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Refugee Assistance





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For in him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

My favourite climate scientist, Katherine Hayhoe, uses the term ‘global weirding’ to describe the strange weather that we are experiencing right across this tiny planet. I believe it is also a reasonable way of describing the brokenness that is evident right across many other contexts.

The Bible speaks of shalom; yet, the experience of most of the world is anything but. Regardless of whether the cause is political, climate, or economical, we continue to see individuals torn apart from loved ones with the global refugee crisis. Tragically, we’ve become accustomed to world hunger, water borne diseases, slavery, and a dreadful long list of other woeful realities that those made in the image of God are experiencing.

Amid this world chaos, the Risen Jesus is powerfully at work to bring shalom through the power of His divine hand, calling His followers to be actively involved. Jesus is reconciling His followers with God, one another, and all of creation.

McKernan Baptist Church embraces the reality that our calling goes well beyond our building, the city of Edmonton and Canada. That is why we are eager to participate with Jesus and what He is doing through the strategic partnerships you will see represented in this magazine. As you read who we are intentionally involved with, please be reminded that these strategic partnerships are standing up against devastating and degrading obstacles. Yet, as Christians, they are fulfilling their call to faithfully be the Body of Christ in His reconciling mission.

The shape of the Cross reminds us that the brokenness of humanity involves horizontal and vertical relationships. Brokenness is sometimes blaringly evident and often much more hidden. This reality calls us as the church to listen to the human agony and to God; to be actively involved as Jesus’s followers in the ministry of restoration, Christian witness and transformation.

Thank you to the 142 people that gave financially to the Missions Fund in the 2022-23 Budget year. Thank you to all that have lifted countless prayers for this ministry. Thank you for joining the movement that is aligning with Jesus and His compelling ministry of reconciliation. Jesus smiles upon your involvement in what He is doing. We are grateful that He has included McKernan Baptist Church in His exciting Kingdom work to the oppressed.

In His service,

Pastor Dan

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REFUGEE ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

The government of Canada committed to allowing at least 400,000 newcomers to Canada each year. More recently, our government swiftly created avenues to allow many from Ukraine to be in Canada. Our global neighbours will be increasingly attending the same schools as our children and shopping at the same stores as us.

We must ask ourselves, “How are we welcoming the stranger?”

“Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.” Deut.10:19

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,” Matt.25:35

Will the many displaced people be drawn to McKernan Baptist Church?

In the spring of 2022, McKernan launched the Refugee Assistance Ministry. The church has rallied around this need, and we are welcoming nine people from Ukraine. These next few months will involve plenty of loving assistance for these new friends.

As we prayerfully discern the next steps, we are exploring what other displaced people we are called to assist. We welcome your involvement in this crucial ministry.

Please go to <https://mckernanbaptist.ca/Missions> for more information, or contact Pastor Dan.

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- Brianna Ramer

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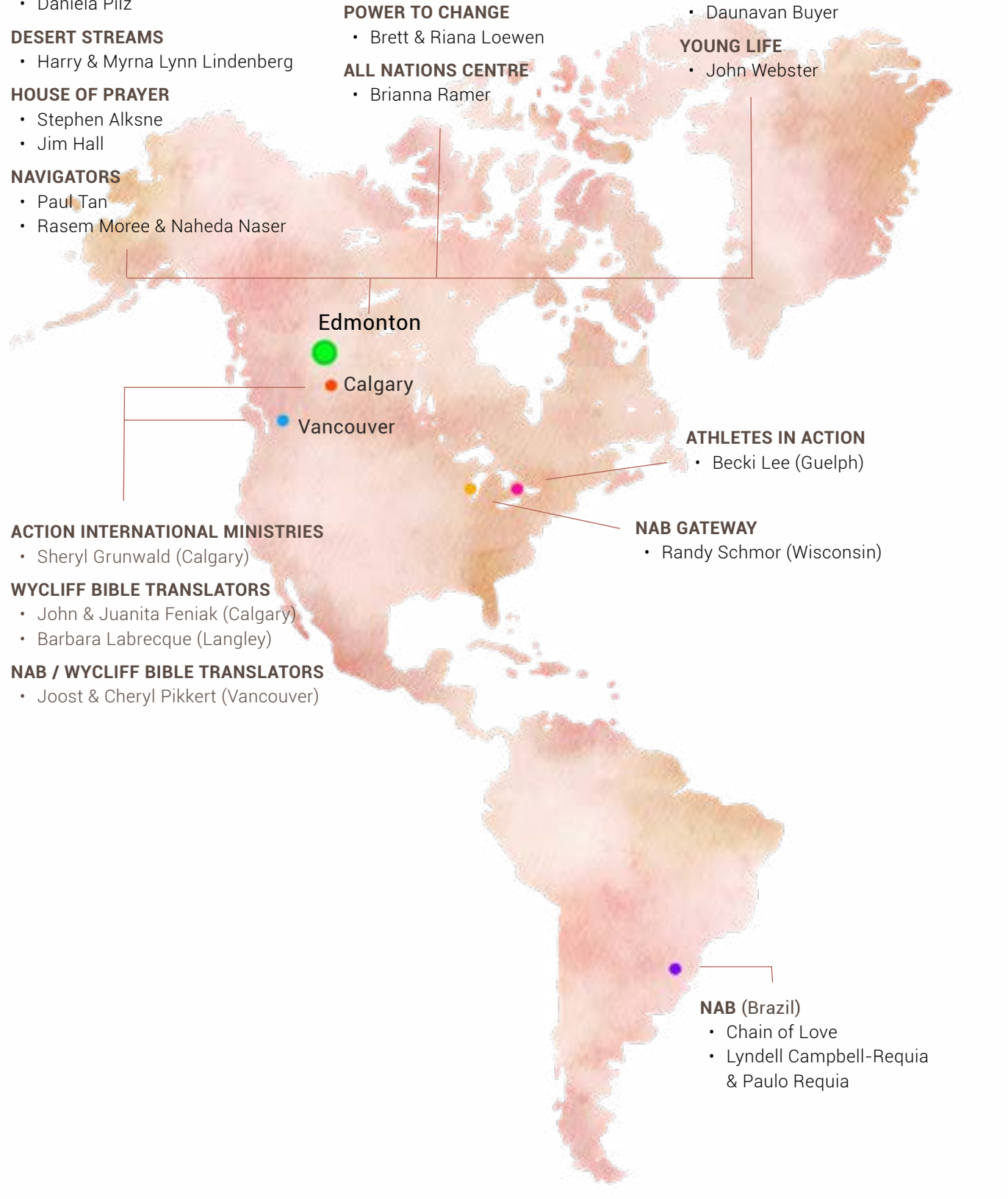
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NAB (Romania)

- Jason & Erin Bergman

NAB (Japan)

- Yuri Nakano

HUNGRY FOR LIFE (S. Asia)

- Priscilla Project

NAB (E. Asia)

- Nick & Iris

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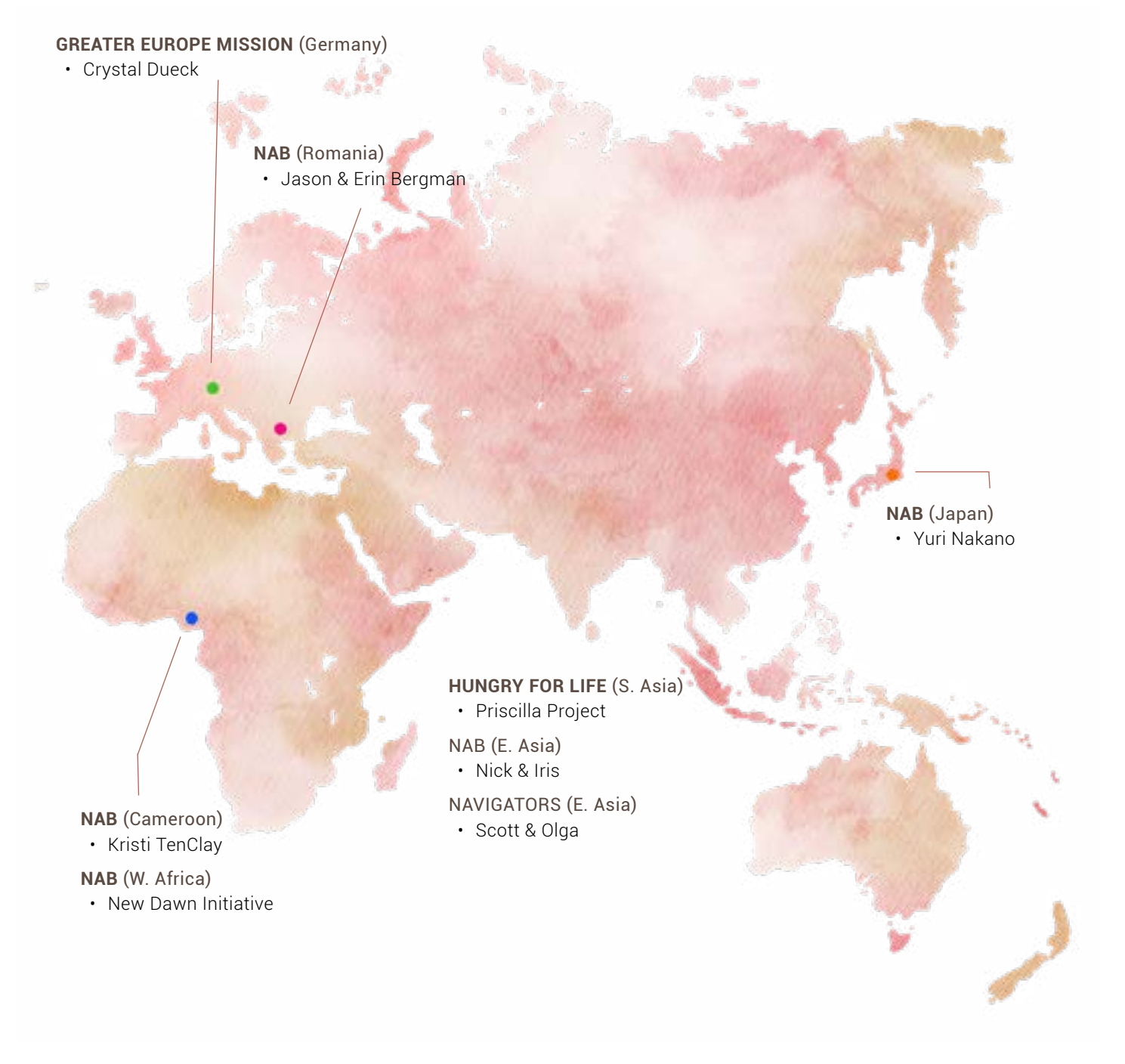
- Scott & Olga

NAB (Cameroon)

- Kristi TenClay

NAB (W. Africa)

- New Dawn Initiative



HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

This is a great question and I'll suggest at least these five ways:

1

Continue To Grow Deeper In Your Love For God

Study the Word of God. I am convinced that when we are immersed in the Scriptures we will grow closer to sharing the passion that God has for all the peoples of the world. As you read, listen for how God's Spirit speaks to you to go and compassionately care for the spiritual and physical needs that are evident throughout this world. This world needs Jesus, and Jesus chooses to use those that love Him to go with Him. So, listen well and see the people that He desires for you to serve.

3

Give Though It Hurts

Yup, just said it...though it hurts. God has blessed us immeasurably. He is always faithful and will never leave us. Look at your financial situation and prayerfully discern how it aligns with the ministry that God is doing in the lives of others. God continues to be calling us to benevolently give so that the land is healed, the needs are met, and the hurting would stop. This magazine identifies many worthy causes that would welcome your direct 'crowd sourcing'.

If you'd like to be involved through our Missions Fund at McKernan, here are several ways to give:

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Use the email, give@mckernanbaptist.ca via your mobile or online banking app. Specify "Missions Fund" in the message.

4

Get Involved In The Life Of Our Strategic Partnerships

We have such amazing people at McKernan that have such tender hearts for the needs of others. Take a look at which of these partnerships would be a good fit for you and your loved ones to care for. There is no end to the ways to build a deep relationship with our partners. Here are a few examples:

- Commit to regular correspondence with them (email, Instagram, Facebook, even cards!)
- Remind them that they are not alone by sending a gift
- When they return from their field work, see what their needs are and what role you can have

2

Dedicate Yourself To Prayer And Fasting

As you flip through this publication, listen to how the Lord is calling you to minister to and through our strategic partnerships. You are welcome to connect directly with these partnerships so that you can pray for them even more specifically. Every Sunday morning in the service and every Thursday morning in our daily devotional, we feature one of these strategic partnerships. Contact the office to have the devotional guide sent to you each morning. God continues to be transforming the lives of people from right around the world. Some you'll meet regularly, some you'll need to be intentional, some you'll never meet. But they all benefit from your heartfelt prayers.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pick up a pre-authorized debit agreement form at the Welcome Centre or download one from our website. Return it with a void cheque to one of the offering boxes or return it to the Welcome Centre in an envelope marked "Confidential: Office Administrator". Check off "Missions Fund" on the form.

ONLINE GIVING

Our website accommodates Visa, Mastercard, and debit cards for recurring and one-time donations, mckernanbaptist.ca/giving/.

DEBIT MACHINE

A giving station is available at the Welcome Centre during Sunday services and in the church office (Mon – Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm). Specify "Missions Fund" on the receipt..

5

Become A Strategic Partner

Is the Lord calling you to go? Sometimes the most destiny altering decision is made when we simply decide to go. We'd love to help you discern how to take this next step of faith.

Long Term – The internet has no shortage of sending organizations. Contact us and we'd gladly walk alongside of you to discern where it is that you are being called to.

Short Term – Certainly short term missions has been dramatically affected by Covid-19. The needs are still there; however the logistics have been altered. Let us be involved in this process with you.

ALBU, Aaron (Athletes in Action)

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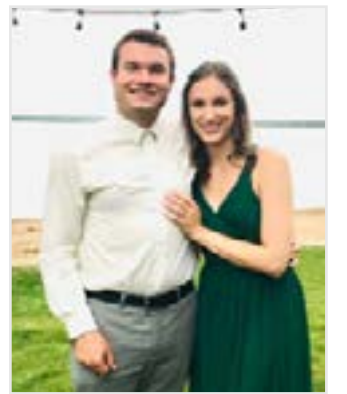
Aaron currently serves as the campus director for MacEwan University with Athletes In Action. He leads a weekly meeting with their student athletes throughout the academic year, and provides chaplaincy services to a few of their sports teams. He is also working as a sports chaplain and coach with The King's University, specifically with the men's soccer team. This summer, Aaron has been serving as a chaplain with the Edmonton Huskies of the CJFL, and is also creating a new partnership to serve the Edmonton Stingers basketball team. He is also assisting Brent Kassian as a junior chaplain in training with the Edmonton Elks.

Right now, Aaron would love prayer for the new(ish) student ministry at MacEwan as he prepares for the fall, and for God to open doors with his chaplaincy work in the amateur and professional sports world in Edmonton.

Aaron and his wife Megan love hosting students, athletes, and young adults at their home in Edmonton.

If you have a passion for sports and ministry, or see a way that sport could be used for missions, Aaron would love to connect with you.

Thank you, McKernan Baptist Church!



ALKSNE, Stephen (House of Prayer, Edmonton)

hopedmonton.ca

I was raised here in Edmonton and when I was around 15 years old I came to a saving faith in Jesus. In my earlier days, I began attending House of Prayer Edmonton and immediately saw a profound growth in my personal prayer life. Through many life events, I strongly felt that the Lord was handing to me an invitation to be on staff at HoPE vocationally.

I have now been on staff at the House of Prayer Edmonton for the last 10 years, which has been one of the great honours of my life. We are a ministry that is focused on praying for the city for things like believers in the workplace, the lost, the homeless, families, etc... Also, as a local non-denominational ministry, we have a

great heart for bringing the church together in unity, so we have done many events where we gather the various churches of Edmonton together for worship and prayer.

Thank you McKernan Baptist, for all of your prayerful and financial support!



BERGMAN, Jason and Erin (NAB Romania)

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We are excited to give you a new update on our ministry! We work in connection with Camp Falcon Rock, a camp in Romania that seeks to raise up the next generation of believers and leaders for the spread of the gospel to the people of Romania. Our organization is partnered with the Hungarian Baptist Convention and so we work primarily with Hungarian people, but we also have some great friendships and connections with Romanians. We just came off of an amazing camp season and we are so thankful for all of the great things that God has done and will continue to do. We will also be looking forward to seeing some of our campers back for Winter Camp!

We recently moved into a house that is a quick drive to the camp and so we are settling into a new lifestyle out in the country and adapting to all of the changes that it brings. As we look ahead to the fall, we are discerning ministry opportunities in our new location. Erin enjoyed a mentoring ministry last year and hopes to continue and expand this ministry. Jason continues to

work in construction, and we will be joining a local village church somewhere nearby. It is a bit of a transition season, and we are looking forward to new opportunities and listening and paying attention to what the Lord

is setting up for us here in our new location. Thank you for being a part of the journey and linking arms with us as we learn from, partner with and share our lives with the people of Romania.

With thankful hearts, Jason, Erin, Dani, Cristian, Olin & Keli

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*"Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.
Then all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" (Deut 27:19)*

*Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;
the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. (Ps 41:1)*

BUYER, Daunavan (Resurgence Initiatives)

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My name is Daunavan Buyer and I am the associate Director of Resurgence Initiatives. For the past 2 years I have been specifically responsible for overseeing all that we do in Edmonton and represent Resurgence as an itinerant minister.

I'm married to Kirsten and we have two kids, Ava (5) and Daniel (3). On a personal note, I love coffee, sports (Go Oilers!), reading, and playing music. I have a bachelor of theology in Pastoral Ministry from Vanguard, a Masters of Missional Leadership from Rochester College, and am currently participating in a leadership development journey through Arrow Leadership. I am also privileged to be ordained through the North American Baptists at the recommendation of the board and congregation of McKernan Baptist Church, where I pastored for 8 years. Ministry wise, my heart burns to see people come alive to who they are in Christ, their identity as a son or daughter, and the reality of God's Spirit inside of them.

Resurgence exists to revive Churches (through partnerships, unity gatherings, city-wide prayer initiatives, itinerant speaking and equipping), reach people (through regular outreaches, partnering with missions' organizations, mission trips across Canada including trips to the Canadian North & other First Nations reserves) and release leaders (through practical leadership training, a leadership podcast, and providing platforms and opportunities for people across the city). We seek to do this in a way that is kingdom-minded, whole, spirit-led, relational, and fruitful.

Every month Resurgence gathers a group of people from Churches across the region. We do this because of our high value of unity and our strong belief that God moves when His people express their worship in this way. In addition to our gatherings, we have a prayer meeting each month as well as a night of

leadership development. On a yearly basis we do a city-wide prayer or worship initiative.

Behind the scenes, what gets me excited about my role is threefold.

1) Partnering with pastors, Churches, and individuals in the city to believe for a move of God in Edmonton that is bigger than any one church, 2) serving churches in very practical ways (speaking, leading worship, equipping, leadership development, pastors' networks, and connecting ministries/people), and 3) walking alongside and discipling some incredible leaders from churches across the city.

Currently, the Resurgence staff consists of myself and our executive director, Travis Holownia. Travis started Resurgence 15 years ago as a way of helping Young Adults across the city encounter God and grow in their faith/community. He is an incredible leader whose heart burns to see God moving all across Canada.

For more information about Resurgence and information about our events (yes, you're all welcome and encouraged to come out) check out www.liveresurgence.com or our Instagram account, [@liveresurgence](https://www.instagram.com/liveresurgence). If you want to meet for coffee or a walk and talk about Resurgence please don't hesitate to reach out. God Bless!



CAMPBELL-REQUIA, Lyndell and Paulo Requia (NAB Brazil)

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Lyndell has been serving as a missionary since 2003 and is currently the field director for NAB in Brazil. She continues to serve as a full-time professor and Coordinator of the Pastoral Formation program at the Rio Grande do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary. Her main teaching subjects are Leadership, Christian Education, Hermeneutics and Missions. She is also one of the faculty mentors for the Kairos Project. Lyndell is in her 4th year of her PhD in Intercultural Studies, doing her field research on how women from poor communities in southern Brazil relate to, interpret, and contextualize the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In recent years, Lyndell has been studying photography. Not only is this her favorite hobby, but Lyndell has had the opportunity to take photos for special church services and birthdays, graduations and even for two wedding ceremonies of couples from her church.

Paulo's ministry, as a partner missionary through Hispanics for Christ, focuses on serving poor communities in three areas: he teaches adults who are working on getting their elementary school, high school diploma and writing the Brazilian national

university entrance exam; he oversees the development and expansion of a ballet school; and he raises funds to send underprivileged kids to Bible camp each summer and winter. He

also serves as pastor of Niteroi Baptist Church. Paulo is working on his master's in divinity through the Kairos Project. He is an avid reader, reading anywhere from 10-20 books at a time.

Paulo and Lyndell have been married for 12 ½ years and have a dog named Stella, and 4 birds. Lyndell is in the process of applying for her Brazilian citizenship and Paulo is applying for Canadian residency status. They would be very grateful if you would pray for these applications.



CRANTON, Aaron (Old Strathcona Street Mission)

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The Father has called us to journey, in the Spirit of Christ, alongside our homeless and marginalized neighbours in Old Strathcona, providing emotional, spiritual, and relational support directly and through partnerships with community organizations.

As honest, mutually vulnerable friendships deepen, many are moved to change their circumstance and transition from hopelessness to hope. Many in our community who are homeless and marginalized are tremendously burdened by unforgiveness, shame, and guilt. In an attempt to ease their pain, many become addicted to a lifestyle of drugs, alcohol and toxic relationships. Many women living on the street have at one time been pressured into prostitution. God is using His street outreach mission to ensure that everybody knows at a heart level His desire to be in a personal relationship with ALL of His children. Everyone can experience the forgiveness and healing that comes through accepting Christ's gift of forgiveness and call to a new life.

Our reputation is growing as a group of people committed to

fostering meaningful relationships with the objective of reconciliation with our Father.

We continue to be blessed by witnessing and being part of the breakthroughs in the lives of our homeless neighbours because of God's love for all His people.

If you'd like to learn more or participate in this movement of bringing the hope of Christ to those wrestling with hopelessness, call/text Aaron at 780.716.9448, or email him.



DUECK, Crystal (Greater Europe Mission / GEM)

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My mission is to embolden Christians, especially those belonging to Mosaik Nord Church, to share Christ's love with each other. I work as a staff member in a unique German church, boasting more Middle Eastern members than German or any other culture, and serve in many aspects including worship, mentorship, support for the pastors and their families, Sunday service behind the scenes help, administration, helping in building facility management, and cleaning. My main role is leading our culturally diverse hospitality team. This team oversees the greeters and all food and drink related needs for our Sunday services. Our team's main goal is to model and share Christ's love with everyone we serve, helping to build-up God's Kingdom here in Frankfurt.

Building a hospitality ministry within the church was a long and difficult season. In fact, many of our teams struggled to find enough people willing to serve; but over time, and with much prayer, God has called and positioned the right people to serve. Watching the church members grow has been such a joy!

Thank you for considering your partnership with the work God is doing in Frankfurt, Germany, and Europe! Without supporters and donors like you, I wouldn't be able to share Christ's love with a hurting people. When you partner with me, this becomes your mission too! I thank you from the bottom of my heart for choosing this ministry and following God's call to support what He is doing here!

You can contact me at, crystal.dueck@gemission.org/, and support me from here, gemission.org/donatemissionary/crystal-dueck/.



FENIAK, John and Juanita (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

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Did you know there are over 7,300 languages in the world? 54% of those are without a single Bible verse translated, and 37% only have portions of the Bible translated. Wycliffe is working to end "Bible Poverty" and bring the Word of God to those who do not yet have it in a language they best understand.

John is a Development Officer, connecting with donors across Western Canada to share about field projects and the amazing stories of what God is doing in the lives of those we serve around the world. Having worked on the field (Thailand & Myanmar) for 10 years, John and Juanita can share from experience, and they also love to learn from the donors how God is at work in their lives, and how that intersects with the work of Wycliffe.

Juanita is a Member Care Advisor, a role that has been described as part HR, and part pastoral care. Juanita works directly with many of our 300+ Wycliffe Canada missionaries, helping them to be supported and successful in their roles, especially as they go through transitions in their work and family life. Juanita also has a part-time role helping John in Development work, meeting donors, and sharing the stories and opportunities for them to be involved.

Isaiah 55:11 says, "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." This scripture is true, it is happening around the world, and we are blessed to have a part in this. And thank you to all at McKernan Baptist Church for your part in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the nations! And thank you for your prayers! Please pray:

- For translation and language work to continue unhindered
 - For remaining language groups to receive God's Word in their language
 - For health, workload balance, & keeping in step with the Spirit
- Reach out to John via email, john.feniak@wycliffe.ca/.



GRUNWALD, Sheryl (ACTION International Ministries) actioninternational.org; gcfleadership.org

I've been serving in global missions since 2005, and currently serve as the Global Children's Ministry Training Director for ACTION International Ministries, whose goal is to bring the hope of the Gospel to the world through evangelism, discipleship, and development. I'm passionate about equipping children's ministry leaders around the world to reach, disciple and empower the next generation.

My work has taken me to 31 countries over the past 18 years, training children's ministry leaders and advocating for the importance of investing spiritually in children. In addition to working with children's leaders at the grassroots level, part of my ministry involves serving on the global leadership team of the Global Children's Forum Leadership Experience (GCF LE), a one-year life-changing leadership development program for emerging children's ministry leaders around the world. In 2022 I mentored an all-African team who hosted LE in Kenya and I am in the process of mentoring a Latin American team who will run LE from October 2023-July 2024, including a month-long intensive training in Brazil in 2024. I hope to join them in Brazil. I'm also in the final stages of writing my dissertation for a PhD in Holistic Child Development through the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in the Philippines. God willing, I will defend it later this year and graduate in the spring.

My home base is in Calgary, AB, and I'm so thankful for McKernan Baptist's ongoing partnership in this great ministry.

- Pray that God would guide, protect, and fill me with His Spirit as I travel, teach and speak
- Pray for wisdom as I balance ministry and studies, particularly for the focus needed to finish writing my dissertation
- Pray that I will always prioritize the cultivating of my relationship with God and serve out of His fullness
- Pray that a new generation of children's ministry leaders would be raised up to reach, disciple and empower children around the world

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HALL, Jim (House of Prayer, Edmonton)

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House of Prayer Edmonton (HoPE) works to facilitate prayer for Christians from different churches and denominations to pray together for our city, province and nation. We host daily and monthly prayer gatherings. We believe that prayer is an essential part for the work of missions. We also work with local churches and ministries to help equip, call and connect Christians on the subject and practice of prayer.

I am the Executive Director of HoPE and a typical week for me focuses around organizing, leading and participating in our daily prayer gatherings and working to engage others in the ministry of prayer and intercession.

I grew up attending McKernan with my family. During my high school years I came to faith in Christ and was baptized at

McKernan, so it is deeply meaningful to have the MBC family partner with the ministry work I am doing at HoPE.

My wife Pam and I have been married for 26 years and we have 2 wonderful children: Rebekah and Josiah.

Please feel free to visit our website or contact me at jim@hopedmonton.ca/.



LABRECQUE, Barbara (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

wycliffe.ca

Barbara has had the privilege of serving with Wycliffe since 1998. From 2000 to 2013, Barbara and her family lived and served in Vanuatu in the South Pacific working with and training local language speakers in two related languages in Bible translation, literacy, and Scripture use. In May 2016, those two language communities celebrated the arrival of their Bibles in their own languages. Barbara continues to serve with Wycliffe at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL), Wycliffe Canada's training school in BC. It is a blessing to be part of the team at CanIL which seeks to equip the next generation to give marginalized people around the world access to God's Word and education.

At CanIL, Barbara works in finances, administration, and donor relations, officially. Unofficially, she does whatever needs to be done and makes the most of opportunities to

talk to students about language development and cross-cultural living.

- Please pray for CanIL's leadership team and faculty
- Please pray for the CanIL students who are seeking to serve in Bible translation and literacy
- Please pray for Barbara's adult children as they seek to follow Christ

Email Barbara at, barbara.labrecque@wycliffe.ca/.



LEE, Becki (Athletes in Action)

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As I launch into my seventeenth September as Athletes in Action (AIA) Campus staff, I continue to anticipate the Lord doing amazing things in and through the lives of university athletes. The mission of AIA is to "help people know Jesus and experience his power to change the world through sport." I understand this first hand, as I myself came to know Jesus personally through AIA while playing rugby at McMaster University in 2000.

This past year was once again an encouraging, but full, year of ministry for me with AIA at the University of Guelph (U of G). One of the reasons that it felt especially full, was that in addition to leading AIA at the U of G, this past September I began a Master of Arts in Evangelism and Leadership at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois (a Chicago suburb). It is a hybrid program, meaning that it is a combination of online and in-person intensive courses. I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to travel to Wheaton for one week each of the past three semesters to engage in in-class learning. It has been immensely practical, and is already making me a better leader and minister of the gospel.

One of the highlights of this past year on campus was seeing the Lord raise up and grow two amazing student leaders, one of whom was only eighteen years old when he started last fall! The Lord also provided two amazing staff volunteers to fill the gap with my full-time colleague Helmut moving into a new role in a new city. Unfortunately, though, the new full-time staff who was raising support to join my team this year has responded to a different call to a church ministry role. The Lord's leading is obvious in this, and yet it still leaves me without a team.

Another highlight this year was our involvement in the campus-wide Alpha Course. I once again had the privilege of hosting a table with two AIA students alongside me as helpers. It was such a wonderful experience and we saw one of our participants have a dramatic conversation to Christ after weeks of wrestling and prayer for him. It was a beautiful outcome and he has been continuing to meet with one the AIA student leaders and Power to Change staff members for ongoing discipleship.

Please pray for wisdom and the Lord's provision for a staff team for me and creativity in the meantime/towards that need.

Pray for clarity, wisdom and focus as we meet to seek the Lord for planning and direction for the year as leaders.

Please continue pray "that God would open a door for our message...that [we] may proclaim it clearly, as [we] should" (Col. 4:2-4)

Thank you to McKernan Baptist for your partnership in bringing the gospel to university athletes and beyond, through Athletes in Action.

Feel free to contact Becki: beckil@athletesinaction.ca/.



LEE, Isaac (Athletes in Action)

athletesinaction.ca

Isaac Lee has worked with Athletes in Action since 2010, when we felt the call to serve student athletes with the Gospel. Since that time he has helped a number of athletes understand the importance of living for Jesus in the world of sports. Isaac has a passion for developing disciples of Jesus, who will go into the athletic world and reach others with the Gospel.

Recently Isaac has accepted a position at the Faith and Sports Institute at Baylor University Truett Seminary, where he will be teaching, educating and equipping people for sports ministry. He desires to see more and more athletes reached with the

Gospel, but knows there is a huge need for more people to understand the importance of a relationship with Jesus and the pursuit of sports. And how each of us can participate in the work of sports ministry.



*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

LINDENBERG, Harry and Myrna Lynn (Desert Streams)

desertstreams.ca

Desert Streams Healing Ministries was established in Edmonton in 2005. Although the ministry's primary focus is on healing of the inner person, we desire to see healing come to the whole person! We love partnering with God to help people get free from all types of brokenness and bondage!

The primary services we provide are: personal ministry appointments, two healing retreats per year, our LiFE Light School (an introduction to healing ministry), and our LiFE School of Healing and Discipleship (a longer, more comprehensive and in-depth school). See our website for more details about these primary services!

We currently have four staff members, and a volunteer ministry team of approximately thirty people. We operate out of our ministry center, which is located near 99 St. and Whitemud Freeway. Myrna Lynn and I serve as the directors of Desert

Streams. We have four adult children whom we love and enjoy!

We're very thankful for our longstanding partnership with McKernan Baptist Church! Please pray that God would continue to give us much grace, guidance and growth for 2022/23 as we work with Him to "Help people come to Life!"

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LOEWEN, Brett and Riana (Power to Change)

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Brett and Riana Loewen serve at the University of Alberta with the university student ministry Power to Change (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). Power to Change exists to help students take their next step towards Jesus. We long to see every student walking closer to Jesus and experiencing life in Him.

Brett and Riana have a passion to help students know and experience Jesus, seeing His relevance in all of life. They live out this desire as they disciple Christian students, lead Bible studies, care for students in the larger student body, and create spaces

for students to discover Jesus. Brett and Riana have two amazing sons named Everett and Max. In their spare time, Brett and Riana love reading, exploring the mountains and enjoying a good cup of coffee.



MOREE, RASEM and NAHEDA NASER (Navigators Canada)

navigators.ca

Naheda and I have been ministering God with Navigators for 17 years. We basically concentrate on evangelism and discipleship among the Muslims and the lost.

Bible Study & Discipleship for Arabic Speaking Families

We have started with two families, this year we have five families. We have a Zoom meeting every week we mainly encourage them to begin a Bible Study. But this year 2023 God has joined third family (Dr. Farnham and his wife Sibba, another lady Dr. Amal and another brother from Calgary Fouad). All families are so enthusiastic to go and share the gospel with others. Next month May, Dr Yemen and his wife Sanaa decided to get baptized.

Bible Study and Discipleship for Arabic Speaking Youth

This year 2023, we meet with five young men including our son Tony, every other Sunday, to equip them to share the Gospel with their friends and others.

Visiting Ministry for Muslim Arabic Speaking Families

We visit three Muslims family friends from time to time, sharing stories from the Gospel that talk about the love of God, and we encourage them to read the Gospel.

Reaching out to Muslims with Faithful Canadian Youth

We have been praying for three years for our God to raise up young people who are willing and feel called to reach out to Muslims. God has given us three brothers. Our plan is for all disciples this summer to go to the parks in Edmonton or its suburbs and share the Good News with Muslims.

Discipleship of Our Team in Syria and Lebanon

Last summer we were in Syria, and God blessed us in this ministry there. Our team is very encouraged despite the very bad conditions and extreme poverty, equipping young leaders

to bring the Living Word among the University students who are from more than 7000 different cities and Arab countries. We look forward to visiting Syria and Lebanon this summer 2023, God willing.

Ministry of Churches

Some churches in Edmonton and Suburbs have hosted us to speak about building relationships with Muslim neighbors and how to share the Gospel with them.

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for us and the ministry team in Edmonton to listen very carefully to the Voice of the Holy Spirit and His guidance
2. Pray that our God will meet all our needs for both our ministry in Canada and our short-term mission trip this summer to Syria and Lebanon to empower and encourage Navigators team and open other areas for the ministry as pioneer, according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

For Financial Support

- Canadian Ministry: navigators.ca/Moree (Acct, 1213)
- Middle East Ministry: navigators.ca/donate/?acct=5013

We are so grateful for McKernan Baptist Church for being our church at this time, due to join you this month April and be members. Thanks for your faithfulness in praying and generous supporter to our ministry. May God bless you all and your ministry in Edmonton and the world.



NAKANO, Yuri (NAB Japan)

nabonmission.org/missionaries/yuri-nakano

I have been a Career Term Missionary with NAB in Japan since 2010. My main focus of ministry is in leadership development with particular emphasis on women. I live in the southern part of Osaka prefecture and attend Komyo Christian Church. I do not serve in just one particular church, but for the 12 Japan Baptist churches.

My main goal is to empower the women to create a vibrant women's ministry in their churches. Most of my ministry involves mentoring the women leaders in the churches and leading training seminars. I am involved in a Japan-wide interdenominational Women's Committee and will also help out the churches with occasional puppet ministry to children and preaching.

- Pray that Japanese women would be empowered to use their gifts to lead and also to disciple other women to share the gospel with boldness

- Pray for the churches in Japan to have unity and a fresh vision for missional initiatives
- Pray for my physical and spiritual health as the spiritual battle in Japan is quite strong and I will have additional responsibilities this year as interim field director



NESDOLY, Hannah (Desert Streams)

desertstreams.ca

The Lord started me on a healing journey here at McKernan, back in 2017. I realized God had been giving me a desire for healing and for helping people, and that He was preparing me for healing ministries! After getting connected with Desert Streams, I completed their LiFE School courses and joined their staff team in November 2021 as a Ministry Assistant!

Desert Streams has been serving locally in Edmonton for over 15 years. We partner with God to bring His healing and life to people's darkest places, and to help them get free from bondage and brokenness. We do this primarily through personal ministry appointments (PMAs) and our LiFE School.

During a PMA, a team of ministers meets with the person seeking healing to explore and pray through a variety of issues related to their life. It is a huge privilege to minister to people's deep, inner places! The LiFE School, and the LiFE Light version

of it, are for those who want to learn about healing, the Kingdom of God, and receive healing themselves. It is founded on Biblical principles and is a great training opportunity for those wanting to be ministers of healing.

As I continue to minister with Desert Streams, I am eager to see more and more people come to life, and have freedom and healing from the enemy's work- all for the glory of God!



Nick & Iris (NAB E. Asia)

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Thank you for lifting us up; ministries in the past quarter were fruitful. We have completed four trips to other provinces for evangelism, discipleship, and giving counseling sessions. We visited some church leaders in a village and encouraged them to stand firm in faith. One of our cell group members relocated to another province last year. We made a trip to visit her [and shared] the Gospel to her mother [who] accepted Jesus as her savior!

We conducted basic discipleship training, as well as some workshops on various topics that are practical to witness our faith in daily living, such as "Share the Gospel wherever we are," "Meaning and principles of courtship and marriage," "How to interact with friends with depression and support them," etc.

Since the easing of nationwide COVID restrictions and lockdowns early this year, we are joyful to meet some friends who have not been able to see face-to-face for several years. Praise the Lord that we have met 34 groups of friends in more than 45 in-person gatherings and meetings last quarter. We gave thanks to Jesus for keeping His sheep well in Him physically and spiritually in the midst of all kinds of challenges and difficulties in the past few years.

Last but not least, thanks to our Lord's caution and comfort in John 15:18-20 forewarning that His followers should neither be surprised nor be despaired if unbelievers in the world hate them. Hostility towards Christianity by the atheistic authority in the country of our service has been increasing since 2018. The latest update of [World Watch List 2023 by Open Doors](#)

[International](#) reveals that believers here face a very high level of persecution. Details about the update can be accessed on the website of [Open Doors International](#).

While we celebrated our Savior's victorious resurrection with national believers last month, His word (1 Peter 1:3-9) encouraged every one of us by being filled with inexpressible joy into a living hope in Him. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation to your continual intercession for His every presence to strengthen national believers, to draw non-believers (in particular, the leaders of authorities) close to Himself, and to protect His servants serving in those countries where Christians are under persecution because of faith.

By God's mercy, may the proclamation of His kingdom be unhindered as in Acts 28:31! Prayer requests:

- A cell group member gets married early May and her fiancé is not a believer. Pray for his thirst to the Truth.
- Believers will stand firm in faith amid challenges
- Protection to His servants who are experiencing persecution
- Direction, wisdom, strength, and boldness for us to serve Him



NIKKEL, Sam (Resiliency Ministries)

resiliencyministries.ca

Resiliency Ministries was born in obedience to a call that Sam Nikkel received from the Lord in June 2011. The Lord asked Sam to make space in his life to minister to Kingdom leaders. This new ministry was first carried out between 2013-2018 in partnership with Taylor Seminary and in collaboration with the Alberta Baptist Association under the Healthy Pastor Initiative brand.

A new iteration of this ministry, Resiliency Ministries, was founded by Sam Nikkel and an advisory group in 2018. This ministry was commissioned by McKernan Baptist Church in August 2019. As a ministry partner of the Alberta Baptist Association, and in collaboration with Camp Caroline and Taylor Seminary, this ministry seeks to serve many denominations and para church entities.

There are numerous hazards in Kingdom leadership and Resiliency Ministries seeks to assist leaders in navigating these hazards effectively. Pastors and para church leaders have an urgent need for life-giving conversations and life-giving resources.

A speciality resource is the annual Sabbatical Preparation Workshop which teaches the Theology of Rest and brings practical models and resources for leaders to sabbatical well. Personal mentoring of leaders is a key way this ministry operates.

Resiliency Ministries seeks to bring supernatural resources to leaders so they can carry out their God-given calling with joy in all seasons of life.

Donations are received thru Great Commission Foundation and more information can be found at, resiliencyministries.ca or samn@telus.net.



PIKKERT, Joost and Cheryl (NAB & Wycliffe)

nabonmission.org/missionaries/joost-cheryl-pikkert

Over the past several decades many Wycliffe Bible translators have worked with national mother tongue speakers from all over the world. These Africans, Asians, North and South Americans, Pacific Islanders and Aborigines have sped up the task of global Bible translation but this success has incurred another challenge: the lack of highly trained Bible translation consultants necessary to check the quality of these newly drafted Bible translations. The new translation drafts need to be checked for accuracy, clarity, naturalness and acceptability by credentialed Bible translation experts before they are cleared for printing. After all, this is the word of God!!

Joost and Cheryl Pikkert are engaged in trying to solve the shortage of Bible translation consultants by training Bible translation consultants around the world. Their focus is to upgrade the skills of promising national mother tongue translators so that they in turn can become Bible translation consultants in their

local geographical areas and so reduce the bottleneck to Bible translation being finalized around the world.

Please pray for:

- Nationals translators in Africa and Asia being trained as translation consultants.
- The cadre of mentors around the world mentoring the translation consultants in Asia and Africa
- Our adult children to thrive in their marriages and relationship with God
- Cheryl's aging mother who is struggling with dementia



PILZ, Daniela (Athletes in Action)

athletesinaction.ca

Daniela is working with the student-athlete ministry from Power To Change, called Athletes in Action (AIA). She's been serving with them for the past five years in Edmonton. Her roles are walking alongside female athletes through mentorship, Bible studies and Chapels, and equipping future Christian leaders inside the athletic body at the University of Alberta and the MacEwan University.

Her vision is to help athletes grow as believers and to share Jesus with those who are exploring faith. Her passion is to see Jesus become more evident inside the athletic community and to see lives transformed by the power and love of Jesus Christ. For more information don't hesitate to reach out to her at, daniela.pilz@p2c.com/.

Prayer requests:

- Sabbath rest and deeper relationship with Jesus
- New supporters to join her ministry
- Her trip to Madagascar to share Jesus with as many athletes as possible at the Indian Ocean Island Games
- For open hearts and minds and that God would soften hearts inside the athletic body for his good news.



Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Rom 12:13)

RAMER, Brianna (All Nations Centre)

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Hello! My name is Brianna, and after spending about five years as an elementary school teacher, the Lord called me into ministry about a year ago. Since then, I've been working as the volunteer coordinator at the All Nations Centre in downtown Edmonton. Our Centre serves newcomers with the love of Jesus in various practical ways, through running English classes, helping with paperwork, advocacy (for proper living situations, jobs, with the government, etc.) assisting with children's homework, and hosting community events, to name some. I've found that oftentimes when people hear the word 'newcomers' they associate it with Ukrainian refugees, so they're often surprised to hear that the Centre is in a primarily Somali neighborhood and most often serves those from the Horn of Africa. Although I do work with, schedule, and onboard new volunteers as the volunteer coordinator, I also wear other hats around the Centre: I teach English classes, help to develop our curriculum, plan

events and fill other roles as needed. Every day is a little bit different, which keeps things interesting!

If you want to learn more about the Centre or get involved in any way, I'd love to hear from you! You can reach me at volunteer@allnationscentre.ca.

Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership!



SCHMOR, Randy (NAB Gateway)

nabonmission.org/get-involved/nab-gateway

Probably the most fundamental understanding that the Global Church needs to recognize in the 21st century is her own identity as a worldwide body, bride and family (see the book of Ephesians) before she can function as an agent of mission towards God's Kingdom objectives. In light of this, Gateway seeks to help local churches world-wide (and particularly churches like McKernan) to understand their identity and to subsequently partner with one another as an expression of global family. Churches often already have a desire to serve and to be connected cross-culturally and globally, and many are already doing so, but without a full understanding of why and/or what their role is. Gateway provides a sequential and purposeful way of beginning, entering and maintaining meaningful relationships (Sister Church Partnerships) as this global family.

Gateway also recognizes there are many churches that would like to serve and get involved globally/cross-culturally but need help getting started. Gateway provides resources (training, equipping, software, tools) that help churches serve cross-culturally and internationally with excellence. Gateway also provides experience and networking, even in the form of actually leading and training teams/individuals from churches as they serve for the first time.

As Gateway Director, Randy Schmor personally supports, coaches and works with churches as they begin to explore long-

term global partnerships in general and Sister Church Partnerships in particular. Please pray for Randy as he trains and connects with many pastors and leaders and as he maintains friendships and connections with the many international ministry leaders on 5 continents.

Randy has led and trained short-term mission teams and has guided churches into long-term, Sister Church Partnerships for over two decades. He is on the board of MissionWorks (and their subsidiary MissionExcellence), loves hockey and cheers for the Green Bay Packers.

Randy will also be taking on the role as NAB Field Director in Hungary and Serbia in a few months.

Note - McKernan has been in a Gateway inspired 'Sister Church Partnership' with the Becerra family and their churches in the Mexico City region for approximately 15 years!

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"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matt 25:40)

SCOTT and OLGA (Navigators, E. Asia)

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Matthew 9:37
"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2

Jesus said that the need of the hour is not for more converts, but for more workers to labour in his harvest fields. These workers must be mature and trustworthy people who can disciple the next generation. We are praying and striving to build this kind of vibrant, multiplying community in a large urban center in East Asia.

Over the last few years, our church of single urban professionals has become a community of young married couples. We have started to see a few family members turn to Christ, and recently have regained access to local university campuses in spite of periodic COVID lockdowns. Please join us in praying for greater openness to the gospel in our relational networks and on local college campuses.

In the coming year, Olga and I hope to nurture both the singles and our three new couples. Lord willing, we will continue equipping our young believers to share the gospel and disciple others, and continue to train them as they take on more leadership of the church.

Please pray:

- For healthy, vibrant, God-honouring marriages in our community
- For the gospel to spread extensively in our family and relational networks
- For our young brothers and sisters to learn to disciple others
- For missions vision to grow in our church and churches across East Asia

"Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction." (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

TAN, Paul (Navigators) navigators.ca

Paul is serving with the Navigators of Canada as campus leader at the University of Alberta and Edmonton's City leader, supervising the other Navigator staff in Edmonton. Guided by 2 Timothy 2:2, the Navigators of Canada come alongside people who desire a deeper connection with God by offering a transformative and holistic mentoring relationship. The Navigators dive deep in the life-giving Word and equip Christ-followers to disciple others, sharing their faith and helping others to know Jesus.

Having experienced the transformative love of Jesus first in Secondary School in Singapore and the richness of one-on-one discipleship through the Singapore Navigators, Paul's passion is to help others know Jesus and to become disciple-makers. Paul has been engaging in relational ministry with students on universities for 25 years, first in Calgary and then in Edmonton. In the last couple of years, God has increasingly opened up mentoring opportunities within the Edmonton community as well. Through conversation about life and God, he invites people to read one of the Gospels together and discover Jesus afresh. He walks alongside those who are coming to understand they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ, teaching them how to study

and obey the Scriptures and coaching them how to journey with friends who don't yet know Jesus. That journey includes walking alongside people through the whole of life—the joys and sorrows, relational struggles, grief, depression, and anxiety.



Please pray:

- For Navigator students at the University of Alberta to abide in Jesus—growing in their delight of Jesus, experiencing the transformative and healing power of the gospel and becoming more like Jesus.
- For students who don't know Jesus to be awakened of their need for hope in Jesus alone.
- God to raise up a new generation of workers in Edmonton with the Navigators (Matthew 9:36-38).

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
(James 2:14 - 17)

TENCLAY, Kristi (NAB, Cameroon) nabonmission.org/missionaries/kristi-tenclay

I continue to serve at Rain Forest International School, and am enjoying moving from the office back into the classroom. At RFIS we seek to prepare our students for their next stage of life and the difficult transitions that come with moving from High School to either University or the working world. We believe this is not only an academic pursuit, but also carries significant emotional and spiritual challenges which we desire for our students to navigate well. About half of our students come from within the missionary community we were initially designed to serve. Others now come from a wide range of local and international communities who recognize the value of an instruction built on the foundation of a Christian worldview and the value of an international education in an increasingly global world.

Please continue to pray that God will provide qualified staff members to fill the many gaps that have been created by retiring staff in recent years. Pray for our existing staff members as we strive to uphold the quality of education we desire to provide for our students in the midst of staffing shortages and the frequent technological challenges that come from the country's limited internet.



WEBSTER, John (YoungLife South Edmonton) younglife.ca

Young Life is a Christian mission that loves teenagers in their world and encourages them to know Jesus Christ. We go to where kids are and build personal relationships with them. We provide fun, adventure, and life-changing experiences. We do this by working alongside like-minded adults who believe that every teen deserves the right to hear God's news.

Young Life is thriving in the city and throughout the province. We are excited to see our ministries start in new neighbourhoods and in new schools throughout the city. We are also pleased to announce new work with our Indigenous communities and are excited about how God will lead us with this new ministry.

Janelle and I continue to live in south Edmonton with our daughter McKinley who loves life and loves to laugh. We are grateful for the support of McKernan and continue to pray for those that attend McKernan and its programs. Thank you for your prayers and support.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." (Matt 25:35)

ALBERTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (ABA)

nab.ca

The ABA exists to connect and resource churches to impact communities for the growth and advancement of the Kingdom of God in Alberta (almost 60 churches) and around the world. The core ministry of the ABA is constructed around relationships, intended to focus upon effectively fulfilling the stated "Kingdom" mission of the association. In particular, the relational vision of the ABA is to 'develop Kingdom leaders.' This includes pastoral leaders, lay leaders and emerging leaders.

Within the ABA there are many opportunities to gather to connect with leaders. These include:

- Pastors Connection events in Calgary and Edmonton
- ReNew events, geared toward lay leaders within the churches
- Semi/Retired Ministers Gathering, including missionaries
- Annual Ministry Workers Family Retreat at Camp Caroline
- The Welcome to Team Alberta event (an orientation for ministry workers new to the ABA)
- Monthly (online) Touching Base events
- The ABA also facilitates a variety of annual ABA retreats which serve to connect individuals and churches around the Association. These include the Men's & Ladies Retreats, German Retreat, Jr. & Sr. High Retreats.

Further to this, the ABA continues to provide multiple other connection opportunities, placement coaching as well as professional consultation and resourcing around many ministry-needs and opportunities.

In addition, the association is pleased to serve in partnership with several partner ministries, including the NAB Conference, Taylor Seminary, Camp Caroline, the Mustard Seed, Prairie Bible College and Resiliency Ministries, Canada. Most recently, White Cross Canada and Farm To Field have become integral ministries of the ABA.

In the months ahead, the members of the ABA Leadership Council and staff request prayer for our Lord's wisdom and direction regarding the potential of establishing a 'Gap Year' for young adults in the ABA as well as the possibility of the ABA assuming management of the Taylor Campus.

Together with you, in His service!



CAMP CAROLINE

campcaroline.ab.ca

Every summer, hundreds of campers visit camp and experience Jesus in a life-transforming way!

Each morning campers and counselors gather together to sing songs of praise, and camp speakers will invite them to open their Bibles to be reminded they have been made for more by God. Throughout the rest of the day, counselors lead campers on adventures all around camp for an incredible summer experience!

Please pray for spiritual impact from counselors and campers spending their days together. Knowing how profoundly a faith relationship with Jesus affects our lives, we pray that

every camper and every counselor will take either a first step or a next step toward him.

In 2023, Camp Caroline is celebrating 50 years of ministry! Throughout this year, we have been taking time to remember God's faithfulness over the years and to look ahead to how he is continuing to direct us.



CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

biblesociety.ca

The mission of the Canadian Bible Society is to help the world hear God speak through His Word. Where people are at risk, when faith is under siege, to millions craving hope and a generation seeking purpose, God speaks. We help them hear.

Thanks to our generous supporters, CBS is able to

- Champion the Bible as God's voice, revealing the living Word of God
- Lead in the translation, publication and distribution of Bibles and Bible portions
- Innovate in new formats and delivery channels to reach a wide range of people
- Partner in opportunities for Scripture to transform people's lives
- Since 1904, CBS has promoted the use of the Bible across Canada and around the world in partnership with members of the United Bible Societies and other organisations. In 2022-23, CBS distributed 525,466 Bibles and portions of Scripture in Canada and supported 46 projects in 35 countries outside Canada

Prayer requests:

- For every person reached through Bible translation, publishing, distribution and engagement projects in Canada and beyond, that they will experience God's hope and peace in this time of fear and uncertainty
- For the safety and strength of Bible Society staff around the world as they work to make God's Word available to those in need of comfort and hope
- That God will continue to open doors for CBS to share God's Word in Canada and around the world

Contact Tim Schultz (tschultz@biblesociety.ca), Regional Director for Prairies & NT.



CHAIN OF LOVE (NAB Brazil)

For 30 years the Chain of Love, in partnership with the North American Baptist Conference, has been providing a home, healing and hope to children and teenagers rescued from situations of abuse and abandonment.

Every child that comes to the ministry has been rescued by the Brazilian Child Protection Services and placed at COL by judicial order through the court system.

Chain of Love has 6 family homes on the campus in Campo Bom and 4 rented homes in the neighbouring city of Novo Hamburgo.

Besides the family homes on campus, there is the transition home for young men and women who have reached the age of 18. These young people must either be in school or work, save a portion of their earnings and attend church services.

When children come to COL, they are placed in a home as part of a family. These homes are led by committed Christian couples

who provide the children with a safe, clean home and nutritious meals. They daily model the teachings of Christ.

Our staff of dedicated Christian Psychologists, Social workers and medical professionals work with our children to overcome the trauma of their pasts.

Our focus, at Chain of Love, is to introduce our children and teens to the extraordinary life that can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



CORNERSTONE COUNSELLING

cornerstonecounseling.com

Cornerstone Counselling would like to thank McKernan Baptist Church for their ongoing support of our mission to demonstrate the inclusive love of Jesus by offering services that promote mental, emotional, and relational wellness.

Cornerstone is the only Christian not-for-profit counselling agency in Edmonton and our team is committed to providing professional, accessible, and affordable mental health services to all. We believe that financial limitations should not prevent people from receiving the support they desperately need. Our services are offered on a sliding scale, based upon clients' financial needs, and we provide fee subsidies from our Way to Wellness Fund which cover up to 90% of the cost of counselling. Without subsidies, many of our clients would not be able to access professional counselling or mental health care. We in turn, are dependant upon the generosity of individuals, church partners, businesses, foundations, and grants to run our programs.

Our diverse team of certified counsellors, marriage and family therapists, and registered psychologists provides a wide range of mental health services to individuals, couples, families, teens, and children as young as four years old. We

utilize a variety of treatment modalities to assist clients who are experiencing a broad range of issues including emotional distress; addictions; trauma, violence, and abuse; relationship issues; coping and behavioral issues; grief and loss; and more. We also host workshops, support groups, and webinars throughout the year that all community members are welcome to attend.

As a Christian organization, it is our duty to reach out to our neighbours and help those in need, and we strive to show the love of God in everything we do. In 45 years, we have helped approximately 90,000 people improve their lives and find strength, healing, and health.

Please pray that Cornerstone will have the opportunity to show God's love to people and help those affected by mental illness in our community.

To make an appointment, please call 780-482-6215 or visit our website.



HOCKEY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (Tim Wiebe)

hockeyministries.org

Hockey Ministries International understands that for many players, coaches, officials and parents, hockey is more than a sport – it is a culture. It is a community where a theme of “survival of the fittest” often prevails and people can become so consumed with ‘success’ that they struggle for inner peace and purpose beyond the game.

For 40 years, we have gone to the arena with a subtle, ice-level approach, interacting with players in informal settings. We seek to bring the peace, hope, purpose and value that comes from having a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is done through chapel programs, 1-on-1 discipleship, summer camps, and print and social media.

Our app provides videos, devotionals, testimonies and other resources to be used by families or individuals as tools to build their faith or help share their faith with teammates. In

the summer time, Tim oversees the hockey camps that take place in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, and Calgary. The week long camps provide top quality on and off ice hockey instruction, along with training in Christian living, through small group study and chapel times.

If you are interested in finding out more about HMI, please visit hockeyministries.org or download our app. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer chaplain or at a hockey camp please email me at, twiebe@hockeyministries.org.



HOPE MISSION

hopemission.com

In 1929, Reverend Harold Edwardson established a soup kitchen in Edmonton’s inner-city serving meals to hundreds of people struggling with unemployment and homelessness at the onset of the Depression.

Today, Hope Mission has grown into a not-for-profit Christian social care agency caring for impoverished and homeless men, women and children in Alberta.

Basic and emergency care are provided to more than 800 people daily as well as counsel and referral services for men, women, and youth. Each day Hope Mission provides about 1700 meals and shelter for more than 600 people. Specialized care and treatment are offered for men and women through faith-based addiction treatment programs. Hope Mission also facilitates an after-school recreation and hot meal program for children, summer camps for inner-city children and youth, and operates a year-round Youth Sports Centre.

Hope Mission continues to reach out to the inner-city community

through special seasonal meals and events and personal contact. We operate a 24/7 Rescue Van which provides emergency care for people in need as well as an inner-city community church. Counselors, chaplains and volunteers visit people on the street, in prisons, hospitals and other agencies. Furthermore, Hope Mission’s Hope Bargain Shoppe provides clients with clothing, blankets and workwear while generating revenue which directly supports our programs and services.

In all, our desire is to provide compassionate care and offer hope to hurting, hungry and homeless people in Edmonton.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRIES CANADA (Gary Short)

ismc.ca

International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) is a national ministry focussed on reaching international students who conduct their studies at Canadian universities and colleges. It operates in three different spheres: practical, social and spiritual.

In Edmonton, the practical component consists of the furniture ministry and ESL. The furniture ministry helps the students move and pick up furniture. At times we are able to offer them donated furniture. Each person that we help in this way is offered a Bible which many students accept with gratitude.

The social aspect consists of interacting with students at picnics and games nights, as well as hospitality provided by individual volunteers. Relationships with international students provide opportunities to do activities together.

The spiritual aspect is carried out through one-on-one studies as well as through offering small group Bible studies on Friday nights at McKernan. In January 2023, we started doing soup and buns along with the Bible study.

Please pray that the students will come out to the evening studies to investigate the Bible for themselves. Also pray that students read the Bibles that they receive from us.



MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

maf.ca

Over mountains, oceans, deserts and jungles, MAF brings help, hope and healing to the most isolated areas of the world. For 75 years, Mission Aviation Fellowship has been using light aircraft to provide remote communities around the world with relief and access to the help they need. Today, MAF operates the world’s largest private fleet of light aircraft, flying to more destinations than any other airline, serving in 30 countries, with the sole purpose of seeing isolated people transformed by the love of Christ.

We are motivated by change; being the essential lifeline that makes a huge difference around the world. While aviation is the practical means by which we serve, we are not only aviators. We are engineers, teachers, IT specialists, administrators and managers.

MAF partners with more than 2000 organizations and thousands of individual doctors, missionaries, pastors and aid workers. Additionally, MAF has long had a close relationship with Prairie College and in 2018, MAF Canada assumed management of

the aviation school which is now called Prairie Aviation Training School (PATC). Located in Three Hills, Alberta, PATC exists to exceptionally train mature Christian aviation professionals to serve God’s Kingdom through technical aviation, preparing them to serve around the world.

We are so grateful to have the support of McKernan Baptist and want to thank you for your partnership; because of you, we are able to keep ‘Flying for Life’.

To learn more, visit us online: maf.ca or on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube (@mafcanada).

Connect with our Western Manager, Greg Reeder, by email (greeder@maf.ca) or phone (604-670-6638). You may also connect with Ron Yeske, McKernan’s local MAF church representative (780-469-6919).



MISSIONS FEST ALBERTA

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“Find Your Purpose; Make a Difference” is the Mission Statement of Missions Fest Alberta (MFA). Our goal is to help individuals find the place where their interests and abilities can best be used around the world. Our Purpose: to inform and celebrate what God is doing all over the world; to educate Christians about their responsibility and involvement in world evangelization and missions; to challenge believers to pray, give, send, and go.

Missions Fest Alberta is all about Jesus Christ and His passion for the lost. Prayer is the most important part of this ministry—it is only through the prayers of God’s people that lives are changed, and thousands of people have found their purpose.

Missions Fest plans a 3-day family-oriented missions conference held annually in February in Edmonton. MFA has played an important role in bringing life-changing experiences to many people, altering the direction of their lives and helping them to become Kingdom-minded as they learn where God would have them get involved in the Great Commission.

Pray that the seeds planted in the 2023 conference attendees’ hearts will continue to grow; that those who are called would overcome delays in completing applications for visas and building prayer and financial support teams.

Pray for the salvation of millions still in need of Jesus. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send thousands of labourers from this region.

Pray for missionaries who are currently living among the unreached or preparing to go, that they will find favour in the eyes of the nationals; will exhibit sensitivity; wisdom in regard to preserving culture, while not inhibiting their delivery of the gospel. Pray for them as they engage in language study.

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world that live under persecution everyday.

Pray for Missions Fest Alberta as we seek direction for each step for the upcoming year. For financial blessings to meet our budget and seed money for future years.

Greater vision: that the Bride of Christ would prepare for the day of the bridegroom’s return; that we would present to Him a church from every tribe, tongue, nation and people; that we would bring Him glory as we worship around the throne. (Rev. 5:9-12)



THE MUSTARD SEED

theseed.ca

The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in five cities across Alberta and British Columbia, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. We have been an agent of change for more than three decades, thanks to our donors, volunteers, and support from the community. Our mission is to build hope and well-being for our most vulnerable

citizens through Jesus’ love. Please pray for our wellness centres, shelters, community impact centres, housing services and food services. Please pray for our clients, guests, volunteers and the health and safety of our staff.



NEW DAWN INITIATIVE (NAB)

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Working in an isolated and impoverished area of Taraba State, Nigeria, "NDI" exists to better the lives of its neighbours by all means possible. This NGO was established by our Least Reached People Group (LRPG) partners in 2016, and since then has racked up an impressive series of achievements. Their primary aim is to enlighten their neighbours through workshops and seminars, dealing with such things as beekeeping, animal husbandry, best farming methods. This will ease the transition for a nomadic people who follow the cows to become a more sedentary, farming population.

NDI also works hard to instruct their people about the need for education for their children, especially their daughters. They know that communities thrive when their young women are empowered to go to school, and so this has become a long-term priority with them.

Related to that are their efforts to bring clean water to their neighbours. With funds from Canadian donors, they help villages bring clean spring water to their wives and daughters. This drastically reduces the number of typhoid and malaria cases

seen in these communities. It also frees up time so the girls can attend school.

In 2019, with help from Canadians primarily in the Edmonton area, they built a health clinic that is setting a new standard in Taraba State. With the nearest hospital facilities two hours away in any direction, this health clinic serves a real need in the area.

All this work is designed to be a bridge between our LRPG partners and their neighbours, so the latter may also make the transition from being people living in darkness, to being people who have come into God's wonderful light.

Contact Jeff for more information about our LRPG partners, and the work that NDI is involved in.



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE (NAB)

nabconference.org

The North American Baptist Conference is a family of missionaries. We believe every follower of Jesus is to be a missionary, whether it's in churches and neighbourhoods in Canada and the US or on mission fields scattered around the world. We want to transform communities—shaping leaders, sending missionaries, and equipping disciples as signs, servants, and foretastes of the Kingdom of God in North America and around the world.

Join us in praying for the exciting things we anticipate God will be doing in and through our ministry in the next year. We are

expecting two new families to join our missionary team. We currently have twenty-four church planters around North America, with several more in development.

We are also continuing to develop long-term sister church partnerships between our North American congregations and international churches. Pray for all of the ways God continues to use the North American Baptist Conference.



PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

pregnancycarecentre.ca; info@pregnancycarecentre.ca

Most of us know someone who has faced an unintended pregnancy. Someone in that position can often enter crisis mode. They can become paralyzed, or they can feel like they need to find the fastest way out of the crisis. Consider referring them – or better yet, come with them – to the Pregnancy Care Centre (PCC). Here, women and families will encounter unconditional love and receive accurate information on all their options. For as long as they need, clients of the PCC receive emotional, material, and/or spiritual support to help in areas where they may have felt hopeless.

For those experiencing regret, grief, or other complicated emotions after abortion, we have the Abortion Recovery Centre (ARC). Whether the abortion experience took place in the last year or even decades ago, individuals can find hope and healing alongside peer supporters who themselves have walked through a healing journey after abortion.

Have you heard of PCC's WAIT! Let's Talk program? WAIT Sessions are catered to junior high and high school students and community groups with the purpose of teaching young people about healthy choices regarding relationships and sex. Whether in a school setting, a church youth group, or a parenting small group, WAIT! Let's Talk offers tools to help parents and teens navigate today's culture.

Perhaps you would like to get involved as a partner or a volunteer! We are so grateful for your participation and your prayers.

Prayer requests:

- For our clients, who are brave for reaching out for help
- For our staff and volunteers, that the love of God would permeate everything they do
- For our donors, that they would experience blessings even as they bless us
- For Canada's political climate, that the work we do to serve the community would not be hindered

Abortion Recovery Centre info@abortionrecovery.ca
Wait! Let's Talk info@justwait.ca



Left to Right: Alison Zalasky, WAIT Director; Karen Halldorson, ARC Director; Samantha Russell, Client Services Director; Janice Kornelsen, Executive Director.

PRISCILLA PROJECT (Hungry for Life)

hungryforlife.org

Priscilla Project....equipping, educating and empowering Women In India, women are mainly limited to household work, which is not seen as work, so many feel like they don't have any self-worth. They are very poor, so they go for daily jobs like maidservants or on construction sites etc... Many of these women are abused or downgraded.

The Priscilla project provides these women with skills training such as cosmetology and tailoring with the purpose of earning much needed income, increasing their self-worth, increasing their stature at home and in society.

The training is designed in that they study the bible, evangelism and discipleship in the morning and the afternoon is the practical skills training. As a result, they have an opportunity to explain the gospel of Jesus Christ as a way of life to these women. The ladies are very happy with their newfound knowledge and are excited to go back to their homes and start putting this knowledge into practice.

The past few years have been very difficult, as the training centres had to shut down due to Covid, which hit Indian very hard. In late summer of 2022, the sewing training workshops were able to start up again. Fifteen women were able to go through the first workshop, which will last for 6 months, after which another workshop for another 15 women will begin. In the fall of 2022, God opened the doors and provided for the Priscilla project to open eight more training centres, all located in the northern part of India.



TAYLOR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

taylor-edu.ca

Over the past several years, God has been revealing a new and exciting vision for the future of theological education in the North American Baptist Conference by weaving together Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary. We are stepping boldly into the future of theological education and have come together to create a first of its kind global network that is making theological education more affordable, accessible, relevant, and faithful. What began as the "Kairos Project" in 2014, ultimately led to the launch of Kairos University last year.

Kairos has dramatically increased our ability to serve students in Edmonton, throughout Alberta, across Canada, and around the world. Together, we are seeing God work in significant and powerful ways to rekindle the flame for theological education across the NAB. Through a commitment to developing followers of Christ who flourish in their vocational contexts, Kairos has created new opportunities for collaboration within the NAB.

We have fostered deeper connections with students, regions, and churches within the NAB family. Since 2014, the number of NAB students enrolled in Kairos University has more than tripled and there are now over twenty NAB mentors working with students around the world!

Programs offered through Kairos University are designed for individuals who are actively engaged in ministry and/or desire to integrate their faith and work. Programs include Bachelor of Arts in Christian Thought and Practice, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy, Doctor of Ministry, Doctor of Professional Counseling, Doctor of Theology, and Training in Spiritual Direction. Visit Kairos.edu to learn more!



All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along. (Gal 2:10)

