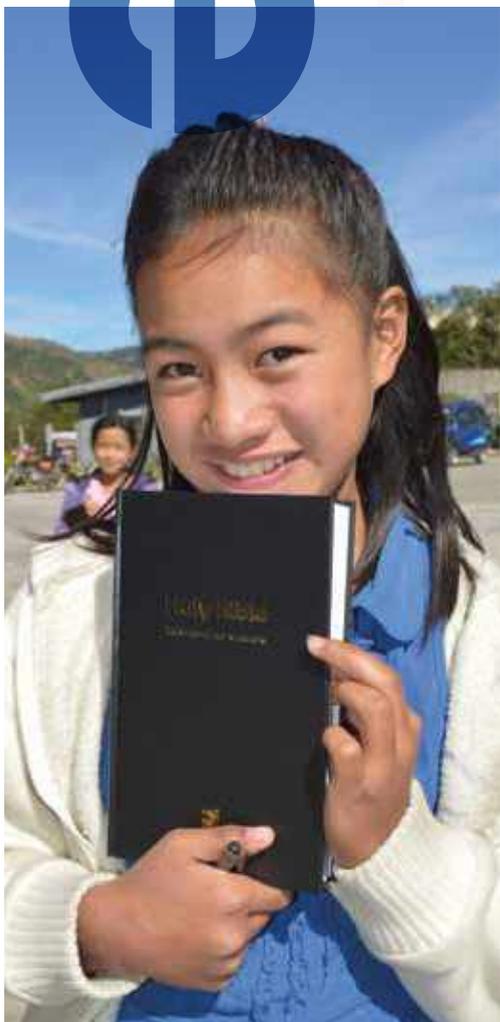




ANNUAL REPORT 2019



From the President's Desk

In the gospel of John, Jesus prays:

"... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

— John 17:20-21 NIV

The importance of one, the importance of being one. What an amazing tribute to our God, when His children work together as one for His glory, to advance His kingdom. Through our unity, the testimony of Jesus is stronger.

This past year, your support played a pivotal role in adult ministry, children's ministry and starting new churches. You also provided millions of Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions to Christians — including many facing persecution.

The testimonies, facts, and figures on the pages of this Annual Report are many, even extraordinary, but they ultimately tell one story: the story of one transformed life, repeated many times over, by the work of the Holy Spirit, made possible by the support of partners — donor champions like you, and local champions in over 40 countries around the world.

Thank you.

One in Christ,



Paul Richardson

President, Bible League Canada



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Cause To Celebrate

IN ONE YEAR, LOOK WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED

113,365

Leaders, Teachers and Church Planters Trained

6,429

New Churches Started

2,174,693

People in Programs*

315,359

People Baptized

1,176,835

New Followers of Jesus

6,847,883

Scriptures Placed

*People in programs include participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.

Making Disciples



Ministry starts with God's Word – The Bible

The Living Word of God transforms people from the inside out. Because of your support this past year, millions of people received Scriptures and discipleship training through new churches, children's programs, adult literacy classes, prison ministry and more.

Each copy of God's Word is diligently tracked, connecting you, the Canadian donor champion, with local champions in over 40 countries, to see maximum impact and multiplying transformation. One heart transformed by the Gospel message shares it with one more child, adult, or community.

"...So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other."

– 1 Kings 8:60 NIV

The results are worth celebrating: **1,176,835**
new followers of Jesus and each one has a name!

The work is not done yet ... there is so much more to do. >>



Starting New Churches

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, individuals are equipped to start new churches in their communities, bringing transformation through in-depth discipleship training programs. God answered Galong's prayers and gave her opportunity to use her gifts and passion for the lost. (Page 7)



Persecuted Church

Bibles are provided to communities of oppressed believers, strengthening them with encouragement and perseverance to courageously bring the Gospel to others. Learn how the Gospel message transformed the heart of one persecutor of Christians to become their biggest supporter. (Page 8)



Children's Ministry

Trained local champions introduce children to the love of Jesus Christ through Bible clubs, Bible camps, and after school programs. Read about South Sudanese children in Ugandan refugee camps coming to Jesus in the midst of an uncertain future. (Page 10)



Adult Ministry

Men and women are led to God's Word through Bible-based literacy classes, Bible studies, and prison ministries. Discover how a Bible study recommended by a prison chaplain completely transformed one woman's life. (Page 17)

“Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

— MALACHI 3:10 NIV



Starting New Churches

■ GLOBAL IMPACT

2,174,693

People in Programs*

6,429

New Churches Started

**That is an average of 123
new churches started
every week!**

**People in programs include participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.*

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

— MARK 4:8 NIV



Galong

A Local Champion
in Thailand

When One = 1,000

Galong’s daily routine used to revolve around finding relief from her pain. She spent so much money on treatments, but nothing helped.

One day, she received a Christian pamphlet that talked about new life and healing. She shrugged her shoulders, and said, “Why not?” Together with her husband, she went to a meeting to learn more. They received an invitation to a Bible study. There, Galong’s life was transformed forever when she was introduced to Jesus and she accepted Him.

She asked Jesus to heal her, and He did!

“My health got better and better and I got stronger and stronger. I was very thankful to God,” she says.

Now, God is working mightily through Galong. At 50 years old, this wife and mother of two, with no formal education, is passionate about sharing the Gospel in villages that have never heard it before. Galong’s life has changed because of the training received through your support. Her family has peace and joy.

She prays, “Jesus, please show me where to go. I want these people to hear about You, like I heard.”

The Lord is leading her to many hurting people in need of the Saviour.

Galong has seen over 1,000 people put their faith in Jesus, and has helped to start over 50 house churches during her 6 years as an evangelist!

Every day, Galong heads out on her motorcycle to visit with people and evangelize. In the early afternoon she goes out to the villages, and then returns around 8 p.m., but not because her day is over. She then sells noodles along the roadside from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m., and sleeps from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. She says, “I have a lot of joy in going out. I see their smiles after they receive Jesus and the joy they have. I want that for everyone I meet.”

Galong is just one person who heard the Gospel message, impacting the lives of over 1,000 people. But she is not finished.

She prays for the next 1,000 people. Will you join her?

One Unanswered Question

Maalavi was an educated, happily married mother of 3 children, well respected for her no-nonsense attitude and devotion to her work with the Police Department. She had an illustrious career and her family, tradition, and religion were the main foundations and joys of her life.

But Maalavi was stuck on one unanswered question, “What is my destiny after death?”

This question troubled her from her childhood. Throughout her life, she searched for an answer. As she grew older, fear began to grip her as well.

Maalavi knew about Christianity, but thought of Jesus as a foreign god. When she encountered Christians preaching the Gospel she immediately made them stop and move on. She believed Christians were only interested

in fooling innocent people and making money from conversions. Her position in the community made her a terror to local Christians. Evangelists feared preaching in her village. No one dared to approach her with the Gospel message.

Maalavi appeared to have success, happiness and respect. Yet inside, she had no peace, no joy. When people commended her for her strong convictions, it only underscored how weak and troubled she felt inside. Her question continued to disturb her, “What is my destiny after death?”

The answer came from a local champion named Pahal. Their journey started with friendship. Given Maalavi’s history of persecuting Christians, it was a great challenge (and a brave leap of faith!) for Pahal to share about Jesus with her. It took many months to develop a good relationship.

Slowly Pahal started to share what the Bible said about eternal life, and that

ONE unanswered question,
“What is my destiny after death?”

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
 — JOHN 14:6 NIV

Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Pahel gave her a Bible and when Maalavi began reading, the words deeply touched her heart, and her fear began to fade away. The answers in the Bible resonated in a way that nothing ever had before. She finally had the answer to her question! She received Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized.

Her transformation astonished her family. She began to share her testimony with them and pray for them. Once a hindrance to Gospel preaching, now Maalavi is the open door for the Gospel in her village, inviting in visiting evangelists, and anyone who wants to hear this Good News. She has become a blessing to many, happy to answer their questions!

By reaching one person, the door to sharing the Gospel to an entire community is now open!

GLOBAL IMPACT

Not just placing Bibles, transforming lives!

Each Bible placed comes with so much more!



- Placed through programs
- Into waiting hands
- Of those who will read it
- Supported by ongoing discipleship

Every Bible is diligently tracked, connecting you, the Canadian donor champion, with global champions, to see maximum impact.

6,847,883
 Scriptures placed in 2019

18,761
 Scriptures placed per day, on average



One Moment of Clarity

In Uganda, Nabunya is a master trainer for Children's Ministry volunteer teachers.

Just over four months ago, he graduated a class of volunteers that is now leading Children's Bible Clubs in the Rhino Refugee Camp in Uganda.

"I am truly blessed to have been part of the training. This session had different dynamics and settings that speak to the challenges faced by the pastors and volunteers in the Rhino Camp. Their situation is unique in comparison to the experiences in other parts of the country."

There are thousands of youngsters in the Rhino Camp, yet volunteers were discouraged by the small numbers of children that would come to Sunday school programs offered by their churches. But after receiving the Children's Ministry training, made possible through your support, the numbers these same volunteers reported were astounding!

In just four months, 8 Bible clubs were started with 3,214 children attending (and 1,856 new followers of Jesus recorded to date!) The Sunday school

program is growing now because children at the club are encouraged to come to church. And they bring their families.

"I am humbled at how much this training impacted the trainees, and the children they minister to," said Nabunya.

"It has become clear to me: I believe this is what we were supposed to do in the first place, before even thinking of starting the Sunday school program. The Bible Club has yielded more fruit in four months than two years of the Sunday school program. To God be the glory!"

Through one training class, God is reaching thousands of young hearts!

FOCUS ON UGANDA

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

— MATTHEW 19:14 NIV



GLOBAL IMPACT

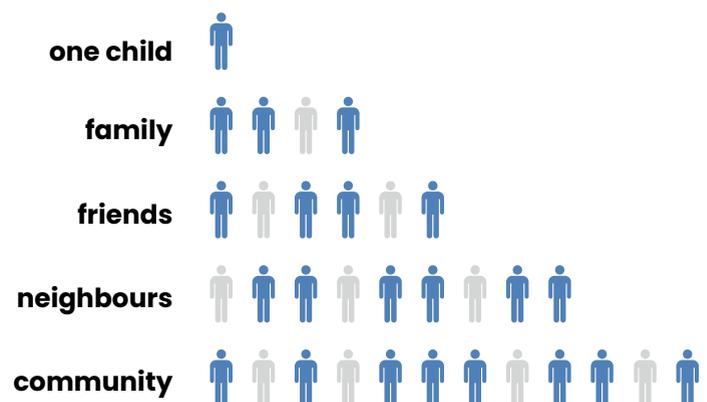
Multiplication of One

One excited child shares with his family what he learned at Bible camp. Together they read through the Bible he received. His parents, intrigued, linger the next day when dropping him off at camp.

The leader welcomes their questions and invites them to a neighbourhood group to hear more.

Through one child many lives can be transformed.

Expanding God's Kingdom



Why a League Matters

Jesus gave all believers a really big task.

Go. Make disciples... of all nations.

Baptizing them. Teaching them.

This is a big job, but one every Christian is commissioned to do. And working together — each with the grace given to us — we are able to do it!



{ **League:** *an association of persons or groups united by common interests or goals* }

One Lord, One League, One Mission, One Story

Jesus expected His disciples to gather workers. Following the Great Commission model, to see the greatest impact possible for our efforts, Bible League Canada has gathered together partners, donor champions like you, and local champions in over 40 countries, passionate about this kingdom work. And with this extraordinary league of like-minded partners, the results have surpassed our wildest imaginations.

In the last 5 years, your support has meant that over 32 million Scriptures have been placed and over 4 million people have become new followers of Jesus. Children have been given reason to hope, adults have learned to read and write, churches have been started, and persecuted believers have been given the Word of God as a refuge in their intense trials.

How is it possible to have such a massive impact around the world? It's through partnerships:

working with local champions to reach people within their local context, ultimately by God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The testimonies, facts, and figures on the pages of this Annual Report are many, but they ultimately tell ONE story: the story of one transformed life, many times over, made possible by **the work of the Holy Spirit, and this amazing league of Great Commission workers.**

Ministry Results

EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME

6,429

New Churches Started

2,174,693

People in Programs*

6,847,883

Scriptures Placed

2019 MINISTRY RESULTS ROLLING SUMMARY

	FY2018-19	2015-2019 CUMULATIVE RESULTS
LEADERS/TEACHERS/CHURCH PLANTERS TRAINED	113,365	678,249
PEOPLE IN PROGRAMS*	2,174,693	10,088,445
NEW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS	1,176,835	4,641,108
NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTIZED	315,359	1,218,798
NEW CHURCHES STARTED	6,429	31,859
EVANGELISTIC CONTACTS BY CHURCH PLANTERS	959,231	3,154,341

2019 SCRIPTURE RESULTS

	CANADA	INTERNATIONAL	TOTAL
BIBLES	8,541	438,504	447,045
STUDY BIBLES	77	23,837	23,914
NEW TESTAMENTS	787	459,455	460,242
CHILDREN'S PORTIONS/BOOKLETS	34,469	1,909,564	1,944,033
CHILDREN'S STORY BIBLES	5,615	192,710	198,325
BIBLE PORTIONS/SELECTIONS/BOOKLETS	46,727	3,727,597	3,774,324
TOTAL SCRIPTURES PLACED	96,216	6,751,667	6,847,883
DIGITAL RESOURCES**			4,807,083

*People in programs include participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.

** include digital Scriptures, photos, maps, and video and audio Bibles.

Called by the One True God

Amanda is passionate about her desire to serve God, so more people will know about Jesus Christ. Amanda is Shuar, an indigenous people of Ecuador, and she has a heart to bring the Gospel to people of her nationality.

"Lord, I want to work for You, to go and preach Your Word," Amanda would often pray. God answered that prayer when the leadership of her local church invited her to participate in the training to start new churches provided through your support. Excited, she dedicated herself to the training and started a church in the Shuar community of María Magdalena. She didn't stop there! Amanda is working in other communities to establish outposts of the Kingdom there as well.

Some of these places have no accessible roads and dangerous conditions, but Amanda has a motivation and passion for the Gospel that keeps moving her forward.

"I have to go and preach to bring the Good News to others. Just as I needed God to save me, so do the people in the faraway communities.

There is no one to take the message because they are so far away. God uses me to bring the hope of salvation so they can know there is a Saviour, so they can repent and be saved."

FOCUS ON ECUADOR



Amanda
A Local Champion
in Ecuador

Amanda shares that in one of the communities, she came across a sick man who had sought healing through medicine and witchcraft, but there was no cure for him. "When I visited, the man was resigned to die because the witch doctors could not find a remedy for him."

She shared with him about Christ and prayed for healing. The man accepted Christ and by God's grace, he was healed! When Amanda saw the man was healed, she was reminded again that God is the one true God.

With deep conviction, Amanda declares, "The Spirit of God is life, He is truth. When someone believes in God, their life is transformed!"

Through one local champion the Gospel message is reaching in to Ecuador's most remote villages.

“*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 10:15 NIV

People in Programs*
2,174,693

*People in programs include participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
— JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

GLOBAL IMPACT

96,216
Scriptures Placed
in Canada

12,232
Canadians in
Programs*

An average of 263 Scriptures
are placed in people's hands
every single day in Canada!

*People in programs include participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.

One Thing Was Missing

“After suffering years of abuse at the hands of my stepfather, I gave up and left home for good when I was 13. I lived on the streets of Edmonton, in an area where few people want to travel. I bought into a lifestyle of handsome men with fancy cars and lots of money. I thought I had everything I needed, but really, the **one most important thing was missing.**

At 15, I was using drugs, and involved in all sorts of criminal activities. Then I overdosed. As I was being resuscitated, I hallucinated and thought I saw shadow people. I was terrified, and I jumped up and ran to a friend’s place.

I ran through her doorway, screaming, “I think I just died!” and hid under the blankets on her bed. I prayed to God. I didn’t understand Him, but I figured there had to be someone up there — because someone had just saved me.

I got sober after that close encounter with death, but my

crimes caught up to me, and I was sentenced to prison.

The prison chaplain suggested I begin correspondence Bible studies and attending worship. Wow! I finally found what was missing in my life. I had all this ugly baggage, and here was Jesus, willing to take it from me! The Bible studies and the instructor’s guidance helped me see that Jesus would take all this guilt, shame, worry, and doubt AWAY. Every day I pray for forgiveness, and thank Him for all He has done for me.

I think back to that traumatic day I overdosed, more than two decades ago. I could have died at 15 years old without knowing Jesus, but the Lord had other plans for me. He saved not only my body, but my soul.

I feel His presence all the time; my life feels complete. Jesus is my one solid rock in all my struggles. He will never abandon me. He forgives me and loves me unconditionally. It is never too late to come to Jesus.”

One Meeting Changes Everything

Caroline felt like she could never meet her family's expectations.

"They criticized me, telling me I would never achieve anything," she says. "So, I reacted by cutting myself, going to parties, doing drugs, and making trouble with boys."

"I decided to go to college in the city and leave my family and troubles behind. My plan was to pay for everything by working as a prostitute. And if things didn't go the way I planned it, I could always end my life."

Then, at college, Caroline met Simon, a local champion, working on campus, and he began talking to her about God. She recalls, "It was so fascinating to me. He started explaining how he met Jesus and became a Christian. Since meeting Simon, my life has taken a different path."

Simon gave Caroline a Bible, and she started reading the Gospel. "I was reading the Bible and learning more about Jesus, praying and seeing God answer my prayers," she shares, her eyes shining.

"I got baptized, and my parents actually came to my baptism. My mom and I finally started to develop a real relationship."

Caroline began training to lead Bible studies, and her desire to share the Gospel and become a local champion grew as she learned ways to talk to people about Jesus. "I am so happy to meet and study God's Word together with others," Caroline notes. "It is a great joy for me to see what each person discovers in the Bible!"

One young woman transformed by God's Word, is reaching out to show His love to many others!

FOCUS ON POLAND

315,359

People Baptized



The One Best Served

From the Chief Financial Officer's Desk

2019 has been a journey. A journey of reliance on God to provide for all of our needs. A journey to serve, in a fiscally responsible manner, the Bible League Canada donors who support local champions in over 40 countries around the world ...

... And, a journey to meet the one best served by this support.

Managing the day-to-day finances and overseas ministry transactions for Bible League Canada involves many numbers, spreadsheets, contracts, and meetings, most of which can be accomplished from my office.

Then, recently, I had the opportunity to journey to India, as part of satisfying Canada Revenue Agency's requirement that we provide direction and control to the use of Canadian donations. We visited the regional office of one of our partner ministries to review their processes to ensure that funding was spent wisely and within required guidelines.

Then, they took us out of town, to visit one village.

In that village was a lean-to, where one church planter, Pastor Daniel,

greeted us with much joy. Today, he is discipling 65 new believers—one of whom used to throw rocks and shout insults at him whenever he passed by. But Jesus transformed his life!

— These are the ones we serve.

We are providing a snapshot of Bible League Canada's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. A small piece of the larger journey that turns your Holy Spirit-led giving into transformed lives. These numbers are grounded in faith and with thanks to God for His provision.

If you are interested in seeing our full audited financial statements, please go online to BibleLeague.ca/Accountability, email ministry@BibleLeague.ca, or call 1-800-363-9673.



David G Kraulis

David Kraulis, CPA CA
Chief Financial Officer

THE BIBLE LEAGUE CANADA STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31

2019

2018

REVENUE

BFM THRIFT STORES CONTRIBUTIONS	9,990,118	10,222,406
CONTRIBUTIONS	5,206,280	5,297,541
PUBLICATION SALES	269,967	239,457
INTEREST AND OTHER REVENUE	37,248	28,806

Cause for Celebration!

15,503,613

15,788,210

EXPENDITURES

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY	12,806,223	13,267,584
FUNDRAISING	1,493,373	1,319,141
ADMINISTRATION	1,163,505	1,103,950
TOTAL	15,463,101	15,690,675
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	40,512	97,535

Funds Sent to the Ministry!

12,806,223

13,267,584

Let's Give God Thanks! By the grace of God, your donations and contributions totaling \$15.5 million in 2019 fulfilled all ministry commitments to the field: \$12.8 million was directed to ministry in over 40 countries. Praise the Lord!

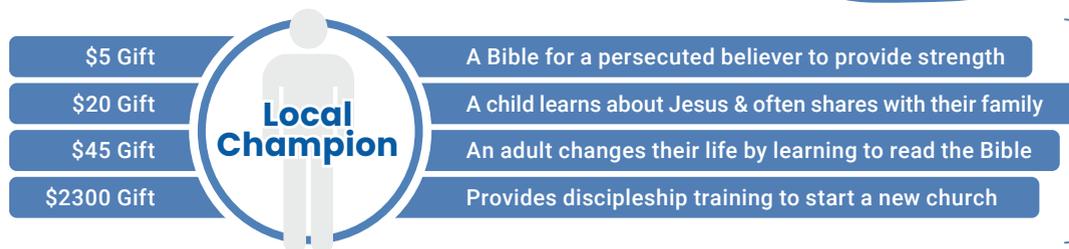
We are reliant on God's provision to make this happen, and

Bible League Canada's ministry model means these funds go further, and with a multiplying effect. But despite all of this cause for celebration - we still have waiting lists.

The need still outweighs the ability to fund it. God's kingdom work continues!

HEART OF ONE DONATION

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT



Lives are Transformed



When people live for Jesus, entire communities can be transformed!

Your Gift

Through strategic and extraordinary partnerships, your gift equips local believers through Bible-centric discipleship programs to become champions for the Gospel, committed to reaching their own communities with the Living Word of God.

82%
of all revenue in 2019 went to the field!



One Body, Many Parts

Bible League Canada is blessed to work alongside incredible ministry partners who are all committed to one vision: the transformation of lives through Jesus Christ.

Together, this league of champions: global champions, donor champions like you, and local champions, ***“spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”***

— ***Hebrews 10:24 NIV***

The kingdom efforts of any one of these partners are good, but many, working together for one purpose, is greater, stronger!

52

Number of Mission Thrift Stores

5,000

Mission Thrift Store Volunteers



What started with a few donors who chose to use what was in their hands for God’s Kingdom work, has turned into 31 years of faithful and fruitful partnership with BFM Foundation (Canada) and Mission Thrift Stores.

In 1988, Bible League Canada entered into a unique joint ministry relationship with BFM Foundation (Canada) and Mission Thrift Stores.

Mission Thrift Stores convert donated used goods into cash. 100% of their net revenue supports the joint ministry of BFM Foundation (Canada) and Bible League Canada. We are very grateful for this continued partnership that has furthered the reach of the Gospel in over 40 countries worldwide.

After 31 years of ministry together, we celebrated with BFM Foundation (Canada) when they announced that the \$100 million mark for funds contributed had been reached!

KEY PARTNERS SUPPORTING OUR 2019 VISION

- Abundance Canada
- BenefAction Foundation
- BFM Foundation (Canada)
- BFM Thrift Store - Abbotsford
- Brandt Foundation Inc
- Canadian National Christian Foundation
- Chimp Foundation
- Christian School Foundation
- Jack and Sylvia Gin Foundation
- Jackman Foundation
- Little Lamb Ministries
- Multiplication Network Ministries
- Reimer Express Foundation Inc
- Selwyn Outreach Centre
- Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation
- The John Brouwer Foundation
- The Leder Charitable Foundation

JOINT MINISTRY PARTNERS

- Awana International Canada
- CH Global
- Crossroads Prison Ministry
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- Little Lambs Ministry
- Mission India
- Multiplication Network Ministries
- Multiply
- One Hope Canada
- Reach A Village
- Scripture Union
- The Digital Bible Society
- Tyndale Intercultural Ministries



THANK YOU!

When God's children work together as one body, with the Holy Spirit's leading, it is incredible what can be accomplished!

As a donor champion partnering with local champions around the world, your support and prayers have helped to reach millions of people with the Living Word of God, one life at a time.

We look forward to seeing what God will do through your support in 2020!

For more information, please visit [BibleLeague.ca](https://www.BibleLeague.ca)

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