

# ANNUAL REPORT

Empowering Rural Voices, Locally and Globally.



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# Who We Are

**Imagine a world where rural communities lead their own futures, where farmers, women, and youth have the resources, dignity, and power to overcome the injustices they face. That is the world Agricultural Missions has worked toward since 1930.**

For nearly a century, AMI has stood with farmers, women, Indigenous groups, and youth in agriculture around the world. Our approach has a name: Accompaniment. We believe sustainable change emerges from within communities. By strengthening local leadership, expanding access to resources, and fostering solidarity, we help communities build the future they envision for themselves.

*AMI's Mission: "To accompany rural peoples in the struggle to overcome racial and economic injustice."*  
***This conviction has guided AMI's work for 95 years.***

AMI works through trusted local partners, the West Africa Initiative of Liberia and the Village to Village Federation in Sierra Leone, alongside our Girls Scholarship Program and U.S. advocacy networks. Each program shares one belief: We believe the people most affected by a challenge should play the leading role in shaping its solutions.

This is also solidarity. It is the recognition that lasting change comes not from rescue, but from accompaniment, standing with communities through their struggles for food sovereignty, racial, and economic justice which is simply the desire to live a life with dignity.





# Foreword



**Rev. Leo Woodberry,**  
 Board President, Agricultural  
 Missions, Inc.

Despite many challenges, 2019 was another amazing year in the long history of Agricultural Missions, Inc. We continue our work with farmers throughout the US South along the Black Belt as well as globally. In 2019, we were able to join Climate Action Network International in Costa Rica to begin a strategic planning process for this organization, which consists of 1,300 nongovernmental organizations in 120 countries. We also visited several of the villages that are involved in our West African initiative.

We were able to visit villages in Sierra Leone and Liberia and see the wonderful progress that has been made in terms of putting in community wells, community pumps, and seed barns and helping people grow their own gardens so they can expand their cash crops and provide their families with diets that are much more nutritious. This will allow many children who could not previously attend school to now pay the costs of their uniforms and books.

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This is important because we can see the ties between racism, globalization, and immigration. In 2020, we will be releasing a study and a position paper. Agricultural Missions, Inc., was only able to continue to do this most needed work during 2019 because of your continued support. As we grow, we are dealing with yet another level of concern in the form of COVID-19, which can have devastating impacts on farmers around the world, as restaurants are closed down and farmers no longer have markets for their products. And as family members and farmers themselves become ill due to COVID19, they will no longer be able to harvest their crops.

The United Nations is predicting that the spectrum of starvation looms over so many communities and nations. "As the number of infections in vulnerable countries grows – among populations who are already malnourished, weak and vulnerable to disease – a 'crisis within a crisis' could emerge," says Dominique Burgeon, Director of the Emergency and Resilience Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). We are asking for your continued support to assist those who are in need. Agricultural Missions, Inc., is a Christian-centered ecumenical organization that remembers the Christian edict of Jesus Christ written by the Apostle John in 1 John 3:18: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but indeed and in-truth." So, God bless you, stay safe, and let us continue to move forward together.

*Rev. Leo Woodberry*



# 01 West Africa Initiative: Liberia

## Global Context

Liberia is among the world's most food-insecure countries. Decades of civil war destroyed local food systems, and the country has never fully recovered. In 2025, food inflation reached 30% — meaning families who were already struggling found basic nutrition even further out of reach. Climate change is compounding the crisis:

erratic rainfall patterns are disrupting planting cycles that communities have relied on for generations.

At the same time, Liberia has something powerful: communities with memory, resilience, and organizational capacity. What they need is not outside solutions — they need resources, training, and accompaniment to rebuild their own food systems on their own terms.

## AMI's Response

AMI works in Liberia through WAIOL, a local partner organization that has managed its own programs since 2007. In 2025, AMI supported WAIOL to expand its Youth Agriculture Program into three communities across three counties, with a strategic shift toward nutritional diversity — moving from single-crop production to integrated farming systems that include vegetables, legumes, and small animals.

## 2025 Key Results



### Key Activities

- Farmer Field Schools on post-harvest handling and food storage
- Nutrition training for 75 families on vegetables and balanced diet
- Storage facility construction in 3 villages
- Youth leadership and record-keeping training

Community	County	Youth	Families
HCDA	Grand Bassa	15	83
Welekerma	Bong	15	96
United We Can	Nimba	15	110
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>289</b>



# The Bigger Picture

WAIOL is a Liberian organization, led by Liberian people, making decisions for Liberian communities. Since 2007, AMI has worked alongside them to provide resources, connections, and steady accompaniment. Together, we are building a program that local leaders own and sustain. In Liberia, that future is taking shape.





## 02 West Africa Initiative: Sierra Leone

### Global Context

Sierra Leone recorded 52% food inflation in 2025 — one of the highest rates in the world. For rural farming communities, this is not an economic statistic. It is the difference between a child going to school and staying home. It is the difference between a family eating twice a day and eating once.

The country is also among the most vulnerable to climate change. Flooding, drought, and soil degradation are disrupting the agriculture that 70% of the population depends on. And Sierra Leone carries the additional weight of a post-conflict society still rebuilding institutional capacity after a brutal civil war that ended in 2002.

### AMI's Response

AMI works in Sierra Leone through V2V, a community-based organization that emerged from AMI's early West Africa Initiative and now manages its own programs. In 2025, V2V introduced two significant new program elements: goat husbandry for income generation and nutrition diversification, and an expanded commitment to the Girls Scholarship Program.

## 2025 Key Results



### Key Activities

- 45 youth trained in goat husbandry and disease prevention
- 3 community animal health services established
- Marketing and record-keeping training for income generation
- 5 nutrition education sessions for 75 community residents
- Beekeeping program for honey production

Community	County	Youth	Families
Gbonkolol	Tonkolili	22	120
Liloma	Kenema	20	140
Rowonlon Farmers	Kambia	20	95
<b>Total</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>355</b>



# The Bigger Picture

In Sierra Leone, communities are building their own futures. Youth are farming and raising animals, women lead farmers groups, and girls in those families are staying in school. Communities are now forming clusters and choosing their own paths forward, from rice mills to beekeeping. This is a community investing in itself, and AMI is proud to walk alongside them.





## 03 Girls Scholarship Program

### 01 Global Context

Across rural Sierra Leone and Liberia, the cost of school fees, books, uniforms, and shoes keeps many girls out of the classroom. When a family loses a parent or faces illness, it is often the daughter whose education is the first to go.

### 02 AMI's Work

Through the West Africa Initiative and the Village-to-Village Federation, AMI supports girls whose mothers belong to local farmers groups, covering books, supplies, uniforms, and shoes. During the 2026 field visit, our team asked to meet the girls in the program. Every one of them came.

### 03 Sama's Story

*Kadubaya, Bombali District, Sierra Leone • Age 17 • Hopes to graduate 2027*



Sama is the first person in her family to complete high school. Her father died when she was eight years old, leaving her mother as the only support for Sama and her four younger brothers and sisters. To help, Sama sells alongside her mother, a petty trader, in the market on weekends, while attending school during the week. It is hard, she says, but she continues both to help her family and to work toward her goal of becoming a medical doctor. For the past four years, because her mother is a member of the Kakamathor farmers group, Sama has received the support that keeps her in school.

*"Without this support, I would not be attending school. It has given me hope for a better life for my family and myself."*





## 04 U.S. Programs & Advocacy

### 01 Global Context

The injustices facing farmers in Sierra Leone and Liberia — land dispossession, exclusion from markets, structural racism, climate vulnerability — are not unique to West Africa. Black farmers in the U.S. South have faced the same forces for generations. These are not separate stories. They share the same roots: colonialism, the systematic exclusion of rural communities of color from economic and political power.

AMI has long recognized that the challenges facing rural communities are interconnected across geographies. Since 1930, we have fostered relationships between North American multifaith partners and community-led movements around the world, advancing shared commitments to economic justice, food sovereignty, and human dignity. We believe that lasting change emerges through mutual learning, solidarity, and collective action across borders—not as an optional approach, but as the foundation of our mission.

### 02 AMI's Work

**Study Sessions** Since the 1970s, AMI's Study Sessions have brought together farmers, activists, faith leaders, and community organizers across borders to learn from each other's struggles. Past sessions have been held in Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, India, and across the United States.

**Upcoming: Black Belt Strategy Session 2026.**

**Climate Justice & Advocacy** AMI has participated in the Climate Action Network International (CAN), the U.S. Climate Action Network (USCAN), and has supported advocacy connecting climate change, racial justice, and food sovereignty.

**Archive & Knowledge Preservation** 95 years of AMI's history — publications, field reports, movement relationships — are being digitized and preserved for future generations.

### 03 Looking Ahead: 2026

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead*

In 2026, AMI will facilitate new partnerships between rural communities in the U.S. Black Belt and West Africa, creating opportunities for shared leadership, cross-cultural learning, and collaborative action. Through convenings, educational exchanges, and community-driven planning processes, participants will strengthen networks, identify common challenges, and develop practical strategies to improve food security, economic resilience, and local self-determination.



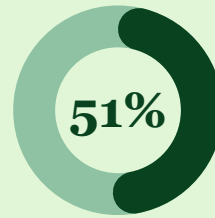
# Financial Summary 2025



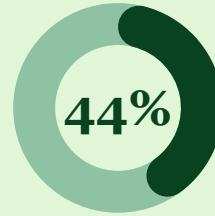
## 01. FY2025 Overview

In 2025, AMI operated with total revenue of \$182,281 and expenses of \$188,050. Sixty-eight percent of all spending went directly to programs serving communities in West Africa. We remain committed to full financial transparency. Every dollar given to AMI is a sacred trust.

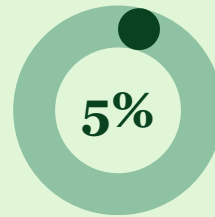
## 02. Revenue Breakdown



Religious Agencies



Organizations



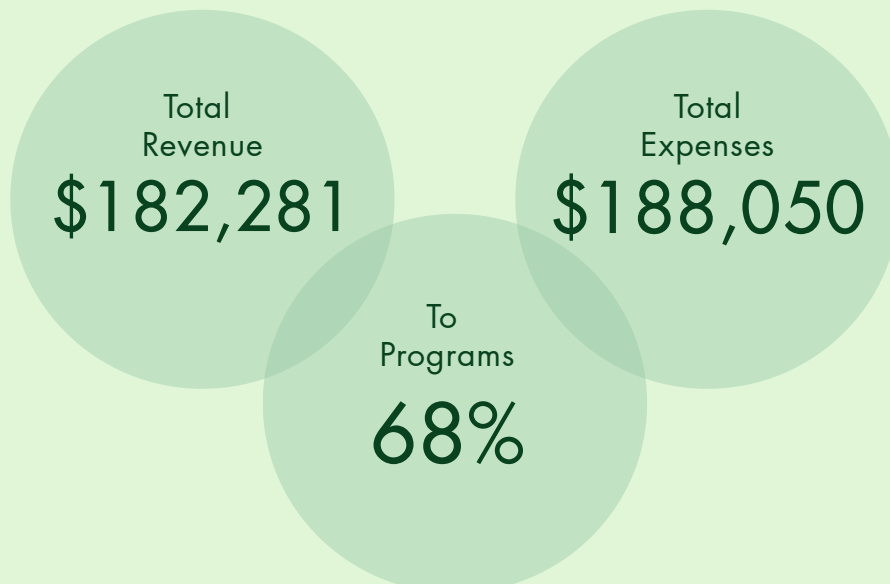
Individuals

## 03. Expense Breakdown



Programs  
\$128,395  
Operations  
\$53,656  
Fundraising  
\$6,000

## 04. Key Figures



## 05. Summary

In 2025, 68% of AMI's spending went directly to programs, a strong commitment to the communities we serve. Revenue grew slightly in 2024, driven by organizational and denominational support. AMI continues to operate lean, keeping fundraising costs at just 3% of total expenses.

# Our Supporters



*None of this work is possible without you. With deep gratitude to the partners who made 2025 possible:*

Supporter	Contribution
Tuskegee University	\$65,000
Growing Hope Globally	\$52,000
Week of Compassion	\$28,000
U.S. Climate Action Network	\$15,000
Earth Rising Foundation	\$10,000
Oxfam	\$10,000
US Climate Network	\$5,000

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*Every dollar you give reaches farmers, students, and communities building their own futures.*



*Sabrina Diz  
Executive Director*

