

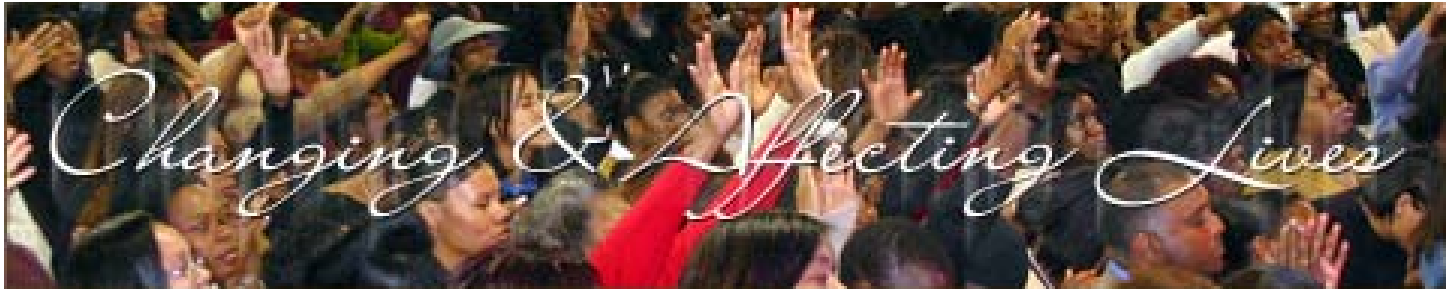


Rhema Christian Ministries Canada 2007 Annual Report



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Organization Profile

Rhema Christian Ministries of Ontario Inc. (RHEMA Ministries) is a registered charitable and not-for-profit organization located in Toronto, Canada, with a mission to enhance and improve the spiritual, social and economic climate within the City of Toronto and ultimately across the nation of Canada. Established in the fall of 1999 by its current Chairman and CEO, Orim M. Meikle, the organization has touched the lives of thousands from various social and ethnic backgrounds within the Greater Toronto Area and across the country in its relatively brief eight-year history.

With branches in the nation's capital, Ottawa, Ontario, and Calgary, Alberta, Canada, RHEMA now has its sights set on expanding to three other regions within the country. Locally, Rhema is an organization with arms reaching and affecting areas within the community, such as politics, education, business, media and technology. Rhema continues to address social and economic disparity through its job creation and educational programs in depressed communities. The organization also features a weekly nationally televised broadcast called *RHEMA Today*, which airs three times per week on CTS across the country.

Vision

Changing & affecting lives to advance the Kingdom of God

Philosophy

Welcoming: We see all nations being welcomed into Rhema.
Impacting: We see our complete city being impacted by Rhema.
Developing: We see all believers being matured by Rhema.
Equipping: We see every member of Rhema being equipped for significant ministry.
Reaching: We see this nation being reached by Rhema.
Unearthing: We see a Rhema community where people are made whole.

Core Values

Discipline – We are people of consistency
Order – We are people of submission & obedience
Morality – We are people of pure character
Excellence – We are the best people in all things in all the world

Message from the Senior Pastor and Chairman



Senior Pastor Orim M. Meikle

change & affect every life

Rhema Christian Ministries of Canada has enjoyed tremendous success this past year in the advancement of our corporate vision of changing & affecting lives across Canada. 2007 was a pivotal year in the history of our ministry-organization. Though fraught with many challenges and hurdles, we continued to be a vibrant and spirit-filled ministry employing leading edge practices and attracting people from all walks of life into our great fellowship.

In keeping with our quest for vision fulfillment, in the summer of 2007 we successfully transitioned our ministry headquarters from the adequate confines of 360-400 Consumers Road to the 600 acre Parc Downsview Park (PDP). Situated in the heart of the city of Toronto, PDP's sprawling acreage has been earmarked for green space and urban design. This new and long term relationship is ideally suited for the many individuals and families of Rhema, who wish to enjoy the recreational amenities of Canada's largest green park along with the spiritual environment of our ministry.

As a transitional year, 2007 was not without difficulty, as all great vision is birthed through intense labour. After some months of transience, we felt a decline in our membership, as some were not able to endure the travel and the lack of full ministry services. With the ministry's situating in Downsview Park, what was loss has become gain as many new and wonderful members are now flocking into our fellowship.

In seeking to enhance the ethnic diversity of our organization we welcomed Pastor William & Lady Carolina Serrano from Barranquilla, Columbia. Their arrival brought new life to our Hispanic congregation and has allowed for the realization of our plans for future growth and inroads into our burgeoning Hispanic community in Toronto. We are thrilled to see what God is doing among our Hispanic brethren.

From a national perspective, we continued with our mandate to situate regional ministries in urban centres across Canada. May marked the official opening of Rhema Christian Ministries - Calgary. Coupled with our locations in Toronto and Ottawa we are now positioned in three major urban centres in Canada, while experiencing the never before uniqueness of having English, French & Spanish speaking individuals all serving the Lord Jesus Christ within one organization.

Placing the year of transition firmly behind us, 2008 is looking very promising for our ministry. With the expected completion of our new facilities at Downsview Park, along with further ministry expansion taking place on the West and East coast, Rhema Ministries is on track to fulfill our vision. As the Senior Pastor of one of Canada's fastest growing ministries, I am very excited about what this year holds for us. With a limitless horizon before us and greater successes still yet untapped, let us move forward with the confidence that God is for us and He is pleased with us.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to our board of directors; our many leadership and staff teams across the country as well as our various congregations who continue to support our vision. Without you the dream of transforming a nation would be a mere wish and not the reality that is now unfolding. I would also like to thank our local governments, our corporate partners and support teams. Thank you and may God bless you with His very best!

Moving in God's great grace,

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Pastor Orim M. Meikle

Message from the Chief Operating Officer



Pastor Dalton M. Roach

change + affect every life

At the beginning of the year, we declared 2007 to be the “Year of Possibilities.” It was a year when we were believing God to make all things possible, remove all hindrances, all the impediments of the past and move us into the divine possibilities that He had designed for us. 2007 was also designed to be a year of development for our leader’s staff and congregation. It was a year when we wanted to foster a greater level of connectivity and care at all levels ministry. However, to quote one of our own (Mrs. Londa Larmond-Moncrieffe), 2007 was a year when “the devil tried to defeat us.....” It was a year of transition and turmoil, as we moved from Consumers Road to the Toronto Congress Centre and finally to Parc Downsview Park. But thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph and who gives us the victory- in all things thorough our Lord Jesus Christ! I am happy to report that we have “come out victorious” and simply waiting for God to bring us into that “Wealthy Place” that He has prepared and promised to us.

Notwithstanding the many setbacks that we encountered in 2007, thanks to the dedication, hard work and commitment of our great members and staff, there are a few noteworthy ministry accomplishments that are highlighted below, which I am sure you will find both informative and encouraging, as we move into 2008- *The Year of New Beginnings*.

I look forward with great anticipation and excitement for what our God will do for us in 2008! Let us remember that the best is yet to come!

May the Lord continue to bless you!

Advancing the vision,

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Pastor Dalton M. Roach

2007 - The Year in Review

Advancing the Vision Internationally

Rhema Ministries Canada teamed up with Dr. Tony Rapu of This Present House and the Freedom Foundation in Lagos Nigeria to advance the cause of The Freedom Foundation's initiative to improve the spiritual, social and economic plight of many of Nigeria's young, talented and bright minds, who have become disenfranchised because of the ongoing economic and social crisis in that nation. Recognizing the need not only to change the prevailing atmosphere, but also to lead that change, Dr. Rapu and the church has taken up the challenge to tangibly address this situation.

As result of the generous donations of our congregants, we were able to send approximately US\$7,000 to assist the Freedom Foundation in their fight for economic and social change in Nigeria.

During the year, we also sponsored two individual humanitarian missions trip to third-world countries for two members of our congregation.

The Rhema Missions department once again successfully delivered Christmas gifts and computerized equipment to over 100 orphaned children in support of our La Montanita Missions project in the Dominican Republic. Please visit www.rhemaonline.ca/missions for more information on this project.



Advancing the Vision Nationally

- ❖ In May 2007, Rhema Christian Ministries successfully planted its second daughter church in Calgary Alberta. By the end of the year, the church had grown to well over 120 weekly attendees.
- ❖ In summer 2007, we conducted or planted the seeds of our first pseudo-national Rhema National Day of Prayer during War Room V. In this war room we targeted our national and provincial governments, with prayer marches on Parliament Hill (Ottawa), Queens Park (Toronto) and Parliament House in Calgary Alberta.
- ❖ In fall 2007, we conducted our first water baptism ceremonies in Ottawa. Over 20 individuals were baptized in water in the Name of the Lord. Under the leadership of local Pastor, Pastor Rudolph J. McEwan, Rhema Christian Ministries Ottawa is one of the fastest growing churches in the nation's capital.
- ❖ In fall 2007, Pastor Orim M. Meikle and Rhema Christian Ministries became a member of the Fellowship of Christian Assemblies of Canada with all the rights and privileges that accompany membership.



Advancing the Vision Locally

- ❖ After three long years of prayer, waiting and navigating immigration bureaucracy, Rhema successfully welcomed Pastor and Mrs. William Serrano to Canada as permanent residents in fall 2007 to give leadership to **Rhema en Español**, our Hispanic congregation and ministries.
- ❖ In summer 2007, Rhema successfully partnered with **The International Caribbean Business Fair** to hold a traditional service in a non-traditional setting as part of a business and cultural event as part of our Summer Church-Out-of-The-Box initiative.
- ❖ As part of our 2007 Summer Church-Out-of-The-Box initiative, we also held our first **Sports Day at Rhema** event, where our traditional church service was replaced by a day of leisure and recreation for all on the grounds of Parc Downsview Park.

Vision 20/20 or Jabez Project:

- ❖ We made significant strides in our quest to obtain the financing needed for the Vision 20/20 project.
- ❖ Incorporated the Rhema Foundation to handle matters pertaining to Vision 20/20.

Zhān're Music:

- ❖ Our record label, Zhan-re Music, successfully completed and released our second recording album- Heart of a Worshipper, featuring Pastor Richard Brown.



Advancing the Vision Financially

As a ministry, our objective is to train, develop and empower our members towards excellence in financial stewardship. We strive to attain 100 percent tithing among our members.

- ❖ We received approximately \$2.0M in contributions from our members in 2007; (2006 - \$3.0). First Fruits offerings were approximately \$0.2M of total revenues.
- ❖ Total expenditures in 2007 were approximately \$2.5M; (2006 - \$3.0M).
- ❖ 2007 deficit, approximately \$0.5M.

2007 Vision Advancement Challenges

Notwithstanding our successes in 2007, we also had some setbacks- most notably:

- ❖ Staff Layoff – More than ½ of our fulltime employees were laid off during the year. However, in consideration of the welfare of our employees, we implemented a wage subsidy program for all affected employees, where the ministry covered 50% of each employee's salary.
- ❖ Loss of Members – Unfortunately, we lost some members during our transition in 2007.
- ❖ We were unable to provide full service to our members and community.

