A group of approximately 18 young adults of diverse ethnicities are posed in front of a rustic wooden cabin with snow on the roof. They are dressed in winter clothing, including coats, scarves, and hats. The group is arranged in two rows, with some people sitting in the front and others standing behind them.

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Giving Young People An Opportunity to Hear
About Jesus Christ.

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“Hear about, respond to, and live for...”



NET Canada sends missionaries out so that every young Catholic in Canada would have an opportunity to hear about, respond to, and live for Jesus Christ. It's why we exist, and what it would look like if our mission were to be perfectly accomplished.

We call it our vision statement because whenever a NET missionary encounters a youth on retreat or in ministry, the vision is always for that youth to have an opportunity to respond to and, ultimately, make a decision to live for Jesus. That's what we're always working towards. However, before that's able to happen, they first need to

hear about Jesus.



As the years go on, our missionaries are finding that more and more of the youth they're meeting have never heard the basic gospel message. Even youth who attend Catholic schools might have some understanding of who Jesus is, but have never truly heard about what He has to offer them in their life.

To ensure every youth has an opportunity to hear about Jesus, we train our missionaries to focus on two areas of sharing about Jesus:



kerygmatic proclamation and personal testimony.

Kerygmatic proclamation stems from the Greek word *kerygma*, and is a term commonly used to describe the core message of the gospel, that we were made for relationship with God, and that Jesus died for our sins in order to repair that relationship with Him that our sinfulness had damaged. We make sure that every NET ministry event proclaims this truth in some way. The truth is powerful, and it's important that youth hear this message.

NET missionaries are also trained in sharing their own personal conversion testimony. They're taught to share how Jesus has worked powerfully in their own life in a way that's relatable to the youth who are hearing it. For many youth, hearing about Jesus in an abstract way isn't enough, but hearing someone who they can relate to share the powerful testimony of what Jesus did in their life can be very powerful.

Both these methods are important, and we will continue to do both in order to ensure that every Catholic youth in Canada that our missionaries come across has an opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ.



This article is part 2 of a series. Check out our spring newsletter to read about how missionaries give youth an opportunity to respond to Christ.

Want to see some examples of kerygmatic proclamation and personal testimony in action?

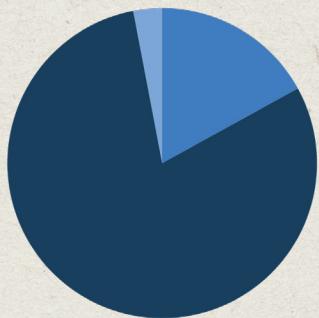
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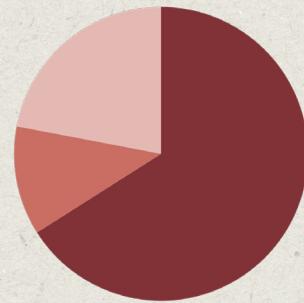
Revenue

\$970,811



Expenses

\$1,137,932



Numbers approved by Jordan Malone at Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP.

2024-25 Mission Year Included:

After attending a NET retreat:

183

Retreats

24

Canadian Dioceses

7k+

Youth prayed with

*65%

of youth said that they
desired to place Jesus at
the center of their life.

*72%

of youth said that their
NET retreat positively
changed how they view
God

** Percentages are a reflection of youth who
filled out optional feedback forms*

Mission Moments

"During prayer ministry, we had confessions available for the youth. As I was walking around, I saw a girl who was crying a lot. I didn't really know what to do, but the whole time I was praying "Come Holy Spirit. What do I do?". Then I felt this prompting to ask her: "do you want to have Jesus at the center of your life?" I waited, but the prompting wasn't going away. And then I remembered one thing Serena mentioned in her talk was that the Holy Spirit gives us courage, so I made up my mind to do what I knew the Holy Spirit was telling me to do. I turned to her, and I asked her, "would you like to put Jesus at the center of your life?" and she said "yes". I had a commitment card with me so I pulled it out and I asked her if she wanted to pray the commitment prayer on the back of the card together and she agreed. We prayed and I affirmed and encouraged her in this step of faith that she was taking."

- Ange Nessa Amanda, Team 1

"There was a guy in my small group that caught my attention pretty early on. During second small group I asked the question "what's one thing that's holding you back from trusting God with your entire life?" I could immediately tell there was something weighing on his heart, but he didn't share it in small group. Later, during prayer ministry, when I asked him if he had any prayer intentions, he just really opened up about his struggles and his life. I was able to kind of relate with him there and pray for him really specifically. Then in the final small group of the day, I asked how everyone felt. When it was his turn he answered, "I feel more free." And then he prayed out loud with me the prayer of commitment to Christ, which was amazing! Thank you Jesus!"

- William Baker, Team 2

Here's what a grade 10 youth had to say about their NET retreat this year! At the start of the retreat, this youth said that Jesus was a part of their life, but by the end of the retreat they said that Jesus was at the center of their life!

Q: What was the best part of the NET Retreat? Tell us what happened.

A: "Talking with Mara in the chapel [during prayer time]. I felt such a surge of the Holy Spirit come through me and call me to Jesus... I was repenting and asking for forgiveness for not spending more time reflecting on my own life and spending time with Jesus and prioritizing other things over Him, and I was just at such a vulnerable point in my prayer when Mara came over and asked if she could pray for me and of course I said yes. She did and I just was so lost in her prayer for me, I couldn't believe what I was feeling because I had never felt anything like it. I was feeling so much love and understanding listening to her prayer I just felt the Holy Spirit rise in me and so I just started bawling and after she was done and the main prayer time was over we went to the back and we talked about what happened and I just felt so understood and I only wish her the best and I hope she knows I'm praying for all the best things to come to her. Mara, if you're reading this I hope you know how much you helped me today. Honestly I can't even begin to explain how much this meant to me."

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