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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

“Know that I am God”

Dear Friend,

We are at a time and place where we can look back and **see what God has done, and know that He has preserved and continues to grow His kingdom work!** Limitations created by the pandemic are on a downward trend.

In the early days of the pandemic we did everything possible to preserve ministry capability, so when we returned to full capacity, the ability to do ministry would be intact. God knows what we need.

In the midst of the pandemic, local champions found new ways to reach people, and ministry was able to continue. Differently, moderately, but still continue. God knows what they need.

Faithful donors like you realized that Great Commission work could not be stopped, and was now even more urgent. You made it a priority to continue giving. God knows what you need.

In the past year, with many pandemic restrictions ending, some sense of normalcy is returning. We are now able to look back and count the blessings, while looking forward at what needs to be done.

Realizing that no capacity for ministry in the field was lost, and assuring ministry partners that funding for ministry work was back to pre-pandemic levels as of August 31, 2022, is great cause for celebration!

Knowing that in-person ministry is being enhanced and gaining momentum through technology, in countries where previously no technology was being used, is a blessing.

Reporting to you that we have finished the year without debt, and have sufficient cash reserves to withstand a future crisis, is a remarkable blessing.

Because of your support, and by the grace of God, Bible League Canada ministry is stronger than ever before. The momentum gained in the past 3 years has provided a solid foundation and clear purpose moving forward, so together we see God’s name exalted among the nations!

In His Name,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul".

Paul Richardson

President

Bible League Canada



Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

PSALM 46:10 NIV



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EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS!

76,671

Leaders, Teachers and Church Planters Trained

1,027,007

People in Programs*

423,378

New Followers of Jesus

Shared the Gospel message with **1,543,869** People*

4,635

New Churches Started

107,390

People Baptized

3,966,528

Scriptures Placed

* Shared the Gospel message includes evangelistic contacts by church planters and people in programs.
People in programs includes 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 starting 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 almost 50 countries, to see maximum impact and multiplying transformation. And one heart transformed by the Gospel message goes out and shares it with another child, adult, or community!



423,378

New followers of Jesus.

**God is exalted among
the nations!**

PROGRAMS YOUR GIFTS MAKE POSSIBLE



Adult Ministry

Men and women are led to God's Word through Bible-based literacy classes, Bible studies, and prison ministries. After being welcomed with open arms, and shown the great love of God when she was searching for Him, a skeptic becomes a disciple maker. (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. At just 13, Reong was working as a day labourer to earn money to help support her family. She dreamed of being free from all the stress and worry. Hearing about Jesus changed everything! (page 18)



Persecuted Church Ministry

Bibles are provided to communities of oppressed believers, strengthening them with encouragement and perseverance to courageously bring the Gospel to others. Neighbours harassed and abused Kajol and her family for leaving their traditional religion. But after experiencing God's healing love, Kajol persevered. (page 14)



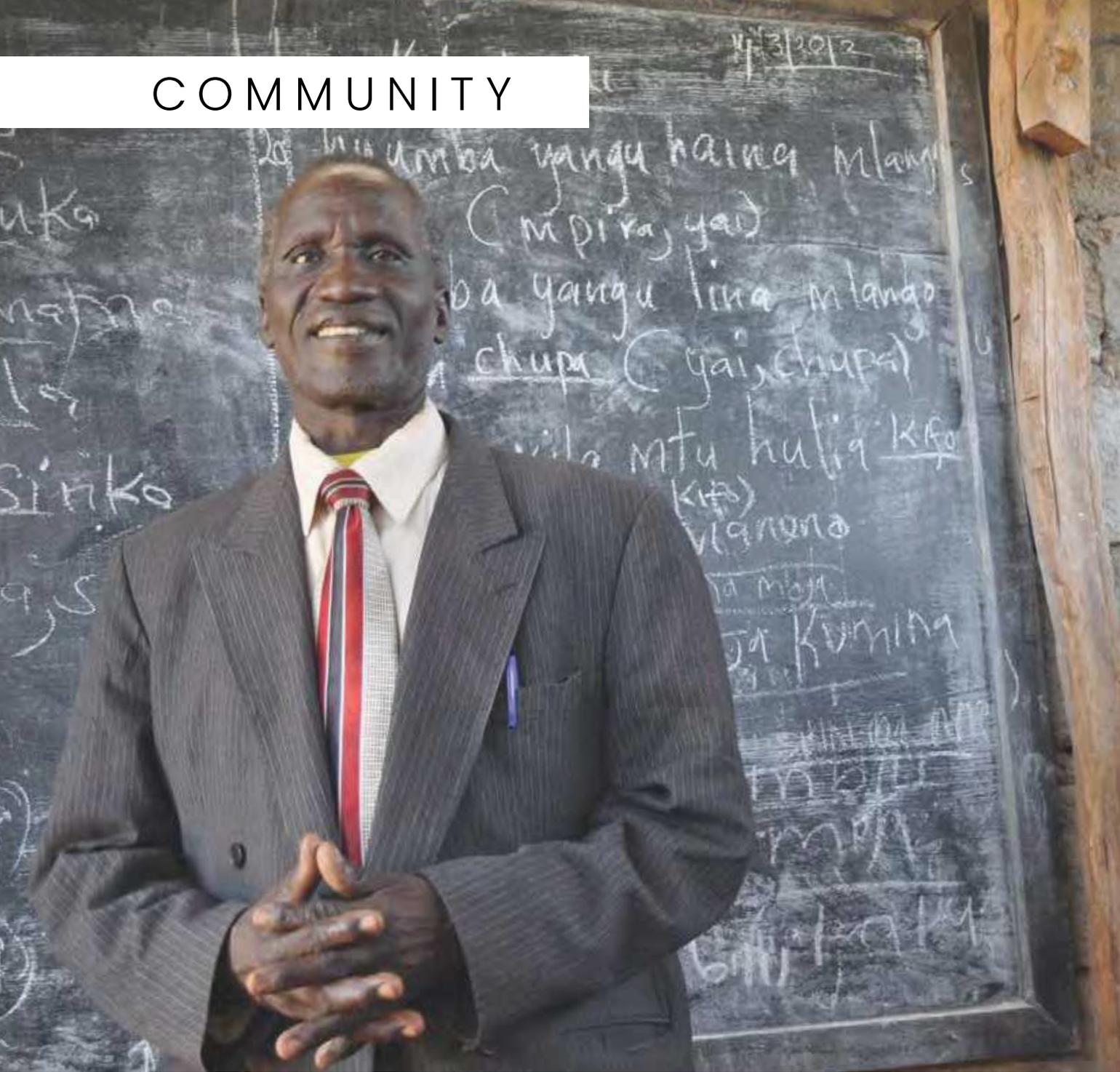
Starting New Churches

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, individuals are equipped to start new churches in their communities, bringing transformation through in-depth discipleship training programs. Pastor Ronald's church members offer a day of free home repairs to neighbours in need, and talk about Jesus as they work, drawing people in. (page 16)

“ *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise...*

— PSALM 96:3-4 NIV

COMMUNITY



GLOBAL IMPACT

4,635

New Churches Started

That is an average of
89 new churches started
every week!



*Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this...*

PSALM 37:5 NIV

A Place to Belong

In the name of Jesus, Pastor Kinoya eagerly reaches out to his community. The training and equipping he has received have had a huge impact. Currently, he is running two very successful adult literacy centres in Kenya, as well as pastoring a church. Feeding souls and minds all work together!

Four years ago, Pastor Kinoya was the leader of a very small worship group, with just 3 people. Then, with training, he became a volunteer teacher for the Adult Literacy Program. The Bible-based lessons soon had students asking questions about Jesus, and he invited them to his small church gatherings.

The church is growing: today almost 100 men, women, and children regularly gather for worship!

The sense of belonging and commitment is evident in all aspects of their community, particularly as the literacy centres grow too. Some of the classes have started 'table banking' and acquire goats for each group. They raise the goats to sell for profit and

share amongst the members. This exercise increases the level of trust and commitment of learners at the centre since they have invested their own money, and will see a good return. **They learn banking, budgeting, saving, and tithing.**

Another advantage to well-established literacy centres is the ability to tap into government and other non-governmental organization funding. A Self Help Group formed through the literacy centre has registered and is reaching out to relevant agencies that are providing funding. There is one such agency that will donate cows to groups that have demonstrated stability and commitment.

People committed to following Jesus provide a strong basis for community growth. Conversations in the classroom that begin with books, goats and cows, bring on invitations to become part of a community of believers. The Living Word of God transforming whole communities!

You made it possible for Pastor Kinoya to be trained and equipped to reach out to his community.

TRANSFORMATION



■ CANADIAN IMPACT

33,187

Scriptures Placed
in Canada

5,615

Canadians in
Programs*

**An average of 90 Scriptures
are placed in eager hands
every single day in Canada!**

** Includes participants in: Children's Ministry,
Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.*

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
ROMANS 12:2 NIV

A Living Faith

Through your support, young adults are being disciplined, and mentored to make new disciples through campus ministry.

This is the testimony of one young disciple:

“I grew up in a secular home, but my parents sometimes brought me to church, and even sent me to a Bible camp. I knew the story of how Jesus lived and died, but didn’t know what having a personal Saviour really meant.

And I did not see others living their faith outside of a Sunday service.

Life at home was good until my parents began fighting frequently. Immigration posed many challenges for them, and at one point, my father had to return to China, leaving my mother and I alone. When my parents divorced, I was confused and angry at God.

My family situation was too much to grapple with, so I busied myself with school. But I was hungry to learn about how people could have loving, healthy relationships. I thought about it a lot and came to conclusions based on my own thinking – throughout my adolescence I identified as atheist, devoting myself to my studies and idolizing the power of the rational mind. But rather than

arriving at a peaceful conclusion, I became increasingly lost.

Thankfully, God pursued me even when I rejected Him.

When I started university, I was invited to a church on campus. There, I felt a wonderful sense of joy and belonging. I met the girls who would become members of my first small group, including Rebecca, who would become my mentor. We all met weekly to study Scripture, serve and worship together.

Here, I witnessed a body of believers living their faith and modelling the God whom they worship. Jesus became my personal Lord and Saviour, and I was baptized! Now, I am an apprentice learning how to lead my own small group and mentor others.

I had been welcomed with open arms, and shown the great love of God when I was searching for Him.

I was a skeptic, and am now a believer, being renewed day by day in the knowledge of Christ, and empowered by His Spirit.”

ACCEPTANCE



Now, I Know

You provided Bibles for Ukrainian refugees – a Bible in the language of their heart.

Twelve Ukrainian refugees were sheltered at a ministry centre in Moldova. One of them, Olesya, a recent graduate from the University of Odessa, had great plans for a career and a future with her boyfriend, Ivan, a lawyer in Ukraine. The couple knew of God, but had no interest to learn more. They were happy just living their lives.

When the war broke out, Ivan knew it would be safest for Olesya to leave Ukraine until

the fighting left their city. Olesya desperately wanted to stay, but she agreed to go, believing she would be returning soon.

When Olesya arrived at the ministry centre, she feared that they had been brought to some religious sect, as the building looked like a church. However, no one forced her to pray or attend services, and she saw the ministry workers were simply serving the needs of the refugees.

She was so touched when the Russian-speaking workers apologized that they didn't

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know the Ukrainian language. She watched as they built a shower room and installed a laundry area for the refugees. She listened in when others asked for prayer. She smiled when they told her that God loved her. Their consistent love and caring caused Olesya to want to know more about this God they served.

A shipment of Ukrainian Bibles arrived.

By this time, all 12 of the refugees were eager to start reading their new Bibles!

As the workers, along with some local believers, helped them to read and study the Bible together, they all began to consider and ponder their lives.

The words Olesya read in her new Bible caused her to repent before God, "Now I know Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour!"

Three months later, Olesya returned to Ukraine. She told Ivan everything that she had experienced and learned with the Word of God, and that she had decided to move out of their apartment. Though he was not happy with this sudden change, they continue their relationship and Olesya faithfully prays that he will also know Jesus.

The Living Word of God is transforming lives! Praise the Lord!

GLOBAL IMPACT

Scriptures Placed

3,966,528

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
JOHN 13:35 NIV





*Come and see what God
has done, His awesome
deeds for mankind!*

PSALM 66:5 NIV

Dear Friend,

Even in a world afflicted by pandemic and conflict, God has His champions fearlessly continuing to serve Him and others. **These faith-filled men and women are committed to know Christ and make Him known.**

Many are serving in regions of the world where it is dangerous to be known as a follower of Jesus, driven by the same passion that drove the Apostle Paul: *"I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."* (Philippians 3:10 NIV)

Bible League Canada receives testimonies from local champions in almost 50 countries. From the Philippines, we hear of one faithful champion who walked three days along dangerous mountain paths to reach a remote village where there was no Gospel presence, to share the Good News of Jesus with children there!

Following the arrest of one of the local champions in a country where persecution of Christians is severe, the authorities announced that he had died in prison. Heartbroken, we continued to pray for his young wife and two small children. A month later, we were stunned to receive a photo of him, alive, still behind bars, but being transferred to a much less dangerous prison. While in jail, he faithfully shares the love of Jesus with fellow prisoners.

As pandemic restrictions lessen, ministry opportunities abound like never before. We've learned some important lessons over the past three years, in this new era, about how to engage in ministry better, and our champions are going ahead full throttle. **With what they have come to know and implement, the impact will be even greater moving forward. They need your help now more than ever!**

The words of the Psalmist are coming to pass:

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10 NIV)



Bob

Rev. Bob Beasley
Chief Ministry Officer



Ministry Results

EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME

4,635

New Churches Started

423,378

New Followers of Jesus

3,966,528

Scriptures Placed

2022 MINISTRY RESULTS SUMMARY

| | FY2021-22 | FY2019-20 — FY2021-22 PANDEMIC RESULTS |
|--|-----------|---|
| LEADERS/TEACHERS/CHURCH PLANTERS TRAINED | 76,671 | 305,073 |
| PEOPLE IN PROGRAMS* | 1,027,007 | 3,261,626 |
| EVANGELISTIC CONTACTS BY CHURCH PLANTERS | 516,862 | 1,620,071 |
| NEW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS | 423,378 | 1,835,383 |
| NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTIZED | 107,390 | 439,527 |
| NEW CHURCHES STARTED | 4,635 | 20,867 |

2022 SCRIPTURE RESULTS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| BIBLES | 578,422 | 1,551,931 |
| STUDY BIBLES | 24,989 | 51,032 |
| NEW TESTAMENTS | 231,366 | 689,389 |
| CHILDREN'S PORTIONS/BOOKLETS | 1,074,732 | 2,963,399 |
| CHILDREN'S STORY BIBLES | 70,856 | 145,887 |
| BIBLE PORTIONS/SELECTIONS/BOOKLETS | 1,986,163 | 5,076,466 |
| TOTAL SCRIPTURES PLACED | 3,966,528 | 10,478,104 |
| DIGITAL RESOURCES** | 2,243,792 | |

* Includes participants in: Children's Ministry, Adult Ministry and Church Planter Training.

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

PERSEVERANCE

I Know Where My Help Comes From

Kajol felt like shame followed her every time she left her house. She had no control over her daughter, Paayal, who was affected by evil spirits. The neighbours would stare at them whenever they went out.

But there was one neighbour who didn't look down on the family: a local champion named Noshi, who was trained to reach out to his community. When Noshi came to their door, Paayal screamed at the top of her lungs, insisting that he leave. But the family was desperate for help, so they asked him to come inside and pray.

Noshi looked Paayal in the eye and rebuked the evil spirits in Jesus' name. **Through the power of God, Paayal was delivered. It was a miracle!** But new troubles followed.

Noshi gave the family a Bible to read, made

possible through your support, and began visiting them a few times a week. His consistency and kindness were a blessing to Kajol, but neighbours saw things differently. Fearing Kajol's family's interest in the Gospel, they started gossiping cruelly about them.

But Kajol fixed her eyes on Jesus and kept listening to Noshi, who remained committed to this family's budding faith. As Kajol learned about the Word of God and experienced more of His peace, she knew that she needed Jesus as her personal Saviour! **She had faith that her sins were forgiven and that she could live without fear.**

Neighbours continued to harass and abuse Kajol and her family for leaving their traditional religion.

■ GLOBAL IMPACT

76,671 local champions were trained to reach out to their communities!

But it didn't change her courage and passion for Christ.

Kajol is actively leading her children to Christ, and her sister is beginning to show interest. Kajol knows that Jesus is by her side as she endures persecution, and she leans on the truth of Psalm 121:1, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?" Each day, despite risking relationships with family, friends and neighbours, Kajol finds her help in the Lord.

You made it possible for Kajol and her family to hear the Good News of Jesus by training Noshi and equipping him with Bibles!

“ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD...

PSALM 121:1-2 NIV



PURPOSE

I know what
they need!

**“Wherever I live, I
preach the Gospel
of Jesus.” – Ronald**

Ronald started a new church in his neighbourhood. “Wherever I live, I preach the Gospel of Jesus. Across the street is a neighbourhood with 22 houses. Our challenge this year was to throw the net on that side of the street. I know what they need. It’s Jesus!

And there is a lot of need here. Fatherless children, single moms, and drug addicts who need to be restored. That motivates me. I tell people, ‘I am a carpenter, and there is a roofer, a block layer, even a cook in our church. **We will work on your house for free for one day.’ And then, while we work, we talk to them about Jesus.”**

People have already come into the church. One of them is Eden.

Eden was a drug addict beginning at just 12 years old. He started with marijuana and then cocaine. He was a slave to drugs for 27 years. He turned to witchcraft, and looked for medicines,

anything the world could give him. Nothing worked. He was broken.

Then Ronald offered to fix his roof. With a huge smile on his face, Eden shares, “Listening to Ronald as he worked,

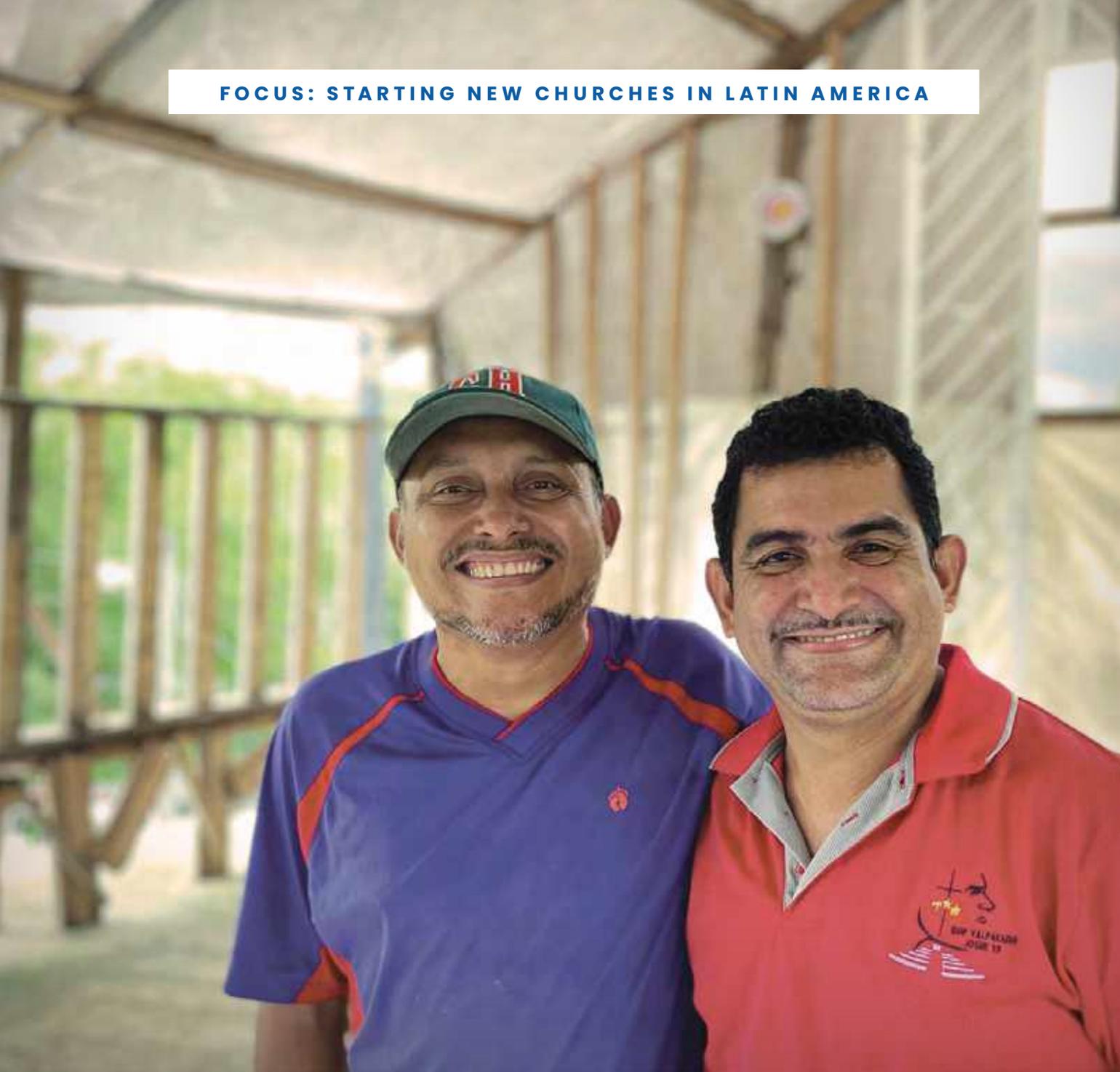
I knew that I had found
what I was looking for!
Christ gave me a new life.
Now, my life is changed.

The past is behind me. My family, my parents, they all come here with me. I was the black sheep of my family, and I became a white sheep in the name of Jesus!”

Lives are transformed by the Living Word of God!

Through your faithful support, pastors and leaders like Ronald received the training and equipping they needed to reach out to their community to help them know and experience the love the Christ.

FOCUS: STARTING NEW CHURCHES IN LATIN AMERICA



■ GLOBAL IMPACT

423,378
New Believers

An average of 1,159 new
believers every day!

“...your Father knows what
you need before you ask him.

MATTHEW 6:8 NIV



THRIVING

I Know

I am God's Child!

To make things better for her family, 16-year-old Reong works tirelessly.

"Before I was a believer in Jesus Christ, my family and I lived in very poor conditions. My parents worked hard as day labourers but still could not afford to send both me and my younger brother to school. So, I did not attend school.

At age 13, I also began working to help support my family. There was only one focus: how to get more money. But it was never enough. Food, clothes, medicine, another textbook. The list went on and on.

I was weary and dreamed of being free from all these worries.

One evening, on my way home, I ended up walking alongside a man named Pheot whom I knew from my village. He shared with me about the God he serves: the God who loves us and hears our prayers, the God who sent His Son Jesus to forgive our sins and give us eternal life. He read to me from his Bible as we walked,

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." These words pierced my heart, and I knew that this was the God I wanted to serve.

Jesus is now my Saviour and Lord! Pheot gave me a Bible of my own, and leads the Bible study I am now part of with other young people in my village, including my brother!

My life has changed from worry and stress, to joy. Every time I meet an obstacle, I pray to God, and I know that He is faithful in leading me through each situation. I know I am God's child!"

You made it possible for local champions like Pheot to be trained and equipped with Bibles, reaching out to children like Reong and her brother with the love of Christ. The Living Word of God transforms lives.



“ Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
JOHN 1:12 NIV

GLOBAL IMPACT

results



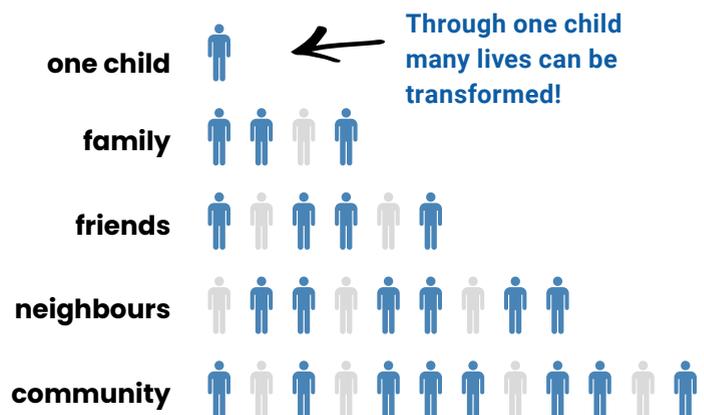
MULTIPLICATION OF ONE

One excited child shares with his family what he learned in class.

Together they read through the Bible he received. His parents, intrigued, linger the next day when dropping him off.

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

EXPANDING GOD'S KINGDOM





Dear Friend,

In this third year of the global pandemic, we are able to report, with joy and thanksgiving, that 2022 has been **a year of incredible recovery and provision.**

Gifts from individuals grew again this fiscal year, a remarkable blessing. Faithful donors like you responded to the need for Bibles and training in almost 50 countries, including the tragic situation that has unfolded in Eastern Europe.

BFM Foundation Canada and Mission Thrift Store contributions continue to rebound, as more stores have been able to remain open this past year. This has been a testament to the faithfulness of so many volunteers who have worked tirelessly, knowing that their efforts have kingdom impact. This has resulted in donations that are coming close to pre-pandemic levels! We rejoice in God's faithfulness and provision through this partnership, and we are deeply grateful for the strong support.

Operational support costs came in below what was anticipated, due to restrictions from the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We rejoice in the Lord as these restrictions are starting to diminish. We anticipate that the coming year will see a return to normalcy in operations.

By God's grace, as of August 31, 2022 we were able to restore ministry contributions in the field to pre-pandemic levels. For our partners, this means they were able to resume their regular ministry activities. This is an extraordinary blessing to our local champions, and a testament to the faithfulness of supporters like you.

In the event of future crises, the Board of Directors has designated cash reserves be held to strengthen our ability to support uninterrupted ministry. We have met those targets, and this has made us even stronger to withstand uncertainties that may lie ahead.

We anticipate continued recovery as we look forward to 2023. We look forward with expectation as the Lord will continue to provide for His ministry!



Helmie Verver
Treasurer

“*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*
2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 NIV

We are providing a snapshot of Bible League Canada's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2022 — 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.

THE BIBLE LEAGUE CANADA STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

| YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| BFM THRIFT STORES | 9,087,004 | 5,610,781 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED | 7,869,428 | 6,240,287 |
| PUBLICATION SALES | 120,718 | 177,491 |
| INTEREST AND OTHER REVENUE | 17,740 | 4,805 |
| CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY | — | 497,396 |
| | 17,094,890 | 12,530,760 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY | 13,295,290 | 9,175,547 |
| ADMINISTRATION | 1,376,641 | 1,231,677 |
| FUNDRAISING | 1,236,040 | 991,320 |
| | 15,907,971 | 11,398,544 |

God provided!

17,094,890

Funds directed to ministry!

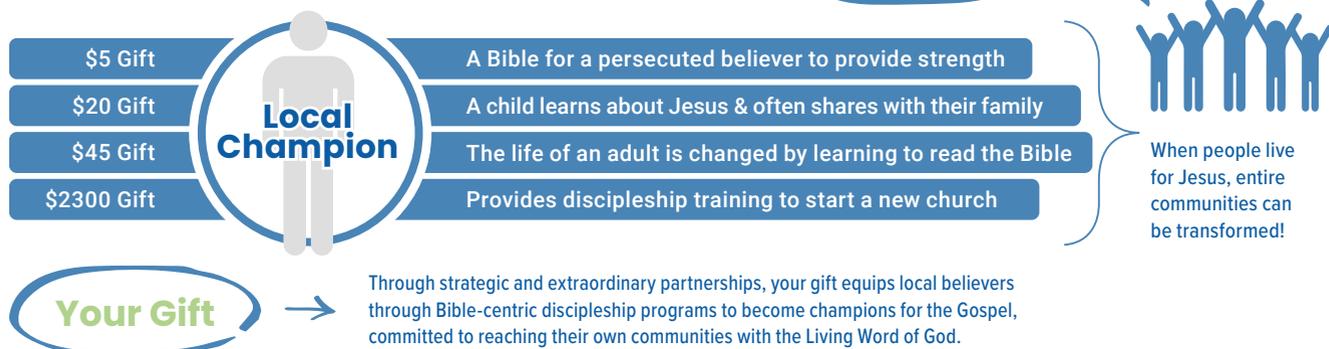
13,295,290

With thanks to God! By the grace of God, your donations and contributions totaling \$17 million in 2022 fulfilled ministry commitments to the field: \$13.2 million was directed to ministry in almost 50 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!

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT





One Body, Many Parts

Bible League Canada is blessed to work alongside incredible ministry partners, all faithful to the vision of seeing lives transformed by the Living Word of God.

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, committed to working together for one purpose, are greater, stronger!

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Number of Mission Thrift Stores

3,550*

Volunteers and Staff

* Volunteer numbers have been significantly impacted by COVID since March 2020



What started with a few donors who chose to use what was in their hands for God's Kingdom work, has turned into 34 years of faithful and fruitful partnership with BFM Foundation Canada and Mission Thrift Store.

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

Mission Thrift Store converts 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 almost 50 countries worldwide.

2022 was a year of recovery and provision, and faithful volunteers and staff took up the challenge of this new reality and the new ways to make ministry happen!

PARTNERS SUPPORTING OUR 2022 VISION

BFM Foundation Canada
BFM Thrift Store - Abbotsford
Brandt Foundation Inc.
The Charis Foundation
The Damascus Road Foundation
The John Brouwer Foundation
The Reinders Family Foundation
Selwyn Outreach Centre

JOINT MINISTRY PARTNERS

Acts 29
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C2C Collective
The Digital Bible Society
International Bible Givers
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
LIFT Church
The Message Canada
Mission India
Multiplication Network
New Life Prison Ministry
One Hope Canada
Reach A Village
Scripture Union
Tyndale Intercultural Ministries
Westwood Alliance Church



Thank you

When God's children know His calling on their lives, 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.

God knows what He will do through your support in 2023!

For more information, please visit **BibleLeague.ca**

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