



Mission in Action



Lifeline
CHRISTIAN MISSION™

On the radio yesterday, I heard a social assistance admin say, “Unless people are fed, they are not

able to deal with the other challenges in their life.”

On the first weekend of December, my family and I had a chance to pack meals for Lifeline Christian Mission, an organization BVCC supports. During this season of COVID, certain opportunities to bless people have been taken away or hindered. And COVID has increased the need for at-risk communities. Meal packing with Lifeline was easy, safe in a socially distanced environment, and a simple way to bless others.

I am glad BVCC has this partnership and I know it is addressing a vital need for my brothers and sisters in other parts of the world.

English as a Second Language During Covid

Ron Osborne and MaryAnn Wiebe have been faithfully involved in Conversation Class at Bow Valley for twelve years. They invite those for whom English is a second language to BVCC, to come meet new people and practice their English speaking and listening skills, in a relaxed setting with native English speakers, using a wide range of conversation topics including Canadian culture.

Undaunted by Covid, Ron and MaryAnn embraced Zoom technology, adapted their curriculum, brainstormed how to adjust their games and forged ahead. Ron feels face-to-face is better for teaching, but online broadens the potential for students and can include teachers and students that have limitations to travel to the church.

This online version allowed them to reach outside

Calgary. This fall they embraced 2 students from Vancouver and 6 students from India. As this happened in real time, the Indian students were attending at 6:30am on Tuesday morning.

Ron and MaryAnn’s teaching style is always focused on the person first - building relationships - creating an attitude of acceptance and affirmation. Teaching English is a second objective. Their Fall class of 31 students included new Canadians from China, Japan, Brazil and South Korea.

Our mission partner in Poland, Graceland, invited ESL enthusiasts from



North America to join their classes in Poland. Ron became a facilitator of online discussions with Graceland’s ESL school. Twenty North American facilitators, including Ron and others from Bow Valley, stepped up to join Jay and Colette’s team in Poland.

We praise God for all those who are continuing to reach out, in the name of Jesus, past the trial of Covid.

Conversation Class at BVCC
Next session begins January 11, 2021.
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Anticipating 2021

We are full of gratitude and joyfully report that our giving toward Missions in November was \$14,599.00. Your generous support builds up our fund to ensure we can remain faithful to our hard-working partners. While our 2021 budget will see a reduction in the support to our partners, a reflection of the challenges of 2020, we are confident that with faithful giving, we can rebuild our support.

Please note that giving towards the BVCC Missions Fund is independent of the General Fund at Bow Valley. Thanks again for all your support!

BVCC Mission Partners 2020

Frontier Labourers For Christ
(Thailand)



Graceland Ministries
(Poland) www.gracelandministries.com



Refuge of Hope International
(Philippines)



Compassion Canada
(El Salvador) www.compassion.ca



Pine Lake Christian Camp
www.pinelakechristiancamp.com



International Justice Mission
(Philippines) www.ijm.ca/our-work/



Wycliffe Canada
(Around the World) www.wycliffe.ca



Lifeline Christian Mission
(Panama) www.lifeline.org



Pioneer Bible Translators
(Papua New Guinea) www.pbtpng.org



Alberta Bible College
www.abccampus.ca



Pray for our Partners

The Missions Team invites you to include our Mission Partners in your prayers.

Please pray for:

Pine Lake Christian Camp – The challenges of serving our church families in these difficult times. What will 2021 hold for the camp? Pray for leadership and creativity in planning for the camping season next year.

Alberta Bible College – The strength and wisdom of the college leadership in efforts to provide quality online learning for the students enrolled. Pray for confidence and good planning for the new year ahead.

Lifeline – There have been devastating floods in Panama that have affected many including members of our partner churches. Pray for comfort, healing and the strength to rebuild.

WHY I GIVE...

“When I see a missionary so passionate about the work they do, that they would do it for nothing, I become passionate about that mission and want to support it.”



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locally and internationally.
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