



Word of Life Canada



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IMPACT REPORT

A LETTER FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Thank you so much for investing in the lives of Canadian young people! Your prayers and support for Word of Life Canada certainly do make a difference. Recently, in my studies in God's Word, Hebrews Chapter 11 has touched my heart. I have learned about living out my faith daily. That means in the way I worship, in the way I walk in fellowship with the Lord, in my work and in how I obey His calling in my life. These are some of the same things that we are teaching our students at the Word of Life Bible Institute to make a part of their lives as well. We understand from Hebrews 11:6 that, "without faith it is impossible to please God..."

We have had a great year, seeing many young people place their faith in Jesus Christ for the first time, while others have dedicated themselves to serving the Lord faithfully. All of this has been made possible by your faithful prayers and generous financial gifts. Thank you for being partners in faith and ministry with us. Together, I truly believe that we can make a difference for Jesus Christ, here in Canada, and around the world.

Peter H. Verkaik
Executive Director
Word of Life Canada
Acts 20:24

ABOUT
WORD OF LIFE

WHO WE ARE

Since the very first Word of Life youth club started in 1964, our desire has always been to see revival in Canada, starting with our youth. Understanding the enormous challenge it is to reach every young person in Canada, we focus on three main avenues of ministry:



SUMMER AND WINTER CAMPS

Providing a safe and fun environment for kids and teens to learn about God.



BIBLE INSTITUTES AND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Raising up leaders and equipping them to live a life that glorifies God.



LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

Supporting youth ministries in the church and providing teaching resources and special events.

By staying true to the Word of God while offering programs that are relevant in today's youth culture, we believe that God will continue to bless our ministry across the country!

SUMMER AND WINTER KIDS AND YOUTH CAMPS



Over the past 33 years Word of Life Youth Camp has earned the trust of families by providing a dynamic, fun summer camp experience that focuses on the social, spiritual, and physical needs of kids and teens. Check us out for summer 2018!

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GOD AT WORK

AT RECHARGE SNOW CAMP



As a teen my youth group attended Recharge (Word of Life Snow Camp) every year and I went along each year for the fun and excitement. The reason I always wanted to come along so much was mainly because of the high energy and amazing time I knew I would have with my friends. While that used to be my main motive to come, I always left the weekend feeling spiritually

refreshed and excited about God's work in my life. Each year I began to look more forward to not only the fun (which is great!) but also the teaching from God's Word. Looking back I would have encouraged my younger self to really absorb all the teaching and use the fun atmosphere to grow closer to fellow youth members in biblical unity.

Word of Life has had a Christian camping ministry for over 70 years. That experience has allowed us to realize that if there was ever a point in time where camps are needed, it is today! In a world that is drowning in the noise and intensity of life, WOL camps provide the perfect opportunity to unplug and grow closer to God and each other. Our amazing counsellors are graduates of our Bible Institutes, and have a great desire to see teens and kids impacted for Jesus. Whether it be summer or winter, our camps are the place to be!

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC BIBLE INSTITUTES

Are you ready to deepen your faith, grow in community and lay a foundation of truth that will carry you for the rest of your life? From the classroom to the dorms to the streets, one year at the Word of Life Bible Institute will change how you view God, yourself, and your world.



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WHY I CAME TO WORD OF LIFE ONE STUDENT'S STORY

Before I came to Word of Life I was a wreck. I had too many different personalities that I was trying to live and I felt super depressed and low. One of my youth leaders told me about Word of Life and I decided to go for the sole purpose of making myself look better for my church friends. I had no real desire to actually attend Word of Life Bible Institute. The only experience I had from Word of Life was from

ONE YEAR THAT COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING

Our Bible Institutes provide a unique opportunity for students from all over Canada to grow in their faith. One year at the BI means doing life in community with young people from different backgrounds and life experiences, serving alongside fellow students in exceptional ministry opportunities (local ministries, camps, open air evangelism and countless others) all while spending 500 hours in class learning from incredibly gifted teachers from all over the continent! Top that off with 30 credits towards a university degree and you get the experience of a lifetime!

attending Snow Camp and I thought if Word of Life is as easy as Snow Camp, I could do that. So I decided to come. When I got here and for the first two weeks, I was not a huge fan. I was very sceptical of the people around and felt like it was a strange atmosphere.

After week two, something changed in my heart and I fell in love with everything here. I fell in love with the dorm, classes, staff, food, fun, students, and Jesus. I hadn't realized how far I had really strayed from my faith in my life until I came here and got back on track. God knew that I would need this place and He put everything in motion for me to end up here and I am so thankful He did. I don't think I would be where I am spiritually if it wasn't for Word of Life. I would probably be even farther from God than I should ever be. Word of Life gave me a strong Biblical foundation that gives me confidence in my salvation and gives me positivity and hope to face life's challenges and I could not be more thankful for that.

FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Word of Life Quebec's French Language School was founded in 1950 from a desire to equip missionaries wanting to serve in francophone countries. Since its creation over 65 years ago, the school has sent out 1,550 missionaries and individuals who are able to use their French training professionally and in missions around the francophone world.



STUDYING FRENCH IN A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

At the French Language School, missionaries learn to converse, read and write in everyday French, but they also learn spiritual language and cultural information which are practical. All the instructors and staff understand the goal and see teaching proper French as their ministry. They are your allies, not the enemy. They encourage students to do their best and are willing to take extra time with you if you are struggling.

One great advantage that the Word of Life French School has on other schools is the francophone Bible

Institute students. Each language student is assigned a BI student, who is required to read and converse with their language school student a minimum of one hour a week. Since they live on the same campus, there is frequent contact with them throughout the week. This provides more opportunities to hear and learn French in an environment of love, community and encouragement.

Our experience was one that is treasured and taught us so many things to make our ministry in Africa much easier.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Word of Life Canada is primarily focused on young people and seeing their lives changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many prospective students lack the funds to be able to attend the Bible Institute and/or our camps. We have a Scholarship Fund to help provide for these needy campers and students and we need your help!



CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

We believe that every youth should have an opportunity to go to camp. Our scholarship fund is designed to help youth come to camp who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it.

Your donation to the camper scholarship fund will help send a child or teen to camp and provide them with a week in a safe and fun environment where God's Word is clearly presented.



BIBLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Many students have a desire to come and study God's Word at our Bible Institutes, but do not have the financial resources to pay for the year.

Donating to the Bible School Scholarship Fund will enable a young person to spend a year learning and growing in their knowledge of the Word and their relationship with the Lord.

FIND OUT MORE
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THANK YOU!

Thank you for partnering with us at Word of Life Canada through prayer and finances, which enables us to impact thousands of young people across Canada.

2016-2017

FINANCIAL REPORT

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

9,830

YOUNG PEOPLE
MINISTERED TO

57

BIBLE & LANGUAGE
SCHOOL STUDENTS

423

SUMMER CAMPERS

747

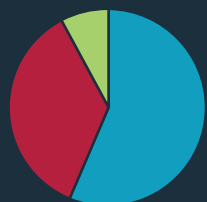
SNOW CAMPERS

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DEDICATIONS

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SALVATION DECISIONS



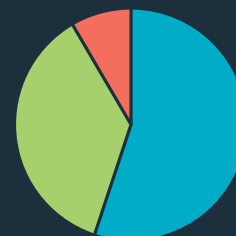
2016 REVENUE

56% Contributions & Support
37% Program Revenues
7% Other



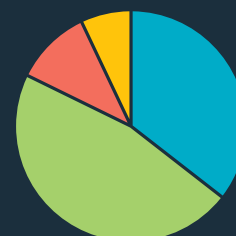
2016 EXPENSES

40% Personnel
44% Programs
10% Insurance, taxes, utilities
6% Other



2017 REVENUE

55% Contributions & Support
37% Program Revenues
8% Other



2017 EXPENSES

36% Personnel
47% Programs
10% Insurance, taxes, utilities
8% Other

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