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THE MET

CELEBRATE MISSIONS 2026

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER	9:00AM	**Opening Message:** Darren DeGraaf
	11:00AM	
	5:30PM	**Cultural Dinner *(registration required)***
	6:45PM	**Missions Program *(walk-in event)***
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER	7:00PM	**Evangelism Seminar:** **How to Reach our Neighbours** Darren DeGraaf
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER	6:30PM	MetYouth Junior High & High School
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER	9:30AM	MetWomen AM
	7:00PM	MetWomen & MetMen Combined Dessert Night
THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER	9:30AM	MetSeniors Missions Focus
	6:30PM	Awana
	7:00PM	Met Young Adults
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER	7:00PM	Christian Service Brigade
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER	9:00AM	Met25-35 Missionary Talk & Nature Walk

Learn More

SPEAKER



Darren DeGraaf
Partners International

We are honoured to welcome Darren DeGraaf as our keynote speaker for Celebrate Missions 2026.

With infectious energy and a God-given passion for missions and evangelism, Darren DeGraaf is the President of Partners International (PI) Canada, a Christian mission that partners with and resources local leaders in the most challenging places of our world, to build the church and transform communities. PI Canada has a vision to establish healthy reproducing churches in places where they currently don't exist, and to invest in the leaders of Christian ministries in places few dare to go. Last year alone over 2,800 churches were planted through the work of PI Canada. The Met and PI Canada have partnered together for more than three decades.

Darren is the author of the book "Lead Through: Turn Your Breakpoint into Your Breakthrough". The book focuses on leadership resilience with learnings from the persecuted church, his own life and leadership, The Bible, and Neuroscience. It is designed to build resiliency in Christian leaders by strengthening the core of their spiritual lives, inspiring courage and action through the most difficult of circumstances.

Prior to PI Canada, Darren served as the Executive Pastor at Beulah Alliance Church, Edmonton, AB for over six years - a multi-site church passionate about evangelism and leadership multiplication. At Beulah he was responsible for strategy implementation, staff oversight, new campus growth and leader development.

Darren has had a coaching, consulting and training ministry to Christian leaders and organizations world-wide. He has traveled to over 20 countries and most of North America, focusing his energy on the training and development of leaders in the church or Christian non-profits.

Darren holds a B.A. from McMaster University, Hamilton ON and a Masters of Arts in Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, IL. He is married to Tracey and they have three adult children and one grandchild.

Missionaries

Bartek Wilkosz

Josiah Venture



Bartek lives in Gdańsk, Poland, by the beautiful Baltic Sea. He is 26 and has been serving full-time with Josiah Venture (JV) for the past five years. JV's mission is to equip young leaders to fulfill Christ's Commission through the local churches in Central and Eastern Europe. Since September 2025, Bartek has been leading JV Poland's Discipleship Training Team and serving on the National Lead Team. His team equips leaders of the younger generation to make disciples, creating programs and events that help leaders build intentional and deep discipling relationships.

Église Évangélique Rockland

Church Plant



The Église Évangélique Rockland seeks to reach out to Clarence-Rockland and neighbouring communities such as Wendover, Plantagenet, and Alfred, who are largely unreached, with the gospel. From the first in-person Sunday church service in March 2023 with 5 church planters, there is now a loyal attendance of approximately 15 on Sunday mornings. We praise God for faithfully providing pulpit supply from surrounding churches. Recently, the Board agreed to call a new part-time pastor with a heart for growing the church of Christ in our community. Please pray for a godly man and other resources to join the church and help it grow.

Missionaries

Joe Smith

Hockey Ministries International

Joe Smith is the Atlantic Director for Hockey Ministries International. This ministry's goal is to bring Christ to the arenas. He has served with HMI in Sweden and Ottawa, but currently lives in Quispamsis, New Brunswick with his wife, Amber and their two kids: Sawyer (9) and Violet (8). Hockey has always been a big part of Joe's life, and as Director of HMI Atlantic he organizes and oversees the summer youth hockey camps in Atlantic Canada and Sweden where they use hockey as a platform to share the gospel message in those communities. During the hockey season, Joe coordinates their hockey chaplains for teams in Quebec and Atlantic Canada. He is also one of the team chaplains for their local junior team: the Saint John Sea Dogs. He also organizes and participates in the many summer youth hockey camps in Canada, the US, and Europe.



Lucia Eberle



Serving in Mission

Lucia Eberle ministers with her mother Soula Isch at the the Dorcas Widows ministry in West Africa through SIM Canada. Widows are a part of the society in West Africa who are left behind, unheard, mistreated, unloved, and misunderstood. At the heart of Dorcas Widows is that every widow would know God's love in a tangible way. Our goal is that every widow knows and feels how precious she is in God's eyes. He has a plan for her life and for her children's lives. The widows describe Dorcas Widows as a family where they find spiritual and physical nourishment, counsel, encouragement, and understanding.

Missionaries

Martin Jalbert

Word Of Life



Martin and his wife Yannick have served with Parole de Vie (Word of Life) since 1996. Presently, Martin serves as the Canadian Director of Word of Life Canada, overseeing ministry on our French campus in Quebec and our English campus in Ontario. Martin started to serve the Lord in a Christian camp at 16. This is when, for the first time, he felt called to full-time service, but did not know when, where, or how. He stayed involved in his local church and in that Christian camp, and the Lord slowly revealed Himself to him. Martin has served in a wide variety of tasks such as the Bible School, the camping ministry, resident Bible Survey professor, etc. Yannick mainly serves in staff and student care, and she loves to help with children's camps.



Matthew McCullough

Crossworld Canada

For more than 24 years, the McCullough family has faithfully worked among the people of Southeast Asia. Their work is centered on helping people experience hope, healing, and freedom through Celebrate Recovery, supporting cross-cultural marriages, leading small groups, and investing in individuals through one-on-one discipleship and encouragement as they grow in their relationship with the Father. Together, Matthew and Nary have raised all four of their children (Miriam, Rachel, Rebekah, and Jonathan) overseas. Two of their children have now transitioned back to Canada to attend university, while the family continues to work where the Father has called them.

Missionaries

Sandra Tharakan

Met City Outreach



Sandra Tharakan currently works at The Met as the Director of Connections and Outreach. She has attended The Met since 2004 and has been regularly active in missions and local outreach ministries, including two years as the Director of Education and Social Work in the Arms of Jesus Children's Mission (Guatemala).

The Met City Outreach ministry is shaped by The Met's mission to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, together engaging people with the gospel, establishing believers in the gospel and equipping servants of the gospel, in our nation's capital and the nations of the world.

Through various ministry programs, partnerships, and collaborations, our City Outreach team builds genuine relationships where we can effectively engage people with gospel in our neighbourhoods and city, in hopes that they will become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sandra has served in local, national, and international missions. Her ministry is shaped by the belief that Christians are intentionally placed in a neighbourhood, school, and workplace to shine the light of Christ. She creates opportunities to equip the church to see their neighbours through the eyes of Christ, loving them, and faithfully finding ways to plant gospel seeds.

Sandra and her husband Steve have three adventurous children, who constantly remind her how to live life to its fullest!

Special Missions Projects

Seven projects

Giving goal $75,000 CAD

This year, we are giving to help plant and strengthen local churches, alongside ministries that reach their communities with the gospel hope and gospel-inspired love for the neighbor. We want our "neighbors and nations" to hear of Jesus Christ, find their hope in him, and grow as his disciples in and through local churches.

Arabic Church Plant in Kingston, Ontario

$4,000

Help launch a new Arabic church plant through our missionary, reaching Arabic-speaking neighbors with the gospel.





Cambodia Student Hostel Repairs

$5,000

Repair bathrooms at a hostel that reaches students from Buddhist communities. This one-time gift meets a specific need in a ministry we already support.

Support for Fourteen Church Plants in Bangladesh

$5,000

Through four workers we support, help 14 churches with evangelistic events, clean-water tanks for two churches, blankets for 300 families, care for people with disabilities, and construction of a small church building serving a thriving evangelistic ministry.





Kurdish Church Plant in Lebanon

$10,000

Provide two years of rent for a Kurdish church plant established two years ago through our missionary, supporting its continuing ministry.

CAPRO Canada Camp Rhino

$10,000

Support two camps serving 120 campers in summer 2027, helping this outreach ministry reach campers with the gospel.





Nepal Church Building and Regional Training Center

$13,000

Help complete a church building and regional training center that have remained unfinished for more than five years, and support the local missionary. Pastor Joy visited the project in 2026 and saw the ministry first hand, and served there among 75 pastors.

Ministry Support for Four Churches in India

$13,000

Support ministry expenses for four local churches through our missionary, including discipleship events, training, support for interns, missions program, and church rentals.



International Disaster Relief
$15,000

After supporting disaster relief in Lebanon and Nepal, the Met's International Disaster Relief fund has less than $1,000 remaining. Help replenish it so we can respond to future disaster relief needs.



Amounts received in excess of $75,000 will be used to support other project requests received from our missionaries throughout the year. A fund utilization report will be shared in the annual report.

Give Towards Projects

Scan to Give

Please pray and consider giving toward our $75,000 goal as we help churches and gospel ministries serve neighbours and nations.

Celebrate Missions Projects giving is open from **October 25 to November 22, 2026.**

Or access: *www.metbiblechurch.ca/giving*

Notes

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"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you."

Psalm 22:27 (ESV)

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