

2024 Annual Impact Report



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Our Mission

To proclaim Jesus Christ and serve the Church and individuals in remote and isolated areas of Northern Canada.

Our Vision

To "walk with" the people of Northern Canada, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ who lives with us, loves us and offers us a way to live with and serve each other in love and with great hope for the future.



25 Years in review

2024 was an exciting year for us as we celebrated 25 years of ministry in Northern Canada.

We spent some time looking back; celebrating the multitude of lives and communities that have been impacted in the last quarter century.

Over the years, **On Eagle's Wings** has made an incredible difference in the lives of First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities.

We also asked ourselves three questions.

- 1. What is God asking of us right now?
- 2. What are communities asking of us in 2024 and beyond?
- 3. How can we share the hope and healing of Jesus in all we do?

The answers to these questions enabled us to **expand our core programming**, inspire children, and provide tools to **improve wellbeing** in multiple remote communities.

Robin Abrol - Executive Director

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Hours Donated by Volunteers

152,879

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IN 2024...





Over one thousand children impacted by 2024 **GIFT** Bible Camp programs!

397

Bible Camp in a Bag (BCiaB) kits delivered in the North

4

Caring for the Wounded Heart healing groups facilitated

Projects

Outcome

2024 Bible Camps	VBS-style Bible Camps for children held in person	 Aklavik Artiban Ft. Simpson Ft. Smith Mt. Joy Tuktoyaktuk
Bible Camp in a Bag	Virtual Bible Camp shipped to Northern communties	 397 kits received in North 13 communities in NWT & NU
Caring for the Wounded Heart	Bible-based trauma healing groups for adults	 Participants expressed a tangible feeling of lightness after releasing their burdens

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"I can't begin to thank you for the past days... The encouragement, the joy, the hope, the wisdom, the faith and the love you brought here to our home and community, our children and families cannot ever be forgotten."

- Letter from a Community Leader









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Faith, Hope, and Love at Bible Camp

Once again our Bible Camps offered a fun-filled, educational, impactful five day **faith-building** experience. More importantly they provided a safe space for children to play, to be seen, heard, and to tangibly experience the love and presence of God.



Upon hearing the Easter story for the first time, one child exclaimed,

"Why would they hurt Jesus? He didn't do anything wrong!"

A few minutes later, it became clear the children were grasping the enormity of God's love for them. A little voice spoke up, posing a question from across the room.

"So...Jesus died for me? Because He loves me?"

Another was so **deeply moved** by the memory verses that she asked to take them home to put up in her room.

It is such a great privilege to partner with Northern communities each year – traveling to "the ends of the earth" to share God's love. **Children come to camp hungry**. For time, attention, kindness, love, and always for snacks!!! In 2024 we saw children **G**row In **F**aith Together, be stirred by Hope, and truly experience Love.

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Bible Camp in a Bag

Our Bible Camp in a Bag (BCiaB) program, established in 2020, allows us to impact more children and families than ever before!



Here you can see what our **2024 GIFT Bible Camp in a Bag** backpacks looked like. With over 1800 booklets to produce, so many pieces of string, paper and card to cut, it took around 7 weeks to prepare and assemble all the materials needed to create 397 backpacks.

We are very grateful to our **Alberta volunteers** for giving so freely of their time to create, prepare and package these backpacks for shipping.

Special thanks also goes to **Northern Exposure Trucking** in Behchoko. Their provision of complimentary freight services reduced our 2024 distribution costs by several hundred dollars.

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"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." – Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

Caring for Wounded Hearts

Unhealed trauma has been identified as one of the driving forces of suicide, depression, and substance misuse in the North.

Caring for the Wounded Heart is our response to requests from Northern communities to offer a trauma healing program.

I was really hesitant about joining the Healing Group. I wanted to go to work instead. But I am so glad I came.

I was surprised how much pain came up during the exercises. I didn't realise I was carrying all that.

Even though I've done exercises like this before, I felt my burdens lifting at the cross. These quotes summarize the most common reports we receive as people engage with **Caring for the Wounded Heart**.

Participants are genuinely keen to to share the impact this transformative program is having in their lives.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3

Caring for Wounded Hearts



In early 2024 we led a **Healing Group** for leaders from the Kivalliq region of Nunavut. Participants were deeply moved as they engaged with **Caring for the Wounded Heart**. Each described a tangible sense of healing during our time together. Four Healing Groups were facilitated throughout the year.

We are grateful to be partnering with the **Anglican Diocese of the Arctic**, the **Diocese of Mackenzie–Fort Smith**, and the **Canadian Bible Society** as we facilitate these groups across the North.

Working diligently with these partners, we continue to identify, train, mentor and support new Facilitators from across the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. In 2025, many of the leaders in the photo above will be released to lead Healing Groups within their own communities.

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This year, a volunteer group in Ontario reached out to us for assistance with a project called the <u>Arctic Teen Pad Challenge</u>. This initiative was created to provide essential hygiene items to young ladies in remote northern communities.

Unfortunately the project was abandoned, but volunteers were still collecting supplies. They reached out to *On Eagle's Wings* to see if we could help find new recipients for these care packages.



Each contained menstrual supplies, underwear, hygiene products, candies, and a Bible. Our partners in the Arctic hamlet of Cambridge Bay were delighted to receive and distribute them.

"The boxes arrived and were delivered to girls. Very well received and appreciated! Our grateful thanks..."

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2024 Governing Board

On Eagle's Wings has one Board consisting of US and Canadian members



WENDY CUSICK



REV. TIM KNAUSS



The **On Eagle's Wings** Governing Board are tasked with setting and updating policies that will aid in the successful operation of the ministry. This involves :

- Appointment of the Executive Director
- Approving the Annual Budget
- Regularly Setting & Reviewing Policies
- Defining Executive Limitations
- Governing with an "outward" direction



STEPHEN STEWART

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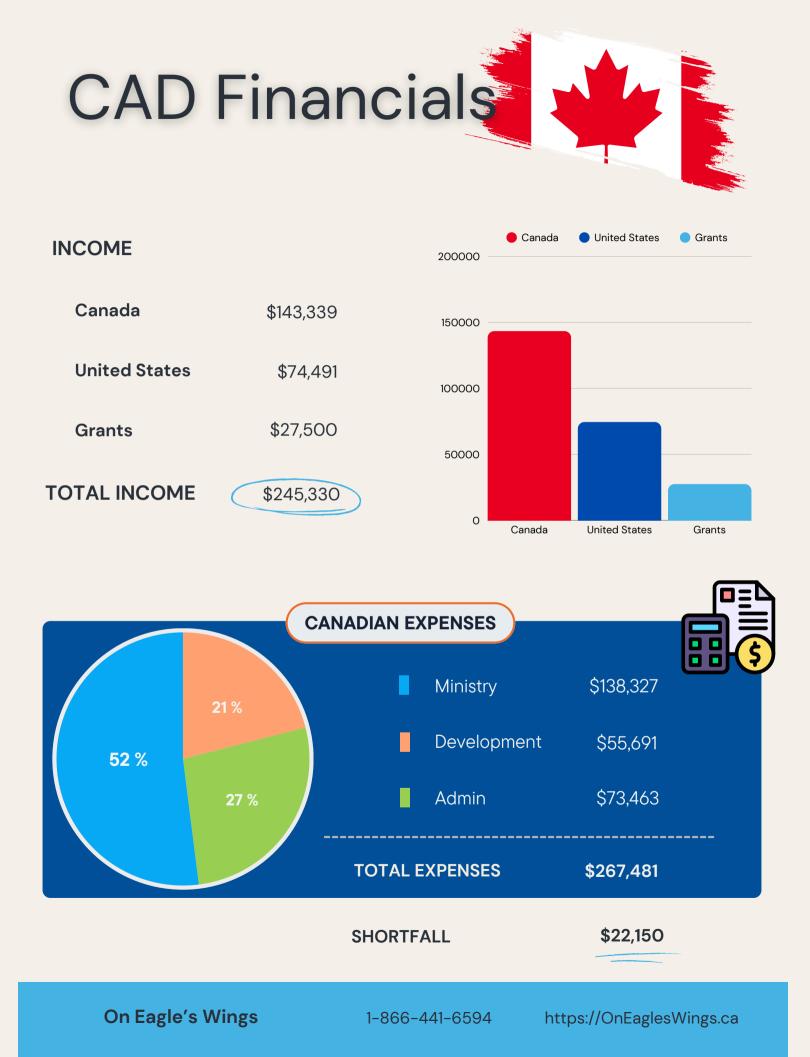
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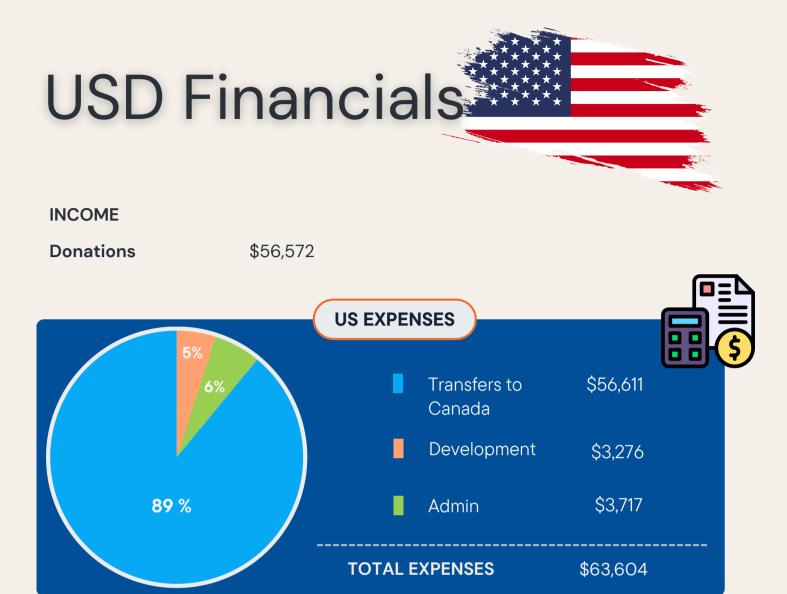
The Board delegates the daily running of *On Eagle's Wings* to the Executive Director. However, the Board remains accountable for the operational activities of the organization.

Robin, our Executive Director, wishes to thank Marilyn, Doug, Martina, Wendy, Stephen and Tim for their dedication and service to this ministry.

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SHORTFALL

\$7,032

This shortfall represents a transfer of additional funds that had not been sent to Canada before the end of the preceding Fiscal Year.

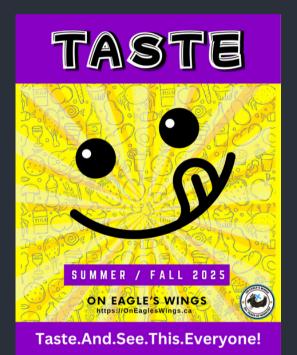


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2025 Upcoming Ministry Year





God's abundant goodness and love nourishes us and helps us grow in faith.

Our brand new **TASTE** curriculum will drive this home in an action-packed, fun-filled camp.

Through story, song, games, and bountiful opportunities to sample various treats, children will "**Taste and see that the Lord is good"** for themselves.

If that sounds like too much fun to miss out on, contact our Ministry Manager Shauna to **volunteer as a Bible Camp teacher** in the North this year!

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We will continue responding to requests for **Caring for the Wounded Heart** Healing Groups and Facilitator Training sessions as they come in.

We anticipate leading at least 5 groups in the North this year. Two of these will be to train and assist local leaders as they lead their first Healing Groups within their own communities.



We'd like to thank all of our volunteers who help us share hope and healing



On Eagle's Wings impacts families across Northern Canada through the combined efforts of our donors, partners, and volunteers. Each one makes an incredibly significant contribution to the work we do.

This year, our volunteers dedicated time to helping us with :

- Administrative tasks
- Bible Camp in a Bag production
- Editing curricula and articles
- Facilitating healing groups
- Hospitality & billeting
- Our 25th anniversary fundraiser
- Praying for On Eagle's Wings
- Proofreading publications
- Sending out mailings
- Serving on our Governing Board
- Teaching Bible Camps in the North
- Writing Advent Devotionals



donors and partners for your generosity

Acknowledgements

Our sincerest thanks go to the hundreds of individuals and congregational donors who make the work of *On Eagle's Wings* possible. Your generosity enables us to encourage health and wellbeing in Northern Canada.

Grants

We also want to acknowledge the generous support we received from these partners and foundations in 2024.

- Anglican Diocese of the Arctic
- Anglican Foundation of Canada
- Boville Murray VBS Fund
- Canadian Bible Society
- ELCIC Synod of Alberta & the Territories
- RC Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith
- New England Company
- Trinity Lansdale Endowment Fund



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Join a Bible Camp team, help with mailouts, pack BCiaB backpacks, or offer pro bono professional services.









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