

# 2023

## MINISTRY REPORT

*Building a Bright Future*

**Resonate**  
GLOBAL MISSION



A Ministry of the Christian Reformed Church



# From the Director



God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts. —2 Corinthians 4:6

Thank you for partnering with Resonate—together with you, we are shining the light of Christ around the world and rekindling our passion for mission here at home.

I'm so grateful to report an encouraging and exciting year for Resonate, your Christian Reformed mission agency. We've seen God doing wonderful things in more than 40 countries, welcomed more than 30 new missionaries, and been blessed with strong financial support—**over \$20 million**—from mission-minded partners like you. Thank you! We couldn't have done all this without you.

In this report you'll find just a few highlights of God's faithful work through your partnership with us. Your support for Resonate makes it possible to share the gospel with people who are struggling. Through our three Core Initiatives—missionary ministry, church planting, and mobilizing congregations—you are helping

people to find hope in Jesus Christ. What a great example of your faith in action!

I believe the future is bright for mission work in the Christian Reformed Church. We serve a missional God who calls us to this work! And Resonate is an extension of your own church: we exist to serve you and walk with you on mission in your own community and around the world.

As we move ahead into whatever God has planned for us, I want to encourage you to find unity in the mission work you're called to—through supporting Resonate as well as in your own life. We can do more together than we can on our own! Thank you for all that you do—in your own neighborhood and worldwide.

Serving with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin DeRaaf".

Kevin DeRaaf  
Director

## On the Cover:

New church plants with new ways of worship and life together give us the broadest ability to reach people. Thank you for supporting church plants like King's Covenant in Bridgewater, New Jersey.



# You are growing the church

—and providing a church home for many diverse people groups



## Church Planting

As people move throughout the world, communities across Canada and the United States are becoming more ethnically diverse. Within the span of a few blocks in your hometown today, you might hear different languages spoken or see different styles of clothing representing dozens of cultures.

"There's a fullness to our witness to the gospel that's only possible as a diverse people," explained Tim Sheridan, your church planting leader at Resonate. "As communities become more diverse, there is a need for churches that have different ways of praying, reading Scripture, and worshipping God."

Here's a glimpse at a few partner church plants that you support:

### A New Expression of Church

New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and racially diverse states in the U.S. Church planter Timothy Joo, pastor of King's Covenant Church in Bridgewater Township, says, "New church plants . . . give us the broadest ability to reach people."

Through King's Covenant Church you're reaching the increasing population of Korean American and Chinese American people in this area. The church has also connected with local campus ministries, supporting them financially, through prayer, and by hosting Bible studies!



### A Diverse Church Reflects a Diverse City

"Edmonton [Alberta] is a diverse city because God has brought the four corners of the world into our city—and that's why God has sent us here," said pastor Victor Ko at mosaicHouse church.

One member said she was drawn to mosaicHouse because she felt safe being herself in conversations. She said she would also feel comfortable inviting friends from different cultures: "There are people from all over the world . . . here in mosaicHouse; we're able to feel some unity."



### Providing for the Latino Community

As Sunlight Community Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida, grew, they saw a need to reach the growing Latino community in their area. With your help, the congregation planted Iglesia Sunlight Español, a church where people can worship and hear a message in the language they know best.

"Our neighborhood community lacks a central event or location to gather people together for community and relationship building," said Pastor John Granada. You are helping them to meet these needs!





# Stories You Made Possible



## WHOLE IN CHRIST CANADA EAST

Not everyone works in a "ministry" job, but that doesn't mean a job can't be a ministry. Through Mission Montréal's Urban Lab cohort, you're equipping young adults who want to learn how their faith in Christ makes a difference—no matter where they're working or what they're doing. Find out how Avigail found work, mentorship, and a call to mission through your partnership with Mission Montréal at [resonateglobalmission.org/avigail](https://resonateglobalmission.org/avigail)



Mobilizing  
Congregations

## IN NEED OF HOPE AND A FRIEND WESTERN UNITED STATES

G'awna and her boyfriend were living in a motel when she found out she was pregnant. She didn't know what to do—she was fighting addiction and trapped in an abusive relationship, feeling hopeless. But then she met a volunteer from Jesus on Colfax, a Resonate partner you help to support in Aurora, Colorado. Read about how her life started to grow brighter after you made it possible for Christians with food and encouragement to knock on her door at [resonateglobalmission.org/gawna](https://resonateglobalmission.org/gawna)



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## PAINTING AND PRACTICING HOSPITALITY CENTRAL AMERICA, GREAT LAKES

Teenagers who volunteered in Costa Rica are taking important lessons back home to Michigan! Alongside your missionaries Adrianna Herrera and Jim Padilla DeBorst, 13 teens from Ann Arbor lived with host families in Costa Rica, learned about their stories, dug into Scripture, and built relationships—all while serving the local community there. "One of the biggest ways we can learn and change . . . is probably just by including everyone," said one student. Discover more about how this group learned how to live out God's mission in their home community at [resonateglobalmission.org/hospitality](https://resonateglobalmission.org/hospitality)



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Sending  
Missionaries

## DISCOVERING THE STORY OF JONAH

### EUROPE

A Resonate ministry called Global Coffee Break worked with Nasdya's church in Prague, Czech Republic, to translate Discover Jonah, one of the Christian Reformed Church's most well-loved Bible study books, into Czech. Her church has a strong small group culture but doesn't have access to many Bible study resources in their language. In fact, six small groups have already finished the book—thanks to your support, they deepened their understanding of God's character together. Find out how you can help them discover more of the Bible at [resonateglobalmission.org/prague](https://resonateglobalmission.org/prague)



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## CELEBRATING 41 BAPTISMS IN CAMBODIA

### SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

"Who is getting baptized today?" asked Pastor Neang. Forty-one people raised their hands. At this rural church the land is rich, but life for people is hard. Your missionaries Navy Chann-Chhay and Ly Chhay equip and train local pastors here, and God is working through your partnership! People are learning about Jesus, and the gospel is bringing hope for the future. Meet three young women who were baptized at this celebration at [resonateglobalmission.org/baptisms](https://resonateglobalmission.org/baptisms)



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## YOU'RE SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN A MUSLIM COMMUNITY

### WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Joseph is a Resonate partner in Sierra Leone. He felt the Holy Spirit leading him to share the gospel with a predominantly Muslim village. But he didn't just go to visit—he moved into the village. God surprised Joseph when a number of people were captivated by the good news of Jesus. The chief took him aside privately to say, "I am a secret follower of Christ," and he helped Joseph find land and a building to use for ministry! Read more at [resonateglobalmission.org/joseph](https://resonateglobalmission.org/joseph)



# Fresh Energy For the Mission

Three Core Initiatives guiding us toward a bright future



## Mobilizing Congregations

We walk alongside your church in living out God's mission both at home and around the world.



## Sending Missionaries

We identify, hire, train, and place believers in long-term ministry vocations and short-term volunteer opportunities.



## Planting Churches

We partner with established churches to start new churches to connect with people who are not yet part of a faith community.

The vision that unites us: we want to see communities of disciples joining in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus.

Resonate has a place for each member of your church family to live into God's mission. Are you passionate about a specific region of the world? Does your heart break for people living in poverty? Do you care for the refugees and immigrants in your local community? What about your friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors who don't know Jesus?

Resonate can help **deepen** your passion for mission, **strengthen** your capacity to follow

God on mission, and **amplify** the impact you and your church have in your neighborhood and around the world. We can do more together than we can on our own!

Think of Resonate as a beacon of light and hope that can help us come together and embrace God's will for his church. **Thank you for your passion for God's mission, and for proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth!**

# Your gifts are vital to the mission

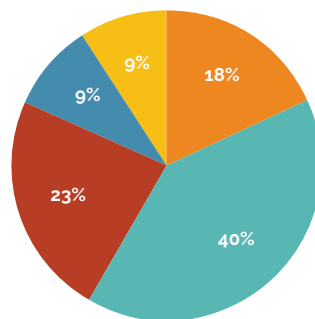
## Ministry shares don't cover the whole cost of mission

Our denomination's faithful ministry share giving—including money you give through your church—provides a strong foundation that makes mission possible, but the ministry shares program only provides around 18% of the revenue Resonate needs to do this important work. Donors like you are so essential to provide stability and sustainability!

## Missionaries and church planters are just one part of Resonate

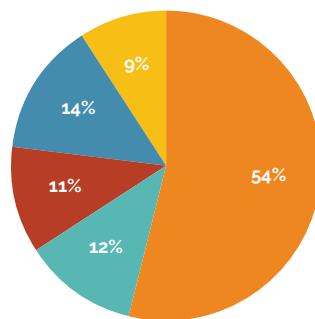
Your giving through Resonate supports ministry around the world in a variety of ways. In addition to sending missionaries and church planters, we partner with national organizations, offer grants to partners, and support other ministry initiatives that align with our mission.

*Thank you for your generous support of ministry around the world!*



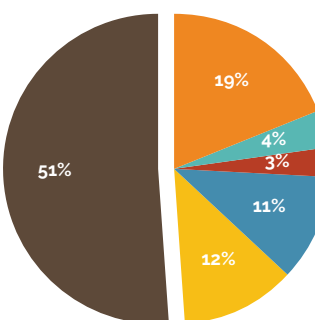
### 22/23 REVENUE

\$20.4 million (USD)



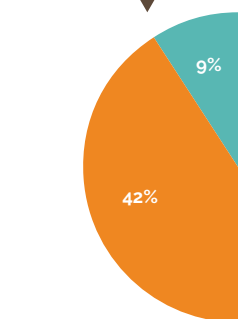
### 22/23 EXPENSES

\$21.6 million (USD)



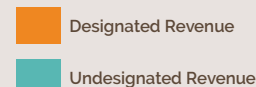
### 22/23 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$11.1 million (USD)



### CAREER-STAFF MISSIONARY PROGRAM REVENUE

\$4.7 million (USD)



Note: Overall expenses include the budget of Raise Up Global Ministries, which became a part of Resonate in 2023. International program expressed as a percentage of Resonate's budget only.



# By the Numbers

Together with your help, we continue to build on more than a century of Spirit-inspired and theologically grounded passion for ministry. As your Christian Reformed mission agency, we support missionaries, church planters, and other ministry leaders in more than 40 countries—**all of them raised, trained, supported, and sent by you.**

Thank you for your partnership in 2023, and may God bless you on mission in the coming year!

You are serving the entire globe through Resonate's  
**14 REGIONAL TEAMS**



MORE THAN  
**3,300**

YOUNG ADULT LEADERS  
PARTICIPATE IN MISSION  
WITH RESONATE



MORE THAN  
**9,800**

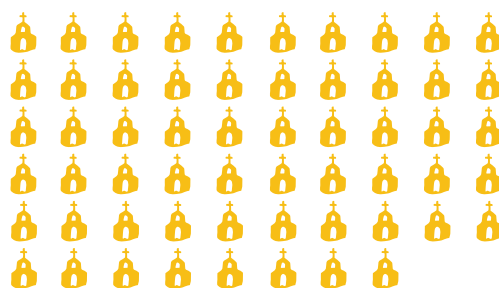
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MORE THAN  
**150**

MISSIONARIES  
NOW SERVE IN OVER  
**40** COUNTRIES

We are partnering with  
**58 NEW CHURCHES**  
in North America,  
11 new in the past year.



We support campus ministries  
on **38 COLLEGE AND  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES**



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