
- early diagnosis of diabetes, which can save lives
- essential training for endocrinologists



\$50 supports one child to attend camp and get the necessary training and equipment he or she needs



**Logos Hope
Fueling Hope
For Africa**

In 1970 an audacious idea—tested through six years of persistent prayer—was born! Seizing the opportunity to reach the nations of the world by traversing the high seas, OM Ships launched as a unique ministry. Since that maiden voyage, OM Ships has been enthusiastically welcomed in more than 1,450 ports of call in 151 countries.

Now, after 45 years of ministry, we stand amazed and humbled that over 44 million people have climbed the gangway to explore one of our four vessels—Logos, Doulos, Logos II and our current ship, Logos Hope.

2016 will be an exciting year for OM Ships as Logos Hope will be in Africa. Logos Hope crew members will partner with OM's ministry in Africa and local churches to help realize a bold vision in 2016: to see 5,000 Africans sent out as missionaries around Africa and beyond by 2025. We need your help to invest in African pastors. We want to send 2,000 Pastors Personal Library boxes to African pastors - a total of 50,000 books!

Your generosity will make a difference in Africa!

You can help an African pastor through OM Ships in two ways:

1 Donate your gently-used Bible resource books to our Pastor's Personal Library Box project. We need Study Bibles, Bible dictionaries, Biblical theology books, concordances, Bible commentaries and also books on church history, Christian ethics, cults, missions, apologetics, counseling and leadership.

Please send all book donations to our office; address 84 West Street Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 4C8. All shipping and handling costs will be covered at your own expense.

2 Buy a Study Bible for a pastor. Your gift will provide African pastors with Study Bibles that will be used for years to come and help them shepherd those in their care for even more effective lives of service.

We plan to pack each box with 25 Biblical books for pastors to use for their personal study, growth and leading their churches. These highly valued boxes will be given to pastors visiting Logos Hope and also delivered to churches in 13 African countries by our crew members.



\$25 provides 5 Bibles

\$50 provides 10 Bibles

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CANADIAN HAPPENINGS



Canadians attended the 'Go Conference' in the Netherlands with other participants around the world. This conference is a week involving specific training and discipleship before heading out to their mission fields



'Run for The World' was held in Port Colborne, Ontario to raise money for Syrian Refugees

Joel leads worship at the start of our 'Get Ready' conference. 'Get Ready' is our semi-annual conference held here in Canada to train Canadians before their ministry in various OM fields.



Theresa and Ciqui sing at the European/North America Advent Sunday Service



Theresa speaks to a crowd in a village about 'Logos Hope' in Madagascar



Joas and Josiah Penner play the drums together as 'Logos Hope' arrives in the new port



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A special evening of reunion, fellowship and appreciation featuring OM's founder and former International Director George Verwer.



Every summer over 150 children from needy neighborhoods attend 'Kids Kapers' a week long VBS program



The marketing and communications team was blessed to be able to attend the 'Create Conference'; a creative communications conference for Canadian church leaders, communicators and creatives

Our 'Fuel The Hope' fundraiser was held in Brampton, Ontario. We had the opportunity for OM Ships International CEO Peter Nicoll to visit and share about the ministry of 'Logos Hope'



Lawrence Tong the International Director of Operation Mobilization attended Vancouver Mission Festival. He lead a seminar on the history of major mission movements; challenging the western church to join the majority church at the table to impact the world with the Gospel.



Rebecca, a photojournalist from British Columbia, Canada takes a picture of a young boy in southern Africa



Canadians in the midst of many other OM workers from around the world aboard the 'Logos Hope'.

Street evangelism at the Hamilton 'Summer Challenge'



Participants in the British Columbia 'Summer Challenge' eating at a Sikh Ghurwarda



OM CANADA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR



Operation Mobilization Canada has appointed James Sinsel as Executive Director effective October 15. From a pastoral background in North Carolina, James has carried out leadership roles with OM Ships and most recently with Lifehope, OM's UK-based evangelistic ministry among immigrants and the marginalized.

Former Executive Director Harvey Thiessen has been appointed as North American Area Leader for OM. He hails from Winkler, Manitoba, and has served the last 12 years as the Canadian Executive Director for OM. OM's NA region has roughly 800 full-time workers around the world engaged in evangelism, relief and development, church planting, justice and mentoring.

"I look forward to see God's people respond to His heart for the world through the efforts of OM Canada." -James Sinsel

Book An OM Speaker Today!

If you want fresh news and perspectives on mission teams abroad, consider booking an OM speaker for your church or group. Our leadership team has years of mission experience to share. Periodically, OM leaders from around the world visit Canada and bring a unique message to inspire and challenge others. Contact us for details at info.ca@om.org



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Richards Bay, South Africa

May 3–18

East London, South Africa

May 19–31

Port Elizabeth, South Africa

June 1–21

Cape Town, South Africa

June 23–July 12

Walvis Bay, Namibia

July 15–28

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New seasons

“We are moving to Canada”, was a phrase that my wife and I would say at random times over the past couple months. Canada was not on our radar at all, because we had been living in the UK and serving with the OM Lifehope team.

As we were back in the US for our normal furlough, we were asking God about staying in the UK, knowing of certain changes that were coming. Never at one point were we planning to move, but I wanted some clarity from the Lord about His heart and plans for us in this next season.

I had been aware that Canada was looking for a new leader, as Harvey Theissen was moving into a new role in OM. As my wife and I prayed and reflected on the opportunity to come and serve here, God was reminding me once again that His timing is perfect. As I listened to the heart of the search committee, I found myself getting excited about the potential to work with a team that was looking into the future and desiring to grow their impact into the nations. I love strategic thinking and planning and watching people come alive as they see their passions actually coming into fruition. One of my main functions as the newly appointed Field Leader will be to help facilitate new ways to engage more people in the work of OM.



As we shared this news with family and friends, they were excited and affirmed God’s leading for us into this next season. I was in church ministry for 17 years as a minister of youth and young adults, and I have seen how the role of the body of Christ is valuable in building into a community. When I started seven years ago with OM, I was serving with OM Ships as the International Recruiting Director. This gave me an opportunity to connect with many OM fields to see how they engaged with the ministries of OM globally. As we lived in the UK, I served as the Team Chaplain and Associate Field Leader. The evangelistic ministry team was comprised of over 30 nations. It was a tremendous opportunity to learn cultural awareness and cross-cultural communication. Looking back, I can see how the Lord was positioning me for this season of leadership.

OM Canada has a long history of cultivating relationships in order to support OM’s work around the world. There are so many generous people in Canada that want to see others come to faith in Jesus and live as enriched people physically, spiritually, and emotionally. I look forward to connecting with many churches, organizations, and individuals to hear what God has been placing in their hearts to see people reached for the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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