



# 2025 ANNUAL REVIEW

# 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 in Australia, working to break the cycle of poverty and discrimination faced by the Deaf around the world.

DMI and DA are both Non-Profit Organisations.

## Vision statement

We seek to establish resources and facilities to bring the message of Christ and aid to Deaf people. Our goal is to improve the life conditions for the Deaf in all parts of the world. Through church life and different social, economic and educational initiatives, we support the Deaf in their effort to achieve good and dignified lives.



# About us

Deaf Ministries International was founded by Neville Muir, a Christian pastor and teacher of the Deaf. He had a love for the gospel and a love for the Deaf and made it his lifelong work to bring the two together.

It began in 1965 when he sponsored a Deaf Korean child through World Vision. 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 10 Deaf churches were planted in South Korea, all of which are today served by Deaf pastors, one being that little Deaf boy that Neville had first sponsored in 1965!

The mission has since spread to 21 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, in 2000 Deaf Ministries International was established in Australia as an independent global mission to the Deaf. In 2007 Deaf Action was also established to focus on DMI's aid and development projects, and to provide tax deductibility in Australia. In 2023, Neville was posthumously recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia for "significant service to the deaf community, and to international Christian ministry".

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 Director**

Andrew (hearing) runs the global operations of DMI. Supposedly working from Australia, he could be anywhere in the world.



## **Susi Tjhai - Finance Coordinator**

Susi (hearing) prepares all our budgets and sends the funds exactly where they need to go, ensuring compliance with Australian rules and regulations.



## **Kay van Namen - Sponsorship and Administration Coordinator**

Kay (Deaf) keeps the Melbourne office humming and oversees our sponsorship programs.



## **Matthijs Terpstra - International Development Coordinator**

Matthijs (Deaf) oversees our development projects, loan funds and ministries to the Deaf. Matthijs is in every respect the very future of DMI and a role model for the many Deaf under DMI's care.



## **Amy Jack - Communications Coordinator**

Amy (hearing) is responsible for producing our newsletters and managing our website and social media. She brings superb design skills and infectious cheer to the office.

## Senior Advisors



### **Gunnar Dehli - International Advisor**

Gunnar (hearing) brings a wealth of wisdom to our team, providing spiritual leadership and advice to our senior management and field workers. He also leads discipleship schools in our fields.



### **In Yeong Heo - Senior Pastor/Teaching Pastor**

In Yeong (Deaf) from South Korea is our teaching pastor, travelling from field to field to further train our pastors and evangelists, and encourage (and entertain) our church members.

# National and regional representatives

## - supporting countries

### AUSTRALIA (Perth)



David & Rhonda  
Stockbridge

### DENMARK



Jan Tausen  
Zachariassen

### GERMANY



Adelindis Braun

### JAPAN



Kami Alexander

### JAPAN (Nagoya)



Nathan & Inge  
Mikaelson

### JAPAN (Okinawa)



Jack & Keiko  
Marshall

### NETHERLANDS



Pieter Vergeer

### NORWAY



Heidi Woll

### SINGAPORE



Ami Fujioka

### SOUTH KOREA



In Yeong Heo

### UK



Alison Hayes

### USA



Min & Esther Yoo

### USA



Irene Kim

# 2025 Report



It never ceases to amaze me how such a relatively small donor base and a very small team of dedicated workers can produce so much. It must be the big God we serve.

Perhaps the most significant development we have seen

this year is the construction of the Africa Deaf Christian College. Opening in January, 2026, and with the capacity to train up to 350 Deaf and signing students at any one time, the College is the most significant single development in DMI's history. Through it, we aim to see pastors and evangelists graduate to plant new Deaf churches or strengthen existing ones all over the African continent. We want every Deaf person in Africa to be reached with the gospel through this endeavour. DMI is grateful to Excelsia College in Sydney, Australia which has been very supportive throughout the College's development. This year has seen not only the physical construction of the College come to fruition but the courses, the staff and management structure and a 4-year plan to see the College become financially self-sustainable.

We have been heavily investing in other forms of training for our pastors and evangelists. Every month we have held Directors' Online Forums for our field leaders to meet together to share successes and challenges, join in fellowship and unite in prayer. We have also held monthly online pastor and evangelist training sessions educating dozens of field workers in theology and Christian ministry. These online sessions supplement the invaluable in-person trainings we offer as often as travel schedules allow.

In 2025, numerous Fatherheart schools were held across Africa and Asia so the Deaf can learn about and experience the love of God the Father for themselves. For many Deaf in developing countries who have never known the love of a father, or suffered abuse at the hands of one, these sessions are priceless opportunities for spiritual and relational healing and growth. Led by Gunnar, Josephat, Claire and other DMI leaders,

these week-long schools have strengthened church communities in existing fields and given us opportunity this year to connect with new fields in Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Ethiopia.

The year has seen a lot of highly productive travel. I visited Japan, the US, the Philippines and East Africa on both fundraising and training missions. In Yeong, our Teaching Pastor from South Korea, led a mission team to Rwanda and travelled several times to the Philippines, China and Myanmar to teach in churches and strengthen local leadership. Our team from Norway visited Egypt which helped set up the new 'Teach the Teacher' children's program which is uniting the Deaf from evangelical, orthodox and Catholic Churches in Cairo as it reaches Deaf children with the gospel.

Several short term mission trips to our school in Ligao from churches in Australia and the United States saw new relationships develop and old friendships continue. The visits led to increased financial support for much-needed developments at the school. The mission trips went both ways. We also saw a team from the Ligao school visit Japan and speak in Deaf and hearing churches, schools and signing clubs. Field leaders from Uganda and Kenya visited Norway to speak in churches, schools and in the media to raise Deaf awareness and funding for projects in Uganda.

We were honoured to have former Australian Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson speak at our sumptuous fundraising dinner in Sydney in August. Boisterous fundraising trivia nights held in Melbourne and Sydney added to that, drawing over 250 supporters and raising in total over \$25,000. Bing and Anabelle from our Ligao school in the Philippines were special guests at the Melbourne event as part of a 'thank you' trip sponsored by friends in Melbourne. The \$25,000 raised were invested in an expansion of the farm at our Ligao school, new accommodation for our farm workers and a new security fence built around the perimeter of the property.

Most of our financial support, however, was given quietly, unceremoniously, often prayerfully, always

sacrificially by loyal supporters in response to our various media. Newsletters every second month, regular postings on social media, monthly blogs and website updates keep our donors informed of developments and needs, in conjunction with the many deputations which have been held around the world in churches and schools - almost one each week on average! - thanking and encouraging our supporters and seeking new partnerships.

We are grateful for the grants we have received from foundations and individuals which have enabled us to go above and beyond our usual support, especially with regards to infrastructure. This year five loans were distributed from our housing loan grant to field directors to help them escape the housing crisis many in our fields are facing. We were thrilled to see a new \$50,000 well provide clean water to 12,000 from our Beni school in DR Congo - the fruit of a generous grant from an Australian foundation. A church in the US provided a grant enabling us to purchase five motorbikes which were given to evangelists in east Africa to reach churches and Deaf individuals in remote areas. A \$20,000 gift enabled an agricultural training project to be established in Tanzania. New classrooms were built at our school in Myanmar, a carpentry workshop was started for seven Deaf carpenters in DR Congo, new rice fields were bought and harvested this year in Rwanda. Other gifts saw a good quality used car purchased for our team in Burundi and goats given to fifty vulnerable families in Rwanda to help bring sustainability to their lives. It's hard to fathom the extent of support we have been able to provide thanks to our wonderful supporters. \$32,000 was also raised and distributed in food relief as a result of the war in DR Congo.

The wars in our fields have been relentless. In fact, these often-forgotten conflicts have intensified, ravishing our fields in Myanmar and DR Congo where we have seen more hardship, destruction, poverty, hunger and death. Our Director in DRC had his home broken into and his family all held at gunpoint while their possessions were stolen. We are grateful that no-one was hurt but experiences like these are devastating and they are traumatic. Worsening persecution has made life very difficult for our Deaf church members in China which, we are told, "is now just like North Korea". Two of our senior evangelists in Uganda passed away this year from sickness, some senior girls from our school in DR Congo fell pregnant from assault, and some younger children in our schools perished through sickness and accidents. Because of complications, we have had to pause our ministry work in Malawi and South Sudan.

We are seeing with our own eyes and experiencing in our own backyards how dark our world can sometimes be. Yet ours is a ministry of light and life. The gospel continues to be preached. The good news of Jesus continues to save lives. This year we have seen - praise God! - new life given to many dozens across our fields through baptism and discipleship courses have educated hundreds. New churches have been planted in the Philippines, Tanzania, Kenya and other fields. Our prisoner outreach program has re-commenced in Zambia. Our new College in Rwanda is poised to transform the lives of hundreds and thousands of young Christians across Africa. And we have seen an increase in Deaf weddings, with many more scheduled for next year, in part as a result of the weddings witnessed by Deaf and hearing communities this year. It's hard to overstate the positive impact these developments are making and will make in advancing the light of the Christian gospel in our dark world.

We are profoundly grateful to our various boards, representatives and volunteers around the world who tirelessly serve, unrecognised, to promote DMI and support the work of the staff. We welcome Laurence Hough and Pete Shaw to the Australian Board. We are thankful to mission partners like Wycliffe and others who have worked so faithfully alongside us, collaborating with a number of our projects. Most of all, it's hard to satisfactorily express our enormous appreciation to our supporters - individuals and churches - who have enabled us to provide 100% of our monthly budgets to the fields and made all of the above mentioned developments possible through prayer, service and financial commitments, and shown friend-ship and good cheer along the way.

2026 is bursting with potential with the opening of the Africa Deaf Christian College and the holding of DMI's 9th International Conference in Cebu, Philippines. Our 3-yearly conferences draw together in Christian fellowship field leaders, pastors, evangelists, staff, supporters, mission partners and friends and we look forward to experiencing this once again.

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more." Psalms 71:14



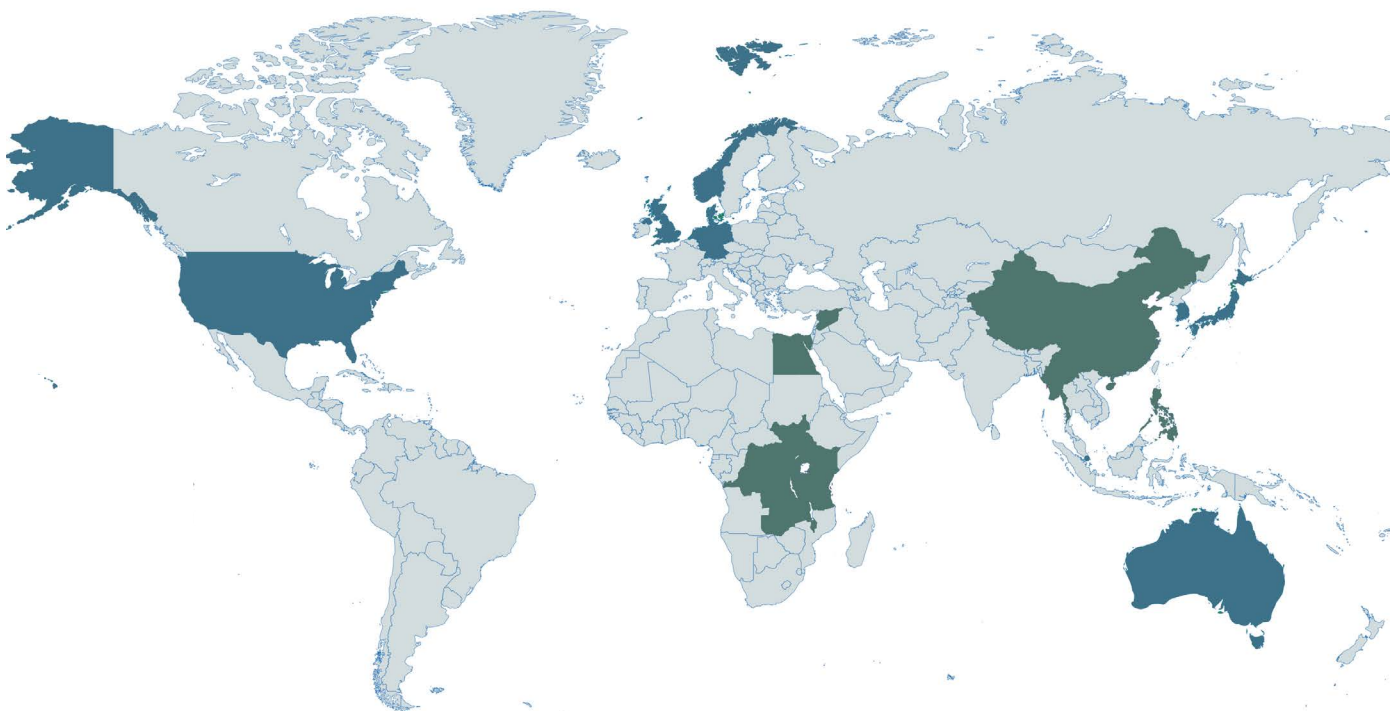
Andrew Miller  
International Director  
Deaf Ministries International / Deaf Action

# Our Fields

Recipient Countries	2024 % of Support	Supporting Countries	2024 % of Support
Burundi	2.3	Australia	64.3
China	0.9	Denmark	0.5
D.R.Congo	14.1	Germany	1.9
Egypt	1.0	Japan	9.4
Middle East	0.4	Norway	6.7
Kenya (Church)	4.7	South Korea	1.0
Kenya (School)	7.7	U.K	1.9
Malawi	0.6	U.S.A.	14.0
Myanmar	4.1	Netherlands	0.3
Philippines (Church)	6.4		
Philippines (School)	13.5		
Rwanda	24.5		
South Sudan	0.1		
Tanzania	5.1		
Uganda	13.7		
Zambia	0.8		

Supporting Countries

Recipient Countries



# Our Goals

## Gospel

### Goals for increasing our Gospel / Ministry network:

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



## Education

### Goals for improving our Education:

- Ensuring good quality education to qualify for government financial support.
- Establishing Bible schools on three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia.
- Providing education to 1,000 Deaf children between ages 3 and 18 (currently around 400 children)
- Seeing 20 Deaf people attending tertiary/ university (theology) institutions
- Providing education for 250 Deaf vocational students (currently 60)

## Employment

### Goals for improving our Employment projects:

- Self-Sustainability Fund (SSF) providing community business initiatives to generate at least 10% of local revenues annually to cover local DA/DMI administrative costs, e.g., teachers, evangelists, office costs etc. DMI can then decrease its partner's budget by 10% annually, simultaneously creating job opportunities from SSF.
- MREDF group loans reaching at least 80 people every year in at least four countries (4 group loans with 5 persons per group 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 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 serving 6,000 people every week, and have 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 sign 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.



*My church is in a really remote part of the country where poverty and illiteracy is widespread. The church not only brings the message of God's love to the Deaf here but demonstrates it by providing education in literacy and health care, and providing food relief. The church really does bring full life. No wonder so many people come here!*

*- Fulgence, (Rwanda)*

*The work of the church here is so important. The government is so evil and dark, we need the light of Christ. The church really is a beacon to the lost - especially the Deaf. I'd like to become one of those pas-tors so that I can bring people to church and lead them in their faith in Christ.*

*-No Tuan (Myanmar)*



## ...and Pastors



**Liezl Costorio (Philippines)** – pastors the Bago Immanuel Church of the Deaf. She struggles with poverty and poor health in her family but remains enthusiastic for the church she serves and the Deaf who worship there.

*“DMI has guided and supported me in my ministry and that's what I love most. I just love explaining the gospel and teaching from the Bible. It gives my life meaning and beauty.”*



**John Kazwalala (Tanzania)** - is Pastor of the Immanuel Church of the Deaf in Mwanza, Tanzania. A leader among pastors, he is one of our most passionate and animated preachers and has a zeal and boldness for the gospel that is contagious.

*“The most exciting thing is leading people to believe the Word of God, to see the Deaf being born again. I want to see more and more Deaf people worshiping God in Spirit and in truth. I want people to be ready for Jesus' return.”*

# Community Projects

- providing self-sustainability



## Kitchen Gardens, - DR Congo, Kenya

Our school kitchen gardens serve four purposes: meet an immediate food need, educate students in horticulture, provide employment for our school graduates, and bring an income into the community. They also - importantly - bring a measure of self-sustainability into the school communities. Our project in DR Congo became fully self-sustainable (meeting the above objectives) within 18 months of its inception. Our project in Kenya has begun and saves over \$20,000 a year in food costs to the school.

## Sewing Workshop, Burundi & Kenya, Egypt

In Burundi, Kenya and Muslim Egypt, we have sewing workshops which train Deaf women (and men) in tailoring and help provide an income for them. Some workshops provide not only an income but a place of refuge where Deaf women with AIDS can feel loved and accepted despite their disability and disease. We aim to expand our workshops to employ more and more Deaf.



## Farm, Rice Mill and Shop, Ligao, Philippines

At our school and dormitory in Ligao, Philippines, we operate a farm and rice plantation. 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.

## Rice farm - Rwanda

Started in September, 2025, our rice farm in Rwanda made a cracking start, taking in 1.5 tonnes of rice in its first harvest. Expanding through 2026, the rice farm will be key the ADCC becoming fully self-sustainable within 4 years.



*Community projects stem from **funds** given to **communities**. They are not loans to be repaid. All proceeds are paid forward into the community.*

# Micro-loan projects

- providing self-sustainability

Access to financial opportunities is crucial for businesses everywhere worldwide.

Deaf individuals in developing countries often face barriers in accessing financial resources and opportunities to start their own businesses. Traditional financial institutions may not trust or believe in the Deaf due to their disability, leading to limited access to funding to start or expand a business. Deaf people may also lack opportunities to develop their business skills due to limitations in their education or commercial network.



One solution provided by DMI to this challenge is the Menno and Ruth Ediger Development Fund (MREDF), which provides personal loans to groups of 3-5 people who want to start or grow a business. The group approach helps overcome limitations, promotes learning from others, and provides support among the group in their own sign language. The borrowers also help each other by using their networks to get more clients for each other's businesses. This way, everyone's business can grow and succeed together, and the group can achieve their goal of successfully repaying their loan and running a business.

**We recently added the following projects to our growing network of micro-loan-funded businesses:**

- Philippines - Launched three groups for the first time, with a total of 13 participants (8 female)
- Congo - Established five new groups, involving 19 participants (10 female)
- Tanzania - Formed four new groups, with 16 participants (10 female)
- Burundi - Established one group with 3 participants (all female)
- Uganda - Started three groups, consisting of 10 participants (4 female)
- Rwanda - Established three groups, with 11 participants (4 female)

This year, the MREDF micro-loan program has seen 72 Deaf (39 female) start their own new business and commence a life of self-sustainability and financial independence.

Micro-loans are **loans** to **individuals**. They are to be paid back and all profits go to the individual and their family.

# Grants

In 2025, DMI received three grants which are completely changing the lives of the Deaf.

## Security wall, DRC

This grant has enabled a bore hole to be dug in our school in Beni, DR Congo, providing water to 12,000 people via 5 taps on each of 10 arms running out into the neighbouring villages. 300 people studying or working in and around our school for the Deaf now have access to clean water.

## Housing Loan Grant

The skyrocketing cost of living has severely affected the Deaf in developing countries, pushing them and their families into squalid and often dangerous areas. This grant provides an interest-free housing loan enabling our field workers to secure their own housing in safe areas. This will have a generational impact on the Deaf and their families.

## School Loan Fund

Many of the staff at our schools live month to month, surviving on far less than other local workers. When emergencies arise, they have no means to pay. Our school in Kenya received a grant allowing staff to borrow money when needed. Repayment of loans is managed by the school.



*Grants change lives. We encourage those connected to foundations or trusts to please consider providing a grant for the work that DMI and DA are doing. Similarly, bequests left to DMI can bring lasting change. Many needs remain in our fields. The Deaf are amongst the most vulnerable people in the world, and DMI is amongst the most responsible in managing support.*

# Our Schools

## **Immanuel Integrated Christian School, Kenya (K - 8)**

Formerly the Immanuel School for the Deaf, IICS is a pioneering school, in 2022 integrating Deaf and hearing students on the same campus. The Deaf 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. In 2022, the school expanded to include secondary education, a milestone for the school and for the students attending. The dormitory allows students from re-mote areas to live at the school during term time. We currently have around 130 students enrolled.

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

Situated in northern Myanmar towards the Indian border, the school educates approximately 30 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. Recent civil unrest has interrupted studies and brought danger to the doorstep of the school, yet our teachers continue to bravely teach and our students continue to cherish their education.

## **Beni School for the Deaf, D. R. Congo (K - 10)**

Our Beni school has approximately 90 students enrolled. Many are teenagers who 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. In 2022, we were able to build a secondary school on the campus. This is a huge step, enabling the students to go on to higher education and preparing them for meaningful employment

## **Minova School for the Deaf, D. R. Congo (K - 6)**

Our newest school, it was started by Temo Mwindu with nothing but a piece of land given as a grant from the government . Today it has 64 students, 30 of whom stay at the school in the sparsest of conditions. The school rents a small farm which grows potatoes, beans and maize and these, more than anything else, sustain the population of the school. We hope to invest more in the school in the coming year.

## **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 Cen-tre and the older students attend the Bacolod City National High School. Because of restrictions introduced during the COVID pandemic, the Bacolod Dormitory is currently operating as a scaled-down boarding house.

## **Bicol Deaf Action (formerly Fishermen of Christ Learning Center) Ligao, Philippines (K - 12)**

Our school and dormitory in Ligao caters for around 55 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. Deaf farm workers live at the school and man-age 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 busi-ness start-up loans which the students pay off as their businesses become viable.



# ...our schools (*continued*)

## **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 educates over 200 disabled, Deaf, blind, orphaned or very poor young people with an education in life skills to become self supported in their adult lives. Dennis Dagkene, the Director of the school, is Deaf, physically disabled, and was an orphaned street boy.

## **Educational support for the Deaf in other regions**

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



# Student Sponsorship



Our child sponsorship program supports hundreds of Deaf students in seven countries across Africa and Asia, enabling them to access quality education.

For many of the children, this is about much more than learning to read and write. Many of our sponsored children come from incredibly poor backgrounds and remote areas. Trapped in a silent, frustrating world, they typically have no communication skills, no education and no hope. When they come to us, some of them don't even know their own name.

Our sponsorship program enables these children to come to school (sometimes staying in one of our dorms) to learn to communicate, to gain an education, to enter the Deaf community and to gain a true hope for their future.



**Mary Jane**

*"I felt really happy from day 1 because I could finally live and study with other people who were Deaf. Even when I was young, I fitted right in."*

**Mary Jane L. Montero, (Philippines)**

**Maryanne**

*"I love the way that the school supports the Deaf and other vulnerable people. The school also has a lot of good sporting programs and a lot of dancing and I really get into that!"*

**Maryanne Awuor, (Kenya)**



# Meet Alphonsine

- a testimony

Alphonsine's story is a hard one to take in. It's as heartbreaking as anything you'll ever hear. In the Rwandan genocide of 1994, staggeringly over a million people were slaughtered in a 100 day period. Alphonsine's mother and two of her three brothers were among them. Within a year, she was separated from her father and brother when, after fleeing to the Congo, the UN escorted the women and girls (only) back to Rwanda. When Alphonsine and her sisters returned to their family home they found it completely destroyed.

Alphonsine has no memory of the genocide itself. Neither though, does she have any memory of her mother and father. She laments never having the chance to play with her mother, eat her cooking or cuddle up in her arms. The genocide took her parents and brothers from her. It took her home, it took her childhood, her safety, her innocence.



Deafness only complicated the hardships in Alphonsine's life. As a Deaf orphan, she was taken from home to home and from school to school, although her sisters were never far from her. She tells me that she had the hardest imaginable life as a child but she always remained thankful to God simply because she had breath in her lungs. That was her clinging point.

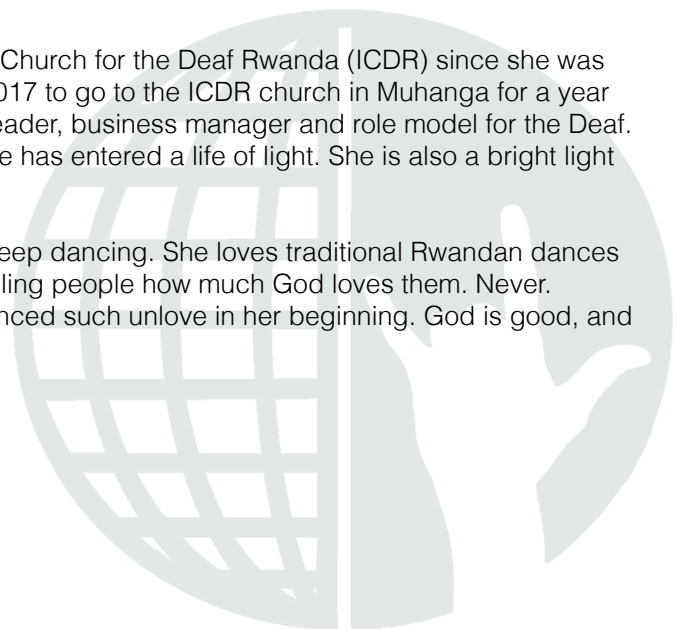
How do you cope with such hardship and not allow it to break you? How do you deal with such loss and suffering without becoming consumed by bitterness? I put this to Alphonsine. "It was very hard," she said, "but in 2016, when I was 23, I was invited to join a healing ministry. There we each got to share our testimonies and to pray for one another. It made a huge difference. It was never going to be an instant panacea, but that's when the real healing began."

Despite a turbulent educational path, Alphonsine has excelled in her studies. She spent her elementary school years at a Deaf school, her middle school years in a hearing school, and her high school years in a school which included students with disabilities. There were numerous disruptions along the way but Alphonsine proved to be both clever and persistent and in 2017 she finally earned her place at university. Enter DMI.

DMI sponsors enabled Alphonsine to graduate from university in Tourism and Business Studies. This generosity allowed her to overcome some serious challenges, including the enormous cost of hiring an interpreter. But was never just the financial support. "DMI is my parent," she tells me. "The financial support is wonderful but DMI also continues to provide direction, care, prayer, faith support and a sense of security – everything a parent should provide and be. I never really had that before. With DMI, I now do."

Yet Alphonsine has also been under the care of the Immanuel Church for the Deaf Rwanda (ICDR) since she was 11. She has grown to have a strong faith and was chosen in 2017 to go to the ICDR church in Muhanga for a year for intensive Bible study. Today she is a wife, mother, church leader, business manager and role model for the Deaf. For someone who has come from such a dark past, Alphonsine has entered a life of light. She is also a bright light for the future of DMI in Rwanda.

She now has two overarching plans for her life. The first is to keep dancing. She loves traditional Rwandan dances because they give her release. The second is to never stop telling people how much God loves them. Never. What an extraordinary testimony of love from one who experienced such unlove in her beginning. God is good, and he has done an amazing work in the life of Alphonsine.



# ADCC

## Africa Deaf Christian College

Opening in January, 2026, the African Deaf Christian College is a huge step in realising one of DMI's primary visions: to develop three seminaries for the Deaf on three continents. This has never been done before.

By building seminaries for the Deaf in Africa, the Middle East/Europe and Asia, we will be poised to take the gospel of Jesus to Deaf people all around the world. This is so exciting. DMI's organisational mission is to take the gospel, education and employment to the Deaf all over the globe. This College is at the heart of that mission.

The College is designed to provide certificate, diploma and degree level programs for up to 350 students at any time - boarding and non-boarding - from all over the African continent who can, once graduated, return to their home countries to plant new churches for the Deaf or strengthen existing ones. Our goal is to see every Deaf person in Africa reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Mission

To equip individuals with the knowledge, skills and spiritual maturity needed for effective service and leadership in Christian ministry to the Deaf.

### Vision

To empower Deaf and signing individuals to minister with maturity in the Christian faith.

### Values

Excellence, Knowledge, Compassion, Faith, Courage



# Our Resources

## 100% of our funds come from private donors

### **General funds**

Singular or recurring donations for general use. Can be used for any area of ministry or in any aid and development program.

### **Student sponsorships**

Recurring donations for education. Providing children, youth and adults Deaf education and vocational training.

### **Designated donations**

Recurring donations for specific people or projects. Donors can support specific evangelists, employees or aid and development programs etc. Singular or recurring donations for special campaigns. Donors can support campaigns for food or disaster relief etc

### **Self-Sustainability Fund (SSF)**

For-profit community projects aimed to increase local revenue to encourage self-sustainability. Given to Deaf schools, congregations or communities on a meso-level, these gifts do not require repayment by recipients.

### **MREDF Loan fund**

Small business loans to start individual/group businesses with joint responsibilities and peer-to-peer support. For evangelists, church members and other volunteers on a micro-level.

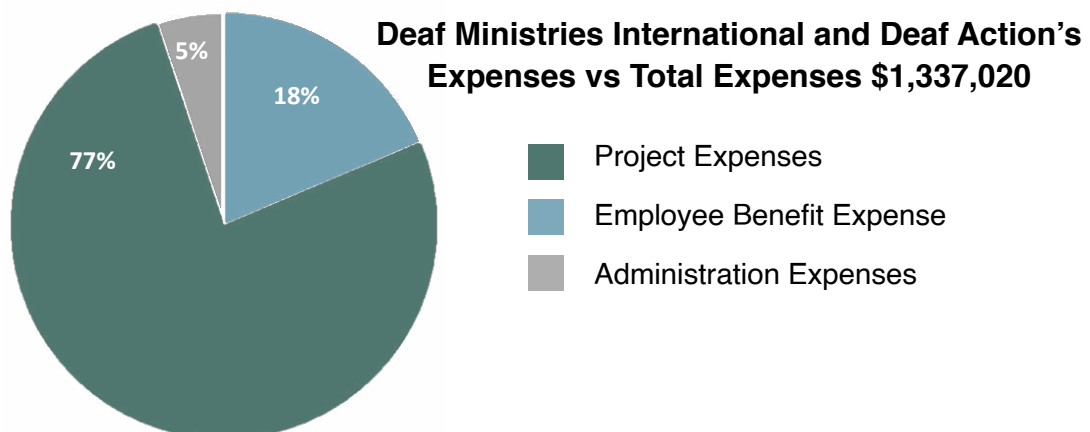


# Financial Report

## Deaf Ministries International Ltd and Deaf Action Ltd Consolidated

Statement of Income and Expenditure and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December, 2024. These figures will be updated at the end of the next financial year.

	2024 \$	2023 \$	Change \$	Change %	Movement
Revenue	1,589,681	1,267,789	321,892	25%	↑
Employee benefit expense	(242,373)	(217,134)	25,239	12%	↑
Donations towards project expenses	(1,030,983)	(859,193)	171,790	20%	↑
Conference Expenses	(511)	(28,323)	(27,812)	-98%	↓
Administration Expenses	(81,516)	(77,965)	3,551	5%	↑
Depreciation	(729)	(703)	26	4%	↑
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	233,569	84,471	149,098	177%	↑
Other Comprehensive Income for the year	-	-			
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	233,569	84,471			



# Partnerships

DMI and DA is an organisation headed by an international board yet 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.

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

DMI's head office is shared between the Melbourne and Oslo offices, overseen by the following boards:

## **Australian Board**

David van Namen (Chair) (D)  
Mac Adam (D)  
Lorraine Adam (D)  
Young-Joo Byun (D)  
Andrew Miller (H)  
Grace Broadbent (H)  
Peter Miller (H)  
Laurence Hough (D)  
Pete Shaw (H)

## **Norway Board**

Heidi Woll (Chair) (H)  
Pablo Sbertoli (Vice Chair) (H)  
Ulla Maja Braati (D)  
Sigrid Låstad (H)  
Inger Moi Fredheim (D)  
Katarina Rozsas (D)

DMI's supporting fields are served by the following representatives:

## **Japan**

Kami Alexander (H)  
Karen Ellrick (H)  
Mamiko Rellosa (H)  
Dave Taylor (H)  
Nathan & Inge Mikaelson (H)  
Tonny & Kayoko Barrera (H)

## **USA**

Esther Yoo (H)  
Min Yoo (H)  
Irene Kim (H)  
Weston Syverson (H)

DMI's fields are led by national boards adhering to registered constitutions and guiding local staff and operations. (Chairpersons only listed below.)

## **Bicol Board Philippines**

Rev. Albert C. Mercado (D)

## **Ligao Board Philippines**

Lorenda Medes (H)

## **Congo Board**

Stanislas Mugiraneza  
Kazingufu (D)

## **Kenya Board**

Jospehat Mulongo (D)

## **Zambia Board**

Mambwe Nalishuwa (D)

## **Myanmar Board**

Thein Za Lian (H)

## **Rwanda Board**

Rev. Kayigi Omar (H)

## **Uganda Board**

Olivia Nakigozi Bulega (H)

## **Burundi Board**

Thomas Bimazubute (D)

# Accreditations



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.



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

## Donation Information

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

[www.deafmin.org/donate](http://www.deafmin.org/donate)

Donations to DMI are tax deductible in the USA, Norway, Germany, and Denmark.

Donations to DA are tax deductible in Australia.

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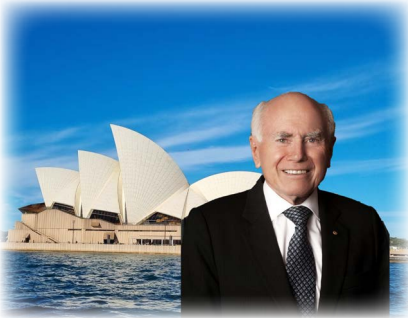
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# Endorsements



“I can think of few organisations that apply practical Christianity in such an effective way. I commend Deaf Ministries International for the wonderful work it has done and I’m more than happy to lend my personal support for its on-going growth and strength.”



“I was really blown away by what Deaf Action does in providing opportunity, hope and dignity for the Deaf. As we look for opportunities to give to the world around us, why don’t you consider Deaf Action as an organisation that you can support?”



“I congratulate the team who are behind Deaf Ministries International and the great work they do for a large community of Deaf believers. I have been privileged to speak at the Ministries’ fundraisers and also personally support their great work. Like many global ministries, they are another terrific example of God and Christ’s love in action at the coal face. I personally commend their great work and ask you to consider supporting the Ministry.”



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