

EXPERIENCE YOUR FAITH

IMPACT REPORT *2015*



Word of Life
Canada

01 A LETTER FROM THE Executive Director

Thank you for making an eternal investment in the lives of Canadian young people!

Thank you for realizing that what matters most in this life is the cause of Christ and His desire for every person to hear the gospel.

Thank you for being selfless with your time, assets and prayer and being a part of life change!

It amazes me every year all the different ways God takes our small missionary staff and multiplies our efforts for His glory.

This year God has allowed to minister to approximately 9,300 young people (not including youth leaders or adults). 138 of these young people indicated to us that they had made a personal decision to trust in Christ as their Saviour and 195 indicated they were making a decision of life dedication.

The Lord only knows how these youth who have heard the gospel and made real-life decisions will be used for His service in the years to come. All I can say is, "Thank you Lord for allowing us to be a part of your work and thank you for using a team of Christians across the country to co-labour with us in our efforts."

We realize that we are involved in a serious spiritual battle for the future of our nation. At Word of Life Canada we put the utmost emphasis on training the next generation of leaders. We teach them to live godly, biblically-centered lives, impacting their world for Christ.

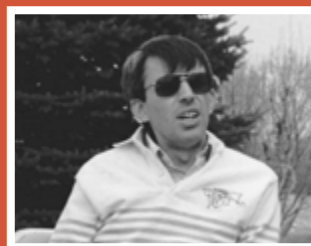
By God's grace, and with His leading, we are praying for even more opportunities this year to share the gospel with Canadian students. Would you take a moment to pray about your continued role in our efforts to see this become a reality?

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



— 1940 —
Word of Life Fellowship is founded by Jack Wyrzen in New York State

— 1964 —
The first Word of Life Canada clubs start in Atlantic Canada



— 1974 —
Joey & Marie Allen, Canada's first full-time missionaries with Word of Life, settle in Ontario

— 1997 —
Word of Life starts ministry in the Prairies with Bible clubs



— 1961 —
Word of Life Canada launches and begins tours, rallies and youth events co-ordinated out of the United States



— THE HISTORY OF — WORD OF LIFE Canada

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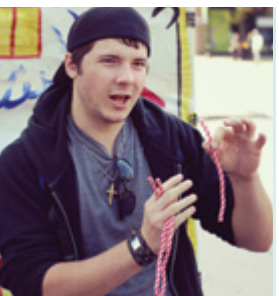
— 1984 —
A camp and ministry property is purchased in Owen Sound, Ontario and becomes the location of the national headquarters



— 1992 —
Word of Life Quebec is born when the ministry is given a Bible school and camp in Sherbrooke, Quebec

— 2002 —
English Bible Institute opens in Owen Sound, Ontario

— 2015 —
1000th Bible Institute student enrolls at one of our Canadian locations



04 Local Church MINISTRIES

03 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:

1. Local Church Partnerships – supporting youth ministries in the church and providing leadership training, teaching resources, and special events.
2. Summer and Winter Camps – providing a safe and fun environment for kids and teens to learn about God.
3. Bible Schools and Language Training – raising up leaders and equipping them to live a life that is glorifying to God.

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

“Our church needed help to develop youth leaders into disciple-makers. We asked Word of Life to help us, knowing their years of experience in youth ministry. They came to our church and showed us how to launch a youth ministry that would not only attract youth but also encourage them to get involved and be a part of a community

of believers that love them and would be able to show them the love of God. Word of Life is still walking with our church as we pray, re-structure our youth ministry and equip our youth leaders to serve Christ as they minister to our youth. We consider Word of Life to be an extension of our church family.”

Deon Clements
Youth ministry worker

What is Local Church Ministries?

Local Church Ministries was created to serve the local church in two ways. First, we seek to equip the church by providing the best materials for youth ministry and offering training for youth leaders as they seek to engage the ever-changing youth culture with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Second, we host awesome events such as Summer Shock and P31 for the purpose of sharing the gospel and encouraging believers. Together these two aspects of LCM make one great ministry designed to see young people launch and grow their faith!



05 WORD OF LIFE Bible Institutes

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!

One year that will change your life

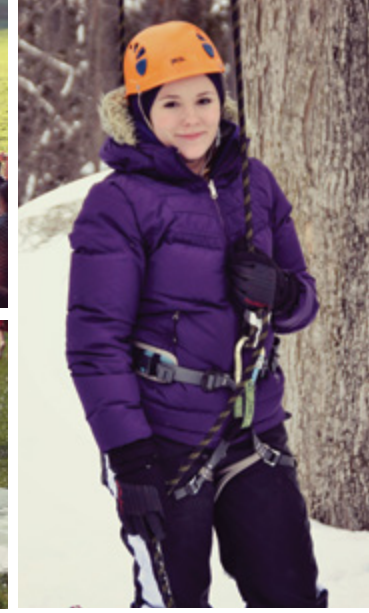
“Shortly after arriving at Word of Life Bible Institute, through studying God’s Word and hearing the testimonies of my fellow students, I realized that I had never had a real relationship with God. I knew that I was still separated from God and that Jesus made it possible to be forgiven and reconciled with Him. My studies, directed by my professors, brought me to see the reality of the existence of the Creator.

That year, God also revealed Himself to me in unexplainable ways— the type of experiences that could really not have been the product of luck, but must have been God working in my life. This combination of intellectual

resources, Christian community and supernatural events are what characterized my year at WOLBI.

I graduated in July 2013 and since then my knowledge of God has materialized into reality, moving from understanding to experiencing. I can affirm that God is faithful in my young Christian walk which is naturally filled with questions and mixed feelings. What I am left with is that I love God— the God who is made known in His Word, which is sharper than a two-edged sword and wonderfully revealing. I believe that God has used this school to help me make sense of life and to help answer the big questions of life, which has wholly transformed me!”

Raphaëlle Moquin-Carle
Word of Life Bible Institute Alumni



A camp experience of a lifetime

"I never grew up in a Christian home, my family life has been kind of all over the place. I've been to so many different houses and schools, I can't even keep track of them. It was in grade eight that I started to take drugs and do whatever I wanted. I eventually got put into a Christian foster home due to family issues. I felt so lost and so alone; I felt like I had to do everything by myself.

My Christian foster family never gave up on me. They sent me to Word of Life Youth Camp where I heard God's Word taught and had counsellors who really cared about me. It was my second summer at Word of Life that made a big impact. At the beginning of the week I was searching and praying to God. I didn't know who He was but I knew He was there

because of all of His creation. I asked Him to show me who He is and reveal Himself to me.

Through the Bible teachings of WOL it showed me my sin, who Jesus was, and brought me to salvation. My counsellors took such a love and interest in my life and wanted to help me any way they could. After that, my life completely turned around. I was so on fire for God when I went back home, I kept witnessing to all my old friends until they got annoyed and stopped talking to me. I went to church with my foster family and got involved in the youth group and church. I came back each year to work on summer staff and eventually attended Word of Life Bible Institute to continue growing in my relationship with Christ."

Chris Hedderson
Camper & 3Ten summer staff

SUMMER & WINTER youth camps 06

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 who 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!

Over 50 years of life change

For over 50 years Word of Life has been ministering to Canadian young people. To improve our reach, we need to continue to upgrade our two properties. With your involvement these are the projects we would like to undertake this year and in the near future.

+ NEW DORM AND OFFICES - ONTARIO
GOAL: \$1.5 MILLION TIMELINE: 2020
 Replace a 40-year old building with a purpose built building to maximize the student experience.

+ WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM - ONTARIO
GOAL: \$20,000 TIMELINE: 2016
 Replace old filtration equipment with more efficient equipment.



07 Building for THE FUTURE



+ LANGUAGE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS - QUEBEC
GOAL: \$75,000 TIMELINE: 2016
 Renovate French language classrooms where students are trained for French ministry around the world.

+ ROOFING PROJECT - QUEBEC
GOAL: \$50,000 TIMELINE: 2016
 Replace two roofs on the campus that have served us well but are now worn out.

+ CAFETERIA/DORM ROOF AND PATIO - QUEBEC
GOAL: \$150,000 TIMELINE: 2017
 Update facilities and provide additional space for program activities.

+ BIBLE INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GOAL: \$75,000 TIMELINE: 2016
 Provide funding for students who otherwise could not afford to attend Bible School.

— FIND OUT MORE AND GIVE ONLINE AT: WWW.WOL.CA/PROJECTS —

08 YEAR IN numbers

830
 LCM EVENT
 ATTENDANCE

195
 DEDICATIONS

138
 SALVATION
 DECISIONS

57
 BIBLE & LANGUAGE
 SCHOOL STUDENTS

685
 SUMMER CAMPERS

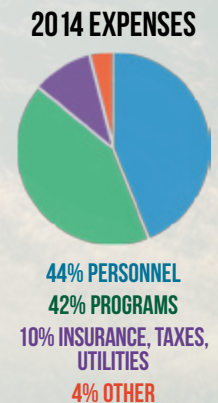
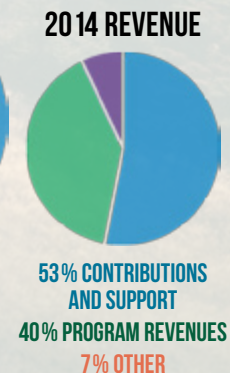
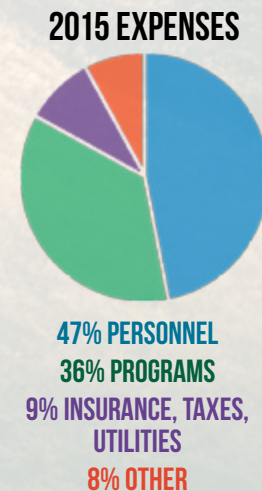
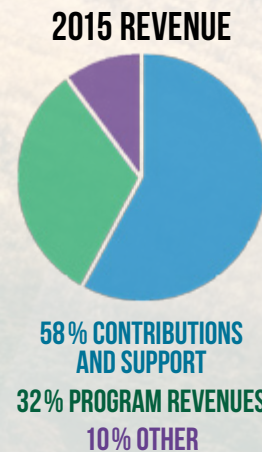
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Thank you!

Thank you for partnering with us at Word of Life Canada and helping us to impact thousands of young people across Canada.

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