

# Missional Expressions Report

## Ryan Jantzi, Ministry Director

We're grateful for God's development in Missional Expressions in 2024. We invite all our churches to engage in bold and creative ways to raise up an increasing number of new disciples and disciple-making churches.



### New Disciple-Making Initiatives:

Darren Milley continues to develop **Power Serve**, a disciple-making initiative in the trucking industry. A new partnership with Transport for Christ is emerging that will open new doors. [Look up the Father Trucker on YouTube.](#)



We're grateful for our partnership with **Multiply** workers who are sharing the Good News, making disciples in new ways here in Ontario.

- Kyla Sinclair-Peters – Toronto with an Asian, displaced minority group
- Billie Jo Isaac – Moose Deer Point First Nation
- Rene and Lisa Nyland – Parry Sound with two house churches and outreach groups
- Derek Parenteau – Sudbury and the Georgian Bay region, with Chains Will Fall and regional gatherings of believers

**Y'Elshaday Baraki & Christlike Church** – Y'Elshaday serves as a church planting apprentice on staff with WMB Church, in partnership with the churches of our Central West region. God has given him a vision for a multicultural church in Kitchener-Waterloo. Currently, Y'Elshaday leads a weekly Bible Study group of approx. 70 young adults, mostly from Ethiopian and Eritrean origin. The hope is to officially launch the church in late 2025 or 2026.

**Southeast City Church** with David Hood and **Bytown Community Church** with Dan Chook Reid continue to make progress in maturing to be healthy, multiplying church communities. God is clearly at work in these communities!

### Church Plants:



**Matthew and Heather Houle** – Matt joined Southeast City Church as a church planting apprentice in Spring 2024, to discern a call from God to plant a church in Carleton Place. However, the apprenticeship came to an end in the fall as they sensed God leading in a different direction.

## Re-Ignitions:

We have no Re-Ignitions to report at this time. We invite our churches to consider struggling churches around you where God might lead you to reignite Gospel witness and the life and mission of His people in that place.

## Raising Up Leaders:

We're asking God to raise a movement of leaders for new Missional Expressions and also everyday missionaries. We have two upcoming opportunities toward this end.



- **Missional Expressions Experiment Grant** – Gather a group of young adults to experiment with engaging people with the Gospel. Two successful applicants will receive a grant of \$1000 to assist with experiment expenses. Contact Ryan Jantzi for full details.

- **Antioch Mission School** – Nasser al'Qahtani will lead this training event in Toronto, May 31-June 3. We're looking to empower everyday missionaries. This is an event for regular people, not primarily pastors or church leaders.

We need our churches' help in identifying, blessing and raising up those who have calling and gifting for leading in church planting and new disciple-making initiatives.

I'm grateful for the Missional Expressions Team who have served as a support and feedback loop for me in this ministry: Sandra Reimer (Glencairn), Rene Nyland (Multiply), Adam Knowles (WMB-Kitchener), Diana Hood (Southeast City), Derek Parenteau (Multiply), Darren Milley (Power Serve), Doug Valerio (Manotick).

In Spring 2025 I will communicate more in terms of strategy and a discernment pathway for Missional Expressions. We invite each of our six ONMB Regions to collaborate in the work of launching new Missional Expressions, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

I see much opportunity before us! The fields are ripe for the Harvest and God is raising up and sending out people. Finances are a key tool toward this end, providing ministry tools and freeing up time for our leaders. How will you and your church give to ONMB Missional Expressions in 2025? Let's move together that the church of Jesus may grow in Ontario this year.

Submitted with hope and love,

Ryan Jantzi,  
Ministry Director

