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IMPACTING CALGARY AND THE WORLD WITH THE LIFE TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF JESUS

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"WE MUST GO, THAT The World Would Hear, And None Would Be Lost"





We are committed to reaching as many people as possible with the Gospel so they can experience the life transforming presence of Jesus. We are contending for a harvest of souls for God's glory. We are committed to fulfilling Christ's great commission. With creativity, conviction, and compassion, we live our lives on mission, at home, at work, in Calgary and around the world.

"He doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change." 2 Peter 3:9

REVITALIZE

Revitalization is about our relentless commitment to being a healthy, growing, and flourishing church . This outworks both spiritually and practically through continual evaluation and improvement. We are committed to excellence for the glory of God in all we do.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!" Romans 10:14-15

REPRODUCE

Reproduction is about fruitfulness and multiplication for the Glory of God. Christ has commissioned us to be a soul-winning church that makes disciples. Our commitment is to multiply disciples and servant-leaders and plant new ministries and locations throughout Calgary and the world.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Song and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

LETTER FROM OUR PASTORS PASTOR BEN & HEATHER



PSALM 90:17

MAY THE FAVOR OF THE LORD OUR GOD REST ON US; Establish the work of our hands for US — Yes, Establish the work of our hands.

Welcome to the 2023 edition of Kingdom Builders Magazine. Over the past year, we have witnessed God's supernatural favour pouring out upon our church, and we are thrilled to celebrate the incredible work that God has accomplished through First Assembly's commitment to expanding local and global missions. As you read through this magazine, I know you will be inspired by the stories of hope, life transformation, and eternal impact that God has brought about through our church's generous commitment and partnerships in missions.

Last year, we were able to support over 12 Global Workers and missionaries serving in more than 30 countries. Through God's provision, the Gospel was proclaimed, and His kingdom was extended in significant ways, resulting in an eternal difference for thousands of lives. And here's something really exciting, we not only met but exceeded our goals for the year! Because of that. Your over-and-above giving enabled us to provide aid and support to many additional ministries and missions projects beyond our initial plan. Thanks to your faith-filled support, we were able to respond to urgent and strategic opportunities, such as the crisis in Turkey and Ukraine, and supporting Bible translation, ministry to the next generation, Quebec, church planting and evangelism initiatives worldwide.

At First Assembly, we are dedicated to expanding our missional impact both locally and globally. Throughout the past year, we have continued to grow our outreach through programs such as TMS leadership schools, discipleship training, youth programs, camps, and community care initiatives like FA Cares. We remain committed to supporting important partnerships, including our 20-year partnership with PAOC and the Calgary Dream Center and our support of the Derick's Youth Drop-In Centre.

Our unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel and fulfilling God's mission is all about our strategy of reach, revitalize, and reproduce. Through Kingdom Builders Vision 100 this past year, and by God's supernatural provision, we were able to purchase and pay for 49.5 acres for FA's future Vision 100 expansion in South Calgary! This is something to celebrate and we give God all the glory! As part of this, we also celebrate the recent planting of a new FA campus in Seton.

In May, we will once again celebrate Kingdom Builders month with an International Potluck and hear from global workers and missionaries participating in our services. Then in November, we will host our fall Kingdom Builders Gala to raise awareness and support for Vision 100. Plan now to be a part of these exciting Kingdom Builders celebrations.

Thank you for your passion and participation in Kingdom Builders. As the Lord has blessed and called First Assembly, He has also blessed and called us to be a blessing. Let's continue to take bold steps of faith together once again this year as we participate with the Lord in fulfilling all that is in God's heart to do in and through our church.

Pastor Ben and Heather

2022 MISSIONS PROJECTS UPDATE

We are a church marked by celebration and we celebrate all that God has done in many lives this year around the world! We are so thankful for the generosity of First Assembly as we have been able to stay on mission locally and globally. We have so much to celebrate!



WE SAID, WE DID

GERMANY DAS KANADA HAUS RENOVATION PROJECT

In 2013, First Assembly purchased a building in Germany with the goal of reaching people for Christ and training church planters. In 2015 our Governing Council was led by God to donate the property to the PAOC International office.

The building was used to establish Das Kanada Haus. Led by Markus and Liz Brandt, it has become a mission base for shortterm mission teams, global workers in Eurasia and national churches in Germany as well as a support ministry, to encourage church planting and revitalization of small congregations without pastoral leadership, especially in East Germany.

In order to serve as the Eurasia base of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the building required some renovations. They are expecting to host larger church groups, including a team of 50+ students from Summit Pacific, B.C. which will minister in Europe and the former East Germany. With the help of First Assembly, renovations are under way with the removing of walls to make a larger multi-purpose room to seat 70+ people and all the teams they plan to host in the coming years. The goal is to bring the house up to a higher standard and to make the house ready for all that God has planned.





HONDURAS INCA LINK HONDURAS - LA SIERRA, HONDURAS

Inca Link International is focused on reaching the 300 million youth in Latin America with Christ's irresistible love. With the help of First Assembly Church, Inca Link was able to build a new classroom building and furnish it for the kids to actually sit at tables and do work. They have built a new fence around the classroom as the old one had fallen down and there was barbed wire everywhere. This has made the grounds much safer for the children in the area. Last but not least, Inca Link has built new washrooms on the site.

All of these facilities are amazing and provide much needed resources in this area, but they actually signify something much deeper; a love and care for the families and children in this region, to know that they are not alone in their struggles and that they are seen. God is faithful!



NIGERIA: JINKAI INITIATIVE

Jinkai is a not-for-profit organization that works with families who have been adversely impacted by the ethno-religious clashes in Northern and North Central Nigeria. In the last year, with support from First Assembly Church and other partners, Jinkai has been able to serve as the hands and feet of the Lord. Some examples of their recent projects are:

- Scholarships Jinkai provided scholarships to two high school students from among the internally displaced persons who could not afford school fees.
- Medical bills, food and clothing Jinkai carried outreaches to provide food, medical bills, and clothing for people in need.
- Home rebuild Jinkai will supervise the rebuild and provide the compressed earth bricks to a community of about 20 homes in need of rebuilding.
- Jinkai provided ministry support to missionaries working in Southern Ethiopia, Northern Kenya and South Sudan.

Praise Report from Mark Kolo, Ministry lead: *"We give all the thanks to the LORD who provided* through partners for the purchase of 3 motorbikes for field ministry among the unreached in march. The new motorbike has already gone on its first mission outreach to several remote villages. Our missionary returned to Juba last week with testimonies of over 500 souls won through the JESUS Film shown in multiple villages. Follow up is being done by partner churches in the region."



SOUTH EAST ASIA PETER DOVE - MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS

The Myanmar Fellowship of Evangelical Students is a non-denominational ministry to university students in Myanmar. The ministry is led by Pastor Sawm, a former Assemblies of God Myanmar Pastor.

The 2022 partnership with First Assembly allowed them to purchase an apartment in Yangon, Myanmar that serves as a "third space"—a meeting space for university students who are connected to the Myanmar Fellowship of Evangelical Students. This is both a place of outreach and a centre for discipleship and training of university students in Yangon. This centre is located directly across the road from the Yangon University, Myanmar's most important university, but it also serves campuses all across the city. This ministry centre has become a home and a lighthouse of hope in a time of national crisis.

- Pray for peace and justice to reign in Myanmar.
- Pray for Myanmar believers to shine the light of Christ amid civil war.
- Pray for our Global Workers serving in 16 countries in Asia.
- Pray for university ministries reaching campuses in seven Asian countries.
- Pray for new Global Workers deployed into restricted access environments.





MARK 16:15

STIM LUDIN

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

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OVER & ABOVE

ADDITIONAL GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS GIVING IN 2022!



DAS KANADA HOUSE Brand new church planting projects with Paul and Amber in the city of Greifswald

East Germany is the most atheistic region in the world. Only 13% of East Germans say they believe in the existence of a God. A stunning 59% say they have never believed in God the highest statistic of its kind in the world. We envision a church where people who don't yet know God are welcomed and feel at home.

In the midst of all the preparations, we remember that everything we do is for Jesus, as he is really the one building and sustaining this church. It was His idea to create the global Church and it is His passion to see more people come to know Him through more churches being planted around the world.



PAOC MISSION GLOBAL TURKEY Earthquake Relief

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey near the Syrian border. A second 7.5 magnitude earthquake occurred soon after. Over 100 aftershocks have continued to cause untold damage. Many individuals and families have experienced terrible loss.

First Assembly sowed emergency funds to respond to this crisis in Turkey and Syria. This includes emergency food, clean water, blankets, tents, and clothes for many families. Help us pray for the thousands of lives impacted and that the light and hope of Jesus will shine in the midst of such unspeakable suffering.

The Psalmist David reminds us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Ps. 34:18). May God comfort those who are suffering so deeply, and may they look to Him in their pain and sorrow.



ELEVIVA Kingdom Builders Donation for Ukraine refugee

Greg Swinamer is our global worker serving eastern Europe, an area impacted by the Russia-Ukraine war abruptly reshaping our world. With the door to travel in Russia and Ukraine effectively closed, the Lord directed the ministry to Poland, where for the past year he has been working on projects to assist Ukrainian refugees. In August 2022, Eleviva ministry launched a refugee center in Warsaw to give practical help to Ukrainians, such as food distribution to families who have no means of support. Since then, 3000 Ukrainian refugees have found a warm, safe place at the LIFE Center. In addition to food, refugees receive Polish and/or English language training, counselling, and free hair cuts. They meet new friends over coffee at the LIFE Cafe, there are activities for children in the LIFE Kids club and facilities for youth. The LIFE Center is a place where they can experience God's love and receive care in the midst of this difficult season.

MALI, WEST AFRICA MARKO AND PAULINE

Facilitating translation of a panoramic Bible in two Bozo languages, while Pauline's role is to ensure that all translated Scripture is made accessible to the Bozo-speaking peoples in every possible way. This includes radio programs, Bible storying and most recently, the dubbing of the "JESUS" film. They were evacuated to Burkina Faso in 2012 due to unrest in Mali, working from a distance for the next five years. Back in Mali since 2017, they are both fully involved in promoting the Bozo Scriptures and are excited to see God using His Word in the lives of the Bozo people.





MEDICAL MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL VICKI AND MATT PENNEY

In the fall of 2022, First Assembly contributed towards purchasing medical supply kits in support of medical missions. Two members of our faith community, Vicki and Matt Penney, were part of the team that traveled to South America to provide spiritual and compassionate health care to patients who would otherwise not have the financial means to obtain medical care. One example of the lifeimpacting work this team did can be noticed in the story of a three-year old boy from Peru named Marcelo. Marcelo was born with cerebral palsy and his mom carried him everywhere, which became more difficult as he got older. With the help of the team on this trip, Marcelo received medical care and was fitted for a wheelchair.

INDIA - RESTRICTED ACCESS C AND S

C and S were born and raised in South India. They were burdened to impact and care for the people in Southeast Asia. C and S will be teaching and training national leaders. They work with several non-profit organizations and educational institutions providing programs which help communities envision and enact their future. They will also travel to different provinces to train and develop existing leaders through seminars and conferences. So that such leadership training programs empower local citizens to more effectively giving their time and talent for the betterment of their own family and community. Their vision to raise a new generation of fully committed leaders who would provide hope for the hopeless in their community.



RESURGENCE

Resurgence Initiatives exist to inspire the Body of Christ to arise together for the Kingdom of God. We have a strong God-inspired passion and belief that "Canada Will Be Saved." This call burns in our hearts as a ministry and leadership team. We stand in the belief that our nation can be saved in this generation.

Psalm 72:8, the founding verse of Canada, declares that He shall have dominion from "sea to sea and to the rivers to the end of the earth." This fuels our drive to be a nation-wide movement – to see a Resurgence across Canada!



PAOC MULTIPLY NETWORK

The Multiply Network exists to inspire, initiate, resource, and champion church multiplication in our PAOC family. We desire to come alongside Districts, Churches, Leaders and Catalysts to help take the guesswork out of church multiplication and work towards providing all Canadians with access points to the Gospel.

ESTONIA

Estonia has been focused on raising church leaders and we celebrate a new church plant. With our Global Worker, Rodney Corcoran's mentorship, Jaan and Geiu have planted a church called, "Rae Kogudus."

They started a home group in one of the families' apartments, discipling and mentoring people. Last summer, after prayer and worship they felt strongly that God was calling them to plant a church. With the Alpha ministry being the main strategy in reaching and engaging people with the Gospel, they continue to meet on Sunday afternoons for worship, prayer, communion, and fellowship!

The church and Bible School in Estonia responded during the Ukrainian/Russian war by registering their homes to receive refugees. The students were also involved in the effort to help families cross the Polish/Ukraine border.



ROMANS 10:15

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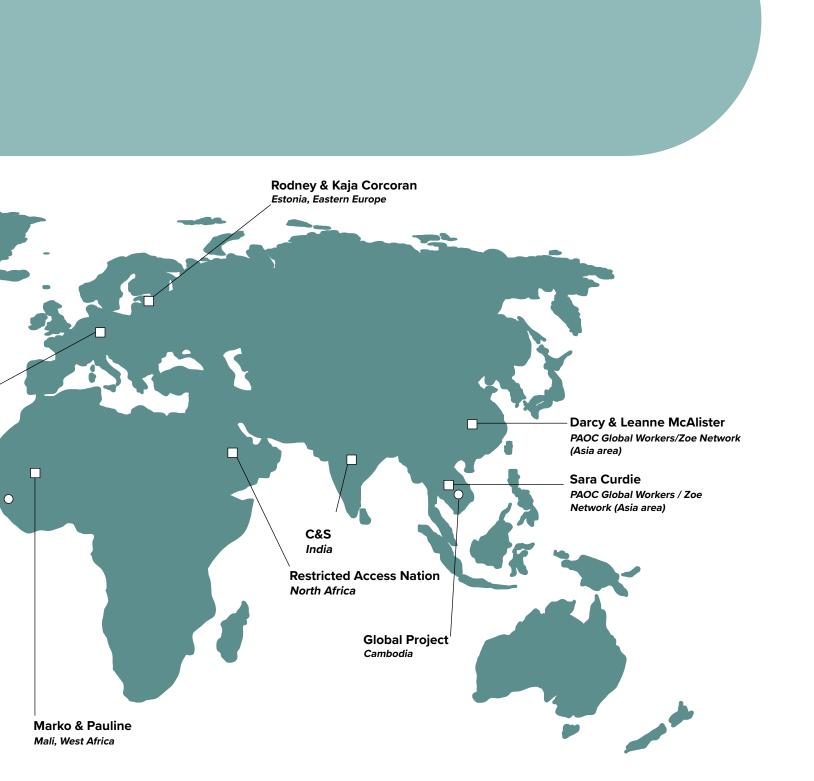
KHANDELWA

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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GLOBAL MISSIONS



GLOBAL WORKERS



SARA CURDIE PAOC GLOBAL WORKER ZOE NETWORK

Sara works with ZOE Network as the lead for ZOE Global Projects. ZOE Network exists to empower and activate women and men, through Biblical discipleship and the power of the Holy Spirit, to experience ZOE life and thrive in the mission of God.

In 2022, Sara put together a leadership team of Khmer women in Cambodia to build the first ever women's leadership conference. The conference took place in October and it was a great success! 150 women attend the conference. The feedback was very encouraging, with women excited to learn more! There are plans in place for another conference in 2023.

Please pray for Sara this Spring as she heads to Malawi to work alongside partners, Fountain Of Life, who provide trauma care for victims of sexual violence. She will be training another group of leaders to be facilitators of the Flourish Course, so that they can lead women through discovery who God made them to be and how valuable they are.

C&S — I LIVING GOD CHURCH INDIA

C & S pastor Living God Church in India. Their work includes sharing the Gospel, discipling believers, and creating leaders. They are excited about what God is doing among them as hundreds of lives are being reached with the gospel, some examples are:

- Their upcoming Kids Camp in May that will reach 1000+ needy kids in 3 campuses.
- Launched a new Youth Organization YTM (Youth Transformation Movement) that will be reaching hundreds of students in local schools through special events.
- The Arise & Build Leadership Training Centre they have had two fruitful batches of students that have come from all over their province to join a one year residential course that will train them to be leaders and church planters.

Please pray for:

- New campuses/church plants they currently have four campuses spread throughout the province. They need the favor, sustenance, and grace from the Lord to reach the people of Tamil Nadu.
- Their family being on the front lines is not easy as a family, we need the constant protection and peace of the Lord.



MARKO AND PAULINE

God is advancing His Kingdom through Bible translation for the Koso* fishing peoples and rice farmers along the Niger River. Twenty years ago, there were no known Jesus followers among these Muslim people groups. Now one Koso man has finished his training as a pastor and is church planting among his people. Another of our close partners is a keen evangelist who shares God's Word in his own language on the radio. Others are growing in faith.

With their and others' involvement, Scripture continues to be translated, recorded and distributed through radio programs, a Scripture app, film, websites and WhatsApp groups. Having just completed the book of Acts in February, we are preparing to return to W. Africa in the summer to continue the translation of Epistles. Thank you for partnering with us to open God's life-giving Word to people who have never had a chance to hear it before!

Pray that:

- Koso* people would interact deeply with the translated Scripture and be transformed as they come to know Jesus.
- Marko, Pauline and the team would work in harmony

and be protected as the translation moves ahead.

- The translators themselves would come to know Jesus as they handle God's Holy Scriptures.
- God would call more local believers to share the translated Scriptures and the gospel with the Koso.
- There would be positive conditions for evangelism and church growth in W. Africa.
- Marko and Pauline's children would grow in their relationship with Jesus as the family is physically separated.



RODNEY & KAJA CORCORAN ESTONIA, EASTERN EUROPE

This year one of the key goals of the Bible School has been to foster unity across the church. This is one of the reasons why the Bible school has worked in cooperation with the Russian speaking churches. One of our main programs for developing the church and its lay leaders is Deacons' school. This year we have worked with translators to be able to provide adequate training for those leaders in the Russian speaking churches. One of our thankful students is from Ukraine. He came with his family earlier last year when the war began. We are pleased to see him integrate into the Estonian church: to find community and have an opportunity to serve.

Currently we are working on our program for the 2023-2024 school year with a greater emphasis on practical ministry. We look forward to welcoming to students and having them participate in planting churches and developing community. It is an honour to be a part of expanding the Kingdom here in Estonia.

Please pray for:

 Current students: In May they will be graduating.
 Please pray that as they leave the Bible school that they would transition well, especially those taking on new ministry responsibilities.

- New students: We are currently preparing our advertisement for next year. Please pray that God sends us the students that need to come and have a lifetransforming year.
- For our ministry partners of churches and church plants that we are partnering with to serve in ministry and develop their leaders. We long to bring unity and work towards a fruitful future.
- New team members, we are looking to expand our Bible school team.
- Resources, ensuring that we have the necessary means for operating the Bible school.



DARCY AND LEANNE

God is moving! Leanne and I serve in Asia and Canada working with leaders through our PAOC mission and through ZOE Network. We are seeing breakthrough in both areas of mission.

ZOE Network is currently completing French translation of leadership discipleship materials, beginning translation work in Spanish, and working on contextualizing material for Sub-Saharan Africa. Both women and men are going through our courses and we get to hear of real life transformation.

In Asia we have increasing opportunity to serve into leaders and churches. We are blessed by the trust extended to us as we teach on leadership and mission in schools and churches. Recently we trained 50 leaders on a Christcentred marriage and they will now train 1200 others. Wow.

We are grateful for your partnership with us. Moving forward means encountering obstacles and you have helped us to push past them. Thank you!



Here are some prayer points for you:

- For protection as Darcy and Leanne travel throughout Asia and Canada, and for the right doors to open with international leaders.
- For multiplication of healthy leadership and marriages into unreached/least-reached areas.
- For women and men to be developed as fruitful leaders through ZOE Network.
- For increased opportunities to share the love of
- Christ with the next generation in our region.
- For wisdom on how to facilitate ministry expansion in our Asian context (both buildings & people).

GREG & LYNNE SWINAMER EURASIA

The Swinamers serve with Next Level International Eurasia. They have worked in Europe for the past 18 years and Greg specifically works alongside pastors and church planters in the Russian-speaking regions of Eurasia. After years of assisting new churches in Ukraine and Russia, the Swinamers pivoted their ministry in March 2022 to helping Ukrainians displaced by the war. The Lord prompted Greg to go to Poland where he assisted the main Pentecostal Union in their refugee efforts. He brokered a partnership with Samaritans Purse Canada (SPC) and facilitated the distribution of US\$1.2 million over 8 months to assist churches that were hosting refugees.

Greg also partnered with Slovo Viary, a large Ukrainian church in Warsaw, that was helping thousands of refugees and those still in Ukraine. With SPC's support, they established two LIFE centres, where displaced Ukrainians receive practical help such as food and clothing distribution, Polish and English language training, counselling, job assistance, programs for children and youth, conversation/prayer over coffee, small group fellowship, and even free haircuts. They are receiving requests and looking to establish LIFE centres in other Polish cities.



Prayer points:

- Pray for the conflict in Ukraine to end, for peace to be restored and lives saved.
- Pray for great spiritual impact on Ukrainian refugees through the ministry of the LIFE Centres in Poland.
- Pray for large financial resources to be raised to launch new LIFE Centres and sustain existing ones.
- Pray for Lynne for increased health and strength in her fight against cancer.



He then began to hold open air services in the village and many community members started attending them and then opening house churches. When the security forces questioned him, he simply responded that after his building had been shut down, he was carrying on the work the only way that he could. In the end, God used the opposition they faced to reach many people that would have never entered a church building.



RESTRICTED ACCESS NORTH AFRICA

We support Global Workers who are living and working in a region of North Africa that is opposed to the Gospel. Our partners' mission is to make Spiritfilled disciples and plant multiplying fellowships of indigenous believers. They have many projects on the go and nothing compares to the joy of seeing the fruit coming from these projects. One of their college graduates shared a beautiful testimony of perseverance. He was working to plant a church in a small village for the past couple of years. In the Fall of 2021, the security services responded to a complaint and closed the church. He was disappointed but knowing that God had called him to plant this church, he began to pray and seek the Lord for a solution.



Prayer points:

- Ministry Pray for capacity for the projects they have on the go.
- Family Pray for their family, with their children attending university in Canada and school in Kenya.
- Rest They will be returning to Canada this summer to be reunited with family.
- Mission Pray for their training program's impact on the apprentices

MARK AND VAL HAZZARD LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

Mark and Val Hazzard pastored in Ontario for 38 years. They were then invited to serve as the PAOC Regional Missions Director for Latin America/ Caribbean (LAC) which they have done for the last 4 years. They serve approximately 40 missionaries in 16 countries.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MINISTRY

Our work with the most vulnerable

Together with ERDO, 17 projects have been carried out in crisis response, community development and child development with over 1500 kids in the ChildCarePlus program over five sites vocational training schools in Guatemala, Jamaica, Honduras, and the DR, Theological training in the DR, Cuba, Uruguay and, Costa Rica rehab centers in Uruguay and Cuba over 500 AG pastors in Cuba receive some level of monthly support.

Our work with the Least Reached

- Encouraging national leaders to expand their missions.
- Working with the Caribbean Fellowship of Assemblies of God Executives.

One Celebration Point: the completion of the first five buildings of the Ministry Development Center in the Dominican Republic.

Thanks for your partnership First Assembly. We are so honoured to represent you in the Latin America and Caribbean Region, and blessed to call FA our church home!

- A few prayer requests:
- Wisdom to be able to serve our amazing Global Workers well
- Protection and direction for our Global Workers
- Strategic partnerships for Kingdom advancement
- Peace in Haiti as gangs are taking over large segments of the country







GLOBAL PROJECTS



This is why the leader of Guinea's national church the Reverend Bandjou Leno, along with Mission Global workers, Phil and Judy Bowler, are seeking to bring the gospel to Guinea while responding to the physical needs of Guinean children. They are currently constructing the Sonfonia Health and Training Centre, within the capital city of Conakry. The Centre will be a place to train upwards of 900 pastors and lay leaders to plant 1,000 churches throughout Guinea, over the next ten years. It will also provide a paediatric clinic with the goal to medically treat upwards of 30 children per day.



GUINEA SONFONIA HEALTH & TRAINING CENTRE

Guinea is one of the least reached countries in Africa. It has a population of 13.5 million inhabitants, but sadly, 11.9 million of those residents have never heard the gospel message. In addition to Guinea being largely unreached, the country struggles to provide necessary medical care, especially for children. Their infant mortality rate is over 20 times higher than here in Canada, and yet, these are all preventable infant deaths if diagnosed early on and treated accordingly.



First Assembly's support of the Sonfonia Health and Training Centre will have a lasting impact on the country of Guinea as a whole. Many lives will be saved both physically and spiritually, in addition to increasing the standard of education and training for Guinean professionals.

URUGUAY EMMANUEL REHABILITATION CENTRE

Ministry Focus: With a fresh vision and a new country call to Uruguay, the Cetrulos plan to engage in ministry which fulfills Mission Global's mandate of reaching the lost and caring for the poor and marginalized as well as spiritual and leadership training for people of influence. Their vision was to plant an orphanage and rehab centre for men seeking to overcome addiction.

This year, First Assembly has committed to sowing into Emmanuel Rehabilitation Centre ministry, a ministry they established in Uruguay, made possible through volunteer efforts of church members who physically and spiritually feed these wonderful people. In the centre, men receive support to build a strong faith foundation which will empower them to persevere and overcome any obstacle to restoration.



CAMBODIA GLOBAL STUDENT CENTRE

Ian and Tiffanie Rowley are PAOC/PAONL global workers in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Ian oversees Global Student Center and a dorm that aims to reach university students. They engage students through various ministries and programs that are offered at their center. With housing for 100 students in the dorm and through genuine relationships with the university students off-site, many have come to faith. They are now connected in the discipleship aspect of Global and to the young adult church on site.





The current student centre is operating out of a rented building that no longer meets their space needs as their centre serves attracts more students than they are able to serve at the moment. First Assembly will be sowing into their key initiative "Project 130 – Global Student Centre", an ongoing project to build a larger and better equipped university student centre in the city of Phnom Penh.

LOCAL MISSIONS



LOCAL WORKERS



HARVEY TRAUTER GLOBAL ONLINE

Axis Church is an online ministry presence to support house churches and house church leaders around the world. God is using many different strategies and methods to build his church around the world. We have often made being a church leader a full-time requirement which involves a multiple year education and building dependent. What if we empower, release and train leaders as they lead.

Currently we are partnering with leaders in 46 countries around the world including:

Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Britain, Canada, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dubai, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Jamaica, Jordon, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, South Africa, Latvia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, USA, Zambia, Zimbabwe.



KELLY AND BARB JOHNSON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRIES (UCM CALGARY)

We have been tremendously grateful for the joyful fruit God has produced in the lives of our students this year. Our campuses (U of C, MRU, and SAIT) are full of students growing in their faith through daily and weekly prayer, worship, community, service, and scripture study! Every morning students gather to pray, weekly to worship, regularly to serve and share a meal with people experiencing homelessness in our city, and monthly to learn about seeking God in daily living!

It has also been a great joy to come alongside international students asking questions about the Christian faith, many hungry to know more about Jesus! Join us by meeting with students who are eager to learn about Canada (https://www. thefriendshipprogram.com). Recently, a Russian family has come to know Jesus because they were looking for ways to be good, realizing that their effort alone was insufficient! Likewise, students from Iran and India have been asking questions about the God of the Bible, being hungry and open to knowing Him!

Thank you for supporting us and praying for us along the way! Bless the Lord!

LOCAL PARTNERS







CALGARY DREAM CENTRE

The past season at the Calgary Dream Centre has been a full and exciting one! We've continued to see 3-5 men graduate from our addictions recovery program every week, with a new set of men entering to take their spot. A highlight has been seeing our men get baptized, as well as having a full house at our Wednesday night Alpha program. Our community housing program has been growing as well and has gotten some exciting upgrades (more on that later!). Life change is why we're here, and we've continued to see God's favor and hand on the work we do, and for that we are so grateful.

Our 2023 year was kicked off with a huge hotel move-out project in Canmore, which we called "Moving Mountains"; not only because of the gorgeous scenery, but because the project was going to take a LOT of faith to get done on a tight timeline! The 'Dream Team' rallied together to move all the furniture out of a Canmore hotel in just a few short days, and we did it! We got to utilize the furniture to update & bless our community clients. We truly felt God's goodness as we got to share the 'overflow' with Ukrainians in need.

Finally, we have some exciting news to share with you. As of this fall the Calgary Dream Centre will be celebrating our 20th year anniversary! YOU reading this are part of the reason why the Calgary Dream Centre has the honor of celebrating such an incredible milestone. We would love to see you at our upcoming events to celebrate with you, our community. Blessings!

FA CARES

FA PANTRY

Since March of 2020, First Assembly's FA Pantry ministry has been serving our community in practical and loving ways. Through our program, food hampers filled with fruits, vegetables and other nutritious food items, are provided to families in need throughout our city. During Christmas, we distribute toys to kids being served by our ministry to brighten the holiday celebrations.

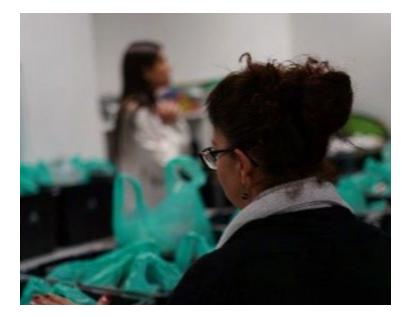
"FOR I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME Something to eat." - Matthew 25:36

FA Pantry Testimony: Nora's Story

I came to Canada in December 2019 at 65 years of age and, as a cancer survivor, it has been so hard the transition in Canada. At this point, it is impossible for me to work because the 12 years of cancer treatment compromised my left lung, but I trust God with my heart. I had to move to Canada after losing my brother in Colombia, he was kidnapped, and we never saw him again. I am crying as I share my story, but I know in my heart that God has never forsaken me. I thank God and FA Pantry, we feel loved and blessed not only by the food we faithfully receive, but also by the volunteers that make the home delivery possible. 77













FA MECHANICS

FA Mechanics is a unique ministry that services and re-purposes donated vehicles to be given out to individuals and families from our community who are facing financial hardship. A group of volunteer mechanics, led by Pastor Cliff Newbury, meets weekly to work on the vehicles, car parts and other supplies needed to refurbish the vehicles are paid out of the ministry's fund. This year, FA Mechanics has repurposed and donated back to the community 64 vehicles.

"DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE What you have, for such sacrifices are Pleasing to god." - Hebrews 13:16

FA Mechanics Testimony: Edith's Story

L This year I have been one of the blessed recipients of a vehicle from FA Mechanics. As a single mom of 6 children, it was a challenge to mobilize my family using public transit after my previous vehicle broke down right before giving birth to my youngest child. The vehicle that we received from the FA Mechanics Program helped us get back on track. We are incredibly happy about this blessing, and we thank God for this birthday gift, when I got notified about the vehicle availability, it was my birthday. My family and I can testify to God's goodness and provision, we know how much He loves us. 77

FA BENEVOLENCE

FA Benevolence reflects FA's heart of generosity, it is one way we love people to Jesus. Families and individuals facing financial hardship due to an unexpected life event such as a hospital stay or job loss, can request emergency financial assistance, or other forms of support required to help them navigate through difficult seasons.

"GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD Measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." — Luke 6:38

FA Benevolence Testimony: Mary's Story

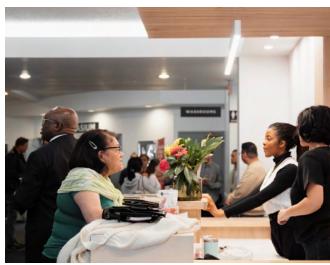
4 Mary (not her real name) is a cancer patient who has been fighting for her life since 2020. Mary, who lives by herself, was hospitalized for three weeks and got behind on her rent payments, so she received an eviction notice from her landlord. She had reached a point where she needed to choose between buying the special diet supplements she needed to support her health, or paying her rent. FA Benevolence helped her catch up with her rent payments bringing financial relief and allowing her to stay focused on her treatment. FA Cares team also helped her connect with a subsidized housing program available to her through a government program. 💔













FA HOPE

FA Hope provides spiritual care through prayer, pastoral care, referrals to counsellors, psychologists and/or healing and deliverance ministry. We understand that hope is a powerful force that can sustain us in challenging times. Through our spiritual care initiatives, we aim to provide comfort, guidance, and support to individuals who are facing challenges and difficulties. As inspired by Romans 8:24, we understand that hope is a powerful force that can sustain us in challenging times. Through our spiritual care initiatives, we aim to provide comfort, guidance, and support to individuals who are facing challenges and difficulties.

"FOR IN THIS HOPE WE WERE SAVED. BUT HOPE THAT IS SEEN IS NO HOPE AT ALL. WHO HOPES FOR WHAT They already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." — Romans 8:24-25

FA Hope Testimony: God uses FA Hope team member to reach a searching soul

Marg Pasay, who serves as part of our FA Hope team, followed up on a request to visit a member of our congregation convalescing at Father Lacombe care center. When she arrived to the care centre, the Lord led her to connect with a young man sitting near the entrance. Marg introduced herself and chatted with him. As the conversation progressed, Marg shared the gospel, and led the searching soul to Christ. We are praying for his life in Christ, Margaret invited him to First Assembly's Tehillah community so he can connect with other believers and grow in his faith. The congregation member Marg visited at Father Lacombe Care Centre that day has since passed into the presence of the Lord, and while he may have been unaware of it, he was instrumental in winning a soul as one of his last services on earth. Thanks, Marg, for bringing HOPE - Helping Other People Excel! 77

LOCAL PROJECTS

DERICK'S YOUTH CENTRE

Derick's Youth Centre is integrally passionate about playing a role in paving the way for a future filled with immeasurable hope, unimaginable restoration and dreams actualized for young people in our city with a focus on underprivileged youth. We inherently believe that each student possesses God-given worth, deserves equal access, and supports to accomplish the call on their lives. Our program accomplishes this through connecting students to trauma informed volunteers who offer mentorship and guidance to the students and work to see each student grow in their character, in building healthy relationships with one another, clarifying their purpose and establishing a rooted identity.

Consistency and stability is vital in youth work to ensure that our students feel safe and cared for. Running our programs on a weekly basis creates one consistent rhythm for students to engage in, however, location and proximity often create a barrier for students to access our program. One way we have worked to minimize this barrier is through running our programs within the communities we are serving. This has proven to be effective in removing transportation as a barrier to accessing our program weekly.

We have also initiated running a monthly drop in at First Assembly to offer connection and resources to students that do not have a DYC program running in their immediate community. The challenge we now face is having the resources to multiply ourselves adequately and efficiently to the communities expressing need. This encompasses finding appropriate spaces to run our program, being able to provide nutritious meals to all the students that attend and providing specifically tailored solutions to the individual needs of each student and their families. Food insecurity is a consistently loud concern amongst the majority of our students' families. The other challenge we face is accessibility for our oncea-month drop-ins at the church, which offers connection for students who do not have a DYC program running in their immediate community yet. We are hope filled that we will be able to find a long-term solution that will remove accessibility as a deterrent for students to access our program.

I appreciate all the leaders and the space they create.
—Aeal



I like seeing different ethnic groups coming together.
Martha

I like being able to meet new people."
— Athieng



EMMA HOUSE

Over the past year, Emma House has experienced a lot of growth and changes. We welcomed a new Executive Director, Michelle Narang, to the Emma House team in June 2022. Our team saw triumph and tragedy that proved beyond measure that the passion for what we are doing here is stronger than anything put in our way. We learn strength from those we serve. While the biggest risk to Emma House is the lack of core funding for our day-to-day, year-overyear operations - our biggest assets are those we serve each day and their stories of success and transformation. Emma House resonates with so many, which translates into the support we need to carry on; I'm confident that our community will ensure that this program continues to serve and impact for as many years as necessary. Emma House has been entrusted for 30 years with the most precious members of our community - mothers and babies - and we couldn't do this work without the support of our donors and ambassadors.

In 2022, Emma House provided programmed housing to 14 moms and 14 babies experiencing or at risk of homelessness. With a growing waitlist of 54 expecting mothers, there is a strong need in our community for services such as Emma House. Outside of programmed housing support, Emma House provided 74 moms and their children with life skills training, essential care items, referrals, and Christmas gifts through our annual Christmas Campaign.





Our on-site Life Skills programming included:

- Active Parenting (0-5 years)
- Perfectionism
- Boundaries
- CBT Mental health
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Positive Parenting
- Financial Literacy
- Nutrition
- Personal Empowerment
- Switch on Your Brain
- Codependency No More

We are so incredibly grateful for the growth Emma House has experienced as an organization this last year and also for the meaningful work being done in our community. We could not do it without our supporters. We are so incredibly grateful to First Assembly Church for sharing the Emma House story and contributing financially to our mission and vision. Your generosity has made a positive impact on the women and children we serve. Our sincere thanks.



REVITALIZE



TEHILLAH MINISTRY SCHOOL

Tehillah Ministry School is in its 4th year! The mission is to form a creative leadership movement marked by excellence in character, talent and the power of God which resources the local church in Calgary, Canada, and the world. TMS is a two-year spiritual formation program (four semesters) which takes place one night a week to cultivate discovery, depth, and discipleship by means of our four key pillars: classroom teaching, community, shared practices, and experience. Through our spiritual formation and track courses (leadership & worship), the rhythms of embodied community, and the experience of the empowering presence of God, all are invited to step into their God-given identities and grow in confidence in their calling as leaders and creatives.



TEHILLAH YOUTH MINISTRY SCHOOL

Tehillah Youth Ministry School (TYMS) seeks to empower high school students to become leaders who develop leaders. We believe young people deeply desire to be part of a vision that is greater than themselves. It is our heart at TYMS to introduce students to God's great mission of disciple making and empower students to partner with God in fulfilling the great commission. Every Tuesday night, high school students from various churches and denominations gather to be formed in the way of Jesus. We eat dinner and commune, form spiritual disciplines that emulate the life of Christ, learn in a classroom setting, and spend time ministering to the heart of Jesus and to one another. As part of the TYMS program, our students are being mentored by seasoned leaders, and regularly serving in various capacities. From preaching, to evangelizing, to mentoring others, our students are active in the mission of God. Since TYMS inception, we have had 30 students go through our program. We look forward to seeing more students throughout our city shaped in character, passion, and power of Jesus Christ.

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Like many, during Covid I made a big change in my life. I decided to make the move from BC to Alberta! I am a big planner, so I decided to do some "church shopping" online and found First Assembly. One thing I was worried about regarding the move was not having the spiritual support, accountability, and friendships I rely on in BC. I am someone that values community, so when I saw advertisements for Tehillah Ministry School during the church services at FA, I knew this was something I needed to join in order to grow and make connections with other believers. Little did I know how fast these people would become more like family. I never had a group of believers my age that consistently pursue Him with their whole hearts and make you feel welcome.

Being new to this city, I was not expecting to have such a solid group around me as fast I did, but TMS provided that for me. I valued community before but did not realize how important it is to actually journey and grow spiritually alongside others. I have people that give me words of encouragement, prophesy over me, pray for me, cry with me, and challenge me to be my best. It's not about only hanging out, it's about having accountability and stability in your life; people you can go to with your doubts, celebrations, fears, and everything in between. God knew I needed these people, and I am so thankful for the connections I've been able to make through Tehillah Ministry School. **17**

-Hannah Koch

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TYMS is something truly special. Having a community of young people with a heart for God is something that is often hard to come by. I've gotten to learn so much about God's heart throughout my time here, and through that I've been able to grow in my relationship with God in ways I didn't think possible. From learning about God's characteristics, to being equipped to go out and share the gospel, I've been able to grow in my faith so much. TYMS has changed my life for the better and I'm so thankful for the program itself and the leaders who work so hard to make it a reality. **17**

- Jeremiah MacKinnon





FUTURE LEADERS - VANGUARD

Vanguard University is a private, Christian, comprehensive university of liberal arts and professional studies equipping students for a Spiritempowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service. Since 2010, the U.S. News & World Report has ranked Vanguard in the top 10 among the best baccalaureate colleges in the west in their rankings of colleges and universities and The Princeton Review named VU a 2014 "Best in the West" College. Vanguard is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The mission of Vanguard University is to pursue knowledge, cultivate character, deepen faith, and equip each student for a Spirit-empowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service.



ELBOW DRIVE CAMPUS REFRESH

We value our next generations!

We are so happy to be able to welcome our families to the new and improved nursery area. We are thrilled to unveil our newly renovated space, designed with love and care for our little ones. Our goal was to create a warm and inviting environment that fosters a sense of comfort, safety, and joy for both children and parents alike.





As you step into our newly renovated nursery, you will be greeted with a fresh and modern look, completed with soft pastel colors, playful patterns, and comfortable furnishings. We have carefully chosen every detail to ensure that our nursery provides a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child's growth and development.

All these intentional and strategic upgrades will help us move forward with our vision to impact Calgary and the world with the life transforming presence of Jesus.



SUNNYSIDE CAMP

Every year, our church community has the opportunity to operate Sunnyside Camp, an unforgettable summer camp experience for youth and young adults. The camps are filled with exciting activities, including swimming, sports, games, bonfires, and free time to build friendships.

But what truly set Sunnyside Camp apart is the strong sense of community and spiritual growth that is fostered throughout the week. Daily services, reading of the Word, prayer and worship services provide campers with the opportunity to connect with God and each other on a deep and meaningful level. The camp is staffed by a team of experienced and dedicated individuals who create a safe and inclusive environment for all who attended. Campers of all backgrounds feel welcomed and valued, and form deep and lasting friendships with one another.

Campers can grow in faith and build a stronger sense of community which leaves a lasting impact on everyone who attends, however every year there are campers who cannot attend due to a lack of finances. Sunnyside believes that no student should miss camp. Over the years, camp sponsorships have enabled students to go to camp and many lives have been changed thanks to the generosity of our community!



ARC CONFERENCE

ARC Canada is a global family of church and business leaders which exists to see a thriving church in every community reaching people with the message of Jesus. They do this by providing relationships, resources, and opportunities to leaders of new and existing churches so that they can thrive. Every member of the ARC Family brings a unique set of experiences, strengths, and resources to create this family. Together, they have a set of shared values. Values that they are known for, that they stand for, and that drive their mission.

The vision to see life-giving churches in every community across Canada drew other pastors and leaders into the conversation, and in 2014 ARC Canada was officially formed. Since then, the ARC Canada family has been growing steadily. New church planters are equipped and released each year to launch churches from coast to coast. Existing



churches are joining the family to support church planting and work together towards health and influence in their communities. ARC Canada celebrates with all of the church planters and partners, and collectively they remain motivated to reach a country for Jesus through the power of the local church.



REPRODUCE





V100 - 2023 UPDATE







WHY V100?

Several years ago, our FA Governing Council began seeking the Lord for the future of First Assembly, with a desire to honor our history while embracing God's dream for our church's future. One of the prophetic words given to our church was that like Sarah from the Bible, First Assembly would give birth to fulfilling God's promises even in its old age. As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2029, we felt led by the Lord to plan for the future and to heavily invest in reaching and discipling the next generations. With that vision in mind, we launched Vision 100 (V100), our faith-filled initiative to pave the way for the next 100 years of Gospel impact, should Jesus tarry.

Through the Kingdom Builders Vision 100 initiative this past year, we have witnessed many miracles, including the recent acquisition of 49.5 acres of land, just off 22X in Southeast Calgary for FA's V100 future expansion. We give God all the glory! We are also excited about the recent planting of a new campus and service time in Seton, which is already reaching and ministering to many more people in the south of our city...

In the relatively near future, we see a new church facility being constructed on the 22X land that will house facilities for worship, including a state-of-theart auditorium with banquet and conference facilities, as well as other shared community facilities to serve our city. We also envision a Spirit-empowered Christian school and discipleship training schools that will raise up the next generation of Christian leaders. Additionally, a seniors facility on-site is part of our vision, as we seek to minister to the needs of our community and provide holistic care and ministry.

These are exciting times, and we believe that as we continue to sow seeds of faith and obedience, we will see an even more bountiful harvest of souls saved and lives transformed in the years ahead. Thank you for your passion and participation in Kingdom Builders. As the Lord has blessed and called First Assembly, He has also blessed and called each of us to be a blessing. Let's continue to take bold steps of faith together this year as we participate with the Lord in fulfilling all that is in God's heart to do in and through our church. As we all do our part, God is glorified and the vision is accelerated.



DON'T MISS OUT ON...

OUR KINGDOM BUILDER VISION 100 GALA 2023

Our FA Church Leadership would like to warmly invite you and your guests to attend our upcoming Kingdom Builders Vision Gala November 30th at 6:30pm at First Assembly Church. This will be an evening to cast vision for future expansion and to celebrate all that the Lord has done as we plan and dream for the future of FA Church

Thank you for joining us in this adventure of faith as we pursue God's vision for V100.

Great days are here, and great days are ahead!

Pastor Ben and Heather

NEW FA CAMPUS - SETON

We have some exciting news to share. As of 2023 Easter weekend we have launched our new FA campus in the Seton Cineplex! We are so excited about the people we have already been able to connect with and believing for God to touch many lives through this new campus.

OUR WHY?

We are making room for more people:

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Isaiah 54:2

We believe everyone needs to hear the good news of Jesus!

"The Lord is patient, He wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act." 2 Peter 3:9





We believe God has "opened a door for the Gospel"

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here" 1 Corinthians 16:9

We are Believing for the extraordinary to happen!

"Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47





OUR OPPORTUNITY

Seton is one of the fastest growing communities in Calgary. Seton in southeast Calgary has been called 'the core outside the core' and will eventually become Calgary's second downtown.

FA Church has several hundred families who already live in south Calgary, making it easier to invite neighbors to church. FA Church owns property in this area and is planning longer-term future development of a second permanent location in the deep south.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE:

- Pray Consider
- Plan
- Sow into KB
- Commit

COME VISIT US!

Come join us for a service! Service begins Sundays at 10am (coffee and connect at 9:30). We'd love to see you and your family there!

BECOME A KINGDOM BUILDER





PRAY

Take time to ask God how He may be asking you to participate in Kingdom Builders.



PLAN

When you plan, you will be clear about your commitment. God blesses us when we plan. "The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty." Proverbs 21:5





Think about a dream amount you'd want to give as God would bless you with more than anticipated income this year. Make that commitment in your heart ahead of time and include it as a matter of prayer.

WAYS TO GIVE

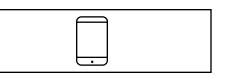


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