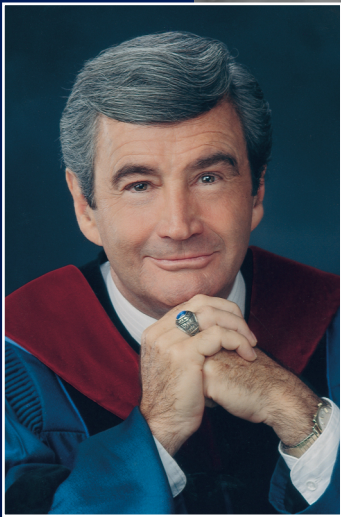


Picture taken at a Hope For Kids Clinic in Mityana, Uganda, in November 2023.



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2023**

**EVANGELISM EXPLOSION INTERNATIONAL**



*In the words of our Founder:*

*"I pray that God would stir us up by His Spirit and cause us to be faithful and diligent, to be good laborers in His vineyard. I ask that He would strengthen us to seek those things which are above and to labor for those things which are eternal, and that we would do all this to the glory of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom."*

*- Dr. D. James Kennedy*

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# OUR TASK

**What a big family Evangelism Explosion is!** Despite having to go to four different locations this past summer for the 5th Congress of Nations, we were able to have more nations involved because of it. It was wonderful to have over 100 nations represented, and some nations had over 30 staff members present, making this event attended by 470 staff members.

Why did we gather? **It was to dream and vision-cast about fulfilling the Great Commission in our generation.** When planning this event, I was nervous that our team might think this vision was too bold. But instead, I was encouraged by the fact that God has been saying the same thing to our team worldwide. Our shared vision led to a time of great and authentic unity.

## OUR GROUP REPRESENTS OVER 100 DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS.

You would not think we would have such unity, but by the grace of God who has provided us with a focused mission and vision, we do! And these National Directors, Board Members, and staff are not just talking about it—they are out discipling the Church to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Jesus prayed for us in the Garden of Gethsemane before His death on the cross that **"all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me"** (John 17:21). When unity comes to the Church—across different cultures, ages, and denominations—something powerful happens. People see Christ. **Seeing our global staff show that very unity Jesus talked about this past summer was a joy.** It is why we are seeing such fruit in the ministry of Evangelism Explosion.

I am excited for the future and grateful for this family. May God continue to be glorified, and His Church work in unity and love **'till everyone hears.**

Together, in His service,

**Dr. John B. Sorensen, D.D., D.H.L.**  
President and CEO



# MISSION AMERICA



**Fulfilling the Great Commission in this Generation** is the theme of Evangelism Explosion's current campaign season. Our USA ministry focus in this campaign is **Mission America**. In 2023, we are pleased to report excellent and steady progress by God's grace.



New materials and models often take time. This is the case regarding our new Faith Talks tool for high school students, which has made **steady progress under Kevin Rariden's leadership**. He will continue to research and develop this tool in 2024, and we look forward to a first draft of this material.



In 2023, we began to identify **key churches that use EE in their ministries in commendable ways**. We call these Flagship Churches, and we are working on partnering with them to see how we could expand the multiplication ministry of Christ via EE in other potential Flagship Churches.



Regarding our training events, it is encouraging to see our ethnic ministries in the USA (**Arabic, Chinese, Hispanic, Korean, and Vietnamese**) continue to grow and flourish. Each of these ministries has excellent leadership, and they passionately and expertly train Christians and churches nationwide.



**At the end of 2023, we are in the final stages of revising the Share Your Faith Workshops and Equip America (EA) tools**. 2024 will see an expanded emphasis on Equip America training, which aims to increase the implementation of all of our other tools in local churches. A few pilot trainings of the revised EA will occur in early 2024, and we anticipate good results going forward.

**We are thankful for at least 75 International Field Workers (IFWs)** who work together to make the USA ministry possible. That total number represents **16 full-time, 11 part-time, and 48 volunteer IFWs**. We pray that in 2024, God will increase the number of full-time workers so that we can accomplish all He has called us to do for His glory in the USA.

2211 people trained

365 churches represented

219 churches never used EE before

218 churches plan to implement EE

780 people heard the Gospel

230 people professed faith in Jesus

*Pictured in the background: Dr. John Sorensen teaching at an Equip America in Alaska on September 23, 2023.*



**About 10 USA delegates** were honored to participate in the Americas segment of the 2023 Congress of Nations. The USA's formal sponsoring and welcoming of **Belize, El Salvador, and Guyana to the status of Multiplying Nations** was a blessing.

Though stories of blessing could be many as a result of not only our training events but also the ongoing ministry of EE in local churches nationwide, **this note we received from a pastor's wife in North Carolina would speak for many:**

**"This is the second time for us to go through the Hope For Kids ministry with many of the same children. As a result, one child rededicated her life to Christ, and another gave her life to Christ.** Another child has been reaching out to classmates at school by writing Scriptures for them on little notes."

**May God continue to be glorified** in 2024 as we build on what has begun and what has been accomplished in 2023 in our USA ministries.

**In 2023, the USA had 101 training events:**



# ONE CONGRESS



**EE International operates the global ministry through indigenous National Ministries.** We currently have 89 strong National Ministries, which we call Multiplying Nations. Every three years, delegates from those nations gather for our Congress of Nations. Typically, it is a week-long event where we gather in person from all over the world to consider key issues and seek God's direction as we plan for the future.

Challenges with international travel in a post-pandemic world made it clear that we could not gather delegates from all of our 89 National Ministries in one location. In an effort to increase access and participation, we decided to hold the Congress in four different locations around the world over the span of a month. Those gatherings were in the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Finland, and Malaysia.

**By the grace of God, we had 470 participants from 100 different nations across the four locations!**

## DAY 1: TRAINING

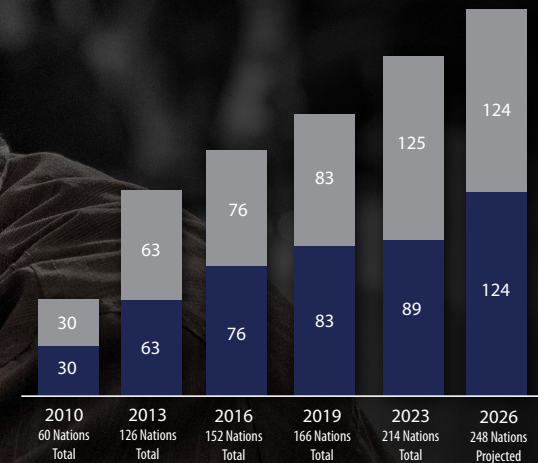
We kicked off the Congress with two separate training sessions. **One focused on the orientation and development of those who sit on the Boards of our National Ministries. The other was geared toward**

# FOUR LOCATIONS

**our National Ministries staff members who carry out the work worldwide.** The training was designed to be transferable so that the leaders in attendance could take what they learned back to their country and train others. Many commented that the training catalyzed the ministry's growth in their nation. One attendee named Simon from Tanzania summed it up succinctly, "The training was so good!"

## DAY 2: OUR RESOURCES

A significant part of the deliberation was centered around digital materials. While a transition to digital may seem simple, there is the potential for substantial impact in



Graph represents nations and territories that EE has identified.

many of our nations, especially those who rely on selling printed materials for income. The Congress overwhelmingly agreed that **EE International should develop a digital platform for delivery of materials.**

We also discussed our generational resources and how we might engage and equip young people through adulthood for a lifetime of ministry. **A key focus was a new youth curriculum in development called Faith Talks.** The announcement was met with much enthusiasm, and we look forward to the impact Faith Talks will have on young people around the world.

*Pictured in the background: Phearum, our National Director of Cambodia, praying with all the delegates at the 5th Congress of Nations in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

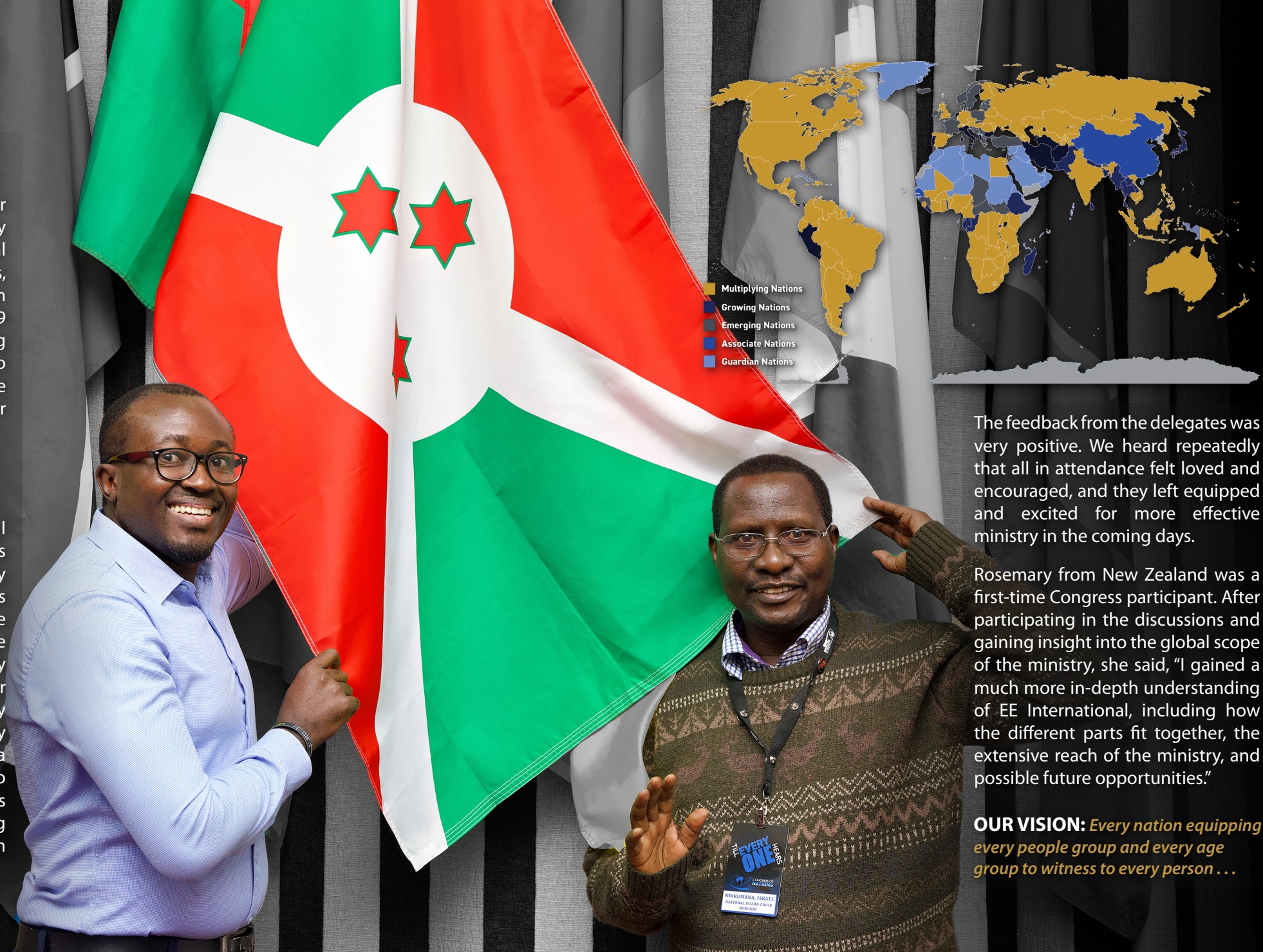
*Pictured in the background: Audry, our National Director of Burundi, and Israel, Board Chair of EE Burundi, smiling with their flag in Nairobi, Kenya, at the 5th Congress of Nations.*

## DAY 3: OUR TEAM

Leadership development is a priority for EE International as we build the ministry worldwide. One-on-one coaching is vital to that development. During the Congress, we rolled out the Coaching Program that has been developing since the 2019 Congress. We are in the process of training Master Coaches on every continent who will be able to train other coaches as we implement the program throughout our National Ministries.

## DAY 4: OUR NATIONS

The Congress wrestled with a critical question: "How many Multiplying Nations do we need to minister effectively in every nation on earth?" A Multiplying Nation is one that has satisfied 12 criteria that are indicators of a well-functioning and mature National Ministry, including the ability to help facilitate ministry outside their nation. Our goal is to minister effectively everywhere, but we realize that not every country has the capacity to become a Multiplying Nation. What a blessing to see national leaders from various nations praying and dreaming about working together to equip and mobilize believers in every nation!



The feedback from the delegates was very positive. We heard repeatedly that all in attendance felt loved and encouraged, and they left equipped and excited for more effective ministry in the coming days.

Rosemary from New Zealand was a first-time Congress participant. After participating in the discussions and gaining insight into the global scope of the ministry, she said, "I gained a much more in-depth understanding of EE International, including how the different parts fit together, the extensive reach of the ministry, and possible future opportunities."

**OUR VISION:** *Every nation equipping every people group and every age group to witness to every person . . .*

# HOPE FOR KIDS

**9,735**  
churches trained

**807,900**  
children disciplined

**8 MILLION**  
children who heard the Gospel

**Our children are our future!** As children grasp the Gospel message, it will impact their lives so that they will share it with others, teach others how to share, and have an impact for the Kingdom for the rest of their lives. **And children are excited to be disciplined!**

Pictured in the background of this page is a little boy who went through a Hope For Kids clinic in Samo Seje, Nigeria, with his mother. After they completed the training and were given their free materials, this little boy could not contain his excitement as he carried them out of the building! They have now begun Hope for Kids in their church, and more children are being impacted by the Gospel in Nigeria. **These clinics and Hope For Kids semesters are being held weekly all over the globe.**

This past year, we were able to redesign both the Hope For Kids website (**you can visit it at [hopeforkids.world](http://hopeforkids.world)**) and launch our Hope For Kids Evangecube. We have seen parents, grandparents, and siblings use these tools to share the Gospel, and children have been making decisions to follow Jesus! We praise God for all He is doing through Hope For Kids internationally.

Top left: A Hope For Kids clinic in Nias, Indonesia, on April 11th, 2023.  
Top right: A Hope For Kids club held in Khabarovsk, Russia.



Bottom left: EE Costa Rica held a packed Hope For Kids clinic in Panama City, Panama, on June 23-25, 2023.  
Bottom right: Children's leaders had a blast at a Hope For Kids clinic in New Zealand on June 16-17, 2023.

Pictured in background: A Hope For Kids training held in Samo Seje, Nigeria on April 26, 2023.

# EE4G (EE FOR GENERATIONS)

**What started as a ministry for teenagers in Indonesia has exploded all over the world!** EE for Generations (EE4G) is now not only impacting Asia but also in Africa, Europe, Latin America, and Oceania. And the results are astounding! In 2023, we saw:

- **Young leaders trained in 29 countries**
- **95 training events held on 5 continents**
- **1,546 teens trained to share their faith and disciple others**
- **1,516 professions of faith during training events alone**

Top left: EE4G presented at the SAAT Youth Camp to 100 teen and youth leaders.  
Top right: Teens learned to share their faith at an EE4G Camp in Bolivia in July 2023.



Bottom left: An EE4G training taught to EE Changemakers in Finland on August 24-28, 2023.  
Bottom right: Church leaders practiced at an EE4G Training in Ethiopia on March 20-24, 2023.

**God has opened the door to opportunities to work with nations, denominations, and local churches to equip young leaders with EE4G.** For example, God has opened the door this past year to collaboration with one of Ethiopia's largest evangelical church denominations. The Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church (KHC) has over 7,000 churches and 6.7 million members. In March, we had equipped 48 local church leaders. Each has at least 150 young people under their leadership, so in total, there are 7,500 young people that could be impacted. There are a few of these church leaders who coordinate hundreds of churches. This is the harvest, indeed! All of them were passionate and committed to implementing in their local churches. The translation of the EE4G manual book in Amharic (local language) is available now. **We thank God for the many wonders He has done this past year through EE4G!**

Pictured in the background: An EE4G training camp held in Bolivia in July 2023.



# GLOBAL STATS



**2,128 EE EVENTS**  
trained church leaders and  
lay leaders worldwide



**64,875 CHURCHES**  
used EE to equip congregations  
to share their faith



**1,038,000 ADULTS**  
in EE training around the  
world in 2023



**807,900 CHILDREN**  
in EE training around the  
world in 2023



**20.8 MILLION PEOPLE**  
**PROFESSED FAITH IN**  
**JESUS CHRIST IN 2023**  
**THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EE**

# WORLDWIDE TEAM

God provided our worldwide staff with a tremendous year as we gathered for our Congress of Nations, trained new staff, and forged a partnership with a major denomination in a strategic part of the world.



At our Congress of Nations, we dedicated an entire day to training our staff and the members of our National Boards of Directors in a track tailored specifically for them. We held training sessions for the staff and engaged in lively discussions on EE's mission, vision, values, and goals, assessing ourselves and others, recruitment, and coaching. The Training Day and the Congress itself served as great vehicles for fellowship and morale boosts for all our staff.

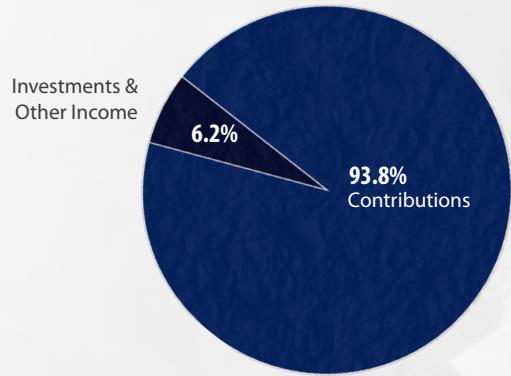


**16 new full-time staff members** were trained in 2023 from 10 nations: **Fiji, Finland, India, Laos, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Timor L'Este, and Vanuatu.** These new National Directors and Implementation Field Workers all graduated from the month-long training at our D. James Kennedy Training Centre in Fiji. They are now commissioned back to their nations to fulfill the calling God has given them to serve Him through EE.

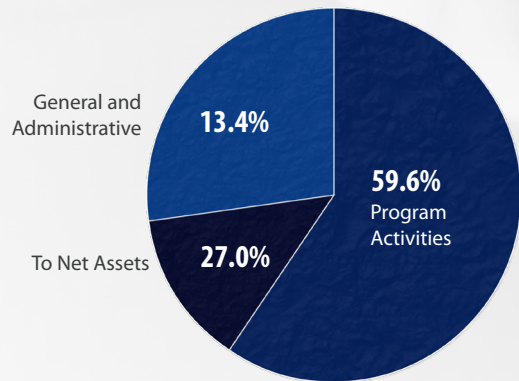


**In Ethiopia, we put 54 denominational leaders through a curriculum similar to our staff training. We trained them in mission, spiritual life, leadership, productivity, and the EE tools of Hope for Kids and EE4G.** These Ethiopian Hale Keywet denomination leaders are now set to mobilize their churches, whose members comprise 10% of Ethiopia's population, to train the next generation to share the Gospel effectively to reach Ethiopia, the Horn of Africa, and the world.

Over this past year, our staff has been strengthened and rejuvenated. Coming out of Congress, one of the approved affirmations is **"we affirm our commitment to our people: to respect, treat fairly, encourage, reward, care for, and recognize in a God-honoring way."** We look forward to how God will move and work in and through our staff this upcoming year. **Thank you for your friendship, support, and prayers!**



Contributions	\$ 9,078,400
Investments and Other Income	595,720
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,674,120</b>



Program Activities	\$ 5,762,370
General and Administrative	1,295,009
To Net Assets	2,616,741
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,674,120</b>

*We believe souls are worth so much more than a dollar figure.* But when it comes to ministry expenses, we want you, our donors, to know that we do our best to make the most of every dollar you give to this ministry.

Before 2021, we spent about \$1 for every person who professed faith in Jesus Christ during that year. However, that number has dramatically changed.

## THIS PAST YEAR, WE SAW ONE PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR EVERY \$0.37 DONATED TO THE MINISTRY.

That means, for every dollar you gave to this ministry, you more than doubled your impact for the Kingdom of God. **More lives were changed for eternity.** Thank you for partnering with us in 2023!

# OUR ANNUAL FINANCIALS

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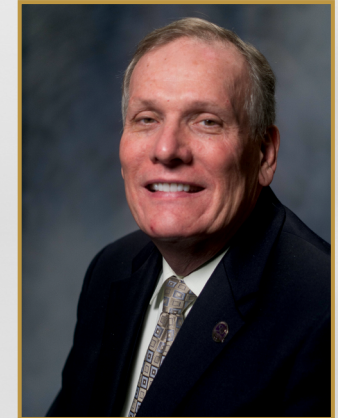
# OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU, OUR SUPPORTERS

**Thank you for your continued support and commitment** to Evangelism Explosion International. As Chairman of the Board of Directors, I can assure you that our entire organization aims to steward your gifts effectively to ensure that every dollar best supports the expansion of God's Kingdom around the world. As a Board, we stand behind the financial statements presented in this annual report.

Dr. David Self, Chair  
EE International Board of Directors

**We are grateful for you, our ministry partners.** God has called us to work together for the furthering of His Good News. Thank you for making a difference in 2023.

Jeffrey Givens  
Vice President of Ministry Advancement



*Evangelism Explosion International is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.*





***Therefore go and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.***

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV

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