



# Moving Forward Together In Faith!

An annual report from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center for the fiscal year 2020 to 2021

**T**hroughout the later half of 2020 and the beginning half of 2021, the important work of missions continued even though the world was still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic. New missionaries began their terms of service in Europe, teams continued their virtual outreach around the world, and more mission priests in Africa received financial support than ever before. ***The impact of your support of OCMC resulted in the following in 2020/21:***

## Church

**5** missionaries taught at 3 seminaries

**6** theological training initiatives supported

**2** church construction/iconography projects

**7** global Churches supported

**\$172,500**

to support the Church

## Children

**6** countries received support for orphans

**13** projects addressed children's needs

**12** missionaries in youth ministry

**8** countries received support for children

**\$167,750**

for youth and mothers

## Schooling

**4** missionaries served as school teachers

**2** countries received support for schooling

**2** scholarship programs funded

**6** pre-k and primary school projects

**\$110,750**

for children's schooling

## Outreach

**13** countries received COVID relief

**198K** in COVID relief

**2** income generating projects established

**2** outreach and healthcare ministries

**\$214,350**

in global outreach

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# Letter from Leadership

Reflections and thanks from the Executive Director and Board President



Dear Supporters of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center:

No matter the time or season, whether free or under the yoke of persecution, during easy or challenging times, the mission of the Church remains unchanged. However, **to make disciples of all nations**, we must continually respond to changing times and situations.

In fiscal year 2020-21 we learned to adapt as the world locked down from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our missionaries stayed with the people they were called to serve, ministering in new ways. Our mission teams transitioned to a virtual format opening new doors for participation that will continue in the future and resources were reassigned to support critical projects for the Church to continue its global witness to Christ and the Faith.

Your faithful support, during challenging times, allowed us to pivot and continue delivering OCMC ministries faithfully. New missionaries were placed in the field while others were recruited and trained for future service. Virtual teams reached places that in-person teams would not have been able to go, often comprised of people unable to participate on traditional teams. In short, new people were reached with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ and experienced His love in concrete ways through OCMC ministries. This report contains some of what your prayerful and steadfast commitment to missions has made possible in the past fiscal year.

In whatever situation we face, we will continue to move forward together with you in faith to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world.

In Christ,

Fr. Martin Ritsi  
Executive Director

John Colis  
Board President

# OCMC at a Glance

## Current Missionaries



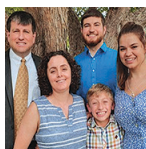
The Andruchow  
Family  
*Project Mexico*



Felicia Heise  
*Project Mexico*



Anastasia Pamela  
Barksdale  
*Albania*



The Hoppe Family  
*Albania*



The Bendo Family  
*Albania*



The Macdonald  
Family  
*Albania*



Anna Cunningham  
*Project Mexico*



The Manuel Family  
*Guatemala*



The Brandow  
Family  
*Guatemala*



The Moore Family  
*South Korea*



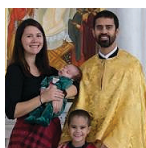
The Chakos Family  
*Guatemala*



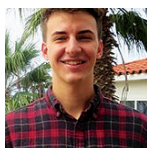
Archimandrite  
Juvenal Repass  
*Guatemala*



The Colburn Family  
*Multi Country*



The Ritsi Family  
*Albania*



Justin Frigerio  
*Project Mexico*



The Sarigianis  
Family  
*Albania*



The Frantz Family  
*Romania*



Shannon Todd  
*Project Mexico*

**There are also 13 volunteers and 1 specialist serving around the world.**

Scan to learn about OCMC missionaries, volunteers, and specialists currently serving through OCMC.



## Current Executive Staff

Fr. Martin Ritsi  
*Executive Director*

Dn. James Nicholas  
*Missionary Director*

Andrew Lekos  
*Mission Teams Director*

Jason Sterling  
*Finance Director*

Dan Christopoulos  
*Development Director*

## Current Board Members

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Dr. Henry Van Zanten  
Fr. Luke Veronis  
Mrs. Marina Zazanis  
Dr. Kosta Zinis



## 2020/21 Mission Personnel

 **43**  
Missionaries  
& Volunteers

 **6**  
Countries

 **27**  
Ministries

## 2020/21 Mission Teams

 **118**  
Team  
Members

 **307**  
People  
Catechized

 **134**  
Youth  
Reached

## 2020/21 Mission Priests

 **375**  
Supported

 **16**  
Countries

 **~2+**  
Parishes  
per Priest

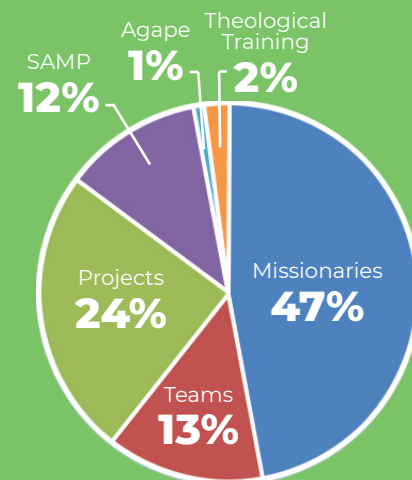
## 2020/21 Projects

 **2**  
Sustainability

 **8**  
Orphan Care

 **10**  
Schools

## Fund Allocations



|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Missionary .....            | \$1,388,977 |
| Teams .....                 | \$395,150   |
| Ministry projects .....     | \$720,820   |
| Support A Mission Priest... | \$349,108   |
| Agape .....                 | \$26,381    |
| Theological Training .....  | \$61,748    |

## Audited Statement of Financial Position

| Assets                                 | 6/30/2021           | 6/30/2020           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents              | \$1,314,065         | \$656,292           |
| Short-term investments                 | 4,689               | 3,901               |
| Accounts receivable                    | 5,800               | 1,555               |
| Pledges receivable (net)               | 4,851               | 10,761              |
| Prepaid expenses                       | 48,913              | 50,587              |
| Total Current Assets                   | 1,378,318           | 723,096             |
| <b>Noncurrent Assets</b>               |                     |                     |
| Investments                            | 9,144,611           | 7,894,411           |
| Pledges receivable, noncurrent portion | -                   | -                   |
| Cash value life insurance              | -                   | -                   |
| Property and equipment                 | 3,618,390           | 3,700,835           |
| Total Noncurrent Assets                | 12,763,001          | 11,595,246          |
| <b>Total assets</b>                    | <b>\$14,141,319</b> | <b>\$12,318,342</b> |
| <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>      |                     |                     |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>             |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable                       | -                   | 4,953               |
| Paycheck Protection Program            | 253,283             | -                   |
| Accrued expenses                       | 510,537             | 522,547             |
| Deferred revenue                       | 207,275             | 93,350              |
| Total Current Liabilities              | 971,095             | 620,850             |
| <b>Net assets</b>                      | <b>13,170,224</b>   | <b>11,697,492</b>   |
| Total liabilities and net assets       | \$14,141,319        | \$12,318,342        |

## Audited Statement of Activities

| For Year Ended                                    | July 2020 to June 2021 | July 2019 to June 2020 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Revenues and support</b>                       |                        |                        |
| Contributions                                     | \$4,443,643            | \$4,388,848            |
| Bequests  | 60,015                 | 1,187,964              |
| Special event, net of direct cost                 | -                      | -                      |
| Investments                                       | 899,230                | 64,883                 |
| Other revenues and support                        | 14,073                 | 21,825                 |
| Total revenues and support                        | 5,416,961              | 5,663,520              |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                   |                        |                        |
| Mission programs                                  | 2,748,318              | 2,617,676              |
| Management and general                            | 462,011                | 512,014                |
| Development                                       | 733,900                | 678,080                |
| Total expense                                     | 3,944,229              | 3,807,770              |
| <b>Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenses</b> | <b>1,472,732</b>       | <b>1,855,750</b>       |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                 |                        |                        |
| Beginning of the year                             | \$11,697,492           | \$9,841,742            |
| End of the year                                   | \$13,170,224           | \$11,697,492           |

OCMC's audited financials are available online at <https://www.ocmc.org/about/financials>

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