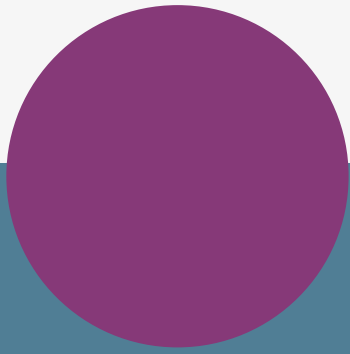


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# FELLOWSHIP NATIONAL



## FAIR – OUT OF THE WAITING ROOM

In September, FAIR launched the Out of the Waiting Room appeal to raise funds to launch a five-year Christian surgical residency program in Madagascar—a country with only 100 surgeons to serve its population of 26 million. Fellowship International missionary Dr. Jesh Thiessen writes, “We are honoured to have officially launched the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons surgical training program as scheduled. This coincided with the opening of our new operating rooms and ICU. We now have two surgical trainees in the program who love God and want to impact their community through surgery. They are currently learning emergency C-sections, which is one of our greatest immediate needs. It is so refreshing not just to be operating to heal patients, but also to pass on a skill and specialty to the next generation of surgeons.” FAIR raised over \$210,768 for this need. Thank you for giving!

## FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL - UKRAINE REFUGEE CRISIS

“Welcome to Poland. You are safe now.” These are the words that welcome refugees disembarking trains in Hrubieszów, Poland—the first stop for those fleeing Russian attacks in Ukraine. Also there to welcome them are a handful of relief workers. Fellowship International missionaries, Pierre Jutras and Ben Taylor have been privileged to be a part of only a handful of relief volunteers permitted to be on train platforms as refugees arrive. Two emergency shelters have been established in churches in Hrubieszów and Zamosc, Poland. FAIR is providing refugees with warm food, clothing, a place to rest, and travel assistance out of Poland. In addition, a cafeteria at the Hrubieszów train station provides food for 500+ refugees a day. Up to date information can be found at: [fellowship.ca/UkraineRefugeeCrisis](http://fellowship.ca/UkraineRefugeeCrisis)

Pierre and Hanna Jutras are members at Northwest Langley Baptist (Langley, BC).



## FELLOWSHIP CHAPLAINCY - SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE MILITARY

One of the contexts in which we have chaplains serving is the military. These individuals serve those in uniform who sacrifice so much to serve our country. One of our military chaplains recently completed an overseas deployment with Canadian troops and another is currently deployed overseas until mid-June.

Deployments bring unique challenges for military personnel and so it presents an opportunity for our chaplains to connect in ways that may not have happened at home.

**WELCOME!** — Fellowship Chaplaincy is excited to welcome Ross Helgeton as our Western Chaplaincy Coordinator Assistant. Ross will help support and care for our Western Canada chaplains and help to grow the ministry.

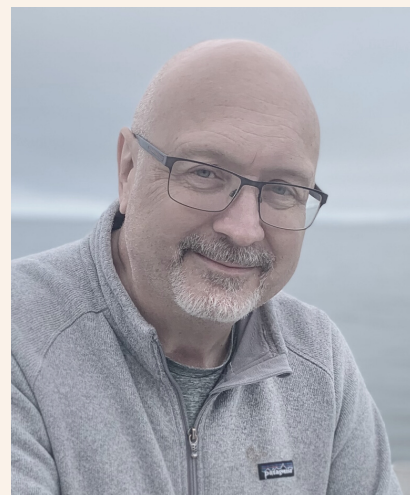
## FRANCOPHONE MINISTRY - FRASER VALLEY CHURCHES PARTNERING IN QUEBEC

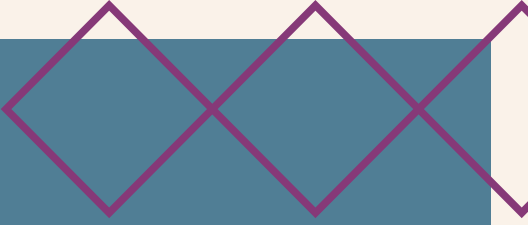
Did you know that five Fellowship churches from British Columbia's Fraser Valley are involved in a partnership with the Église le Clocher plant in Vaudreuil, QC? Church planter, Benjamin Desruisseaux reports that during the winter the congregation met outside (in spite of bitterly cold temperatures) and have held prayer walks throughout the community. They are now ready, over the next few months, to launch three home churches in the area with five leaders. Église le Clocher is connecting with people in their community and building bridges. Benjamin is also involved in the training of future leaders.



How do you measure the impact a spiritual ministry has on the people you are serving in a manner that can be captured and accurately recorded? While it is easy to count those who have made decisions to become Christ followers, it is more challenging to report on the progress individuals are making in their personal spiritual formation. As Baptist Housing's spiritual care team, we wanted to be able to share how God is using our efforts to impact others. After considering a variety of options, we decided to focus on "meaningful connections" God gives us with others. We define these connections as more than just casual conversations about the weather or the latest news, but times with others when they willingly talk about deeper issues or engage in exploring issues of a spiritual nature. When a visit ends with prayer for God's wisdom and intervention, that too is considered a "meaningful connection."

We have been pleasantly surprised at how God has been answering our requests to have these special visits. Below is a story that took place over this winter season when Chaplain Dave Danyluk decided to help meet a need for extra workers at a vaccination center in Salmon Arm.





*Working at the vaccination centre brought unexpected connections to my ministry. My role was to direct people who were coming in for their COVID-19 boosters. Double masked and wearing my vaccination centre vest, I directed a lady towards registration and then to an available nurse. As she was leaving, she turned to me and asked if I was "Pastor Dave." I studied her masked face and noticed she was the daughter of former Sun Ridge Estates residents. Her parents were a wonderful couple that endeared themselves to me. They moved out several years ago due to health issues. Her dad died soon after and her mom was expected to pass soon.*

*Here is how this turned into a God moment. Most nurses working at the clinic knew I was a full-time chaplain with Baptist Housing. But the new security guard on duty that day did not. She overheard me being called "Pastor Dave." She approached me, shared her story, and asked many questions. "I have not been faithful in my walk with God, but I desire to get serious about it now. Plus, I am heading into a serious operation very soon. I have had problems with previous operations. Which church do you go to? Can you pray for me?"*

*It was a slow day at the vaccination centre that day, so we had time to talk. She wants to come to my church. I gave her my card and asked her to call me before her surgery so I can pray for her.*

We never know how God may answer our prayers for opportunities to engage in meaningful connections, but we know He hears us and that he wants us to share his good news with others. It has been encouraging to share our stories on how God keeps providing moments of meaningful connection.

# CAMP QWANOES

*"I've never prayed for something more In my life." In the middle of an impromptu party at the centre of camp this is what a staff said to me with a loud and passionate voice. Why? Fifteen minutes prior, on May 27, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that overnight summer camps could happen! Why were we all so excited that overnight camps were back? It meant that huge life-change was going to happen – and we got to be a part of it!*



**MUCH CHANGED BUT NOTHING CHANGED?** Yes, throughout Covid we have adapted, adjusted, and changed a lot...yet **NOTHING** changed. We've remained focused on loving kids to life—helping them discover what real life is all about—a life with Jesus at the centre. It is our passion and what we do; it's why Qwanoes exists. Of course, the way we love doing it the most is with overnight camps.

In early 2021, overnight summer camps were still not allowed so we offered Day Camps, created a new kayak adventure camp called SeaQuest, and made a way for Mainlanders to come for a day or two called Mainland Express all while keeping our hope for overnight camps alive. And on May 27, they were back!

**SUMMER WAS AMAZING!** When overnight camps were announced, registration went crazy! Week after week you could see and feel the excitement of campers to be here. And there were so many changed lives—almost 400 recorded decisions with almost 250 being first-time commitments! Over 2200 kids attended. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we could only run at 55% capacity, which meant that over 2000 campers were left on waitlists. That was heart-breaking. Plus, sadly we lost the final two camps (and 500 campers!) due to Covid issues but we were able to add a small day camp at the end (about 1/3 made decisions!).

**MANY YOUNG LEADERS TRAINED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS.** We welcomed 123 high school youth to one of our three summer programs: Step-Out, CIT, and LIT. Thirty college-age students started in the Kaléo leadership program in September and six are part of our intern program. Fifty-seven high school youth are part of “enRoute”—a year-round partnership of the Fellowship Pacific Ministry Centre, Baptist Foundation, and our churches. The goal is to come alongside those we trained in the summer, support them throughout the year, and help them continue to grow as leaders, all while working closely with churches. In partnership with Fellowship Pacific, we welcomed 142 to our Island Youth Workers Conference.

**GOD’S PROVISION FOR THE FINANCIAL IMPACT.** The financial impact from Covid has been immense, but God rescued us! We are extremely grateful for EVERYONE who helped Qwanoes make it through. By the end of October 2021 we were basically breaking even—it took everyone’s efforts. Our focus is now to re-set and restore the camp to hopefully run at full capacity as the Covid restrictions for overnight camps have ended in BC.

**FAITH COMES ALIVE AT CAMP!** The setting and impact of camp is needed more than ever with all that is happening in our world. The only way camp can happen (and survive things like Covid!) is through partnership. We are excited to see what God is going to do this year!

# MOUNTAINSIDE BIBLE CAMP

Aside from the amazing opportunities to experience the great outdoors, Mountainside Bible Camp exists to serve the Church, as it works to love people and reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And what better place to learn about the vastness of God than in His own creation, and what better place to experience the intimacy of God than with close friends and loving staff. In the hands of our carefully selected summer staff, your child will grow to make friends with their fellow campers and learn about their wonderful Creator, while experiencing first hand His amazing creation.

We are located in the Elk Valley in southeastern BC—our base is just a few minutes from the city of Fernie—which puts us in the heart of BC's Rocky Mountains. Within a few minutes' drive (in some cases a few steps) we have access to amazing hikes, swims, rivers, and much more. Our campers will be able to visit stunning locations from all around our valley—from National Parks, to River Rafting, to hikes featured on Canadian Geographic, we've got it all!



Being located in the Rocky Mountains, it's tough to choose just one location to host a camp. That's why every single day at Mountainside Bible Camp will consist of visiting a new and unique location!



We will be travelling by bus and bringing along packed lunches to each spot we visit in order to maximize the fun and the time spent at all of our great destinations! Every night we will be back at camp where we will be eating great food, sharing stories, singing songs and playing games before getting some much needed rest to prepare for the next day's activities.



Our activities include river rafting on the Elk River, fun at Sunshine Waterpark on Lake Koocanusa (that is: KOO-tenays, CAN-ada, oosa-U.S.A.), hiking and exploring around Silver Spring Lakes, enjoying the unparalleled beauty of Waterton Lakes National Park, exploring around (but not in) the Bisaro Cave and fishing for trout on the Elk River.

# MIGRANT WORKERS MINISTRY

*“Whoever speaks is to do so as one who is speaking actual words of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

*- 1 Peter 4:11 (NASB)*

Due to the Covid-19 safety protocols in the past two years, the Migrant Workers Ministry was unable to carry out our large group activities such as soccer tournaments, ESL classes, meals, and banquets for outreach. That greatly impeded the core of our ministry, which is building personal relationships and sharing the gospel message. However, with God’s help, we continued our outreach ministry through our newsletter, Facebook, personal calls, responding to individual workers requests, and through special outreach projects.

Praise the Lord, even though we have not had the opportunities to visit workers in the same way that we did in the past, we have been given the means and opportunities to connect with workers in other ways. We continue to work on building relationships with workers whenever possible, and most importantly, to share the gospel with them whenever we can. Even though we have been facing different challenges, we haven’t stopped serving and supporting the workers during the last two years.



Our ministry had to adapt to the circumstances that we have been facing these last two years. We needed to make changes and to find a better way to reach out to the workers to serve them, support them, and to keep sharing the gospel with them.

Last year, we organized two outreach projects for Father's Day and Christmas Day. Between these two projects, we were able to deliver more than 800 gift bags and meal packages to the workers. Even though those two projects were a blessing and were very successful, we believe that we have to do something a little bit more meaningful this Easter. So we are planning to give away 1000 Bibles among the workers.

There are seven thousand Mexican workers and approximately five-hundred Guatemalan workers coming to work in BC every year. I can assure you that at least 90% of these workers don't have a Bible. We understand that now-a-days it's very easy to read the Bible online. However, we truly believe that nothing will ever replace a traditional Bible. We all probably know a story of someone that after reading a Bible decided to follow Jesus Christ. We believe that putting a Bible, God's Word, in the hands of the workers could be the thing that leads a worker to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We hope that God will open doors and that we will find hearts and souls ready and prepared with good soil to receive the message of the gospel. Please lift up this ministry in prayer, and especially regarding our "Easter project" of giving away 1000 Bibles to the migrant workers. We remain exceedingly thankful to everyone who has supported and volunteered with this ministry, and for the continued support and encouragement from the Fellowship. You are a blessing to us.

We'll let you in to a conversation overheard in the New Hope lobby:

# NEW HOPE

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

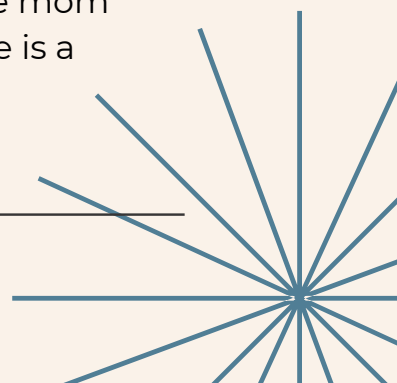


*"Mommy, what does New Hope do?"  
"Oh, girl, this is a big question. When we came to Canada, we had no home, and New Hope gave us a home. We had no family, and now we have a family. When you grow up, you have to help other people like New Hope, okay?"*

New Hope is a home and a family. In 2021, our apartment building was home to 62 residents—moms, dads, and kids who fled their own home countries due to war, persecution, and violence. Some families are just beginning their Canadian journey with us this year, and others graduated into permanent housing after spending 18 months with us. We believe that God brings each family to us for a special season, and we pray that every resident will always remember how New Hope loved, welcomed, and supported them in their first year in Canada.

We'll never forget our first in-person community dinner together as restrictions were lifted. There was singing, limboing, hugging, and laughing, and no one wanted to go home at the end of the night. We quickly remembered what it is that New Hope does best – organized chaos! Over the summer and fall, we could feel our community coming back to life. Shared cups of coffee, nerf gun fights in the hallways, English class in the Hub Room, plates of food exchanged between doors, and outings together around the city.

The heart of New Hope's ministry is captured every single time a resident says the words, "New Hope is my family." We've seen these words typed into Google translate, spoken through tears, and shared over laughter and feasting. We've heard it from little kids, single moms, and teenagers. We've seen it when Syrians and Mexicans play instruments together, Columbian and Ethiopian teenagers play basketball together, and an illiterate mom shares laundry tips to her friend with a Master's degree. New Hope is a home, a family, and a beautiful taste of the Kingdom of God.



# SUNNYBRAE BIBLE CAMP



Sunnybrae Bible Camp has much to celebrate these past years. Where there has been interruption, God provided a different work, spiritual nourishment for the staff, and unique ministry opportunities. In short, the pandemic was good for the facility, a benefit to the staff, and ministry still happened.



During the Fall & Winter months, pandemic restrictions had no more impact on Millar College of the Bible than a rainy day has on camp. Lockdowns essentially forced students together, resulting in deeper community, more fervent worship, and increased time in God's Word.

God has graciously opened our own eyes through time with Him in prayer and Scripture, and having performed this miracle, He is calling us to respond! We are hungry to engage the new opportunities opening in this changing world. God continues to forge His call in our lives and has renewed our resolve to serve the Church. We have made many adjustments to our calendar, and one of them relates directly to the Fellowship Pacific Team. SBC is excited to host a Fellowship Pacific Ministry Workers Family Camp this summer, August 7-13th. We hope to see you there!

# NORTHWEST SEMINARY & COLLEGE

2021 was a year of change, growth and blessing for Northwest, despite the COVID-19 challenges we all faced last year. We constructed and moved into a new Northwest wing in the Fosmark Centre at Trinity Western University, and celebrated with a grand opening last November. Our new facilities feature an attractive and inviting classroom/meeting space, fully equipped for video production and livestream courses, as well as a video recording and editing suite, and lounge area for students and visitors. We are immeasurably grateful to God for providing this new home debt-free, thanks to the generous support of Baptist Housing, Fellowship Pacific, White Rock Fellowship Baptist Church, and a myriad of private donors. Our profuse thanks to all who gave and prayed!



Northwest served more students and churches in achievement of our mission to develop effective pastoral and lay ministry leaders last year than we have in decades:

- 137 students in undergraduate and graduate English, French and Spanish language competency-based theological education (CBTE) programs like Immerse;
- 81 students in Korean language undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs; and
- 28 Northwest students in ACTS Seminaries programs. For a total of 246 students



Our Immerse students served and apprenticed in 40 Fellowship churches across Canada, and we launched 49 new graduates from our CBTE, Korean Language and ACTS programs into ministry in 2021. One of the new partnerships that grew substantially last year was with our sister Fellowship Seminary in Quebec, Seminaire Baptiste Evangelique du Quebec (SEMBEQ). They made the switch to CBTE programs in 2020 and now have 35 students enrolled with Northwest.

We also launched an innovative and groundbreaking new program in partnership with the Canadian Institute of Linguistics (CanIL). The new CBTE Master of Arts in Translation of Scripture program is delivered in partnership with CanIL and Bible translation organizations, and relies on team-based mentoring to train mother-tongue bible translation consultants. The first pilot of five students is currently underway with Wycliffe Ethiopia.

2021 was also a year of significant leadership change for Northwest. President Kent Anderson resigned, with Ruth McGillivray (Harris) appointed as Interim President. Academic Dean Howard Andersen announced his plan to resign in 2022. As well, the prospect of COVID-related looming deficits forced us to undertake some difficult staff reductions. Fruitful searches mean good news soon on both fronts.

God has been so good. The year started off rather bleak, and as COVID realities unfolded, we faced a significant deficit. But we and many others pray! We believe that God is pleased with our work and will provide for its continuance. And He has been providing! People gave, new students came, grants were awarded, and new partners engaged. Our small deficit is much reduced from last year's.

There are exciting things on the horizon for your school, and we are honoured and humbled to be entrusted with the task of developing future pastoral and lay leaders for Fellowship Pacific churches. We are a creative, innovative and dedicated team that cares deeply for the strength and future of our churches. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve another year, and look forward to continued and expanded partnership in ministry leadership development.

# VANCOUVER URBAN MINISTRIES

Learning to read is a challenge for almost 40 percent of kids!

The good news is that with the right support, reading problems can be overcome. Unfortunately, if a child doesn't get support to read fluently by the end of third grade, they will invariably struggle to catch up. The Covid school shutdowns and restrictions over the last two years have not been kind to struggling children.

For Vancouver Urban Ministries, this season has been both challenging and rewarding. Our continuation of free tutoring online was welcomed with much gratitude by the parents of our children who struggle greatly with learning difficulties. Over the last two years, the number of children on our free tutoring program has increased from 50 to 64. *We now have children from Indigenous, Chinese immigrant, Syrian refugee, and Filipino families being referred from over five local schools.*



*Praise God—our students are making significant progress:*

- Brian\* is in Grade 4. He was a non-reader when he joined VUM in January 2019. Currently, he is reading at Grade 4 level
- Emily\* is in Grade 6. She was reading at Grade 3 level when she joined the program last year but is now reading at Grade 6 level.



And they are even *enjoying being tutored* by our amazing, compassionate, dedicated, tutoring team!

- “Jihye, you teach me lots of fun stuff. It makes me feel happy.”
- “I like tutoring because it's fun and I get to learn new stuff.”

Our tutoring program also allows us to interact with our families to demonstrate God's boundless love.

Our 2021 “*Born to Shine*” summer day camp gave us a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with 32 kids over a week in July. We had small groups, indoor and outdoor games, dance and movement, crafts and great dramatic presentations of the five love languages. The parents and kids loved the camp. One smiling mom quipped, “*What have you done with my son? He comes home from camp so enthusiastic and happy!*”

*Praise God* that two of our previously unchurched students have become regular attenders of activities at the church that kindly hosted our camp.

At Christmas, we have the great privilege of helping our low-income families experience the real joy of the season. Every year we provide Christmas hampers to our families.

*Praise God* that, thanks to the generosity of our church partners, we managed to gift 162 hampers to low-income families this year (up from 85 hampers the previous year). Each hamper contained Christmas foodstuffs, a \$100 grocery gift card, and gifts for all the children in the family. A Christian ministry also partnered with us to provide Christian literature for the parents and children, along with two jars of honey. So many families were overwhelmed and confessed that without our help, they would have had a very poor Christmas. One of the Syrian Refugee families wrote a card which simply said: “*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!*”

Please continue to pray for God's hand on us as we return to in-person tutoring and music lessons.

# WOMEN IN NEED GAINING STRENGTH

We have all experienced challenge and uncertainty these past two years, navigating through multiple waves of the pandemic, how to safely survive the ups and downs of everything, figuring out safety solutions for children, work, life, etc. In an emergency transition house, this has had many additional elements. Not only the difficulties of communal living, but also experiencing the reality that statistics show—that the pandemic has resulted in a sharp spike in domestic abuse, vastly escalated by isolation and limited escape opportunities. We have seen God provide His grace to us in a million ways, often so simply that we tend to take it for granted although we have relied upon His care so completely. As we reflect on WINGS over these past two years, there are two themes in God’s provision that stand out in my mind.



WINGS

The first is resilience, defined as “the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.” we have seen that in our dedicated staff who provide a lifeline to women and children impacted by domestic abuse. Our passion and responsibility is to keep vital shelter and supportive services running for those who rely on them. You can’t do that without the resilience that God has made possible. We have seen that in our organizational community as so many have been made more vulnerable by the pandemic but have joined together to weather the storm. You can’t do that without resilience and God being central.

The second is people helping people. We have seen it each and every day through so many creative and spontaneous gestures. We saw it in the response to our Christmas projects as many took on the challenge of providing a hopeful Christmas for many women and children. As we continue to support the women and children who have had the courage to reach out while in a desperate place, our goal is to get them rooted, grounded, and set up for a better future as they prepare to leave us, be it after one week, one month, or one year. We recently received an email from one of our former residents that captures one of the outcomes we strive for each day...

*"My children and I stayed at the transition house in 2013. Though that was one of the hardest times of our lives, your staff literally saved our lives. I could not have gotten to where I am today without the love and support of all of the staff. It's been a bumpy road for me and my kids, but we are so much stronger now. I am so grateful."*

Serving in faithfulness, walking alongside such a faithful God who provides. We could not be more blessed.

