

# MaineStreams Christian Media Ministries

## *Annual Report 2019-2020*

<b>Income:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Interest Income	\$0.05
Donations (16 Donors)	\$3,435.61
<b>Total Income 2020:</b>	<b>\$3,435.66</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Delivery Services 2020	\$349.68
Missions Tithe 2020	\$368.00
PayPal Fees 2020	\$1.75
Printing Expenses 2020	\$51.70
Mileage and Meal Reimbursement 2020	\$153.37
Stripe Fees 2020	\$77.55
Training Expenses 2020	\$9.95
Web Services Expenses 2020	\$374.14
<b>Total Expenses 2020:</b>	<b>\$1,386.14</b>
<b>Positive Account Balance, Carried over to 2021</b>	<b>\$2,049.52</b>

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your support over the past year of MaineStreams Christian Media Ministries, in prayer and financially! It's been such a blessing to be surrounded by over 600 prayer warriors and 16 financial supporters, just like you!

And our Heavenly Father has been answering our prayers in amazing ways! For example:

- Our Omega\* brother who was left for dead in the desert continues to follow Jesus despite the opposition.
- Our other brother in Christ from a M^sIim background had a gun pointed at his head... yet he was not killed. Despite family opposition, he is still boldly preaching the Gospel and teaching the Bible.

- In Chad, the Airport was closed to traffic due to COVID... Then you prayed. By the end of the week, the family who works in the middle of the country, and the 102 French Bible story books, arrived safely!
- And, personally, God has been faithful to provide me with an improved work situation and beautiful homes to live in... because you prayed.

How much would it cost in dollars to even *attempt* to change these situations? No amount of money could help meet these needs. That's why prayer is such an important part of this ministry: because prayer accomplishes things that money cannot.

## Small Beginnings... (Zechariah 4:10)

In obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit at the altar of my home church, MaineStreams Media Ministries quietly began in October of 2019. My first goal was to restart the prayer ministry with a few trusted friends... and to get the website up and running again.

Originally, this ministry was called Desert Springs Ministries. The website was [dsm.world](http://dsm.world).

Then as I restarted the ministry, it became Desert Streams of Maine, to distinguish between the old and the new.

Having a “dot world” domain rather than a Top Level Domain made things complicated. The domain name was registered with GoDaddy. The web hosting was with Bluehost.

When I started wondering if we should change this, I was so glad to discover that [MaineStreams.com](http://MaineStreams.com) was available! As a result, search engines are beginning to send new visitors our way, now that our web address is more conventional.

It was a challenge to run this ministry while working full-time as a Front Desk Clerk at the Bar Harbor Inn. At the same time, it's been very rewarding. For many years, I've wanted to be a tentmaker missionary where I earn the money needed for my living expenses. This allows me to use a much higher percentage of the ministry offerings... for ministry.

Then COVID hit the US in late March 2020. I was laid off from my job. With lots of time on my hands, I was free to contact those of you who were on our original supporter list. I also began taking a class on starting a podcast.

It's been wonderful to be in touch with you again! Thanks so much for choosing to be a part of this prayer ministry we share.

As soon as we began receiving gifts from donors, I opened a special savings account as part of my personal accounts. Then, as donations began to increase in September 2020, I started a separate business account for MaineStreams, knowing that this would be a necessary step for its growth.

## How Your Gifts Were Used in 2021

Here is a bit of an explanation for how I invested your financial gifts in 2019-2020:

**Delivery services:** In December 2020, we suddenly had the opportunity to send two boxes of French Bible Story Books to the US addresses of the two families traveling to Chad.

Because of your generosity, I did not hesitate.

Once the boxes were delivered to their homes via UPS, these families put them with the luggage they were bringing to Africa... and one of the boxes has been delivered!

**Missions Tithes:** When our former ministry Desert Springs Ministries started out, we tithed everything that came in to missionary nonprofits. It seemed like God's blessing was on us back then for doing this, as we read about in Malachi Chapter 3.

Eventually, this strategy fell by the wayside... but as I remembered how God blessed us back then, it seemed like the right thing to restart.

So, unless you strongly disagree with this direction I'm taking, I intend to tithe on all offerings you send in, as long as there is a MaineStreams Ministries.

Here is a list of the ministries you supported this year as a result:

- Alpha Ministries
- the Ellsworth Assembly of God Building Fund
- Faces of Eurasia
- Focus on the Family
- Jews for Jesus
- Pure Life Ministries
- TD Jakes Ministries
- Tikkun International
- Uncharted Ministries
- WHCF / Lighthouse Ministries
- World Indigenous Missions.

**PayPal and Stripe Fees:** Whenever you send a gift using a debit card, a credit card or your PayPal account, the secure payment provider charges a nominal fee.

Of course, these fees can easily be avoided by sending offerings via a check payable to "MaineStreams" to the ministry address. However, for some of our donors, especially those outside the US, this option is the only one possible. Thus, it makes sense to keep on providing it.

**Printing Fees:** The cost to print 250 business cards. This allows us to let local Christians and new friends know about MaineStreams Ministries.

**Mileage and Meal Reimbursement:** The IRS allows reimbursement for travel expenses related to work related trips. This includes the mileage of my personal vehicle (a Honda Civic) and per diem traveling expenses.



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These reimbursements are not considered a salary by the IRS. As a result, they are not taxable.

In November, Pastor Herschel Hafford invited me to speak at his church in Millinocket, Maine. This was the only ministry trip of the year.

**Training Expense:** My biggest challenge has always been to attract new potential supporters to visit the ministry website.

To help me with this, I purchased the book "Traffic Secrets" by Russell Brunson. This book has given me several ideas I have been able to apply to the website.

I'm also taking a course on how to start a podcast. At this early stage of the ministry, it seemed proper to pay for this using personal funds.

**Web Services Expenses:** This currently includes expenses associated with:

- 1) hosting [MaineStreams.com](http://MaineStreams.com),
- 2) hosting [tchad.org](http://tchad.org),
- 3) maintaining a Google Drive with the files for MicroBibles in over 50 languages, and
- 4) automating our [@ourdaillytext](https://twitter.com/ourdaillytext) Twitter feed devotional.

## What's Next?

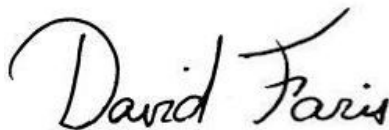
Through the generosity of our 16 donors in 2020, the amount available in 2021 is large enough for us to begin wondering what amazing opportunities God has in store for us next!

Does He want me to take a trip to Chad? Or is there a well that needs to be dug in an Omega\* village somewhere?

The funds God provided through your gifts carry with them a responsibility to seek the LORD for how they should be used... and I feel it. Please pray for wisdom and divine direction as I seek to use them in the way He would want us to.

If you have any suggestions, correction or questions, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,



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