



Deaf Ministries International

2021 ANNUAL REVIEW



Deaf
Action



Who **we** are



Deaf Ministries International (DMI) is an International Christian ministry network taking the gospel, education and employment to the Deaf all around the world.



Deaf Action (DA) is the secular aid and development arm of Deaf Ministries International, working to break the cycle of poverty and discrimination faced by the Deaf around the world.

DMI and DA are both Non-Profit Organisations.



About us

In 1965 Neville Muir sponsored a Deaf Korean child through World Vision. Little did he know that the simple act of sponsoring a child would lead to a life spent spreading the Christian message to the Deaf, and improving the livelihoods of Deaf communities around the world.

In 1979, Neville and his wife Lill moved to South Korea to establish a small church for the Deaf in the basement of a Methodist church in the coastal city of Incheon. One of the four members of that first church was the boy Neville had begun sponsoring 14 years earlier. Over the next few years a further 13 Deaf churches were planted in South Korea, all of which are today served by Deaf pastors.

Since then, the mission has spread to 20 countries around the world where churches, schools, small factories, farm projects, dormitories and Christian centres have been established to bring aid and the message of Christ to the Deaf.

After coming under the umbrella of various other mission organisations since its inception, in 2000 Deaf Ministries International was established in Australia as an independent mission to the Deaf. In 2007 Deaf Action was also established to focus on DMI's aid and development projects.

Serving the Deaf for more than 40 years and establishing more than 180 churches is a history we praise God for, but we believe it is only the beginning. We'd love for you to join with us as we continue to bring aid and a message of hope to the Deaf around the world.





Staff



Andrew Miller - International Operations Coordinator

Andrew runs the day-to-day operations of DMI globally and heads our Australian office. Based in Sydney, he has been involved with DMI for many years as a supporter and volunteer worker. Andrew spent 20 years running his own business and pastoring an international church before joining DMI's leadership team.



Matthijs Terpstra - International Development Coordinator

Matthijs oversees all our development projects and ministries to the Deaf. He is a Norway-based Dutchman. Deaf, he has been serving with DMI for five years, and also serves as our Norway office head. Matthijs is in every respect the future of DMI and a role model for the many, many Deaf under DMI's care.



Gunnar Dehli - International Advisor

Gunnar Dehli, from Norway, brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to the role of International Advisor. He advises our senior management in the office and in the field and is a valued member of our International Board. Hearing with a Deaf son, he has worked amongst the deaf for 40 years in various senior capacities and with DMI for over 10 years.



Susi Tihai - Finance Coordinator

Susi has the formidable task of preparing all our budgets and sending the funding exactly where it needs to go. She ensures that we are compliant with Australian rules and regulations, and that the vision in our hearts becomes reality on the ground. She has been working with DMI for five years.



Rod Chapman - Regional Minister of Pastoral Care

Rod is deaf, and has been involved with DMI for 20 years. Rod chairs the Australian Board and has a pastoral role amongst the deaf community in Australia, and amongst our schools and churches in Asia.



Jenny Reid - Sponsorship Coordinator

Jenny has worked tirelessly as a DMI volunteer for 17 years. She diligently oversees our child sponsorship program, which involves communicating with the schools and other coordinators in Australia, USA, UK, Japan & Denmark. She also works hard to keep in touch with all our sponsors, keeping them updated with how their sponsor child is progressing.



Amy Jack - Communications Coordinator

Amy is responsible for producing our newsletters and graphic publications, managing our website and social media. She has been working with DMI for 12 years. She brings superb design skills and infectious cheer to the office.



Kay van Namen - Sponsorship and Administration Assistant

Kay is the most recent addition to our team. She works as assistant to the Sponsorship Coordinator and as an administrative assistant. Deaf and a young mum of two, Kay is key to communication with our supporters.

2021 Report



"Things are better here now, only a few bombs going off each day."

"One of our girls was taken by rebels this week. It will be a miracle if we ever see her alive."

"Thank you for your support. Thank you to care about us. Thank you for pushing us ahead. Thank you for promoting the Deaf. God is great. Praise the Lord."

"It is such joy to be meeting again and this week 8 more Deaf people were baptised in the river."

Each of these four statements from the field reflect the challenges and the successes that we have experienced in 2021. What another extraordinary year it has been! What an astonishing range of experiences and emotions we've been through! Killings, sickness, hunger, bravery,

generosity, toil, study, graduations, changes, harvests, healings, salvations - so much has moved us, and we have so much to be thankful for.

Through the thick and thin of the year, the mission of DMI remains to take the gospel, education and employment to the Deaf all over the world and to increase the station and dignity of the Deaf in all countries, especially in the developing world. In our ten schools, dozens of employment projects and 180 churches for the Deaf, our mission continues to be realised and developed.

In terms of specific challenges over the last twelve months, Myanmar and DR Congo have been places of tragedy. Myanmar has been ravaged by COVID and destroyed by civil unrest. Our staff, students and congregants have been through it all and showed amazing resilience and bravery in continuing to go from house to house to teach students or to give food or to share the gospel. DR Congo remains one of the most dangerous countries on the planet. The DMI family there face trouble, hardships and even death on a daily basis yet they are amongst our most productive and faithful people. Because of COVID-related issues and changing demographics, we have had to close our school in Davao, Philippines, and restructure our leadership in Syria. Each of these changes have been hard yet have been done in the knowledge that pruning leads to health and growth.

We are grateful to report a long list of facility developments in 2021, just a few of which include:

- * Dormitories built in Uganda
- * Isolation rooms/classrooms built in Kenya
- * A kitchen and storeroom built in DR Congo
- * Farmlands developed in DR Congo and Malawi
- * A church sanctuary built in the Philippines
- * A deep well built in the Philippines
- * A sewing workshop upgrade in Kenya

On top of those, we fed many hundreds of people through our Food Campaign, provided Bibles throughout our community in Malawi, and provided laptop computers and other electronic equipment for members in Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

These developments begin with senior staff changes and a solid governing structure making sound policy decisions. This year, our International Director Gunnar Dehli took on the role of International Advisor and, with the International Board's approval, appointed a new co-leadership of DMI with Matthijs Terpstra as International Development Coordinator and myself as International Operations Coordinator, heading the organisation under the guidance of the International Board. Susi Tjhai has been promoted to Finance Coordinator. These have proved to be very positive and happy developments that have strengthened our vision for DMI.

Financially, this restructuring has enabled us to increase our revenue and decrease our expenses so that our payroll has lowered to 12.5% of our income and our admin expenses are at 5%. This means that over 82% of our revenue is going directly to the fields, an achievement we are very proud of and continually working to improve.

Another of the developments made at this level was updating our Policy Handbook. This ensured that our policies are compliant with Australian law and our structures provide a safe and nurturing environment for a highly vulnerable people group.

Guiding DMI's transition away from a traditional top-down structure into a network of affiliated yet increasingly autonomous fields has also been a priority for us. To this end, we have this year established more national boards with legally recognised constitutions across our fields and by this, encourage local leaders to take a more prominent role in vision casting, decision making, and fundraising.

The many developments listed above are not, however, generated by leadership. They are the fruit of very, very generous giving from our supporters. DMI receives no government grants and has no other income streams. All our revenue comes through individual donations. We are constantly amazed and thankful that we have such faithful and generous donors. It's not uncommon for us to be sweating at the end of the month, desperately short of funds, only to have funds come through at the last minute - purely by the generosity of supporters and the grace of God. Because of this, we were able to send 100% of our budgets through to the fields every month in 2021 (on top of all the special projects), a record we are very grateful for.

To further help us achieve our goals, we have a stellar team of volunteers who offer their services in office work, interpreting, providing professional advice and attending deputations. Without our volunteers, we would not be where we are today. We deeply appreciate the selfless giving and the talents of all our volunteers.

The pandemic has made fundraising difficult for us. We have only just been able to return to churches for deputations and hold other fundraising events. Over the last twelve months we have had to rely almost exclusively on our newsletters, direct mail and social media to promote DMI and let people know of our needs. We look forward to the pandemic easing so that we can travel further afield to let more people know of the work that DMI is doing among the Deaf.

The educational successes of 2021 have been possible through the dedication of the principals, teachers and assistants in our school programs. Currently labouring through near-impossible conditions, they have secured ongoing education for many of our students, often at personal risk, and have managed to produce outstanding results: what a joy it was to join in online high school and vocational school graduation ceremonies! Congratulations to all our graduates! Our child sponsorship program remains the backbone of our school programs and the children who attend them, and we are grateful to all our sponsors who make educating our students possible.

We have seen encouraging developments through our self-sustainability programs. The farmlands that we bought and cultivated throughout 2020/21 reaped rich harvests this year which saw our school in DR Congo fully provide for their own lunch program, and even send funds from excess crops to our hunger-affected students and congregants in Bunia. New farmlands rented in Malawi similarly saw crops successfully grown and then sold or consumed by the Deaf community. Our sewing workshop for HIV positive ladies in Kenya has been working on a reusable sanitary pad project which we hope will help bring self-sustainability to the workers while providing health care and dignity for the women of the region.

The physical achievements have been impressive: new classrooms, dormitories and church build-ins etc. But the greatest achievements are those that are not simply written in a list but are rather written in the lives of the Deaf all over the developing world. The achievements of our Deaf churches to feed the hungry, care for the outcast, encourage the broken-hearted, preach the good news of the gospel, and baptise new believers on a massive scale even in the midst of unprecedented hardship reflects the very heart of DMI and its mission. We have been so encouraged by the work of our pastors, evangelists and church members throughout 2021. Their faithfulness and fruitfulness has been epic.

We look ahead to 2022 with a sense of excitement and confidence that DMI will, by the grace of God, continue to fulfil its mission, and we invite you to be a part of the wonderful work we are doing.

Andrew Miller



International Operations Coordinator



Our fields

Recipient Countries	% of Support	Supporting Countries	2021% of Support
Burundi	4.9	Australia	59.2
China	0.7	Denmark	0.5
D.R.Congo	10.5	Germany	4.0
Egypt	0.7	Japan	6.9
Kenya	12.7	Norway	11.2
Malawi	2.6	South Korea	1.2
Myanmar	3.3	U.K	2.1
Philippines	23.7	U.S.A.	14.9
Rwanda	2.5		
Syria	2.6		
Tanzania	3.7		
Uganda	30.3		
Zambia	1.6		

Our goals

Goals for increasing our Gospel / Ministry network:

- Establishing strong local church communities.
- Establishing Deaf Bible schools in three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia.
- Holding regular DMI International Conferences
- Providing discipleship training through Fatherheart seminars
- Organising annual local/continent leaders' gatherings.

Goals for improving our Education:

- Ensuring good quality of education to qualify for government financial support.
- Establishing Bible schools in three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia.
- Providing education to 1,000 deaf children (between ages of 3 and 18) (currently around 600)
- Seeing 20 deaf people attending tertiary/ university (theology) institutions
- Providing education for 250 deaf vocational students

Goals for improving our Employment:

- S-SF: business initiatives to provide growth of at least 10% of local revenues annually to cover local DA/DMI administrative overhead costs, e.g., teachers, evangelists, office costs etc. DMI can then decrease the partner's budget by 10% annually, simultaneously creating job opportunities from S-SF.
- MREDF group loans to reach at least 80 people every year in at least four countries (4 group loans with 5 persons per country) aiding 400 people in five years.
- Having at least 40% female workers by 2026.
- Every DMI school owning at least one agricultural field with three kinds of crops.
- Deaf eco-system business: keeping the money within the network's initiatives



Our schools

Immanuel School for the Deaf, Kenya (K - 8)

The students at this school regularly achieve the highest results out of any deaf school in Kenya. Many of the students go on to study at high school level, or go into vocational training. The dormitory allows students from remote areas to live at the school during term time. We currently have around 80 students enrolled.

Muir School for the Deaf, Myanmar (K - 6)

Situated in northern Myanmar towards the Indian border, the school educates approximately 40 students. The students come from villages and farming communities in the surrounding areas. Most stay in the dormitory at the school, together with some high schoolers who have graduated from the school.

Beni School for the Deaf, D. R. Congo (K - 6)

Our newest school, it has approximately 60 students enrolled. Many are teenagers, but have never been to school before. Around a quarter of our students have lost one or both parents through war or diseases such as Ebola.

Bacolod Dormitory, Philippines (K - 12)

In Bacolod we run a dormitory to provide accommodation for students from surrounding villages who are too far from a school for the deaf. The younger students attend the Special Education Centre and the older students attend the Bacolod City National High School. Because of COVID-related concerns, the Bacolod Dormitory is currently on hiatus.

Deaf Ministries Institute, Davao, Philippines (K - 12+)

In Davao we have had both primary and secondary school classes, as well as offering a college education. We have also provided dormitory accommodation for students from Mindanao Island. Many of the students live many hours from the school. Because of COVID-related issues, we have had to close the school, effective April, 2022.

Fishermen of Christ Learning Center, Ligao, Philippines (K - 12)

Our school and dormitory caters for around 80 students. This school also has rice fields and a farm with pigs, chickens and plantations of coconut trees, avocados and other vegetable crops. It also has a rice mill for processing the rice. Farm workers live at the school and manage the farm. This supports the school and provides food for students in the dormitory. They also offer small business training for students who have graduated from the high school, and offer business start-up loans which the students pay off as their businesses become viable.

Neville Muir Comprehensive School for the Disabled, Uganda (7-12+)

Located in Lira, in central Uganda, this is a vocational school which teaches carpentry, tailoring, hair dressing, building construction, cooking and farming. They also run classes in computer work, Bible teaching and other subjects. The school provides as many as 150 disabled, deaf, blind, orphaned or very poor young people with an education in life skills to become self supported in their adult lives. Dennis himself, the Director of the school, is deaf, physically disabled, and was once an orphaned street boy.

Malawi Vocational School, Malawi (7-12+)

This school runs adjacent to the bakery which was started to provide self-sufficiency amongst the deaf in the area. The school teaches basic life skills, enabling students to find work and earn not only a living, but dignity in their own communities.

Immanuel Church of the Deaf Bible School, Uganda

Situated in the capital Kampala, this school currently has 10 students enrolled. Many of our graduates go on to evangelical and pastoral work.

Educational programs for the deaf, Upper Egypt

In Upper Egypt, we have begun an educational program, the beginnings of our own school there for the deaf. This school teaches deaf children and illiterate deaf adults, providing basic education and life skills.

We also support deaf students in Uganda, Zambia and Rwanda who attend non-DMI schools and colleges.

Our churches

The deaf are one of the last groups in the developing world to be reached with the gospel. Over the last 40 years, DMI have planted 180 deaf churches, developed numerous Bible training centres and commissioned dozens of local evangelists to take the message of God's love to their own people in their own signed language.

The result is transformed lives.

Those who were left without hope have been given real hope. Those who were once neglected as worthless are now loved and able to love others. Those who thought they had no future have found full life.



"I want to become a pastor. I want to teach the deaf about Christ just as pastor Arnel has done for me."

- Jiselle (Philippines)

"I was born again. I became new in Christ and I learned that if we seek the Kingdom of God, then there is nothing to fear and everything to gain."

- Julius (Kenya)



"I grew up in a Muslim family but came to Christ through the wonderful teachings and fellowship of the school and church. Thanks to DMI's support, I have been able to share the gospel with many women like myself."

- Sidonie (Burundi)





Our pastors

DMI has dozens of trained Deaf pastors working with a multitude of Deaf evangelists, serving in countries all around the world. Many pastors lead multiple churches. Some of those churches have dozens of congregants, others are remote, reaching out to just one or two. All are precious. All are worth reaching. Here are just a few of our pastors.



Stephen Kasumba – lost his hearing at the age of 24. He now pastors our Deaf church in Kampala, Uganda, where his two daughters Mildred and Millicent also serve as interpreters. The church is attached to our Bible school and has 60~80 members.

"I want to see our church grow. I want to see our members become self-sufficient and lead full lives, utilising their God-given potential."



Marie Claire Uwineza – pastors several churches in Rwanda. She ministers especially to Deaf Muslim women, and some who are Deaf blind. A passionate evangelist, she loves to share the gospel.

"DMI has been instrumental in my work. DMI paid for my seminary studies and helped with my transport back and forth between Rubavu, Kigali and other areas, enabling me to plant, lead and support Deaf churches."



Albert Mercado – is a tireless worker, leading a large Deaf church in Bacolod, Philippines. He pastors a wide range of members there and also ministers to students staying in the dorm attached to his house.

"It's not easy to explain God's Word to the Deaf, and this is what nudged me into ministry. Teaching kids the life skills that no-one else would give them and bringing them to maturity in their faith - there is nothing greater than that."



Richard Opwonya – is the Lead Pastor of Immanuel Church of the Deaf in Lira, Northern Uganda, one of the oldest churches under Deaf Action Uganda. The Church has a regular membership of over 50 members. Richard is Deaf and visually impaired.

"I have been blessed to baptise many over the years and see the kingdom of God grow amongst the Deaf of Uganda. Deafness and blindness is not an impairment to receiving the gospel. It just needs to be shared."



Naing Naing Kyaw – is the first Deaf person to ever study theology in Myanmar. Long since graduated, he now has the challenging role of pastoring a large church in Yangon, Myanmar, in the middle of a pandemic and unrelenting civil unrest. Yet pastor he does, faithfully, graciously, fearlessly.

"There are so many people who don't know God. My vision is to reach out to as many people as possible, especially Deaf people, and share with them the love of God in Christ."



Community projects

School Kitchen Garden, Beni, DR Congo

Our school community project in Beni, DR Congo has produced some bountiful harvests. The new kitchen garden has grown the bulk of our students' lunches, and our just-purchased farm-lands will become an important part of our new self-sustainability project, providing vocational training for our students, employment for our graduates and income for the community. This year, produce from the gardens raised funds to support neighbouring Bunia during their food crisis.

Sewing Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya

Our sewing workshop, overseen by the Nairobi Church for the Deaf, was set up in Nairobi to provide work for deaf women with HIV. The workshop has not only provided an income for these women but has been a place of refuge where they can feel loved and accepted despite their disability and disease. This year the workshop has produced reusable/washable sanitary pads, which they will be able to sell in packs. This project also provides dignity for those local women who cannot afford disposable sanitary pads.

Farm, Rice Mill and Shop, Ligao, Philippines

At our school and dormitory in Ligao, Philippines, we operate a farm and rice plantation. The farm grows tropical crops such as coconuts, pineapples, and avocados; and raises cows, pigs and chickens. This farm provides work for the deaf (often graduates of the school), income for the school and food for the dormitory. The school also owns and operates a rice mill, providing a vital service to local farmers. At the front of the school there is a small shop, selling farm produce and other groceries to the local area.

Bakery, Malawi

Our team in Malawi have started a bakery, baking fresh bread and selling it through their shop-front to the local community. They also take bread to sell in markets in surrounding areas, and even into neighbouring Mozambique. The bakery provides employment to three deaf and two hearing people as cooks, salespeople and security guards, and provides an outreach to the local community. This enables the church in Malawi to connect with the local people, and also to show that Deaf people can be fully functioning members of the community, worthy of dignity and respect.

Farm Project, Malawi

This is our latest project and comes at a much-needed time! The first planting of cauliflowers and tomatoes have been harvested and sold at the local markets. The funds raised from these sales were used to buy many of the extra equipment needed to further develop the farm. This included a petrol-run water pump which has meant crops are well irrigated, even in the dryer months. Off-season harvests are also growing well.



Child sponsorship

Our child sponsorship program supports hundreds of deaf students in seven countries across Africa and Asia. The sponsorship program enables these deaf children to access education.

For many of the children, this is about much more than providing the chance to learn to read and write. Many of our sponsored children come from incredibly poor backgrounds and remote areas. Until DMI made contact with them, many of them were trapped in a silent, frustrating world, never having learned sign language. Some of them don't even know their name when they come to us.

Our sponsorship program enables these children to come to school (sometimes staying in one of our dorms), to learn to communicate, and to become a full member of the community for the first time in their lives.



Khan Lun

"Since coming to the school, I actually like being Deaf. I have found a community in which I can communicate, play, learn, worship, and I just love it."

- Khan Lun (Myanmar)

"As a victim of abuse, I was hurt and without hope. Sponsorship enabled me to go to school, make friends, find security, become educated and find real hope for my future."
-Mary Ann (Philippines)

Mary Ann



Meet Sylvia

Sylvia, 27, squeals with delight. She has such an excitable character, an infectious laughter: she is a firecracker with a whole lot of joy in her heart.

But mention her childhood and she slumps in despair and becomes a shell of a person. She was an orphan. Her mother died when she was a baby and her father died when she was five. She was moved to her grandmother's house and that's when the real trauma began. Every night was suffering and misery for her.

Every night her grandmother told her that she wasn't her child, that she didn't love her, and that she couldn't love her. Her grandmother, an alcoholic, was always shouting and yelling at Sylvia, depriving her of food, and beating her. Every night was a nightmare of hitting and whipping and screaming and cursing. The extent of Sylvia's torment is haunting. Other terrible things happened to her but she chooses not to say. Sylvia would run away from her home at night until it was safe to go back but most nights it was never safe to go back, and the beatings would continue.

She found she had some relatives in Kampala, 270kms from her grandmother's home, so she left to stay with them. They took her in and gave her a bed and some food but nothing more. They had no love for her either. They just gave her some food and then told her to pay for it. But she was just a child, and a Deaf one at that! How could she pay? She had no-one in the world who cared for her, no-one who loved her. She felt completely isolated.

One day, when Sylvia was 9 years old, she met another Deaf girl who asked her if she'd ever been to school. Without being able to pay fees, that was never an option. But this girl told her that the Deaf school in Kampala, run by Deaf Action, might be willing to support her, and when she met Rev. Bulime, the pastor at DMI's Immanuel Church of the Deaf, he arranged for Sylvia to go to school for the first time.

What was that like?

All smiles and laughter. Sylvia was so happy. For the first time in her life, she felt accepted, excited. She felt loved! Before attending the school, Sylvia's life had been characterised by frustration, loneliness and fear. After starting at the school, her life became one of relief, friendship and an uncommon zeal for life. These are the darkness-and-light, before-and-after stories which are so typical of the Deaf Action student experience. This is what we, as supporters, long to see. This is the wonderful bang that we get for our buck: radically changed lives.

Sylvia's life has become one of selfless abandon. This is in no small way because, through prayer and guidance, she has learned to forgive those who hurt her. The focus of her life now, she declares, is to help others. She serves in church. She works on staff. She leads the praise and worship. It's easy to see how gifted she would be in this, leading the congregation with her unrestrainable joy, her gorgeous gestures and her trademark squeals.

What does the future hold for Sylvia? At 27, she has her whole life ahead of her - an educated life, a life of purpose and love. Whatever the future holds, she is unconcerned because of the contentment she has found in the schools and loving Deaf communities that Deaf Action provides.





Meet Gerald

Some lives have unfathomably hard beginnings.

Gerald's story would make a grown man weep. The early years of his life were unbearably harsh. He was the first-born of "many children" and the only sibling who was Deaf. His mother had so many children in quick succession after he was born, that she not only had no idea how to raise a Deaf child, she had no time or interest in taking care of her firstborn.

For the first ten years of his life, Gerald roamed the streets uncared for, unprotected, unloved. There was no goodness, no purpose in his life; he just spent those years aimlessly "wandering around" the streets. And being Deaf, Gerald had no means to hear approaching danger, to communicate with friends or learn about his world.

This is the very sort of existence which some people believe discredits either God's existence or His goodness. How could a loving God allow this?

But Gerald tells a different story in his words and in his character. He is the gentlest, most appreciative soul who bears no grudge or bitterness. He loves God. He loves those around him (including his own family who he sees a couple of times a year). He loves his own life. In short, his story is amazing.

Government workers brought Gerald to the DMI dorm in Bacolod when he was ten where he was taken in by Pastor Albert and his wife Kim who oversee the dorm and live in the adjoining house. At first he was terribly shy but Albert and Kim and the other kids made him feel so welcome.

He came to life.

Learning to sign, he has made warm and lasting friendships. Hearing the gospel, he has found a sincere and lasting faith. He has found comfort in the routines that Albert and Kim encourage. He enjoys washing his clothes, washing the dishes, watering the plants and taking care of the pets.

But his favourite part of dorm life is when everyone sits around the table of an evening and does their homework together. This is followed by their devotion time which Gerald loves because he gets to hear how his Deaf friends deal with life and they all get to share their life stories. They then pray for each other, more and more deeply as they get to know each other better and better.

On Sunday morning the kids all bustle off to church in a gaggle of excitement. They attend the Sunday school which meets before the service at one of the Philippine Immanuel Churches of the Deaf which is founded and pastored by Albert. It's encouraging to see the kids so enthusiastically embracing church life and the roles within it that they have been assigned. Gerald is on chair duty.

What about Gerald's future? He's 18 years old. What does he see for his years ahead? Though still in year 8, he has a clear goal for his life and it's this: he wants to be a preacher/evangelist to the Deaf. This is not some token goal. Gerald's sincerity and desire to take the gospel to the Deaf is clear and passionate.

Gerald began as a street kid with no chance, and no education or means to a meaningful life; by all accounts God-forsaken. But God had not forsaken Gerald. God loved him and continues to love him and DMI is one of the avenues through which God's love is expressed to him, through which God's love for Him is real and measurable.



Financial report

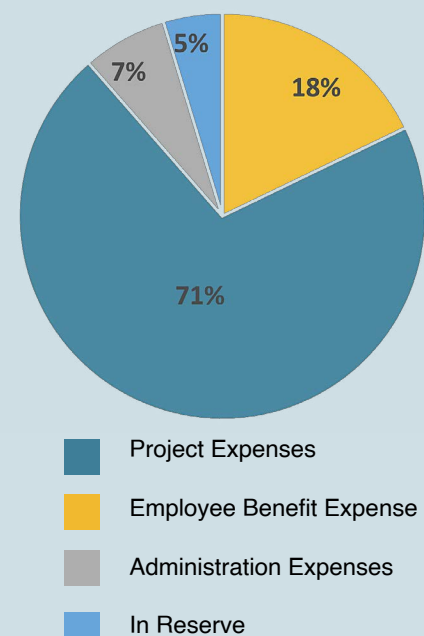
Deaf Ministries International Ltd and Deaf Action Ltd Consolidated
Statement of Income and Expenditure and other comprehensive income for the
year ended 31 December, 2020 *(year ended 31 Dec 2021 will be available after June 2022)*

	2020 \$	2019 \$	Change \$	Movement
Revenue	1,268,140	1,124,017	144,123	↑
Employee benefit expense	(226,408)	(168,889)	57,519	↑
Donations towards project expenses	(896,801)	(950,228)	(53,427)	↓
Administration Expenses	(84,923)	(120,937)	(18,014)	↓
Depreciation	(635)	(448)	187	↑
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	59,373	(98,485)	157,858	↑
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-		
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	59,373	(98,485)		

Food Emergency Appeal (from mid 2020 - 11/2/2022)

Food emergency funds collected up to 11/2/22	DMI AUD	DA AUD	TOTAL AUD
	96,234	64,737	160,972
Food emergency distribution:	DMI AUD	DA AUD	TOTAL
Congo Beni School	13,217	4,722	17,940
Congo Beni School lunch program	2,925	29,954	32,879
Neville Muir Comprehensive School, Uganda	2,602	7,506	10,108
Kenya School	7,994	5,100	13,094
Myanmar School (including workers in Yangon)	1,193	3,000	4,193
Rwandan students		300	300
Rwandan workers	1,434		1,434
Burundi	14,250	10,000	24,250
Malawi	12,318	3,121	15,439
Ugandan workers	15,581	13,831	29,412
Syria	1,377		1,377
Kenya Church	83,401	77,534	160,936

Deaf Ministries International and Deaf Action's Expenses vs Total Revenue \$1,268,140





Partnerships

DMI and DA are an organisation headed by an international board, yet is increasingly handing over and encouraging autonomy in the field through the establishment of boards in each country or region. Our goal is to transition away from a traditional top-down organisation to a network of independent but coordinated bodies. Several of our local units are led by committees which have not yet been formalised as boards.

International Board

Steve McAllister (Chairperson) – Australia. Steve (hearing) has long served DMI as Chairperson of the IB and as a member of the Australian Board. DMI is blessed to have Steve's faith, wisdom and experience at the helm of its most senior team.

Rod Chapman – Australia. Rod (Deaf) has served DMI for decades and is currently Chair of the Australian Board.

Andrew Miller – (Secretary) – Australia. Andrew (hearing) heads our Australian office and is our International Operations Coordinator

Gunnar Dehli - Norway. Gunnar (hearing) has been a much loved and leading figure with DMI for many years and has been serving as DMI's International Director since last year when Neville stepped down.

Matthijs Terpstra - Norway. Matthijs (Deaf) is our Int'l Development Coordinator and is the head of DMI Norway. The youngest member of the IB, Matthijs is the future of DMI.

Ulla Maija Brauti - Norway. Ulla (Deaf) is also from Finland but lives with her family in Norway. She is a teacher at Ål Folkehøyskole for Døve (a boarding college for the Deaf) and is also a board member of DMI Norway.

In Yeong Heo – South Korea. In Yeong (Deaf) pastored the Chuncheon Church Of The Deaf for many years before moving on to focus on DMI's international work. He oversees financial requests from the fields of DMI.

Josephat Mulongo Iyadi - Kenya. Josephat (Deaf) has been pastoring the Deaf Church in Nairobi for many years. He is the National Director of DMI Kenya and is the interim Director of Deaf Action Uganda.

Pablo Sbertoli - Norway. Pablo (hearing) is a Norway-based Spaniard and is the newest member of our Board.

Each member of the International Board, as with our regional boards, is a passionate and mature believer in Christ, and desires to see in the mission of DMI achieved, the legacy of Neville continued, and the glory of God known.

Australian Board

Rod Chapman (Chair)
Susan Shannon
David van Namen
Steve McAllister
Andrew Miller

Ligao Board

Lorenda Medes (Chair)
Anebella Cuachin
Delia Francia (Sec/Treasurer)
Richelda Luna
Perfeccion Luna

Upper Egypt Board

Refaat Fikry Side (Chairperson)
Joseph Shokry (Sec.)
Hany Melad (Dir.)

Myanmar Board

Thein Za Lian -- Director
Naing Naing Kyaw-- Secretary
Mrs. Zung Hlawn Tial
Mrs. Naw Saa Phaw--Finance
Mrs. Winnie Mang
Ms. Naw Kholay Way—Auditor
Mr. Maung Maung Thein

Ugandan Board

Olivia Nakigozi Bulega (Chair)
Marwas Simon (Vice Chair)
Brian Mubiru Bulime (Sec.)
Dennis Dag- Kene
Molly Ongonza
Ojok Charles
Josephat mulongo Iyadi (Dir.)

Zambia Board

Samuel Begumisa (Chair)
Stella Miti (Treasurer/Sec.)
Brian Maonde
Nicholas Katongo
Lewis Nkhoma

Norway Board

Heidi Woll (Chair)
Pablo Sbertoli (Vice Chair)
Brita Skogly Kraglund
Kirsti Vuorimies
Ulla Maja Braati
Sigrid Låstad

USA Board

Peter Pfeil (Pres. & Treasurer)
Liz Pfeil (Sec.)
Jack Marshall (Missionary)
Kathy Toth (Asst Treasurer)

Japan Board

Alayne Madore (Chair)
Dave Taylor (Co-chair)
Jack & Keiko Marshall (Treasurer)
Mamiko Rellosa

Rwanda Board

Rev.Kayigi Omar (Chair)
Ps.Nyiraminani Marie Goreth (V. Chair)
Nyiraminani Joyce (Sec.)
Ngabonziza Arsene (Treasurer)
Ps.Uwineza Marie Claire (Advisor)
Tuyishimire Patrick (Director)

Congo Board

Stanislas Mugiraneza Kazingufu (Chair)
Zephe Kahambu Mbairwe (Vice Chair)
John Gakuru Uwimana (Sec.)
Alain Muhindo Kalungwana (Treasurer)
Nicole Kivuya
Adolphe Fazila Stephen
Papy Muteberwa Kwabo

Accreditations



The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission is the national regulator of charities regulating and register and regulate Australia's 58,944 charities.



Missions Interlink is the Australian network for global mission. It exists to connect Australians with a passion for global mission so they can be more effective in cross-cultural and global mission, and demonstrate unity in Christ.



Donation Information

Donations can be made by credit card or Paypal
from any country on our website:

www.deafmin.org/donate

Bank Transfer Details:

Deaf Ministries International

Acc. Name: Deaf Ministries International Ltd
Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000
Account: 145833539
Swift Code: BENDAU3B

Deaf Action

Acc. Name: Deaf Action Ltd
(Tax deductible in Australia only)
Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000
Account: 145834263
Swift Code: BENDAU3B



Deaf Ministries International
P.O.Box 395, Beaconsfield
Victoria 3807

 www.deafmin.org
 info@deafmin.org
 +61 3 5940 5431

ABN: 96 832 871 076



Deaf Ministries International
P.O.Box 395, Beaconsfield
Victoria 3807

 www.deafmin.org/deaf-action
 info@deafaction.org.au
 +61 3 5940 5431

ABN: 81 692 219 423