

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

## EAST GATE ALLIANCE CHURCH

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## **Minutes of the AGM Feb 19th 2019**

Bill welcomed everyone and gave a short devotional and prayed to open the meeting.

- Marc, seconded by George moved that we accept the agenda. Carried.
- Lidia, seconded by Gilles moved that we accept 2018 AGM minutes.
- Report on operation of various ministries we support. Accepted.
- Lidia, seconded by Dave Steadman moved to accept staff and ministry reports... carried.
- Discussion on proposed Spanish pastor.
- Refugee sponsorship program. Peter gave an update on the state of the committee after sponsoring 4 family units. Some discussion ensued. It was decided that the committee continue under new leadership (Peter indicated that he will be stepping down at the end of the year) and they will be mandated to have a family in the works indefinitely. Peter shared about the possibility of sponsoring a family, known by Hana who are in a camp in Uganda. We will keep the giving goal of \$8000.
- Election of tellers: Marc and Colin were elected to serve as tellers.
- Nominating Committee for next year: Marc nominated Sarah Bercier, seconded by Debbie to serve. Accepted. Carried. Dave nominated Allan Nelson, seconded by Jason to serve. Accepted and carried.
- Dave moved, seconded by Colin that we accept the 2019 financial report carried.
- Dave gave some highlights to the operating budget for 2019. It was moved and seconded to accept the budget. Carried.
- It is moved we change global advance fund giving goal to 48000. Carried.
- All new elders and PCAs were elected with a 50% vote.
- It was moved by Marc to adjourn. Carried.

## Report of the Lead Pastor

*"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"*  
Haggai 1:3

The Lord's rebuke to the Israelites, through Haggai, was really a rebuke for having priorities in the wrong order. God is a jealous God and knows that unless we keep him as our first priority things will not work out for us. God has reminded me of this many times in my life, but it seems I have to learn the lesson over and over. This summer while on vacation/leave was no exception. But preaching through the book of Haggai when I came back to work in the Fall was very helpful to refocus on ministry and God's Kingdom. As a result, I am still praying and contemplating how our church could be more effective in evangelization.

For me the highlight of the Summer was the camp out, where I shared about the meaning and power of baptism. It was a real joy to baptize a number of people in the St. Lawrence River. I also enjoyed Summer Day Camp where I was able to use my renovation skills to draw the children into the message of Christ renovating their lives.

## Pastoral Care

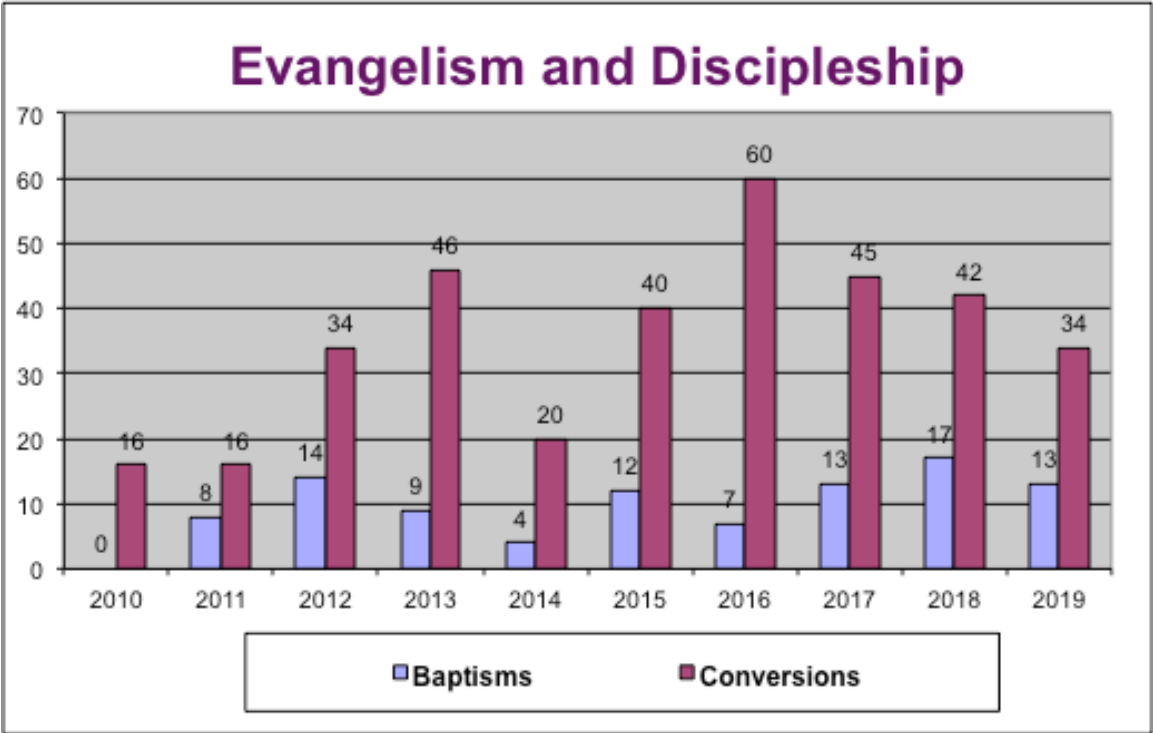
Since I was going to be away from ministry for 10 weeks the Elder's board decided it would be a good time to try using Shalem Mental Health's – Church Assistance Program to help congregants get pastoral counseling through local Christian counseling services. The program was a bit under utilized and was a bit expensive so the Elder's board has decided that we would partner directly with the local Christian counseling services and offer to pay for four counseling sessions and then subsidize 80%, 60%, 40%, & 20% for the next four sessions. If you would like to avail yourself of this service please speak to Teresa Lafortune, Jennifer Buitenwerf, or myself.

## ICAC

Sometimes we plant seeds, and wait patiently while the Lord causes roots to go down and a plant to rise. This is how it felt for the French Ministry for many years prior to 2019, when suddenly the ministry started to produce fruit! Praise the Lord for the way the French Ministry has blossomed this year! Many thanks to Pastor Jacques and Juliette for their joyful persistence, leadership and commitment! It's awesome to see a team form and working with them. To God be the glory.

The rest of the ICAC family is getting along well, we are so grateful that the cultural and personal differences we have paled in comparison to the unity we have in Christ.

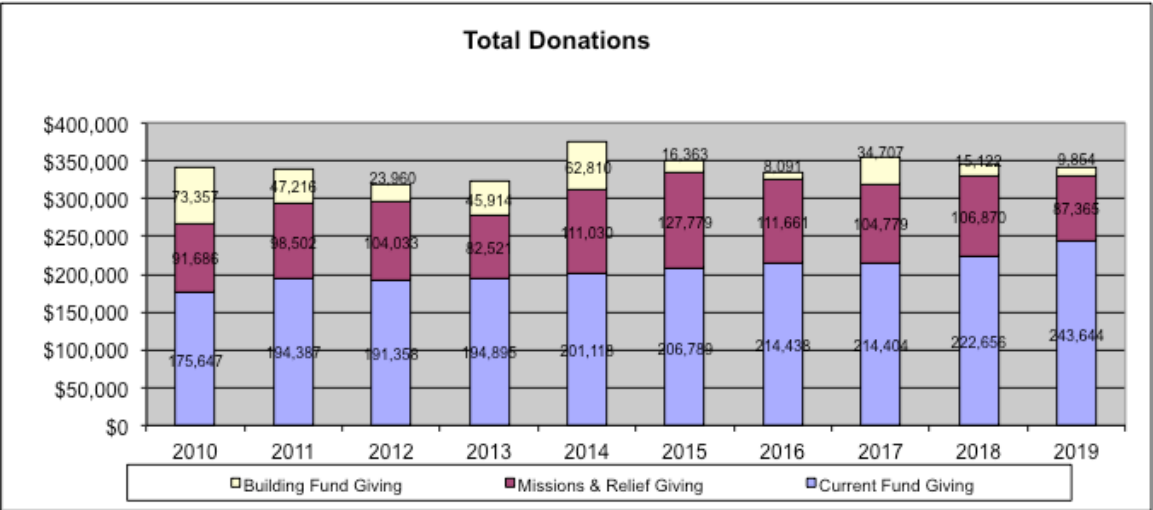
Evangelism



As usual we had the majority of decisions to follow Christ happening at Summer Day Camp, but there were many other reports of people being won to the Lord through events and personal witness.

Compassion Ministries

Jesus was clear that when we help one of the least of Christ's people – we really are helping him. So it's wonderful to see people being loved and cared for by fellow congregants. In particular, I have noticed the Pastoral Care Associates and Elders doing countless visits and acts of kindness in the name of the Lord – what an awesome team. Then there are ministries focused on those struggling in life like Benevolent, Christmas Hamper, Grief share, 7up, and Double Double. Many thanks to those involved in these ministries!

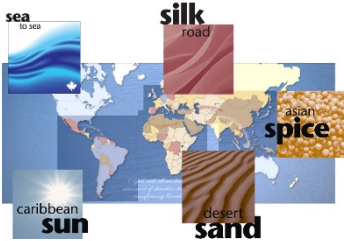


## Relief & World Evangelism

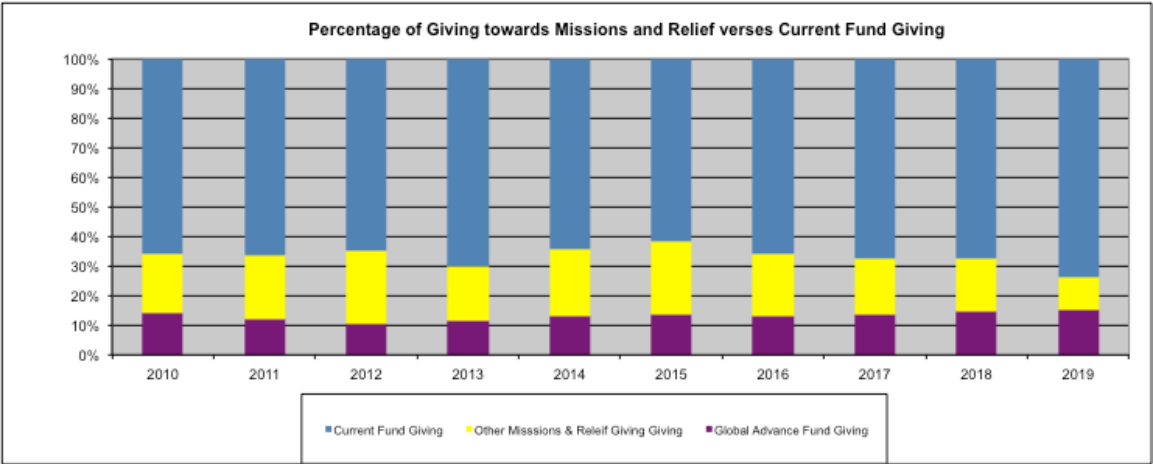
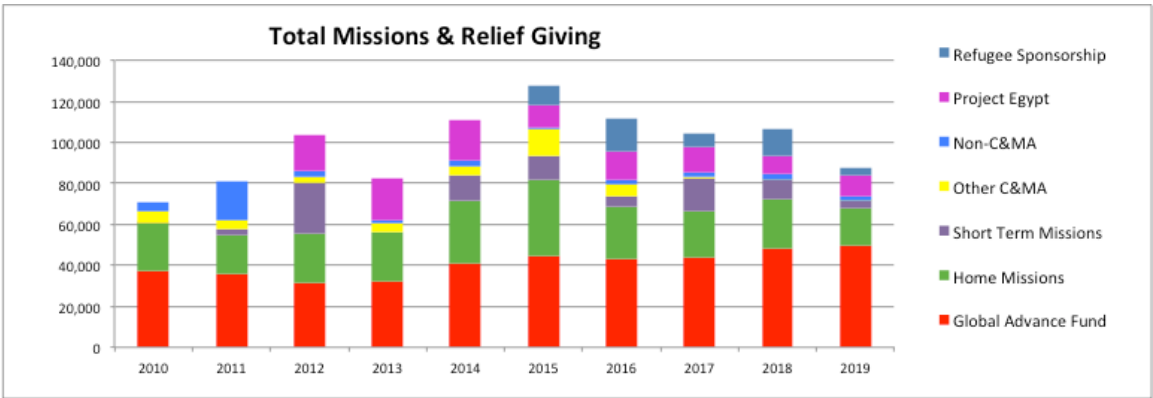


This year seemed to be the year of the short term missions trips with Abdel & Hanan going to Egypt, Matt & Sam going to Niger, the youth going to Mistissini, Elim going to East Asia, the vision school going to Vancouver, and UAE. Wow talk about getting involved!

The steady growth in the Global Advance Fund giving are living up to our middle name "Missionary". This giving has gone towards the GAF! Here are some various ways:



is another indication that we year a healthy 13% of the total charts that depict the giving in



## District Ministry

I enjoy serving our district in the role of District Executive Committee Vice Chair. And this year that role made me somewhat responsible for a smooth transition from John Healey to Curtis Peters as our District Superintendent. Curtis brings a different flavor to the role as a compassionate, careful, young leader. It has been a pleasure getting to know him. I remember when I first became a DEXCOM member I was told I could learn a lot from the seasoned pastors that



formed the DEXCOM, but since John H. and Bruce E. have left the team I suddenly realized that people are looking at me as the seasoned guy! OY – not ready for that!

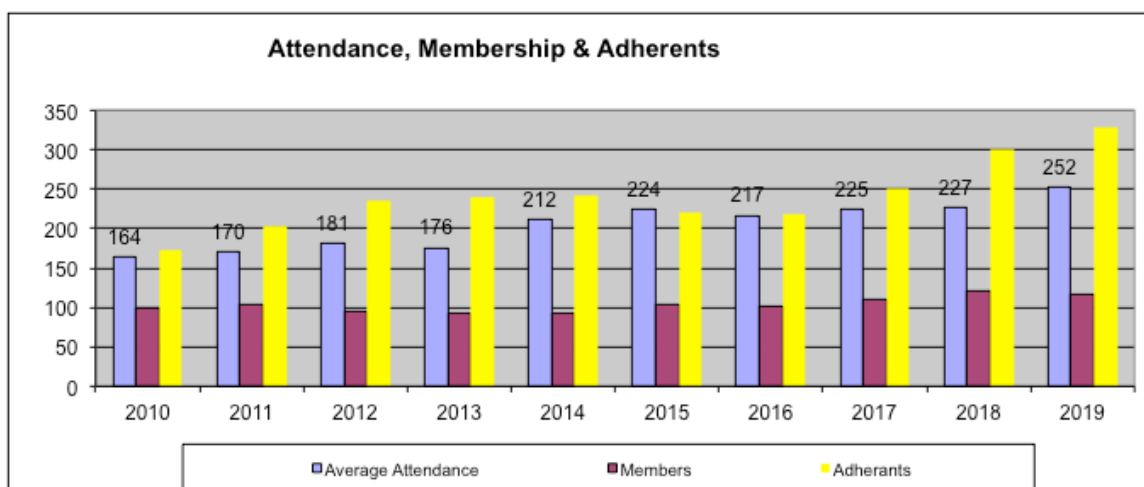
It's also my pleasure to co-ordinate licensing interviews for prospective pastors in the Ottawa area, and at times to teach on ordination subjects.

## Family Matters

Please see the OMEGA kids report regarding births and dedications. It was encouraging to see thirty four people give their hearts to the Lord through various ministries and individuals sharing the gospel.

Praise the Lord for Xiai Zhang; Chantal Gareau; Hariette Tosoc; Suzette Leonard; Yhay Guealan-Georgette Andrea; Anita Felix-Isuku; Gracie Haddad; Michel Joly; Tracy Maysonhoelder; Ryan Smith; Judy Mei; Christophe Pemmeile, who followed Christ in believer's baptism. May God be glorified in their lives!

We extend our sympathy towards the families of John Little and Randy Douglas Primeau. May God grant you solace and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



## Thanks

Thanks to all of you who are partners in ministry -- who exhibit the fruit of the Spirit! In particular I would like to thank our staff for going beyond the call of duty in so many ways – I love working with you all! I also want to thank Jennifer for her consistent care, her support, her encouragement, and looking after so many church details – you are awesome! Finally, “Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

*"From this day on I will bless you" Haggai 2:19b*

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Buitenwerf

## CHURCH Ministries Reports

### Connect Group Report



**The Connect Group Leadership Coordination Team (CGLCT)** at the East Gate Alliance Church came about at the end of 2017 with it's three-member team (Gemma, Bill and David) having a common goal and passion to see each person in the church grow and mature in their walk with Christ and in their relationship with one another.

The Connect Group Leadership Coordination Team seeks to see healthy **Connect Groups** grow through equipping and training, encouragement and supporting the needs of the leaders of connect groups. It also desires to see CG leaders make disciples for Jesus Christ by identifying, investing and training potential new leaders in their group and by connecting the unchurched with a church.

#### **Connect Group Leader' s Touchpoints**

The beginning of 2019 ushered a deeper connection, confidence and renewed encouragement amongst the connect group leaders through regular touchpoints. Hosted by the Connect Group Leadership Coordination Team (**CGLCT**), these touchpoints provided the atmosphere for fellowships, discussions, teachings and support for the connect group leaders. It is also in these touchpoints that we get to hear amazing testimonies on what God had been doing to the groups that they are leading.



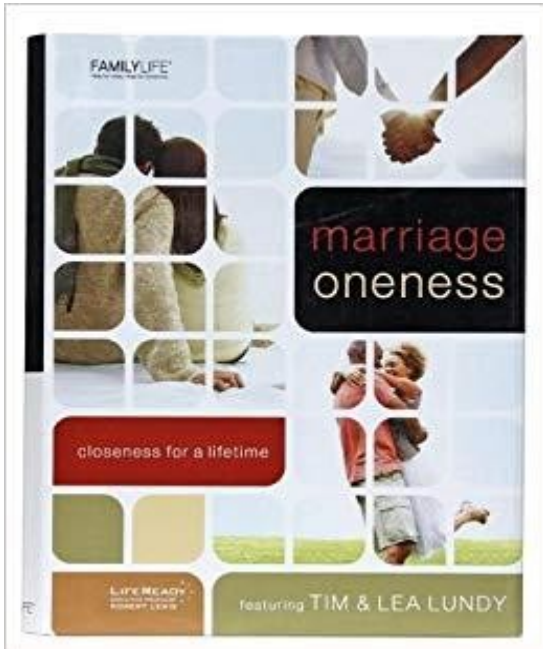


*Beginning of the Year Gathering of Connect Group Leaders, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 End of the Year Gathering & Connect*



*Group Leader's Appreciation Dinner, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

### Feature of the Month Promotional Video



This year, the Connect Group Leadership Coordination Team was able to produce and run a video promotion to the congregation for two niche groups through Connect Group's **Feature of the Month**. The *Burning Hearts House of Prayer* in conjunction to its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary led by Nahia Hadad and the *Marriage Oneness Course* led by Dave and Arlene Steadman were featured in the promotional video shown during Sunday services.

### Life Connect Groups

Connect Groups that do life together with each other continue to thrive and grow.

We are hoping that as these connect groups thrive and grow, they are able to adopt the *cell division process*, leave their comfort zones and have the courage to start a new connect group of their own.

**The Connect Group @44** continuous to enjoy the experience of doing life together and grow deep in their faith as they dived this year in studying the 7 churches in the book of Revelation and Paul's letter to the Colossians.





*Connect Group @44 Christmas celebration on it's 3<sup>rd</sup> year*

**The Triple T (Totally Terrific Thursdays) Connect Group** spent most of 2019 doing a study on the 21 Laws of Leadership in the Bible by John Maxwell. As the group went into scripture and looked at the various leaders in the Bible, the group learned about how they should (and shouldn't) lead at church, work, and at home. But most importantly, this past year has been about lifting up prayers constantly for each other, rejoicing with each other, but also mourning with each other, being of aid to one another in every circumstance. One thing is for sure – they are a family.

### **Politics and Prayer Group**

We are proud to see the lead of this group (Joel Bernard) run for this year's election. In obedience to his calling in the political arena, he was faithful to run the race until the end regardless of the outcome. The group continues to touch and cover in prayers key areas in Canadian politics, government and citizens.



*Politics and Prayer Group inside the Parliament Hill*

**On behalf of The Connect Group Leadership Coordination Team (CGLCT), we would like to thank and commend every connect group leader in their commitment and hard work in seeing people being impacted by Jesus and having a place to belong!**

French Connections	Jacques Lapointe
Totally Terrific Thursday	Leanne Bikai
Wednesday Bible Group	Teresa Lafortune
Connect Group @44	Carlos Espinosa
Digging Deeper	Brother M & Sister C
Arm in Arm	Cathy Bernard
Politics Bible and Prayer	Joel Bernard
Oneness Marriage Course	Dave & Arlene Steadman
Book Club & Prayer	Debra Jackson
Thursday Study & Prayer	Sydney & Helga Grierson
Alpha Course	Nahia Haddad
Mother & Daughter Book Club	Debbie Macphail

## **Report of Marriage Oneness Course**

The fourth course of Marriage Oneness took place in the Spring of 2019. It was hosted by the Bikais at their home with three other enthusiastic couples partaking. It was a great group to work with, and they all gelled into great friends. Gerry and Cheryl Duhig offered their cabin on the lake for a summer barbecue so we could all get together again. I believe the course was very worthwhile for everyone present, and it was great to get to know each other better.

In the late Fall a group of couples got together to discuss how the church can better serve more married couples. It was decided that we should have some sort of fun activity night (or nights) for couples, which would also be used to invite couples outside of our church family; a sort of an outreach event. We discussed a stronger push for marriage courses, so that every couple could participate in a refresher at least once every five years. As a result, another marriage course called The Art of Marriage will run in early 2020 along with the Marriage Oneness course, to give couples a choice. The Art of Marriage will be hosted by Gerry and Cheryl. So far both courses are booked full with other couples waiting for the next round of courses.

Please pray for marriages within our church, and others that we know. It is God's design to come together into the unity of marriage for a lifetime. We will endeavor to help couples along that path.

Respectfully submitted  
Dave and Arlene Steadman

## **Report of Worship and Music**

2019 has been a challenging year in terms of loss of team members but we have also seen God's faithful provision. We have added in an electric guitar at times as well as a violin here and there. We continue to choose music that glorifies God, that is singable, and that edifies the Body. We congratulate the congregation's flexibility in acceptance of new music and adherence to the Psalmist's admonition: "Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth" (96:1). Our gratefulness to our worship team who sacrifice their time and energy to lead us to the Lord every Sunday. They take their role seriously and strive to do their best. I would encourage you to follow suit and bring an praise offering to the Lord every Sunday that would be your best, at times sacrificial, but in keeping with what our wonderful Lord deserves!

Respectfully, Jennifer Buitenwerf, Music Director

## **Report of Technical Arts – Audio/Visual**

This past year has been again a time of team-building and growing for the Technical Arts (Audio/Visual) ministry. I hope the seeds that have been sown into our volunteers, equipment and church this year will blossom in the years to come!

In the early part of the year, I was looking into the possibility of creating a "communications" team within our ministry. This team would ideally look after the communication needs of our ministry/church, such as updates to our website, social media (Facebook/Instagram) accounts, event promotional material, sermon graphics, etc. As I was the only person handling most of those communication requests, I was feeling stretched thin and wanted to build a team, who would not only take some of the load of my plate, but also be able to serve our church in a new and well-needed way. Unfortunately, this idea did not really get off the ground, as I had hoped it would, partly due to some unexpected events in my personal life and partly due to the lack of interest/time from volunteers. With that said, I will be looking to get a second start on the "communications" team this year, as it is still something our church desperately needs to continue to reach our community and city. If you are interested at all in being a part of this endeavor, please reach out to me, so that we can discuss it in further detail. Ideally, we are looking for anyone who has any type of marketing/communications experience (ie. graphic

designers, copywriters, video editors, web designers/developers, etc.), but no experience is necessary, as long as you have the heart and creative drive to serve our church this way.

In May, I had the opportunity to attend two church tech conferences in Chicago, MxU Live and FILO (First In, Last Out). Both of these conferences are designed to provide skill development, community and inspiration to technical artists as they become more effective contributors in their local church. Being able to worship with over 1000 technical artists, like myself, and learning from some major leaders of the church technical community definitely made the conference very inspiring for me!

While I wish I could have brought our whole Technical Arts team with me, I did try and inhale as much information as I could to bring back to our team back home.

I was especially interested in attending the tech conferences this year, as a committee had been put together early in the year to investigate what possibilities existed to improve our stage/sanctuary, and I knew I would be able to bring back a wealth of information/options from the conferences. While this committee did meet a few times in the spring and began to form some options to present to the board of elders, the project ultimately got put on hold, due to time commitments and personal lives of the committee members. As there is still a vision for improving our stage/sanctuary, we will likely start this committee/project up again in the coming year.

Near the end of the year, we did make some purchases, such as projector bulbs, lighting upgrades for the communion area, and a new network router/more wireless access points to improve the quality of the WiFi across the ICAC property. All of these items will be installed early in the coming year.

A new volunteer (Nathan Scrivens) joined our team late the year to fill one of our needed positions, and a few of our volunteers began training for other positions within our ministry. Learning how to run the soundboard or operating our livestreaming station does require hands-on experience and practice, so please keep our new volunteers in prayer as they take each and every opportunity they can to continue to learn and hone their skills in this ministry.

With that said, we are on the lookout for some additional volunteers who are interested in learning how to run sound/audio, lyrics/visuals, recording/live streaming or even helping grow our online/social media presence. No experience is required, as we can provide all the training required – just come with a willingness to learn. If you are interested in volunteering with our ministry, please come and chat with me.

I would like to thank all our current volunteers, who have been faithfully serving this past year: Daniel Ahuka Lohese, Aaron Buitenwerf, Jason Christensen, Nick Gratton, Dalton Holloway, Simon Lapointe, Grant Lu, Matthew Ramamonjisoa, Patrick Ramamonjisoa and Nathan Scrivens. Thanks again guys for all your help!

If I could just ask for your prayers, that the Lord will continue to grow and cultivate a strong team of people that love to serve the Lord in this realm!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Beamish

## **Report of the Library**

The East Gate Library is a wonderful resource for those looking to further their study of the Word, be inspired by the lives of the saints and learn how to live the triumphant Christian life. We have Christian fiction books for adults and children, bible study materials, children's DVDs, biographies, books on marriage, missions, women's and men's issues, prayer, healing and much, much more. For those visually impaired or who would like to listen to the Word dramatized, we have the whole bible on CD. This year we purchased many more children's DVDs and The Imagination series for young readers. Donations and suggestions for purchase are always welcome. Many thanks to our dedicated staff: Liliette Etienne, Helena Zhang, Sunny Beamish, and Diane Major. We are currently looking for someone to staff the library the first Sunday of each month. Training will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Lidia Taylor

## **Report of Welcome Center and Coffee Ministry**

Approximately 75 bags were given out at the Welcome Center and countless cups of coffee and cookies were served on Sunday mornings. Gilles has done a tremendous job of stocking the supplies, making the coffee and juice for people to enjoy before and after the service. Those manning the Welcome Center have greeted newcomers as well as directed sign ups for various events. Isabelle and her team have once again done a fantastic job. We utilise the redesigned Welcome Center for so many key areas and it has been so useful. Many thanks to Andre for this great design. Our church has a good reputation as a welcoming community, which is so important to our health and growth. Well done all you servants who make that happen.

## **Report of Burning Hearts House of Prayer**

This prayer ministry has just celebrated 5 years a few weeks ago since it started in 2015. We have been interceding for local issues as well as global issues and it has been wonderful to see people from across the Body of Christ uniting in prayer. God is glorified!

There have been many changes to the House of Prayer since June of 2019. We set the room up to be a self-directed prayer room to encourage people to set aside time to come and seek the Lord during the day or evening for 10 days in June. We put up spiritual discipline exercises to help facilitate a meditative or contemplative style of prayer using the Lord's prayer.

After the 10 days, we sought the Lord for more direction, and we sensed that He wanted the room to continue to be open for people to come and seek Him as they go through these spiritual exercises. It is our hope and prayer that the people of God would lean into the Lord to hear His voice and encounter Him regularly. God's words to me as to why we were to start a house of prayer was that He wanted His people to repent and return to their first love as stated in Rev 2:4-5 The Lord longs for an intimate relationship with His people and is calling all to come away with Him and know Him intimately. Thus, the name of the House of Prayer is called Burning hearts! Lord cause our hearts to burn for you, in Jesus name!

As we sought the Lord some more for what topics He wanted us to pray about, He guided us to start a prayer meeting to be still to listen to Him and pray for revival. We started to pray as well for families, young adults and youth and we were doing night watches to pray for our city every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. Please see the full schedule on our website or bulletin board.

He then introduced us to others leading prayer ministries in both Ottawa & Gatineau. As a result, they have joined us at BHHOP to lead prayer while they remain their own House of prayer but networking with us at BHHOP. We feel that the Lord is unifying intercessors to lift prayers in unison to our mighty all-powerful God and to experience the blessing that God commanded in Psalm 133. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, *Even* Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever."

Furthermore, He gave us 2 Chronicles 7:14 -16 to encourage us to continue to seek Him together in this place and pray for His Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Hallelujah! Glory to His name!

Please go to our website [www.burningheartsprayer.com](http://www.burningheartsprayer.com) and find out how you can join in prayer any day or evening when prayer is taking place. You are also invited to come into the house of prayer to meditate and seek God on your own when there is no leader present. The Lord promises that He will make you joyful in His house of prayer. Isaiah 56:7 <sup>7</sup> Even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

Rejoice in the Lord always,

Nahia Haddad

## Report of Spanish Pastor

- There are still 10 to 20 people which are frequently attending our Sunday service.

I am leading the three cells that are running:

- 1 on Friday at church (10:00 am to 12:00) (7 people are frequently attending it). Because most of them are wives of non- Christian diplomats from the Peruvian embassy, they do not come Sunday to our service. Since around 5 months ago 2 of them are coming to the English service because it is in the morning.

- The second one is on Wednesday at 1956 Scully Way (7:00 to 9:00pm) (7 people are frequently attending it) It is suspended for now

- The third one is for Saturday night at my place (7:00 to 8:00pm)

- On December 23th, we had our Christmas celebration, around 40 people attended it.



- Like you know, on Dec. 27th I had an accident and broke my right leg. For that reason, I had to reduce my time out of my home. I am still contacting people, but by phone. Also, I have two weekly Whatsapp's conferences, 1 Saturday afternoon and the other Thursday night. They are new church members that are taking the discipleship course. I hope, when I am able to drive, I will go to their places and start two more cells
- We are still broadcasting our Sunday service live by youtube and facebook, and sending a short devotional every single morning by whatsapp to around 150 contacts.
- Our social media information is:
  - Facebook: Ministerio Evangelistico Monte de Sion
  - Youtube: Ministerio Evangelistico Monte de Sion
  - WhatsApp: 6137108853

Our word for this year is based on **John 4:35 ... "The fields are white already to harvest."**, we have to go to pick up the fruits we planted in the last years.

Thank you all for your prayers and for believing that God is working in our ministry.

Your servants in Christ,

Augusto and Migdonia León  
Spanish Ministry

## Report of the French Pastor

The year 2019 has been amazing; God has been faithful in his plan to establish a strong team within the French Ministry.

First, the Lord spoke to Simon Bikai about leading the worship for us, so we started Sunday services on January 27, 2019. We began with 20 people, including children, to now over 50. Praise the Lord!

We now have a pastoral team, a worship team, an admin team and an intercession team. We are moving in unity and expectation of seeing God adding more disciples in 2020.

We now have 25 members within the French ministry and we are really moving ahead. Some are involved in Sunday school, others are committed in prayer, but all want to work in unity with all the churches at East Gate. Thank you Lord!

We want to do more events in 2020, and we are planning a women ministry and a men ministry with Promise Keepers (Hommes de parole).

We support a new venture in Farnham with a monthly giving and we are keeping that for 2020. We purchased a sound system and our finances are improving. See the attached annex 1

## Pastor Jacques Lapointe

### French Ministry Finances report 2019

Donations		Budget
From Congregation:	18202.75	10000
From OMAC	1800	1800
From ECD	3000	3000
 Total Donations	 23002.75	 14800

### Disbursements

Alliance Quebec	2400	
honorariums	400	
Sound equipment	2014.59	
Rent to OMAC	100	
Sunday School supplies	659.59	
Jacques Prayer Retreat	510	
Men's breakfast	95.69	
Bibles/kid's books	282.16	
Total Ministry Expenses	6462.03	2000

### Payroll Expenses

Dental	2060	
Medical	470	
Salary	23906.98	
EI benefits	365.63	
Total Payroll Expenses	26802.61	24606.23

Total Expenses:	33264.64	26606.23
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## Fellowship and Care Ministry Reports

### Report of Pastoral Care Associates

In 2019, the Pastoral Care Associates (PCAs) included Agathe Houle, Debra Jackson, Teresa Lafortune, Arlene Steadman and Senait Teklehiwot (families and children).

The primary focus for Pastoral Care Associates is the ministry of home and hospital visits, as well as encouragement with prayer playing a crucial role. The Associates were involved in various other ministries, such as Arm in Arm (Agathe and Arlene - now informal); the Double Double group (Debra) and the Missions Committee and Operation Christmas Child (Teresa).

Debra led a Christian Book Club and Teresa led a Connect Group Bible study. The PCAs also coordinated the Agape ministry last year as the church was in between coordinators and they served as contacts for new people who indicated through the Welcome Centre, that they wanted information or visits. Activities included some outings to have coffee, share a meal, shop, pray, or participation in organizing specific events such as Pastor Appreciation Month. The aim of the PCAs is to bless people, especially women, through action and prayer.

2 Newcomer's Luncheons were organized where the Elders, PCAs and their families took the opportunity to fellowship with people new to East Gate, share about their ministries and inform newcomers about the programs and services available at the church. The events were well-attended and have been an opportunity to connect newcomers to the various Connect groups/Bible studies/prayer meetings that are available.

The PCAs initiated an International Community of Alliance Churches (ICAC) Women's Spring Luncheon which took place on June 15, with the theme of "Hope". Women leaders from the Mandarin, French, Filipino and Hispanic churches all ensured a lovely time of sharing ethnic foods and fellowship. Again our youth led the music and women from all generations happily attended. Marion Hartgerink was the key note speaker using 1 Timothy 4:10(b) "... we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe." Louise Boui from the French congregation was the moderator and gave her own testimony pertaining to this verse in her life, as well as Arlene Steadman from East Gate and Lily Lu from the Mandarin congregation. It was gratifying to see that women from all our congregations took ownership of the event.

The PCAs continued with Kathy Klassen's training last Winter to learn to better assist others in disciple making, healing and deliverance.

Please know that your suggestions are welcome if you see a need to show encouragement and God's love to someone in the congregation or have ideas for guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted,

AgatheHoule Debra Jackson Teresa Lafortune Arlene Steadman Senait Teklehiwot

## **Report of the 7UP ministry**

2019 was a hard year for Christine and Jennifer Laws and their family. The leadership of 7Up was done at a "maintenance" level. The doors were closed to new comers this year, as the energy and resources weren't there to accommodate them. We have 12 regular participants who continued to flourish in 2019.

God has been gracious in providing for the needs of this group along the way.

The 7Up participants have pulled together as an even more strongly knit group and have grown in maturity supporting and loving each other. Many in the group have struggled with loss of loved ones, health issues and major changes in their lives and I am proud to watch them as they carry each other's burdens and love each other with Christ's love.

As we do our devotions each time we get together, we can see some of the young adults are reading their Bibles on their own time, their love of Jesus, their love of truth, and their desire for everyone to be loved, no matter their disability. They favor prayer time – an opportunity to share with their “family” what has been going on in their week and to get their support in lifting their needs up to Jesus. They also love to sing and we wish that there was a leader in the group who could sing on key and lead them, but we are making due with Shawn picking songs and us singing along with his ipod. It also gives Shawn a place to put his techy talents to work.

The group members invited Cathy Goddard to lead a night of Christmas carols this past December and it was a real highlight for them. They also love to perform in the “7Up Idol” and for the first time this year, we were able to share their performances with about 15 other members of our church, who were blessed by them and could offer them encouragement in return. One of our young adults loves a song she learned from Cathy Goddard called, “Orphans of God.” It is such a clear way for this young adult to share her testimony about what God has done in her life.

We have had wonderful times together and had 2 retreats in 2019: The East Gate Camping Trip and the Camp IAWAH SR High winter retreat. They love the camping trip for its new experiences, for the opportunity to be together for more than a few hours a week, and for the opportunity to interact with other people they know from East Gate Alliance church and to develop new relationships from the members. This year a few of our young adults decided to get baptized on the trip which was a special time for our group.

They also love Camp IAWAH, a place of grace, and in their own words their “second home.” The community they have there is a little glimpse for them of heaven. I love the opportunity to take these young adults out of their lives for a weekend and walk alongside them in play, in praise, in sharing. It’s a wonderful opportunity for new experiences and to dig a little deeper.

Thank you to all those who have pitched in with leadership, with opening their homes and breaking bread with the 7Up! The impact of that in their lives will last for years to come.

Some changes that came near the end of the year happened with the Fast family changing churches, and with talk of Ben Kahle moving to Calgary after Jim Kahle’s hospital stay. Christina has remained a part of the group and it has made her transition easier into their new church community. Her home is still open for group meetings and we are blessed with that. Ben’s home no longer hosts the group, and we are very sad to see Ben leaving our little “family” soon. We know it is for his best and God is in it, but it will be an adjustment.

We need more leadership, another place to meet, and God’s guidance in what to focus on in Bible Time in 2020.

Thank you  
Christine Laws

## Report of the Benevolent Team

Once again we have been able to help many people in need through East Gate's very generous giving to the Benevolent Fund. We gave out 100s of gift cards to more than 50 people. We have also helped with some more sizable gifts to help out families who were struggling, especially at the beginning of the year. Our Christmas Hampers were well received once again with over 50 being delivered by volunteers in the first 2 weeks of December. Connie Walsh did a wonderful job of coordinating this huge effort, phoning all who registered, shopping for all the food and cards and setting up the boxes to be delivered. Many thanks to all who helped out in this important effort.

We also resurrected the Free Market this year and held a successful BBQ and give-away of stuff in June. Thanks to all those who volunteered and donated to make that day a great time of sharing with our community. We know that God will bless us as we minister for Him very personally in this way, as the Scripture says:

"For I was hungry and **you gave me something** to eat, I was **thirsty** and **you gave me something to drink**, I was a stranger and **you invited me** in, I needed clothes and **you clothed me**, I was sick and **you looked after me**, I was in prison and **you came to visit me**. " Matthew 25:35-36

## Missions and Outreach Reports

### Report of Missions Committee

Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries. East Gate continues to generously give to Global Advance Fund which supports Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) workers worldwide. C&MA workers rely on our support so that they can fully devote their time to ministry. Approximately 250 international workers span the globe, with over 40% of them located in countries that closed their doors to traditional missionaries long ago. These countries are now referred to as **Creative Access Countries**. Once there is enough local leadership in a particular region, C&MA workers are often redeployed to another unreached region or country. This usually involves learning another language or two and becoming familiar with local customs and traditions.

East Gate also supports Project Egypt, an initiative to help impoverished Egyptians and lead them to Christ. This project is led by Abdel-Messih and Hanan Boulous, members of East Gate Alliance Church. They travel to Egypt at least annually to administer loans based on priority criteria to create micro-businesses. These businesses, for the most part result in success for the people and are paid back, providing the opportunity for more projects. There are 700 projects created so far. Marc Bercier has travelled there a few times and in 2019 brought his sons Justin and Mathieu along. They gained first-hand experience visiting a number of these projects. While helping families in need, the team also shares the gospel and runs weekend camps to assist women specifically.

In March, Marwan and Inga Qandah, C&MA -International missionaries to Muslim Based Belivers (MBB) from the Middle East and Germany, blessed us during their home assignment with Marwan delivering the sermon at the Sunday service.

In September, Inge Qandah was the guest speaker at our Coffee and Dessert Missions Night. The topic, "Who is my family" with References from the book of Matthew 12:48 and Romans 12:5 drew many interested participants. Marwan was also there to answer questions.

On August 28, Vision School was launched with recommendation from the Missions Committee and the approval of the Elders Board. The course was interesting and involved many volunteers from the church. It also included several dynamic speakers from the 10/40 window mission field (countries where less than 2% of Christians live). Following this well attended School with 25 participants, a short term mission trip of 6 persons was organized to Vancouver, where they immersed themselves in serving Iranian and Syrian refugees. They reported several divine appointments as a result of this trip. There is a potential of other trips to unreached countries and one through Vision School was scheduled for January 2020.

Lorne and Vivian Anderson - C&MA Workers, serving MBBs in Germany, visited us on November 17th, 2019 during their home Assignment. Vivian led the Children in Sunday school class and Lorne shared with the congregation about some of their experiences working with men and women from a Refugee Camp where Vivian also teaches English and German.

At the end of November Pastor Jacques set out to Yaounde, Cameroon to attend a revival conference. During this trip he was able to share with the pastors, God's message about "Serving Him". Pastor Jacques was able to witness to many others including some of the young people who were playing soccer near the conference tent. After his altar call, one young man gave his life to Christ. Pastor Jacques was also able to share the Gospel with a Muslim man who accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Samantha Chittick – SIM- Medical Missions to the Hospital in Galmi, Niger, accompanied by her husband Matthew Chittick and their son Josiah, returned to Niger again last Summer and visited East Gate to report on their mission. The focus was to care for the mostly Muslim population, and specifically, children affected with malaria. Niger is a country where there is no health care and very few can afford medicine or treatment for the young or old. So many children die on a daily basis during malaria season because of the lack of doctors and medicine. Once again, Matt focused on his music ministry and preaching.

The Missions Committee is chaired by Cheryl Duhig. Other members include Liliette Etienne, Teresa Lafortune, and Lidia Taylor. The Missions bulletin board is located by the front entrance to the Fellowship Hub, and frequently updated to include photographs, news updates and prayer requests from some of our missionaries. If you are interested in missions and in being part of the Missions Committee, please contact Cheryl Duhig.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Duhig

## **Report of ACTS Ministry**

Ministry Statement:  
A ministry of the body of Christ  
in today's hurting community,  
**ACTS** provides  
professional support, training, and consultation  
to clergy and other pastoral counsellors,  
as well as community education,  
individual, couple and family therapy services  
to the general public

Part of East Gate's Home Missions, ACTS is a ministry offering professional therapy and counselling training services while explicitly integrating Christian faith. At ACTS, we work with individuals, couples, and families struggling with a wide range of emotional and relationship issues – depression, anxiety, mental health issues, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse issues in childhood, trauma in adulthood, infidelity, high-conflict relationships, to name some of the most common reasons for seeking treatment.

Often, our clients are specifically seeking professional interventions which align with and reflect their Christian faith. Others initially express no interest in the spiritual realm, but as they consider their lives from a broader perspective, they may come to fall under the category of "seekers". In 2019, we saw this happening with a few individuals who became interested in reading the Word of God as they explored some of their personal issues. Several other clients, who already had a faith background, found that their relationship with God was "re-ignited" as they began to deal with painful issues in their lives.

2019 was our busiest year ever – we opened almost 200 new files and provided over 1500 hours of counselling. During the year, we continued to see an interest in family reconciliation processes between adult children and their parents which brings healing to several generations. We've also worked with numerous couples who had become very discouraged about the future of their relationship.

At ACTS, we recognize the spiritual battle inherent in the lives of our clients and ask for your prayers for couples and families, and also especially for young people who struggle with sexual orientation and gender confusion issues. This is a very difficult area in which our team intervenes, and it is a real struggle against powers and principalities for a family facing this type of situation.

In other community outreach, Laure-Marie continues to provide clinical supervision and training to psychotherapists on the ACTS team as well as future psychotherapists at Saint-Paul University. The Lord continues to give her opportunities to present Biblical concepts in the courses she teaches and to share her faith within the University community.

Serving lower income clients is always a bit of a challenge for ACTS. Approximately 25% of our fees come from and on behalf of low-income clients who cannot afford current market rates for the services we provide. Such clients are often the most in need of our services, and yet as a team we are limited in the amount of pro-bono work we can do. Therapists work sacrificially yet joyfully, as testimonials about client successes are shared in our regular prayer times.

The ACTS Assistance Fund, which is used to allow lower-income clients to access services, is managed by East Gate Alliance. We thank the Lord for his provision and for East Gate's generosity towards this ministry.

Praise God for all that ACTS has been able to accomplish through Him in this ministry in 2019!

Laure-Marie and André

## **Report of Operation Christmas Child**

Similar to the Good Samaritan of Luke 10 in the Bible, Samaritan's Purse provides aid to hurting people - victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution regardless of their religious faith, race, gender, or socio-economic standing. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a sub-ministry of Samaritan's Purse, aiming to fill both spiritual and material needs of vulnerable children in developing countries. Canadians show children in these countries the practical love of Jesus Christ by filling shoe boxes with needed items and toys. Where allowed, the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in the children's own languages through a discipleship program entitled *The Greatest Journey*. Many children and families come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through OCC.

The International Community of Alliance Churches (ICAC) serves as a local Collection Centre for the churches, work places, community organizations and individual families participating in this project in our area and thanks to the help of Georges Haddad and Maurice hauling and packing cartons, not to mention the use of George's big truck, we transported 762 filled shoe boxes collected to the Regional Collection Centre in Orleans.

We distributed over 900 empty boxes at the church in 2019. There were 762 filled boxes returned, a little over half of what we received last year although the International Community of Alliance churches returned 173 filled boxes, 20 up from last year. Whether or not you filled a shoe box, your prayers are crucial to ensure that those collected bring glory to God. Also if you are good at talking to people and looking for a ministry opportunity, please prayerfully consider helping out by contacting new churches and organizations over the next year to try to increase participation in this worthwhile ministry. Everyone can pray for new churches and organizations to be moved to participate in 2020.

Thanks also to our last day carton packers, Lisa, Hannah and Conner Wilson; Zak Tibayan; Grant Lu and to Jennifer Buitenwerf and Debbie Macphail who always answer questions and refer people for information. Finally, a special thanks to Briana Nelson who dedicated the boxes in prayer after the children brought a number to the front to present to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Lafortune



## Report of the Refugee Sponsorship Committee

The Refugee Sponsor Program in 2019 underwent a transition in the leadership role from Peter Hartgerink to Terence Boui who was appointed in the Spring as the new team lead for the program. Peter has been extremely supportive to Terence in his new role by smoothing the transition process and providing mentorship where appropriate. There were no new applications that were sponsored during the year, however, there were some updates on some transitional files in the pipeline.

a/ Kokob and Saba together were part of the two families that arrived in 2019 through the EGAC immigration sponsorship program. They both successfully went through the ESL classes and are integrated in the community. Kokob picked-up a job in October 2019 at the ADONIS shopping center. However, there were some challenges on Kokob's lease agreement. Before his arrival, Peter (former team lead) contracted a lease agreement on his behalf. In the course of the year, there was a change of ownership in the estate where he lives and a new management was appointed. Basically, they required a letter of employment and a co-signer to the new agreement and to also regularise the lease in Kokob's name. Peter who was the initial signer of the lease agreement was discharged of his responsibilities and EGAC authorised Terence to co-sign on the lease agreement as the new team lead. So many e-mail exchanges were made with the new management to explain the rationale of signing and Kokob's status (prior for him being full-time employed).

Kokob and Saba had a one-year window (OYW) to complete the paperwork for Delina and Sime (Saba's children) for a family reunion. The OYW is for new arrivals. The complicating factor in their case was that they had not listed these children in their original application to come to Canada. We explained to Saba that this meant chances were slim for the reunion. However, the OYW application itself was not something we could do for her. Our role was to support her application by helping her submit an ATIP request to validate her claim that she had notified IRCC officials of the existence of these children. We also arranged for an affidavit with a lawyer. All of this documentation was submitted in support of her application.

On January 2, 2020, we received a notification from Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada of imminent arrival of;

**Name:** ASMERASH, Yonas Shishay

**Date of Birth:** 1982-04-04

**Family Size:** Accompanied: 2 ,

**Visa Office:** Tel-Aviv, Israel

On January 13, 2020 the first meeting of the EGAC RSP meeting took place and the following were discussed;

Current cases for consideration.

An earlier submission for sponsorship of a Syrian family currently in Turkey recommended by John Dempster (Elder at the Calvary Bible Church in Kingston) was made. In brief this application carries no responsibility from EGAC because the family has the necessary resources required by the Government to settle in Canada. This is a Christian family and they speak English. They come to support the local church here. Calvary Bible is seeking EGAC's endorsement on file.

The second case is that of Nrayo Chimar (Husband is childhood friend of Hana Gebremeskel. She first asked us to sponsor him 2-3 years ago. At the time we could not because we were fully occupied). This application carries the support of Hana. The committee decided that Hana be elected as co-sponsor in this application. All subsequent applications supported by an EGAC member be co-sponsored and a prior written application be submitted to that effect. This is to assess the level of commitment of each co-sponsor.

Carlos Martin case: Carlos is a young immigrant from Peru. He is currently reading a program at Algonquin college and leaves with his uncle. His case was recommended by Pastor Augusto. Both Alazar and Terence spoke with him to have an insight of his request. Basically, he said he is about to get a work permit and his wife and son (4-years old) have applied to come to Canada. He confirmed that she will get a work permit as she applied for it. He wants a support from the Church to assist him for a six-month rent when his family arrives. The concern here is that the Church has no guarantee they will have the financial capability to take over the rental charges after the six months. Moreover, this is a family reunion and does meet the condition of the refugee status. Specific cases like these ones should be properly investigated and adequate diligence carried out before they are validated by the Church's board.

Decision made:

The committee supported the sponsorship of the application of Nrayo Chimar and the Refugee family referred by Calvary Bible Church for approval the board of Elders. The committee will review other cases on an on-going basis and assess their eligibility prior to approval.

On January 24, 2020 Terence took a Webinar training course on 'Supporting Settlement and Integration' delivered by RSTP.

Thanks.

Terence Boui  
Team Lead EGAC RSP.

## **Report of GriefShare Ministry**

The world wide ministry of GriefShare is a 13-week biblically-based support group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Our group meets at the church Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 pm. Each GriefShare session shows a video presentation followed by small group discussion about a different facet of the grieving and healing journey. The videos present experts, ministers, Christian counselors and everyday people discussing grief and recovery subjects helpful to those grieving.

During the week participants have the opportunity to use their workbook for further personal application.

In our last session from September to December 2019, we had the privilege to come alongside on average 12 participants each week. Most of these folks were not from our own church but were open to be encouraged by hearing biblical truths...some for the first time and for others it was a time of renewing their faith. As a result of being in this group some folks have expressed an interest in attending our Sunday morning services at East Gate. As the weeks passed a

great sense of family developed. Participants encouraged each other as they could relate to the pain and struggles the others were going through.

We also held a special one-day session called “Surviving the Holidays”, which was well received and attended by many of our regulars and four new participants.

If you believe that God may be calling you to help facilitate this vital and practical ministry, or if you know someone or are someone that might benefit from attending a GriefShare support group, please feel free to contact us. You can also check out the church bulletin for current details of ongoing programs.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Jennifer B. and to all those who contributed snacks. They were greatly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted by  
Lynda and Allan Nelson, Group Facilitators

## Report of Alpha Ministry

***<sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20***

Alpha has been an amazing ministry that brings people together from all different walks of life and faith backgrounds. It is a ministry that introduces nonbelievers to the Christian faith, as well as new believers who want to learn more about their newfound faith. It explores questions such as Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? Does God heal today? Etc...

The hospitality part has been wonderful as we get to know people over a meal just as Jesus did.

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This past year we offered a bilingual course in April 2019 and we had 20 people join us with some additional people doing a part of it. We had 10 ministry leaders that prepared the food, set-up/ clean-up, cared for children, and led small groups.

After Alpha was over, Georges Haddad and Thomas Coupland did a follow up course called ‘God Speaks’ and many were blessed by it. It taught them the basics of hearing God’s voice and having a two-way conversation with God.

Nathalie Gamache also offered another discipleship course called ‘Life is a journey’ it examines what it means to be a follower of Christ’. This ran throughout the summer for those who wanted to continue to grow in a small group.

These courses resulted in some participants receiving the Lord and going on to getting baptized and growing in their relationship with Jesus. And others have continued to attend church and offered to help on the next Alpha course. Glory to God!

We want to thank the Lord for giving us the privilege to serve in this ministry and all of you who faithfully volunteered in serving, praying, inviting people, contributing to the dinners and to the Alpha fund. It has been wonderful serving together all these years in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, Georges and I have been doing this ministry since 2008 and we have had the privilege to introducing our Lord to all sorts of people and inviting them to begin a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It has been wonderful to see people grow in their newfound faith and share their faith with others. We have trained and encouraged many up to this present day, and we feel that it is time for us to attend to other ministries and allow for others to step up to this leadership role.

FALL 2019

### **Psalm 127**

#### **A song of ascents. Of Solomon.**

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.  
<sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to <sup>[a]</sup> those he loves.

<sup>3</sup> Children are a heritage from the LORD,  
offspring a reward from him.

<sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.  
They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their opponents in court.

An Alpha parenting course was held in the Fall upon request from those who attended the Spring course. Ida Lai who is an (Alpha coach), Debbie Macphail, and I (Nahia) ran it for 10 weeks. There were 12 participants that joined. Some being newcomers as well as church attendees.

Parents enjoyed the course and shared that the ideas and testimonies that were presented were very helpful and helped them apply some in their parenting. As a result, some have shared that the relationship with their children is being restored. Glory to God!

We want to thank Ida Lai (Alpha coach) who provided the material and prepared most of the lunches. And we want to thank you for your prayers and contribution to the Alpha fund. Indeed, this ministry is a partnership and we couldn't do it without the Lord and your involvement.

Sincerely in Christ,

Nahia Haddad

## Report of Project Egypt

<b>Income 5/2018 to 11/2019</b>		<b>Expenses 5/2018 to 11/2019</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Return</b>	<b>8570.59</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>Houseware</b>	<b>Bni Mazar</b>
<b>EGAC</b>	<b>8453.00</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>Grocery</b>	<b>Bni Mazar</b>
<b>EGAC</b>	<b>1620.00</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>Renting land for planting</b>	<b>ElWahsh</b>
		<b>1923</b>	<b>Car loan</b>	<b>ElWahsh</b>
		<b>538</b>	<b>Vegetable shop</b>	<b>Helwa</b>
		<b>769</b>	<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Helwa</b>
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		<b>769</b>	<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Helwa</b>
		<b>770</b>	<b>Cow</b>	<b>Ezba el Nasara</b>
		<b>1154</b>	<b>Planting tool</b>	<b>Ezba el Nasara</b>
		<b>1539</b>	<b>Tuktuk</b>	<b>ElWahsh</b>
		<b>1154</b>	<b>Cloth shop</b>	<b>ElWahsh</b>
		<b>1539</b>	<b>Supermarket</b>	<b>Eletlat</b>
		<b>1800</b>	<b>Spiritual weekend</b>	<b>Servants salary</b>
		<b>2420</b>	<b>Spiritual weekend</b>	<b>Retreat</b>
		<b>1200</b>	<b>Spiritual weekend</b>	<b>transportation</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,643.59</b>	<b>18.652.00</b>		
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-8.41</b>			

## Report of Omega Kids

“Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,  
and for their children it will be a refuge.” Proverbs 14:26

When I think back over the year there are many stories of God’s provision and transformation in families that remind me that God is in the business of rebuilding lives. Circumstances often don’t change immediately but in those challenging circumstances those who fear the Lord have a secure fortress. The wisdom in this Proverb is that the Lord is not only your fortress but it provides a refuge for your children as you seek God for your family.

The theme of rebuilding dwelled in my mind for most of the year as it was the theme for our summer day camp program.

We all need a little “fixing up” and when we allow God the opportunity to do so He will transform us by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2), he will take us as clay in his hands and form us (Isaiah 64:8), he will be the repairer of our broken walls and the restorer of our streets with dwellings, (Isaiah 58:12).

I pray that in 2020 we would continue to see families being rooted and established in Christ, being strengthened in their relationships, to see broken families restored, and finding their security and refuge in Christ.

### PARENT EDUCATION

**Understanding Today’s Kids and Their Spiritual Needs** – This course was taught for the second time this past year in April & May. Parents were introduced to common characteristics of Generation Z (children born 1999 and 2015) and participated in discussions on the spiritual needs of today’s kids and how families and the church can meet those needs.

**Blended and Blessed Conference:** We hosted this conference April 27<sup>th</sup>, live streamed through Family Life Canada. About twenty people attended from around the city. This conference focused on the unique challenges and blessings of being part of a blended family. We plan to host this conference again on April 25, 2020. Please share the date with any families that you know who may be interested in attending.

**The Parenting Course (Alpha)** Thank you to Taya Chu for running this course on Friday nights with one of OMAC’s cell groups, and to Ida Lai and Nahia Haddad for running this course Wednesday mornings, this autumn. A special thank you to Deanne Scrivens for coming to provide childcare with me for the first six weeks of the morning course.

**Mom & Daughter Book Club** In September, ten moms and their tween daughters began meeting twice a month for lunch and a discussion on the books, “Lies Girls Believe and the Truth that Sets them Free” and “The Mom’s Guide to Lies Girls Believe...” Fostering relationship and connection, as well as creating a safe place for discussing issues tween girls face were some of our goals

when we started. The value in the discussions that have taken place and the opportunity to plant God's truth in the lives of these moms and daughters truly has been a very rich blessing. We will continue to meet until the end of March 2020.

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**Children's Worship** is from 9:10-10:10am Sundays and continues to be led by Sophia Lai and her wonderful team: Bruce Wen, Isabel Kou, Tina Liang, Mary Dong, Nadia Balashkevich, Magdalene Lim, Nickie Lu, Shulammite Wen, and Xing Yan. The average attendance of Children's Worship was 10 children.

**French Ministry** now offers a nursery and Sunday School class for children 5-10 years of age from about 9:30-10:00am during the French service. Thank you to Juliette Lapointe for her leadership and to her team; Stephanie Garcia, Francine Thermonvil, Ariane Tchoumou, Gaëlle Dibanda, Houlida Dibanda and Juliana Wamba. They averaged 10 children.

**Prime Time** is from 10:45-12:10 Sundays. Every Sunday you will find fourteen or more dedicated teachers and helpers in our classes as well as caring people in the nurseries. My appreciation to the whole Prime Time team!! Thank you to Susan Pay, Cai Peng, Doreen Loo, Esther Christensen, and Pastor Jacques for their help in organizing the volunteers for the quarterly schedules. This year's joint average attendance for Prime Time classes and Nurseries was 73 (36 EG + 33 OM + 4 FM). The decrease from last year is due to the start of the French service which primarily serves the French children now as you can see in the previous paragraph.

During open session we finished up the ABCs of God's Greatness and Worth in June. This Fall Eleisa Emde has been leading open session.

### **MIDWEEK & FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

Playgroup continues Thursday mornings. Over the year we have had close to twenty children involved with their mothers, grandmothers and caregivers. Playgroup is a transient group as moms return to work and/or the kids graduate up to kindergarten. On any given Thursday we could have between 1-10 children in attendance.

OMAC's Children's Fellowship on Friday evenings has been using the curriculum: "Step Out" by TeamKID, which encourages kids to step out and do what is right in all parts of their lives. They average eleven children. While we were saddened to lose Mabel Lim, her faithful leadership inspired a new team to continue this ministry. We thank Peng Cai, Jean Chang, Kid Hu, Sophia Lai, Hannah McReynolds and Jessica Chen for carrying on.

Kian Goh has done a great job organizing children's programming for special OMAC events and Joint Gospel meetings. Thank you Kian.

Our annual family skate night at Rideau Hall was cancelled due to the weather but we will try again on January 21, 2020. We hosted our first children's clothing swap in October, and on November 30th welcomed in our neighbours for a pancake breakfast to kick off the Christmas season. The candy cane hunt through the woods was a hit, thank you to all who donated candy canes and cooked breakfast for us.

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP**

This August 19-23 we engaged the children in the theme Fixer Upper: Wait 'til you see what God can do! God's work in our lives was likened to that of a home renovation. First you have to demolish the old, then establish a new foundation and build from there. Our songs centered around this theme of God's work in our lives, his plan for our lives and simply praising our creator. The words of the songs were powerful and I continued to sing and pray those songs over our families for months. Thank you Eleisa for sharing God's heart with us during our worship times.

*Hebrews 3:4 "For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."*

\* Professions of Faith: 17

\* 152 children attended at some point in the week.

\* Community children: 27 New this summer and 44 returning

\* EGAC children: 46                      \* OMAC children: 28                      \* FCC children: 7

\* Afternoon extension: 40

\* Volunteers on site during the week: around 80 from all five congregations for the first time

Thank you to everyone who participates in this ministry and supports this ministry in one way or another. From station leaders to group leaders, worship team to media team, set designers to clean up crew, truly each of you is part of this kingdom building work. Thank you for being an ambassador for Christ to His kids.

The afternoon extension was organized this year by Ko-Yung Liu with assistance from Sophia Lai. We had forty children attend; twenty-three from OMAC and seventeen friends and/or children from the community. We enjoyed visits from Mad Science, Little Rays Reptiles and The Zoo Crew. The other afternoons they participated in arts, discovery and engineering projects. Thank you especially to those volunteers who stay all day to serve the afternoon camp as well.

For our Kid-to-Kid Project this year we partnered with Safe Families Ottawa and collected needed items for them to have available for families. The children donated items such as diapers, wipes, bottles and washcloths, small stuffed animals, blankets and gift cards. We purchased a playpen and playpen sheet with money from our children's offering.

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

We welcomed the following babies born in 2019. From OMAC: Evan Zhang and from EGAC: Percy McGill, Robert Kafidas, and Joshua Ahuka

We also celebrated with those families who dedicated their children to the Lord and His service in 2019. From EGAC: Matthias Rabeya, Victoria & Robert Kafidas, Joshua Ahuka, and from OMAC: Alice and Evan Zhang.

## **SAFE FAMILIES CANADA**

Praise God that Safe Families Ottawa officially launched this year. East Gate is now registered as a participating church. We have been able to pray for them monthly at BHHOP and in service, support them financially through your designated giving and the Christmas Eve offering, partner with our Kid-to-Kid Project and collect needed items for families during summer day camp, as well, two playpens with sheets were purchased from money collected by the children.

Safe Families Canada reported at the end of the year that 100 families were deferred from CAS in 2019! Praise God that families are being supported and restored through this vital ministry. Six



more cities are preparing to launch a chapter across Canada in 2020, God is on the move and we get to part of His work!

We currently have three individuals registered from our congregations as either a Family Friend or Resource Friend. If you are able to get involved as a Host Family, Family Coach, Family Friend or Resource Friend this year, please speak with me for further information.

## **IN CLOSING**

“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” Philemon 1:6

Partnership provides connection, relationship, collaboration and a unified purpose. I am so thankful for the partnership of 100 + children’s ministry volunteers. Ministering alongside you has certainly deepened my understanding of “every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” You honour our Lord with your faithfulness, you teach our children that they have worth and are loved, you support parents, and spur each other on in ministry. You plant seeds, water seeds and nurture seeds. You are partners with Christ in his work among us. THANK YOU!

The relationship that I have with the ICAC pastoral team (they are all awesome) as well as connections with the Ottawa Network of Children & Family Ministry leaders bless me immensely. Connections with other ministries in the city like Safe Families Ottawa, Connect Care Ottawa and Christian Horizons broaden my understanding of what God is doing across our city. We had Jasmine Duckworth, from Christian Horizons, come lead a seminar on June 2<sup>nd</sup> on practical ways to ensure our church is accessible to children with special needs. It is wonderful that we have their expertise to draw from and that we can collaborate together for the sake of Christ.

Looking forward to ministering alongside you in 2020.  
Faithfully submitted, Debbie Macphail

## **Report of the Nursery**

The nursery provides a safe environment for kids from birth to two years old while their parents enjoy the service. First and foremost I want to thank the volunteers that give the littlest ones their full attention every week, and dedicate themselves to caring for the His smallest sheep. I am also thankful for volunteers who clean all the toys. The nursery is a safe place, where babies can build trust, be encouraged to play and socialize while parents are fed spiritually. We all enjoy spending time with your children!

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Christensen

## **Report of Plan to Protect**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the ICAC Plan to Protect Team Members for all their hard work and continuous support this past year.

The Plan to Protect Program's achievements this past year:

- 1) Annual Registration Days – May 2019;
- 3) Annual Revision and Orientation Trainings – September 2019 – ongoing into 2020
  - There were over 150 volunteers trained within EGA, OMAC, and FAC.
  - Special thanks goes to Pastor Josh, Miss Debbie and Ester Christenson for assisting with the training process.

Special thanks go to the EGA's & OMAC Board of Elders, Filipino Pastoral Team, the ICAC P2P Team members, and most importantly, to all the volunteers for your continued support.

Plan to Protect Program Director, Denise Bussière

## Report of the Youth Pastor

2019 seemed to fly by really fast! Thank God for another year of fruitful ministry and the privilege to lead our ICAC students into a deeper walk with Jesus!

Bedlam in January was a highlight for me last year as I got to see three of our high school students step into leadership roles and help lead our junior highs over the weekend. In total, we brought up sixteen people on that weekend and we were able to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus and a greater appreciation for the Church. The theme for the weekend was "who is the church?" Karlie Silcock was our keynote speaker and she did a fantastic job at unpacking that question over the course of the weekend. I think our junior highs had a great time all together and seeing the diversity of all the other churches in our region.

Following Bedlam was also our senior high winter retreat in February. Regan Neudorf spoke on Colossians 2:6-7 and talked about the *overflow* of our hearts and how what we put in (good or bad) is what flows out. It was really challenging for our students and I think God used that weekend in all sorts of ways to help our students put into focus the things they do each day and why those decisions matter. Our leaders also had really good discussions and were able to connect and pray for our students which is always one of goals for these types of weekends.

The rest of the 2019 winter semester flowed smoothly as it usually does. We ended off the year with our grad party and saw three of our students move on from our youth group. (Jared Lim, Mercel Bautista, and Francine Cenina.) All three are pursuing post-secondary education so please pray/continue to pray for them.

Summer time is usually reserved for mission trips. This year we returned to Sunrise Camp in Mississini, QC. for the second time. Our group was Mercel Bautista, Justin Bercier, and Tanya Haddad. We partnered once more with Cedarview Alliance Church as well. It was a tough trip this year as we worked with high school students as opposed to last year's trip where we worked with junior highs. Throughout this trip we got to see the love of God on display as our leaders and students were able to minister and build connections with the local students. The whole focus for the week was *hope* and Paul Racine who was our group leader was able to really share the hope that Christ has to offer. We saw the lives of a number of Cree students touched by the messages and our prayer was that God would really plant seeds in their lives that would take root and bring hope to a generation of young people who lack a sense of genuine hope for their future. Please pray for Mississini QC.! God is working and we are seeing

the fruit of the labourers who have been working tirelessly to see Christ proclaimed in that region!

Summer Day Camp in August is always a highlight for our entire ICAC community. For me, what makes this week-long ministry so exciting is to watch how many of our teens get involved! I am so thankful that God has fostered servant hearts in many of our students and to see them share the love of Jesus with their words and actions with all the children that come through the doors is powerful and exciting to see.

As September approached, our youth leadership team was really feeling the weight of having both our Junior and Senior high students meeting together on Friday nights. Our numbers had begun to balloon to a point where it was simply not feasible to have an effective ministry for both demographics. (our numbers collectively were pushing to about fifty students!) This conversation at a leadership level had been discussed at length for about a year and after much prayer and consideration we felt that Fall 2019 was the best time to navigate a split between the two groups. We had a parent meeting in early September to announce the planned change and collectively as leaders and parents we agreed to start the split in October. Now having been on the other side of that change, I can assure you it has been nothing but amazing! We are seeing more of our seniors not only attending but being more engaged. Our junior high students are getting the attention and ministry they need to navigate life as high school approaches quickly for them. Our average attendance is around 15 for our junior highs and 24 for our senior highs! We have just been blown away at how God has been at work since the split and we continue to pray that it continues to be effective and that we see more younger students come to know Jesus in a deeper, life-changing way. Due to the change we saw new leaders step into ministry and I am thankful for Shalom Chen and Tanya Haddad and Andy Statia who came on board this year to help out with our Junior Highs!

I want to personally offer my deepest, heart-felt gratitude to all the families (especially OMAC) that have been so gracious and willing to see the split take place. While we understood the challenges that meant for all of us, we saw the value, and importance of the junior highs and the work that God wanted to do this year. Many thanks to all of you and may we see the fruit of this labour even amidst the challenges.

September also brought to us our intern Peter Leung who has been an amazing partner in ministry this season. He has been helping out in both our junior and senior high programs. He has connected really well with our leadership team and with many of our students. I am just so thankful he is helping us this year and seeing the qualities and personality he brings to our youth nights.

We ended 2019 with our annual all-nighter Christmas party. We went to an *Escape Room* together, and then headed back to the church after a McDonald's run. We sang Christmas songs and stayed up all night hanging out, playing video games and watching movies. It's exhausting but it such a great night to connect with everyone. Our students had a great time closing off the semester together and celebrating the Christmas season.

While 2019 had many positives, it presented a few challenges as well and I am so thankful that God was at work to see those challenges removed or alleviated. Praise God for his faithfulness and promise to build His Church! None of our ministries would be as effective if God were not at work, and if He had not provided the key workers and partners to help us serve in the Kingdom. I want to thank Andy Statia, Glenda Cenina, Matthew Beamish, Shalom Chen, Tanya Haddad, and Peter Leung for the faithful service and continued support and love for all our students. Lastly, I want to thank my wife Stephanie who has been so helpful with all the "behind the scenes" work she has done in our ministry. Thank you!

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen. – Eph. 3:20-21

For the Kingdom,

Rev. Josh Kahle

## Report of Quizzing

2019 started with a quiz meet in January in Kingston in the book of John, a quiz meet in March at Rexdale Alliance in Toronto and the final meet in May at Joy Bible Camp. We enjoyed a special fundraiser/challenge from former quizzers at a Dessert Night in April. The old-timers surprised all by doing very well, motivating our teams to step up before the final meet. We have enjoyed getting to know the kids and spending time with them at our weekly practice on Sunday afternoon and the meets. In the Fall we began the challenging books of Hebrews and 1 & 2 Peter. We began with a big group, but some have decided to focus on other things. We presently have 3 teams and we enjoyed hosting the first meet at East Gate in November. We have started a listener program this year which has been a great motivator for some kids as people outside of their normal realm of influence have come alongside them to encourage them and hear their verses. We have also met as teams to go over the chapters each week, meeting as a small group to ensure the kids understand what they're learning. We have enjoyed having lunch together before the practices as well, thanks to Sarah Bercier for coordinating that. Thanks to Marc Bercier, Tanya Haddad and Pastor Josh, our coaches. And thanks to our listeners and others that support our program in donating to our bake sale, helping with the hosting and praying for us.

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12*

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Buitenwerf

## Report of the Facilities Committee

This year we didn't do any major facilities upgrades however we did do the following:

- 1) Installed door vents
- 2) Installed chair rail in back of sanctuary and in rm 6
- 3) Swept Parking Lot and spring-cleaned property
- 4) Finished Playground and patio area:
  - a) Installed patio stones on upper level.
  - b) Repaired tractor damage to new pathway.
  - c) Stained picnic tables
  - d) Built, Stained & clear-coated cedar picnic tables and park benches.
  - e) Straightened maple trees by patio
  - f) Built prayer walk through forest
  - g) Transplanted forest floor covering

- 5) Much work on Church Gardens
- 6) Repaired Driveway
- 7) Repaired fence
- 8) Installed new lights in Nursery
- 9) Cut concrete ceiling out of welcome center closet
- 10) Built a ladder for attic access
- 11) Insulated attic access,
- 12) Repaired blinds in fireside lounge.
- 13) Repaired holes, dents & water damage in drywall throughout church
- 14) Repaired stair rail for mini gym exit
- 15) Repaired back door & front door
- 16) Repaired vacuum

#### Cost Estimate

This coming year we are looking into the possibility of three major projects:

- 1) Build two large classrooms behind the Mandarin Sanctuary- ----- \$250,000
- 2) Expanding the parking lot. ----- \$100,000
- 3) Renovating the front of the sanctuary ----- \$10,000

We are also hoping to do the following:

- 1) Repair South steps ----- \$100
- 2) Repair South hand rail
- 3) Replace urinals ----- \$3000
- 4) Replace ladies washroom toilets ----- \$2000
- 5) Install sound dampening panels for Pastor Jacques' office ----- \$50
- 6) Replace 6" Big O pipe with 6" PVC pipe on North side of new walkway ----- \$50
- 7) Fix door on bin by back shed
- 8) Install patio on East side of garbage shed ----- \$500

We are happy to announce that Gilles B. will be coordinating the facilities team this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Buitenwerf

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Profit and Loss 2019

	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>
<b>Income</b>	
40020 · Current Fund Giving Receipts	243,644.15
41000 · Other Current Fund Receipts	
41260 · Church Leadership Materials	956.75
41320 · Children & Family Ministries	752.80
41360 · Summer Day Camp Receipts	1,641.00
41390 · Grief Share	150.00
41400 · Alpha Course Receipts	310.00
41410 · BHHOP	2,922.35
41520 · Communion Supplies	90.00
41540 · Conference Receipts	174.97
41750 · Pastoral Care	20.00
41770 · Vulnerable Adults-5Alive	115.00
41775 · Double Double	49.30
41825 · French Ministry	23,002.75
41830 · Spanish ministry	12,086.45
41900 · Quiz Team	6,107.79
41920 · Youth	8,597.75
41940 · Office Supplies	172.18
Total 41000 · Other Current Fund Receipts	57,149.09
43000 · Rental Income	
43020 · Halley's Service Centre	525.00
43040 · Parking Lot Rental	32,804.10
43120 · Filipino Church Rent	13,200.00
43140 · Other Facilities Rentals	3,045.00
Total 43000 · Rental Income	49,574.10
44000 · Other Income	
44010 · OMAC Expense Sharing	69,850.84
44080 · Interest-ING Savings	1,483.26
44100 · GST and RST Rebates	8,098.63
Total 44000 · Other Income	79,432.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>429,800.07</b>

**Expense**

51020 · Advertising	1,279.69
51040 · Welcome Centre	207.48
51080 · Bank Service Charges	1,947.34
51100 · Bank Charges - Credit Cards	93.95
51140 · Maintenance-Building Ex.	6,155.79
51160 · Maintenance-Grounds Ex.	1,135.18
51180 · Child and Family Ministries Ex.	3,117.55
51200 · Prime Time	1,034.82
51210 · Go N' Tell	75.00
51260 · Church Leadership Materials Ex.	2,854.00
51300 · Library	377.59
51320 · Nursery	43.48
51350 · Plan to Protect Ex.	450.50
51360 · Summer Day Camp	4,078.96
51380 · Outreach	1,518.93
51390 · Grief Share	719.63
51400 · alpha Course	928.91
51410 · BHHOP	4,259.44
51420 · DOB top up	3,361.32
51520 · Communion Supplies	91.14
51540 · Conferences	4,193.03
51560 · Database	818.29
51580 · EFC Membership	297.00
51600 · Flowers, Gifts and Cards Ex.	187.00
51620 · Furniture and Equipment	788.74
51640 · Honourariums	2,050.00
51660 · Insurance	7,935.40
51680 · Internet Service	1,131.23
51740 · Missions Conference	600.00
51750 · Pastoral Care Expenses	4,753.91
51760 · Office Supplies Ex.	3,674.34
51770 · Vulnerable Adults-5Alive	727.00
51775 · Double Double	49.30
51780 · Pastor Visitation and Hosp.	348.75
51820 · Social and Hospitality	1,008.91
51825 · French Ministry Expenses	6,462.03
51830 · Spanish ministry	2,283.15
51840 · Audio Visual	8,825.35
51850 · Snow Removal	3,394.00
51880 · Telephone	1,039.24
51900 · Utilities - water	1,498.27
51920 · Utilities - Electricity	5,728.40

51930 · Utilities - Gas	5,942.03
51940 · Worship Materials Ex.	752.53
51960 · Quiz Team Ex.	7,075.91
51980 · Youth Ex.	17,635.33
51990 · Young Adults (YAK)	116.23
66000 · Payroll Expenses	<u>309,799.72</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>432,845.79</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-3,045.72</u></u>

## 2019 Balance Sheet

	<u>31 Dec 19</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>	
10050 · BMO	98,330.38
10070 · ING	<u>138,493.36</u>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	236,823.74
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
10010 · Petty Cash	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	237,823.74
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
10520 · Furniture and Fixtures	156,912.34
10610 · Land and Buildings	<u>967,098.94</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>1,124,011.28</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>1,361,835.02</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
20300 · Home Missions	
20316 · Counselling Min - Laure-Marie	1,844.93
20350 · G and E Jarjour	2,362.24
20360 · EG refugee sponsorship	
20365 · Yonas Sponsorship	4,500.00
20360 · EG refugee sponsorship - Other	<u>5,364.68</u>
<b>Total 20360 · EG refugee sponsorship</b>	<u>9,864.68</u>
<b>Total 20300 · Home Missions</b>	14,071.85
20450 · Special Needs Fund	1,690.12
20600 · Building Fund	
20650 · Parking lot upgrade	65,179.82



20600 · Building Fund - Other	29,980.02
Total 20600 · Building Fund	95,159.84
20700 · Short Term Missions Fund	
20730 · Project Egypt	7,335.00
20760 · Water of Life/Burkina Faso	1,964.71
20700 · Short Term Missions Fund - Other	15.00
Total 20700 · Short Term Missions Fund	9,314.71
20900 · Benevolent Fund	3,981.60
21000 · International Church Fund	54,162.07
21100 · Scholarship Fund	392.80
21200 · Petty Cash Fund	1,000.00
21450 · Children's Ministry Projects	3,040.65
Total Other Current Liabilities	182,813.64
Total Current Liabilities	182,813.64
Total Liabilities	182,813.64
Equity	
31300 · Furniture and Fixtures Equity	156,912.34
31500 · Land and Building Equity	967,098.94
32000 · Cur Fund Balance(Ret Earn)	58,055.82
Net Income	-3,045.72
Total Equity	1,179,021.38
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,361,835.02</b>

## Other Giving (Liabilities) 2019

	Donation	Disburse
<b>Global Advance Fund</b>	49720.60	49720.60
<b>C&amp;MA designated</b>		
Kuranjis	20	20
<b>Non C&amp; MA designated</b>		
Our Daily Bread	500	520
Safe Families	1591.25	1591.25
<b>Project Egypt</b>	9904.80	10604.80

**Short Term Missions****Projects**

Water for Life - Burkina Faso	0.00	77.50
SIM - Chitticks to Niger	1040	1040
Mistissini Youth trip	520	1,172.04
Power to Change (Elim)	225.5	240.50
Pastor Jacques Cameroon	1340	1,337.56

**Home Missions**

District Operating Budget	3,948.00	7309.32	includes top up
Sea to Sea	2,820.00	2,820.00	
ACTS	6,155.95	9,385.00	
Barry Whatley	796.8	926.82	
Dina & Ahmad Zeividavi	3284.6	3284.6	
Toronto Alliance Rebuild	789.6	789.6	
Jarjours	789.6	0	

<b>EG Refugee Sponsorship</b>	3,667	25589.09
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Yonas Sponsorship	0	0
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<b>International Church Fund</b>	545	63.92
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donations for French building		
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**Special Needs**

<b>Fund</b>	0	1140
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<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	2291.3	2291.3
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for Intern Peter Leung		
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<b>Children's Ministry Projects</b>	0	514.35
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<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	11143.96	11705.26
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<b>Building Fund</b>	9,854.30	1,832.53
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transfer from OMAC share	549.76	
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transfer Halley's parking (50%)	525.00	
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<b>Parking Lot Upgrade</b>	21,869.40	678.00
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(transfer from parking 40%)		
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## AUDITORS REPORT

East Gate Alliance Church of  
The Christian and Missionary Alliance  
550 Codd's Road  
Ottawa. ON K1K 2G8

January 28, 2019

The financial transactions of East Gate Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance were maintained by Elder and Treasurer Dave Steadman. Simon Bikai examined the record of financial transactions and the financial statements, including the Balance Sheet, the Income Statement, and the Statement of Expenditures and Disbursements, all for the financial year ending December 31, 2019.


The examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and functions of the various individuals involved in the financial affairs of the Church. In addition, tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence were conducted as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of East Gate Alliance Church on December 31, 2019 and the results of its operation for that year.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Steadman (Treasurer)

 06/01/2019

Simon Bikai (Auditor)

## **2020 Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee nominates the following members to serve for the 2020 – Feb. 2022 term:

George Haddad, Elder, 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

David Follini, Elder, 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Jason Christenson, Elder 1<sup>st</sup> term.

Teresa Lafortune, Pastoral Care Associate, 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

Debra Jackson, Pastoral Care Associate, 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Senait Teklehiwot, Family Ministry PCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

*Additional nominations must be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing, and filed with the chairman of the Nominating Committee for posting before public services of the Sunday prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominees must be consenting members in good standing.* (East Gate Bylaws)

The following servant leaders are in the middle of a two year term:

Dave Steadman, Treasurer, middle of second term.

Abdel Messia Bolous, Elder, middle of first term.

John Walsh, Elder, middle of first term.

Alazar Ghide, Elder, middle of first term.

Agathe Houle, Pastoral Care Associate, middle of third term.

Arlene Steadman, Pastoral Care Associate, middle of first term.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'SBucier'.

Sarah Bercier

Chair, Nominating Committee