

Zion Evangelical Ministries of Africa

TOGETHER. MATURING. SERVING. GROWING.

2024 Annual Report

Working with the amaZioni, we are together becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ, serving Him as He grows His kingdom in Southern Africa.

Board Chairman's Report

On behalf of the ZEMA Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your faithful participation with us in the gospel of Christ in Southern Africa. What a privilege it is to co-labor with you. Glory and honor and praise and majesty be to his name from this day forth and forever. There is no greater calling than to be in His service.



God has brought people from diverse backgrounds and expertise to serve on the board. Some are pastors. Some former missionaries. Some from mission organizations. Some from the field of academics. Geographic locations range from Alaska to eastern Tennessee; from Wisconsin to Arkansas. Some grew up in South Africa and have an intimate knowledge of African culture. All have a heart for the amaZioni people and the gospel of Christ.

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Please pray with us that God would send laborers into his harvest. Pray with us that God would raise up a new generation of leaders as some of our faithful, long-term missionaries reach retirement age.

Once again, thank you. In His matchless, holy name,

Mike

*Mike Gibbs, Chair
ZEMA Board of Directors*

Field Director's Report

- Paul Seelhammer

In 2024, ZEMA was blessed by receiving funding to provide alternative power solutions for ZEMA missionary homes.

This has helped to provide a stable base from which to go forth and preach and teach the Word of God in South Africa, eSwatini, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and elsewhere in Africa.



What a blessing it has been to see how God continued to provide for the opportunities and resources to encourage the amaZioni people of Southern Africa to follow Jesus alone. In 2024 there were 2700 ZEBS/ZBC students studying in 85 locations in Southern Africa. We continue to be amazed by the transformation happening through the proclamation and teaching of the Word of God through Bible schools and ZEMA's media resources, which are continuing to expand.

In 2024, we had one missionary couple retire, and there will be two more couples retiring in 2025.

We need to keep praying as Jesus said in Luke 10:2, ***“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (NIV)***

Home Office Report

- *Greg and Carlene Seghers*



In ZEMA's Home Office, we have continued to pursue relationships with 5 USA Based Bible colleges. Carlene and Greg again taught a 17-week Intercultural Engagement course during the fall term at Moody Bible Institute (MBI) and were guest speakers for a class and a podcast at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). They also participated in the mission emphasis weeks at MBI and Wheaton College. Greg was interviewed for [TheTable Podcast](#) at DTS which can be viewed on ZEMA's website. We are thankful for Kathy Richards who is our Home Office Manager. Kathy puts together the Focus Newsletter, and year end documents, and is always available to our financial supporters to help with questions or when assistance is needed in any way.

ZEMA now has a partnership with the [Global Ethnodoxology Network](#). This organization promotes a model of ministry that supports church leaders worldwide to find the gospel message as God has placed it within their cultural context, and then to share the Gospel relevantly and poignantly in ways that encourages multiculturalism and building up the body of Christ in their places of birth and belonging.

We are also now, associate members with the [Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa](#). ACTEA's purpose is to strengthen theological education through accreditation, scholarship, and support services, and to serve the church and transform society, with the vision of a vibrant African Church transforming society.

Finally, we're thrilled to be able to share answers to your prayers, and the results of the generous support of many. The Alternative Energy Project from 2024 has been fully funded, and many of the missionaries now have alternative energy in their homes when SA loadshedding kicks in! The Translation Project now has donations in an amount which provides for the creation of videos for all 66 books of the Bible!

Praise God for his provision, and please continue to pray for ZEMA's ministries and missionaries as they share Christ with the amaZioni.

ZEMA Highlights

ZEMA Family

USA Board of Directors	12 members
SA Field Council	8 members
Home Office personnel	3 ministry workers
Missionaries	17 family units
Missionary Annual Reports	To access online click HERE
Organizational Partnerships	11 partners

Bible Schools

85	ZEBS & ZBC schools
59	African teachers
16	Missionary teachers
2700	Students

Zion Evangelical Fellowship of Africa

~Promoting unity among amaZioni Churches since 1984

ZEFA Council	8 African & 2 missionary pastors
40 th Annual Conference	150 in attendance
ZEFA Membership	180 Active Zion Churches

Financial Partners

Churches	33
Individuals	334
Foundations/Grants	3



2024 ZEMA Projects

Bible School Scholarship Fund

~Sponsors amaZioni leaders to study at accredited institutions

Alternative Energy Fund

~Completed. Providing alternative energy resources for ZEMA missionaries and ministries.

Translation Project

~Praise God for adequate funding to complete the production of the 66 Scripture Series videos (every book of the Bible) into Zulu. These are being produced in cooperation with the BibleProject.

New Fields Fund

~Provides resources for the expansion of ministries in new areas. Currently: Malawi & Zimbabwe.

Sunbury General Maintenance Fund

~Annually maintained as a resource for emergency maintenance of Sunbury's facility.

Board of Directors 2024

Paul Bradley

Dan Capp

Ron Christiansen

Mike Gibbs

Lorraine Green

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Kathy McIlhany

Kevin Pinter

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Financial Report

-ZEMA Treasurer, Dan Capp

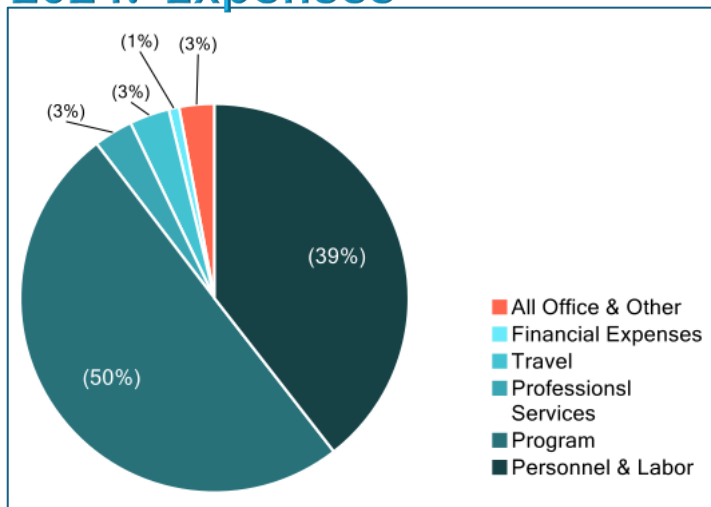
In 2024, ZEMA received 17.7% more contributions than in 2023, totaling \$992,531.

Project contributions drove this increase.

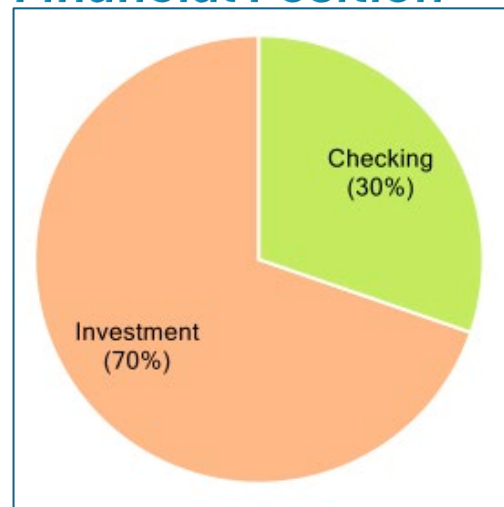
Year-End Expenses Summary: ZEMA expenses in 2024 were \$985,962, up 22.6% from 2023. A single project was the main driver of this increase. Expenses were broken down as follows.

Year-End Financial Position Summary: ZEMA in Checking had \$194,091. In Investments ZEMA had \$446,697.

2024: Expenses



Financial Position



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Thank YOU!



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