

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY CENTRE



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CANADA

Supporting the foundation of the Christar Canada National Ministry Centre.

In 1967, the first board of directors of International Missions was formed in Canada, which later changed its name to Christar. **Christar has been providing vital support to Canadian Christar missionaries who serve amongst the least reached.** This has only been made possible through the financial resources in our National Ministry Centre fund and the faithfulness of our Father who called them into service.

The National Ministry Centre is the base of Christar Canada, and **everything we do locally and globally comes from this base.** While our missionaries contribute 9.5% of the support they raise to augment Ministry Centre expenditures, **additional funds are needed to support operational costs, including IT, member care, resources, training, supplies, office maintenance, and rent.** Christar Canada will not thrive long-term without these additional funds.

As a not-for-profit entity, **our desire is to keep contributions from our missionaries as low as possible, allowing the majority of the support they raise to be used for their efforts in ministry.** Donations to our National Ministry Centre Fund will help us create a strong balance and provide long-term financial health, allowing Christar Canada to remain viable in continuing our efforts to spread the Gospel and see our vision fulfilled - the vision of cultivating Christ-honoring transformation in communities where He is yet to be worshiped.

Our Missionaries & their families testify to the value of the Christar Canada Ministry Centre:

Gary & Joan

The home office was our lifeline during our years in Pakistan. Our salary, income tax and health insurance premiums were paid each month like clockwork. We didn't have to worry about these things. During our second term (4 years in those days) the office, along with a board member, went to bat for us to secure monies from CIDA to establish the Layyah Technical Training Bible School. In later years, following the board meetings, Marty, the director at that time, would send a synopsis of the decisions that had been made during the meetings. It kept us informed of what was going on within the mission.

There is no way to fully articulate the incredible importance of the home office staff---and all they do. They are vital to the work of the missionaries scattered all over the world. We can certainly testify to that. And we thank God for the faithful staff working, even now, diligently on behalf of our Christar members.

Shane & Alana

I have been blessed in many ways through the home office.

As a college student, I was encouraged to join a short-term missions trip. Initially nervous, I received guidance from someone at Christar's office, which helped me decide to go to Turkey. This experience inspired me to adopt a missional lifestyle and deepened my love for Muslims.

After graduating, my sister joined Christar and worked long-term with Persian refugees. I saw how the support and encouragement from the home office helped her make important ministry choices.

After getting married, my husband and I went on a vision trip. The office staff helped us prepare and provided a debrief session afterward. Although we chose not to join Christar long-term, their mentorship guided us to a local ministry we now serve in.

Four years ago, my sister passed away overseas in the country she loved. While this was a painful experience, we didn't feel alone. The home office staff showed us immense love and kindness, helping us navigate the challenges of repatriation and grief. We are forever grateful for their support.

What does it cost to run the Ministry Centre?

The National Ministry Centre Fund requires an annual amount of **\$567,340.39**. Approximately **\$419,440.39** is raised by the office staff through personal support for their salaries and other ministry costs. Most of the Ministry Centre staff raise 100% of their support, which allows us to maintain a low admin fee and allocate more donated funds to the Mission field.

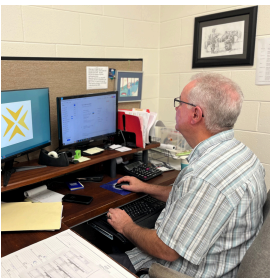
This results in a deficit of **\$147,900 that needs to be raised annually** from new and current donors, churches, and businesses to support the operation of the ministry centre.

The National Ministry Centre Fund supports four crucial ministry areas, and the total annual amount required for each area will be listed in their respective sections.



IT = 6% \$10,000 to be raised annually

The importance of finances in a healthy IT fund cannot be overstated. The use of IT resources includes a wide range of essential tools crucial to every 21st-century operation. **Christar is continually updating its website and acquiring much-needed computers, software, and hardware to enable us to carry out Christar functions efficiently and effectively.** Website development and maintenance are essential for engaging and supporting our members and donor base. Today, these elements form the backbone of Christar Canada's IT ecosystem, empowering us to fulfill our mandate and make a **lasting impact on cross-cultural ministry around the world.**





Resources = 18%

\$26,350 to be raised annually

Finances in the Resource Fund serve as the foundation to Charitar Canada's daily operations. Funds are used for an array of essential functions as we support the work of the entire operation. **Administrative costs for staffing, plus our ability to communicate with our workers, their supporters, and friends of our ministry, are all made possible through this fund.** One of the most significant benefits is the fact that we have been able to consistently maintain our compliance with the requirements of the Canadian Centre for Christian Charities.

We endeavour to satisfy donor receipting in a timely fashion through the work of the competent team in our Finance Department. Funding is used to regularly communicate with our donors and local churches through newsletters and in-person visits and to maintain our social media footprint on various platforms.

Our Resources Fund provides the core support of Charitar's operations, helping us to fulfill our mandate and commitment to responsible stewardship. **Through this fund, we are able to provide a seamless experience for each of our generous donors, dedicated supporters, local churches and friends of the ministry.**



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Charitar is a charitable organization that provides tax receipts every year.



Member Care & Mobilization = 31% \$45,800 to be raised annually

Member Care is crucial for our ability to support our missionaries, especially those serving abroad. **After the application and assessment process, member care begins at the "preparation" stage through our Home-Based Orientation.** This practical training for each appointee contributes to their effectiveness in ministry. It is followed up by the work of our Mobilization Coaches, who are in constant engagement with every potential mission worker. Our coaches are provided with the necessary tools for engagement and support in their work as they engage with churches, schools, Bible colleges, seminaries, Mission Festivals, and other relevant conferences and events. The home staff strive to visit Missionaries in the field when possible. These visits provide encouragement, foster accountability, and provide motivation in far-off places. **Our ability to support our cross-cultural workers through member care is empowering and results in better retention of our members,** helping us achieve our ministry goal of reaching the unsaved with the Good News.

This fund also helps us develop new programs and workshops to encourage and equip the local church as they send out their people into God's harvest field. We would not be able to step into the area of training without the financial resources to do so.



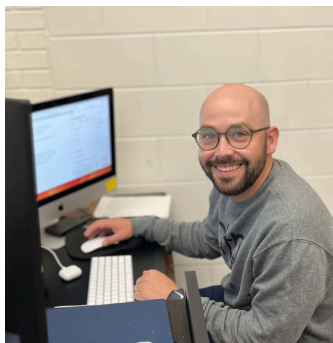
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Operations = 44%

\$65,750 to be raised annually

Our Ministry Centre building, maintenance, utilities, caretaking, office supplies, and equipment are vital to the daily operations of our Ministry Centre. **Much of this is behind the scenes, but we could not operate without available funds for operations. This fund keeps the lights on, helps us to print, mail, and produce new material to benefit missionaries, donors, and supporting churches.**



Your support is essential!

Christar Canada is dedicated to maintaining a healthy National Ministry Centre to provide necessary support and care for our missionaries in the field. We are seeking either 150 donors giving an average of \$1,000 per year that's 83 a month or \$2.74 a day or 300 donors giving an average of \$500 per year that's \$41.66 a month or \$1.36 a day to meet the needs of our vital ministry areas.

After fulfilling your first priority of giving to your local church, we ask that you consider giving regularly towards one of the four areas of ministry that require National Ministry Centre funds. Your support will enable our missionaries and National Ministry Centre staff to effectively fulfill the Great Commission by establishing **"Christ-centered churches among the least reached" (Matthew 28:18-20).**

You can donate by using the QR code on the back cover or by visiting our website and designating your gifts to the National Ministry Centre Fund. Please note that if one area of ministry is over-supported, donations will be used to support the other areas of ministry.



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