

FELLOWSHIP PACIFIC

# IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

2020/21



A coastal scene with a rocky beach, a large rock, and a cloudy sky. The text is centered over the image.

TO LEVERAGE THE COLLECTIVE  
STRENGTH OF OUR CHURCHES  
IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A GOD-  
HONOURING IMPACT IN BC AND  
YUKON



## LET'S CELEBRATE!

What a year it has been! Covid has changed everything about what we do and yet it has changed nothing about why we do it.

Here at the Fellowship Pacific ministry centre we have been so inspired as we have watched our churches and agencies continue to persevere and stay faithful to the gospel mandate God has given them.

The stories and stats in the following pages are just a small glimpse into the incredible things God has been doing in and through our churches during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithfulness. It is a pleasure for our team to serve alongside you!





SENIORS CAME TO FAITH AT BAPTIST HOUSING IN THE LAST YEAR!

One Baptist Housing resident shared how "in this place" she has experienced the safety to be herself, to be vulnerable, to shout or cry and know that she will not be made to feel guilty or be condemned.

## IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO PARTNER WITH THESE AMAZING MINISTRIES:

- **Baptist Housing**
- **Northwest Seminary**
- **W.I.N.G.s (Women in Need Gaining Strength)**
- **New Hope Community Services**
- **Camp Qwanoes**
- **Sunnybrae Camp**
- **Vancouver Urban Ministries**
- **Migrant Workers Ministry**

# CELEBRATING WITH...

## **FROM** **CAMP QWANOES:**

Our Fellowship family was an amazing support and help through the impact of COVID in 2020. We could not have made it without them!

In the final minutes before midnight on December 31, final donations came in to reach the goal—it meant that God had provided the entire \$1,350,000 financial gap from the impact of COVID from March to December!

5 students graduated from **IMMERSE** in September 2020

# ...OUR AGENCIES



**New Hope Families' Countries of Origin 2020**



## FROM NEW HOPE COMMUNITY SERVICES:

The wonder of intercultural community: imagine a nomadic cattle herder from Sudan, a university professor from Iraq, a persecuted Christian from Eritrea, and others fleeing violence from across the globe, starting their new Canadian journey together at New Hope. Imagine them eating pizza together on Zoom or children digging for worms together in the dirt.

This is New Hope!

## AT CHRISTMAS, VANCOUVER URBAN MINISTRIES PROVIDED 85 FAMILIES WITH A HAMPER AND GIFTS

The most unusual gift request was for a tie for Jason. The 6 year-old was delighted with his gift!

We discovered that Jason and his mom had ended up in shelter over Christmas. This gave us the opportunity to provide all the kitchen and household goods they needed to settle into new accommodation.

*"Thank you so much, we are safe now!"  
- Jason's mom*



**Ridge Church** had the opportunity to partner with other local churches this past Good Friday and serve their city by producing a service that had representation from 13 churches and aired to over 2300 people!

**175 +** local individuals who searched online for terms like "loneliness," "addiction," "marriage problems," "anxiety," and "depression" were re-directed to the **Redemption Community Church** website where they left messages and received a personal response from the church.



## FROM VILLAGE CHURCH

In February 2021, **Village Church** and **Mountainview Church** partnered to pack and distribute 200 Boxes of Light to neighbours in Whitehorse who were dealing with a very dark time of year in the North.

**200+**

YOUTH STUDENTS CONNECTED IN SMALL GROUPS ONLINE AND HEARD THE GOSPEL!

BAPTISMS ON MARCH 13, 2021!

**42**

**378**

GRADUATES FROM FREEDOM SESSION SINCE COVID-19 STARTED!

## SOUTHRIDGE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

SouthRidge created a Christmas "Wonder Box" filled with a few special items for families. They reached almost 2000 people, including 700 at the Langley Food Bank.



## FROM PRINCETON BAPTIST CHURCH

We are grateful for the donation of this building that we will use to house our ever-growing food bank (Princeton Food Bank), and the attached 100 year old chapel will provide for additional ministry opportunities in the future.

We also had the opportunity to work alongside local schools to distribute meals to families. We spent many days distributing food alongside teachers and principals ministering to the needs of these families!

When McKenna & Shae decided to get engaged before the pandemic, they had no clue what 2020 would bring. When the waves of fear began to roll over them and the pandemic would pare down their wedding plans, they decided they needed JESUS to be their Saviour. One week before their wedding I had the privilege of baptizing them!

- Bob Evans, SCC Sicamous



## KINGDOM LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Over Christmas, we partnered with Langley Community Services and gave out over 70 bags of groceries to several families. As a result, we connected with two separate Eritrean families who, we discovered later, knew each other when they arrived as refugees in Manitoba. One family in particular has since become part of our KLCC family. We are so blessed.

Our Pakistani sponsored family is now settled, trained, and employed. Our Congolese family has increased in independence, proficiency in English, and will likely be planning a wedding soon!

In our own church, we have seen a budding romance come full bloom, and two of our Seniors are now officially engaged. Praise God.

Given the diverse makeup of our church, we were profoundly impacted by the racial crisis and outrage in the US. We celebrate the fact that we have wrestled with, prayed into, and boldly spoken out in those spaces the Lord continues to open for us.

Jorge, a member of **Cornerstone**, comes from Colombia. His praise story spans many miles.

It all started last year when his sister, Teresa, & her husband, Arturo, were locked down in Colombia. Teresa was working from home, but Arturo lost his job and they reached out to Jorge for prayer. Then came the questions. What does the Bible say about the pandemic? Is the end of days near? In time they asked Jorge to teach them the Bible.

Jorge began a daily devotional time with them over Zoom and, beginning in Acts, explained the birth of the Church & the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples.

As they worked through the New Testament, soon Teresa & Arturo accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour! They are in contact with Fellowship International missionary, Diego Cardona, and have been linked with a church in their town.

Teresa & Arturo hope to visit Canada soon and, when they do, want to be baptized!

## CORNERSTONE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH



## RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH

This pandemic has greatly affected the seniors' communities globally, producing a lot of anxiety, isolation, depression, lack of involvement in activities, and social connections. This has taught us to be innovative in engaging them in other ways. With this in mind, the Golden Roots Seniors' Project, funded by the government's New Horizon for Seniors Program (NHSP), is connecting and engaging seniors with adult volunteers from our congregation and others in the city of Richmond.

In this Golden Roots project, 40 seniors are writing an inspirational story. These stories will be bilingual. We will print each of them in four books (10 stories per book), publish them online on our website, produce audio books, broadcast, and donate these inspirational books to libraries, senior centres, and local community centers. We pray that these inspirational stories of seniors would bring God-honouring impact to our communities and leave a great legacy to their grandchildren and generations to come.

We will also donate a tablet to each senior and our adult volunteers will teach them how to surf the internet and attend zoom meetings so they can become more familiar and more comfortable with our online church services and other

technological challenges in their new virtual environment.



**"This Golden Roots Project has enabled me to leave behind a legacy of God's lost love, having left God at age 17, living a tumultuous life, finding His amazing grace at age 60, and resulting in finding a truly godly woman to love at age 74."**

**- Bill Montgomery**



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