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Locally and Globally.



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A Letter from Edward J. Pennick



Edward J. Pennick
Vice President, Board of Directors

Dear Friends and Partners,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Agricultural Missions, Inc., I am pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report—a reflection of another year of partnership, local leadership, and progress toward greater food security, economic opportunity, and gender justice.

In 2023, AMI's West Africa Initiative entered the third year of its renewed community food security program. Working alongside the West Africa Initiative of Liberia and the Village-to-Village Federation in Sierra Leone, the program expanded into six additional villages, bringing the total number of participating communities established between 2021 and 2023 to 18.

For the first time, participating communities reported moving through the hunger season without running out of food while preserving enough seed for the next planting cycle. This important milestone demonstrates how food production, secure storage, agricultural training, and strong local management can work together to build lasting community resilience.

The six groups added in 2023 produced approximately 8,250 kilograms of rice, cassava, groundnuts, and other staple foods, in addition to vegetables grown in home gardens. In Liberia, participating youth generated approximately \$5,765 in income from crops and honey.

Across both countries, young farmers strengthened their agricultural knowledge, supported their families, shared food with vulnerable neighbors, and demonstrated that agriculture can provide a meaningful livelihood within their communities.

Our Gender Justice Initiative also continued to expand opportunities for women and girls. By the end of 2023, 345 girls had received school support, with the first participating cohort preparing to graduate from junior secondary school in 2024. Community education sessions engaged women and men in conversations about gender rights, dignity, and the prevention of gender-based violence. Peer mentoring, counseling, and local leadership helped create safer and more supportive environments in which girls could remain in school and pursue their aspirations.

These accomplishments belong first and foremost to our local partners, youth groups, women's committees, teachers, facilitators, traditional leaders, volunteers, and families. They also reflect the commitment of our donors and funding partners, whose support allows communities to address immediate needs while building local capacity for the future.

Thank you for accompanying AMI and the rural communities at the heart of this work. Together, we are strengthening local food systems, cultivating opportunity, advancing justice, and supporting rural people as they build their own futures.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Pennick".

Vice President, Board of Directors



Who We Are



Agricultural Missions, Inc. (AMI) works with rural communities. Together they build food security, economic justice, and dignity for all. This work runs through the West Africa Initiative (WAI). In Liberia, AMI partners with the West Africa Initiative of Liberia (WAIOL). In Sierra Leone, it partners with the Village to Village Federation (V2V). Both are independent, locally registered community organizations. The Food Security and Gender Rights programs run together inside the Youth Agriculture Program (YAP). This makes the best use of resources.

The Village-to-Village Model

Established groups mentor new groups in nearby villages. They share training, tools, seeds, and organizational support. This continues until the new groups join the program. Members in good standing get access to technical and material resources. This builds local capacity and keeps the work transparent.

The 2023 Program

In 2023, the program added six new villages — three in each country. Each year it repeats the same goals and activities in new communities. These villages built local, resilient food systems. They also continued school support and community awareness work.

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.

2023 at a Glance



For the first time, these communities faced the hunger season without fear of running out of food. They also saved enough seed for the next planting cycle. New storage facilities made a big difference. So did the training to manage them. Together they extended the program's reach and impact.

136

Youth trained in 2023
(Liberia 62 + Sierra Leone 74)

6

New communities added in 2023
(three in each country)

8,250 KG

Basic staples (rice, cassava, groundnuts) produced by the six new 2023 groups

90

Girls supported in 2023
(45 in each country)

~11,500

Direct beneficiaries across the active network

36 / 41

Average men / women attending gender rights sessions



Youth in Agriculture Program



Youth in Agriculture Program

In Liberia, young farmers led the way in food production while building livelihoods of their own. The 2023 groups were the Amuyuu Group (Glea Village, Grand Bassa County), the Borbor Town Farmers Association (Borbor Village, Bomi County), and United We Can (Gbozeeta Village, Nimba County). Each group had roughly equal numbers of young women and men. They grew rice and cassava. They also kept bees for honey and managed community grain stores.

Indicator (Liberia, 2023)	Result
YAP groups engaged	3
Youth participants	62 — 29 F, 33 M
Food crops planted	18 acres (rice & cassava)
Rice & cassava harvested	2,650 kg
Honey harvested (beekeeping)	29 gallons, 15 hives
Home gardens established	15
Income earned by youth (crops + honey)	US\$745





Sierra Leone

Youth in Agriculture Program

In Sierra Leone, youth groups grew more kinds of food in 2023. They planted rice, cassava, groundnuts, and vegetables. This improved both nutrition and income. The 2023 groups were Kasassie Farmers (Kasassie, Bombali District), Dim Din Farmers (Gblan Deiba, Port Loko District), and Tamaraneh Farmers (Rolal, Port Loko District).

Local facilitators trained and supported the young farmers. The groups put more food into their kitchens. They also shared food and stored it safely. Groundnuts were a reliable crop. Farmers dried them and kept them as both food and seed. This helped each group plant again the next season. Through the Village-to-Village model, older groups mentored newer ones.

Indicator (Sierra Leone, 2023)	Result
YAP groups engaged	3
Youth participants	74
Rice planted	24 acres
Cassava planted	6 acres
Groundnuts planted	4 acres
Vegetables planted	8 acres
Rice harvested	3,200 kg
Cassava harvested	2,000 kg
Groundnuts harvested	400 kg
Home gardens established	9



Gender Justice Initiative

The Gender Justice Initiative works on two fronts. In the near term, community awareness sessions bring women and men together. These sessions help reduce and prevent gender-based violence. Locally managed committees offer counseling and support. They work with staff, boards, police, and Ministries of Health. In the long term, school support keeps girls in Junior Secondary School. This helps build a generation of educated women leaders.

The results already show in daily life. Girls in the program gain greater status and recognition from their families and communities. Each year the support carries a new group of girls further through school. Peer counseling and mentoring units keep the momentum going between school years. These units are led by older girls, women teachers, and community leaders.

A Growing Milestone

In 2023, 90 more girls were supported through the program — 45 in each country. The first group of girls was set to graduate from Junior Secondary School in 2024. One group graduates each year after that. This is a steadily widening path from the classroom to community leadership.



Indicator (2023)	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Girls supported	45	45
Value of books & supplies (US\$)	2,700	10,265
Cash for uniforms, shoes, etc. (US\$)	3,600	1,650
Community awareness sessions held	3	3

The Value of Your Support



Every gift to the West Africa Initiative is an investment. It supports communities that lead their own development. In 2023, that investment produced real, lasting returns. Communities built grain stores that outlast any single harvest. Young farmers gained skills and income. Girls stayed in school. Through the Village-to-Village model, established groups mentor new ones. So each dollar reaches further every year.

What your support built (2023)	Community return
Youth trained and equipped as farmers	136 across both countries (62 + 74)
Villages with food security programs	6 (new in 2023)
Rice & cassava produced (Liberia)	2,650 kg
Cassava & groundnuts produced (S. Leone)	2,400 kg (2,000 + 400)
Honey produced (Liberia beekeeping)	29 gallons from 15 hives
Income generated by youth (Liberia)	US\$5,765
Income generated by youth (Sierra Leone)	US\$300
Invested in girls' books, supplies & uniforms	US\$18,215
Girls supported to stay in school	90





What We Achieved

- For the first time, participating communities faced the hunger season without running out of food, and saved enough seed for the next cycle.
- The six new 2023 groups produced 8,250 Kg of basic staples — rice, cassava, and groundnuts — plus vegetables from home gardens.
- Grain stores and management training increased the quantity of food stored and shared locally, both in producing households and in donations to vulnerable neighbors.
- In 2023, six new villages built food security programs — three in each country.
- Liberia's youth groups earned US\$745 from crops and honey, adding real income to the food security gains.
- 90 girls were supported in 2023 (45 in each country). The first cohort graduates JSS in 2024.
- An average of 36 men and 41 women took part in gender rights sessions.
- All scheduled 2023 Youth Agriculture Program activities were completed

Looking Ahead

Demand keeps growing from neighboring communities. The program will expand through the Village-to-Village model. It will support more youth groups and welcome new villages. Each new group of girls will go further through school. The storage, training, and local leadership built so far become the base for what comes next.



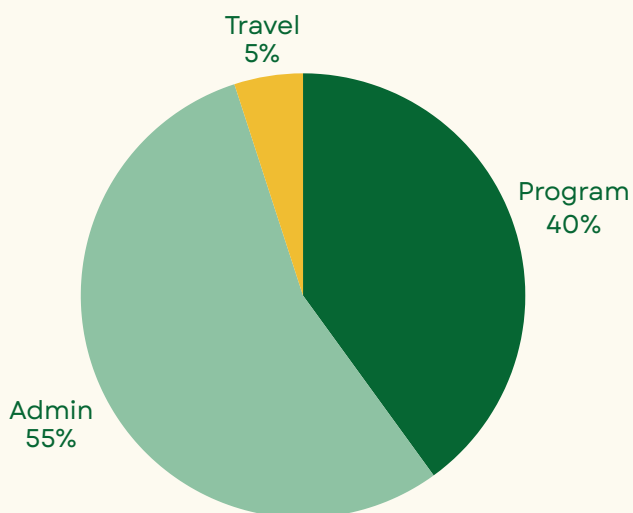


Financial Highlights

• REVENUE PERFORMANCE

Revenue	Expenses	To Programs	Net Assets
\$262,222	\$199,596	40%	\$139,874

• EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



• WHERE SUPPORT COMES FROM(2023)

Source	Share
Groups & Organizations	72 %
Religious Agencies	27 %
Individuals	1 %

• CASH FLOW SUMMARY

Operating:	\$62,168
Investing:	-\$1,167
Financing:	\$0

In 2023, AMI received \$262,219 in total support — 72% from groups and organizations and 27% from religious agencies.

Our Partners & Supporters



The 2023 West Africa Initiative was made possible by the generous support of:

- Growing Hope Globally
- Week of Compassion / Disciples of Christ
- The Presbyterian Hunger Program

Implementing partners:

- West Africa Initiative of Liberia (WAIOL)
- Village to Village Federation (V2V), Sierra Leone

“Above all, we thank the youth groups, women's committees, traditional leaders, teachers, volunteers, and families whose daily work turns investment into lasting change.”

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



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