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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.

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

Donations to DA are tax deductible in Australia.

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
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National and regional representatives

- supporting countries

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(Okinawa)



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SOUTH KOREA



In Yeong Heo

UK



Alison Hayes

USA



Min & Esther Yoo

USA



Irene Kim

2024 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

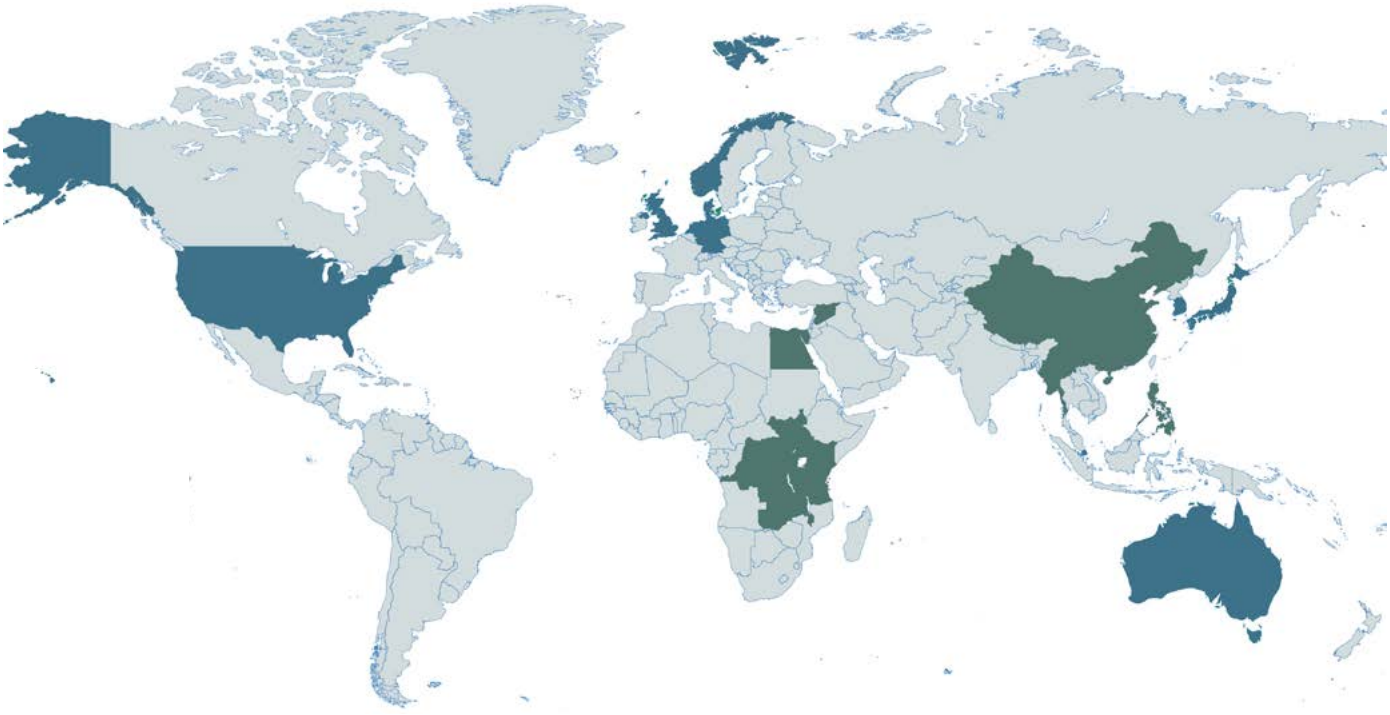


Andrew Miller
International Director
Deaf Ministries International / Deaf Action

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 in three continents: Europe, Africa and Asia
- Providing education to 1,000 deaf children between ages 3 and 18 (currently around 700 children)
- Seeing 20 Deaf people attending tertiary/university (theology) institutions
- Providing education for 250 Deaf vocational students

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 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.



When I was 13 years old, I woke up one morning, and was suddenly deaf. This destroyed my whole world. But the church took me in. Today, my greatest passion is to be a role model for young Deaf Rwandan girls. I want to be able to give them skills, hope and a trust in the God who made them.
- Masengesho, (Rwanda)

I came to Christ from Buddhism through the work of the church here in Yangon. Because of the church, I can understand the gospel as it is signed in my own language. It strengthens my faith, encourages intimacy between members and brings unity to the community.
-Naing Naing Kyaw (Myanmar)



...and Pastors



Doo Hyong Lee – was the start of it all, the first child that DMI ever reached. He was so touched by the love and kindness of Neville, that he was drawn to the gospel and is today the pastor of a thriving Deaf church on Gangwha Island, South Korea.
"When I was 17 I audibly heard the voice of God. That's extraordinary given that I'm Deaf! And God brought me into a faith that has led me to ministry."



Mary Goreth -is a pioneer and elder of the Deaf Church in Rwanda. In no small part to Marie Goreth the Deaf Church has grown and expanded in Rwanda.
"*Establishing the Deaf Church in Rwanda was a challenging journey. I visited the Deaf at their homes and in bars, shared the Good News with them. Later they agreed to join the church, now it has grown. I am grateful to God for His presence and thankful for the continuous foundational support provided by DMI since the inception of Deaf ministries in Rwanda."*

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

In Burundi, we have five sewing workshops which train Deaf women (and men) in tailoring and help provide an income for them. Each year, these ladies give hundreds of dollars back to the Deaf community from their profits.
In Kenya, our sewing workshop was set up to give work to Deaf women with HIV providing not only an income but a place of refuge where they can feel loved and accepted despite their disability and disease.





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 populace.

Farm and Chicken Project - Uganda

Started in May 2024, the farm and chicken project employs local Deaf workers who earn a wage from the project and raise funds for our Ugandan operations. Hundreds of chicks are being raised, sold and more purchased again in increasing numbers as the business grows. The farm primarily grows corn although this will change with the season.



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

Grants

In 2024, DMI received three grants which are drastically improving the lives of the Deaf.

Clean Water Grant

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.

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 them 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 each other, 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 successful loan repayment.

In 2024, we added the following projects to our growing network of micro-loan-funded businesses:

* Philippines - Three groups for the first time, with a total of 13 participants (8 female)
* Congo - Five new groups, involving 19 participants (10 female)
* Tanzania - Four new groups, with 16 participants (10 female)
* Burundi - One group with 3 participants (all female)
* Uganda - Three groups, consisting of 10 participants (4 female)
* Rwanda - 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.

Our Schools

Immanuel Integrated Christian School, Kenya (K - 8)
Formerly the Immanuel School for the Deaf, IICS is a pioneering school, 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 remote areas to live at the school during term time. We currently have around 90 students enrolled.

Muir School for the Deaf, Myanmar (K - 6)
Situated in northern Myanmar towards the Indian border, the school educates approximately 24 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 110 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 Mwinda 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 Centre, 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 cater for around 52 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 rice. Deaf 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 high school and offer business 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 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.

Immanuel Church of the Deaf Bible School, Uganda
This is the first of three planned Bible schools to train the Deaf to take the gospel to the Deaf. Situated in the capital Kampala, our Bible school trains people from all over Africa and currently has 12 students enrolled. Many of our graduates go on to evangelical and pastoral work. Future Bible schools are planned for Rwanda, Europe to serve the Middle East and the Philippines to serve Asia. In this, we will have three seminaries for the Deaf on three continents to see the gospel taken to the Deaf all over the world.

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. The sponsorship program enables these Deaf children to access quality education.

For many of the children, this is about much more than receiving the chance to learn 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.



Rona

"I love going to the school here in Ligao. I have good friends and enjoy living in the dorm. The food is good. But the main thing is the education. I'm getting a quality education which is setting me up for success in my life."
-18 years, year 11 Rona Gomez, (Philippines)

Iddah

"I am in Grade 4. My best friend is Tessy. There are many teachers and pupils at my school. The school has a school bus and beautiful classes. We have a playground where we can play games after school. I hope to join university and become a nurse when I grow up."
-Iddah Auma, (Kenya)



Meet Ben

- a testimony



"You're useless. You have no future. Just go home and stay away from people."

These were the words that Ben Buyinza received at the age of fifteen when he lost his hearing. His deafness, caused by meningitis, ostracised him from his friends and his eight siblings, and led him to the belief – warranted by all around him – that his life was all but over. Orphaned (with his siblings) from infancy, Ben had few people he could depend on, no schooling to guide him, and nothing but the taunts of others to comfort him.

So how does a person go from being so destitute to becoming one of the greatest evangelists in Africa? Now there's a story.

God uses the most unlikely people.

One day, after Ben had withdrawn from society, a blind man named Charles Ssalongo came to Ben's house. He was a member of the Ugandan Institute of the Blind and was an advocate for people of any dis-ability. He told Ben's sister (one of the very few who had been caring for him) that he wanted Ben to go to a vocational school for the disabled. His sister refused. The man insisted. Ben went. His sister spurned him.

One day, the late Rev Bulime came to the school and preached the gospel to the students. Ben was reluc-tant to get involved. He had doubts about God on one hand and was afraid he might be asked to do something on the other, so he sat at the back, slumping behind others, and hid. But it's hard to hide from God. In 2001, Ben accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, was baptised, and began to serve in the church.

Serving in the church involved washing the clothes of the church members and cleaning the church building. Ben was content with this and continued serving in this way until he finished his studies at the school. For someone who was still living with the echoes of being useless and not having a future, he accepted it as his lot. But it was not his lot. Not by a long shot.

God uses the most gifted people.

One day a prophetess came to the church. She told him that God had called him to serve as a preacher. She said that he was not to look for other work. He was to be a preacher for God and that God would send him to other countries to preach the gospel. Ben was shocked and immediately began to look for other work! Like Jonah, he ran, but it's hard to run from God and before he knew it, he was enrolled in DMI's Bible School for the Deaf in Uganda.

At the school, Ben was a surprisingly strong student. Before he even graduated, Rev Bulime sent him on missions to preach in churches and in schools. Hundreds and hundreds gave their lives to Christ through his preaching and were baptised. Rather suddenly, this humble young man who had once been told that he was useless, without a future and should just stay home, was becoming one of the most effective preach-ers in all of Africa. This is a testament to Ben's faithfulness, to the wonderful work of the Bible school, and to the irrevocable call of God in a person's life.

God uses the strangest people.

One day a rotund white man with a love for the Deaf and a wicked sense of humour visited the church. That was Neville. In 2012, Neville, in his wisdom, sent Ben to Tanzania as a missionary with his new wife Veronica, also an evangelist. Ben and Veronica's work has been nothing short of remarkable. They have founded two churches for the Deaf and five fellowships in schools. Together, those congregations serve hundreds, and over the years thousands of Deaf have heard the gospel with multitudes coming to faith.

Useless? Without a future? Just stay home? Not by a long shot.

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

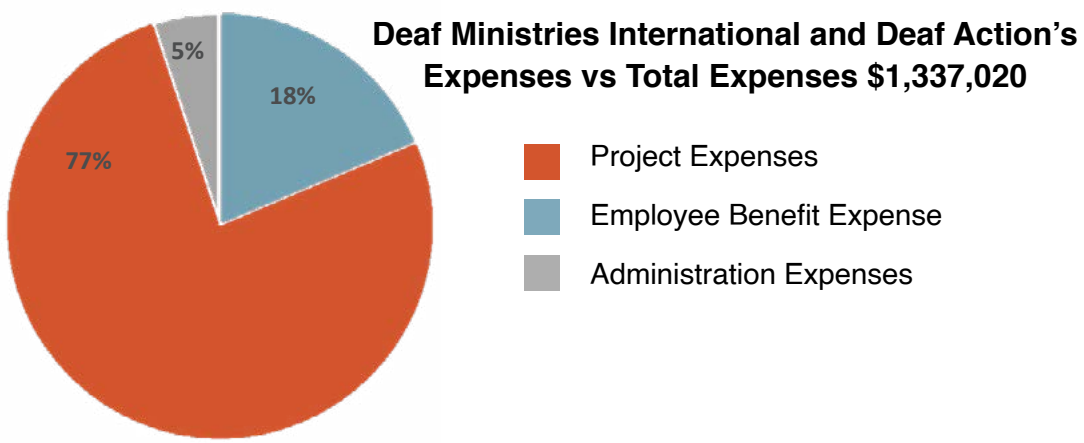
Self-Sustainability Fund (SSF)
For-profit community projects aimed to increase local revenue to encourage self-sustainability. Given to Deaf schools, congregations or communities on a meso-level, these gifts do not require repayment by recipients.

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.

International Board

Gunnar Dehli - (Chairperson) Norway. Gunnar (hearing) has been a much loved and leading figure with DMI for man years.

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

David van Namen - Australia. David (Deaf) has worked with DMI for decades. He is currently Chair of our Australian Board.

Josephat Mulongo - Kenya. Josephat (Deaf) has been pastoring the Deaf Church in Nairobi for many years. He is the National Director of DMI Kenya and is a leading figure in the leadership of DMI Africa.

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.

Heidi Woll - Norway. Heidi (hearing) chairs our board in Norway.

Pablo Sbertoli - Norway. Pablo (hearing) is a Norway-based Spaniard and is Treasurer of the Norwegian Board.

Peter Miller - Australia (hearing) is a retired businessman and is a member of our Australian Board.

Each member of the International Board, as with 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)

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

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 Mikaelsen (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)

Malawi Board
Fraction Nanjiwa (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

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www.deafmin.org/donate

Bank Transfer Details:

Deaf Ministries International

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BSB: 633-000
Account: 145833539
Swift Code: BENDAU3B

Deaf Action

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

Endorsements



John Howard *OM AC SSI*

Former Prime Minister of Australia.

"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 ongoing growth and strength."



Andrew Fisher

Motor sport legend and founder of Life Choices.

"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?"



Nick Farr-Jones *AM*

Former Australian rugby and World Cup winning captain. Director, Taurus Funds Management.

"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 workand ask you to consider supporting the Ministry."

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