



2024 Annual Report

October 2023 - September 2024



Mission

Sharing Christ's love and equipping communities to grow in faith.

Vision

A thriving body of Christ within remote BC coastal First Nations communities.

Message From the Board

Doug Petersen

Board Chair



I wish to begin my report by thanking the Mission Staff and its Board of Directors. It has been a combined effort by all involved to keep the Mission viable and ongoing which allows us the privilege of bringing the Good News of Christ to the people in the remote First Nations communities on the BC coast. My thanks begin with our Administrator/Missions Director, Julie Klassen, who has been invaluable in keeping the mission moving forward and in carrying out our successful spring/summer mission programs. Sonja Bland has also been a major contributor in this effort by willingly stepping down from the board of directors and becoming a half time employee to support Julie in fulfilling the missions plans for 2024. We are very thankful to both of these fine Christian women as they serve to keep the mission alive and thriving.

The entire board of directors have also been very instrumental in this endeavour by supporting Julie and Sonja as they carried out their work. During the January 2024 BCMBS retreat a strategic plan was developed in order to guide the mission. From this strategic plan the board set goals to in support the overall plan. To support these goals the board made a decision to transition into separate working groups with each group being focused onto a goal from the strategic plan. Each goal has a leader appointed to shepherd that goal with support from other board members. It was the expectation that every board member be a part of at least one goal with some directors with specialized skills and attributes supporting multiple goals.

There is a call and a desire to grow the mission and to expand upon the programs we currently bring to the communities. We are proud of the foundations previously put in place and aim to build upon those foundations. Our goal is to expand into a year-round ministry to nurture and support worshipping groups of Christians in these remote communities. If requested by and called upon we desire the ability to catechize people in these communities and provide them with word and sacrament ministry that most Christians receive in their lives. In order to bring those objectives to fruition we need to call an ordained pastor from LCC to serve those communities on a year-round basis.

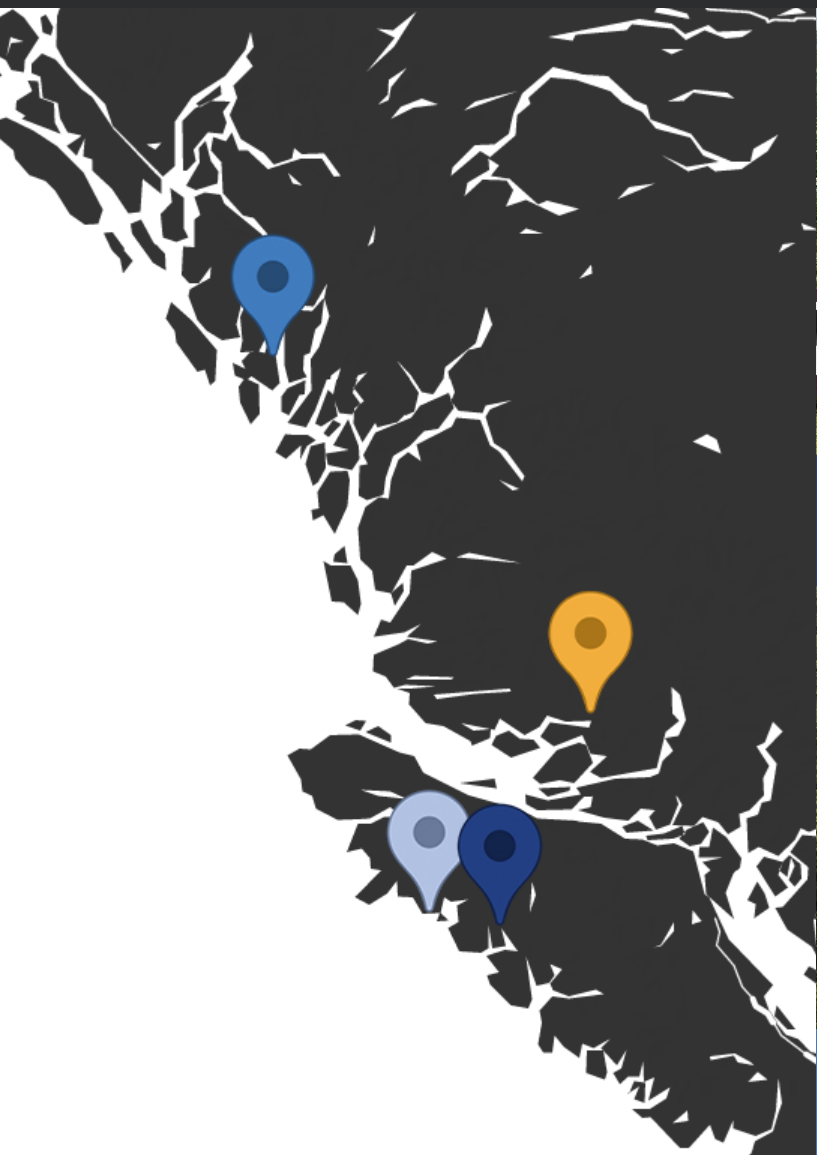
The board has spent much time in the search for a new Executive Director. This is a very specialized Calling and is not a fit for the average parish pastor; it is a totally different role and ministry. This search has included soliciting nominations for the position from the board as well as through online advertising. We have been blessed by LCMS and LCC who are both lending spiritual support to the mission and active support in searching for an Executive Director.

To further facilitate year-round ministry the BCMBS has relocated its Head office back to Vancouver Island and is now located in Campbell River. This serves the Mission well as Campbell River is a center that is routinely visited by the people it serves from those remote communities. Bethany Lutheran Church in Campbell River has graciously provided the Mission space in their facility for the office location. We are also very thankful for Walnut Grove in Langley for their ongoing support and are very grateful for the office space they provide us on the Vancouver mainland.

Please continue to pray for our Mission and for the search for a new Executive Director.

Yours in Christ,
Doug Petersen
BCMBS Board Chair

Where We Serve



Ehattesaht



Klemtu



Kingcome



Kyuquot

Impact Report

Julie Klassen

Mission Director



As I reflect on the past year, I can clearly see how God's hand is at work within our organization, guiding us in a direction that will help foster a deeper relationship with our Christian brothers and sisters in the First Nations communities we serve.

The Board has been an incredible source of support, stepping into a more active role in the day-to-day operations. This has been a huge blessing during this period of transition.

In June, God provided the incredible support of Sonja Bland, who joined us at our new office in Campbell River. Her presence has been a blessing and together we have worked on organizational changes that focuses on strengthening our mission.

Through all the transitions and growth during the past 12 months, the one thing at the heart of who we are has remained constant; serving and caring for the communities who continue to invite us in by sharing Christ's love and equipping them to grow in faith.

Though challenging at times, God has faithfully provided us with four dedicated teams of volunteers who went into the communities of Klemtu, Kingcome, and Ehattesaht. The response was incredible. Although we were not able to arrange trips into Kyuquot, we were blessed with the opportunity to create Kids' Club Kits for all the children there. Also, with the help of many volunteers, we were once again able to prepare Advent Kits to send out during the Christmas season, continuing our outreach and connection with these communities.

As we continue to strengthen our relationships within the communities, we know it is important to increase our presence. Our new office located in Campbell River helps us maintain connections outside of our mission trips, as community members from Kyuquot, Ehattesaht, and some from Klemtu and Kingcome use Campbell River for shopping and medical services. Sonja has already had opportunities to meet with some of them. This works in tandem with my own visits with community members as they come to the Lower Mainland for more critical care.

As each team returned from their trips this summer, we consistently heard the invitation from the communities to come back more often. During our debriefing sessions with team members, we repeatedly heard how welcoming and appreciative the communities were. Ray, an elder from Klemtu, expressed how beneficial the team's presence was, not just for the children, but for the entire community. He mentioned that the time spent together felt too brief, with 5 days being far too short. Each community's desire for longer visits was made clear, as they welcomed the teams and their positive impact on everyone involved.

These important Insights from community members is a testament to the impact the BC Mission Boat Society has on each community we serve. As we look ahead, our plans include new programs and initiatives aimed at building up these communities of faith.

None of this is possible without God's guidance and the faithful support we receive from our donors. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who support this ministry and enable us to do what we do. May we continue to be beacons of hope and bear witness to Christ's love with our brothers and sisters in the First Nations communities of coastal BC.

With much gratitude,
Julie Klassen

Mission Memories



Our Programs

Kids' Club

Community Game Nights

Community Dinners

Women's Craft & Devotion

Worship Nights

Youth Nights/Basketball



Kids' Club



"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 19:14



Mission Recap

4 Teams Members **24** **4** Mailout Volunteers

Donated
15 Quilts
To Kingcome
Ehattesaht

Sent
15 Kids' Club Kits
To Kyuquot

50 Advent Kits
Put Together by
Hillside Youth Group
To Kingcome, Klemtu and Ehattesaht

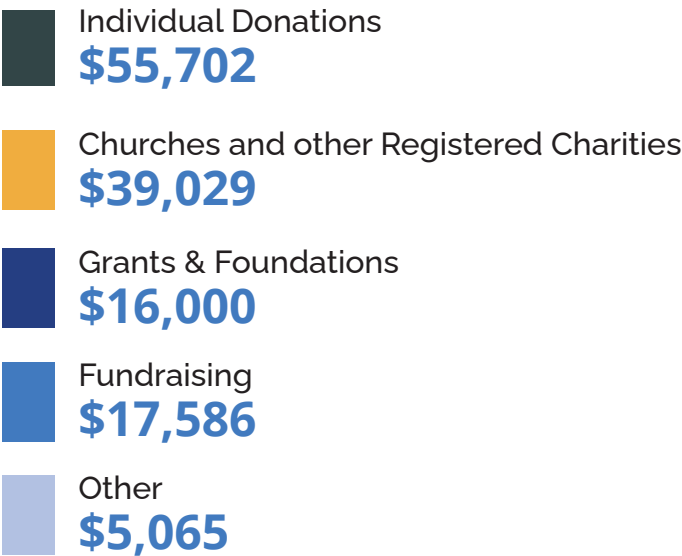
Financials

Expense categories reflect the fact we currently do not have an Executive Director.

To see the complete year-end financial report please reach out to admin@bcmissionboat.org

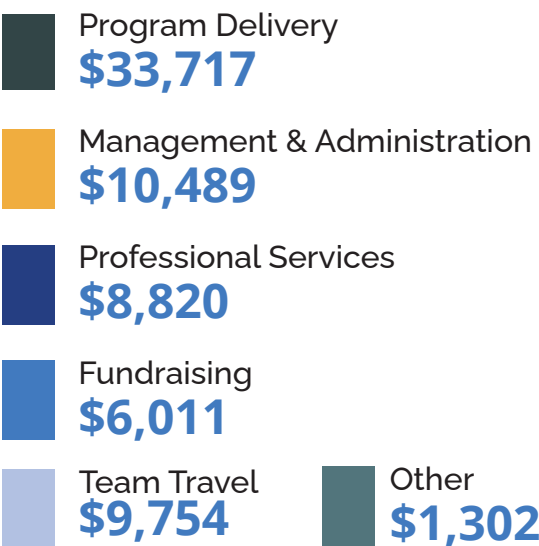
Sources of Funding

Total \$133,382



Where the Money Goes

Total \$70,093



Thank You to Our Volunteers



You Make All Our Missions Possible



"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone..."

Galatians 6:10



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Amanda Cook

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God's love
in remote
communities
along the
B.C. coast**



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