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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Seeing the Big Picture

Dear Friend,

How can ministry flourish during a global crisis?

God has the big picture in mind, and by His grace, amazing kingdom work has been accomplished in 2021, which I am eager for you to see through the pages of this report.

Bible League Canada's strategy at the start of this pandemic was to preserve ministry: both partner relationships, and programs. The goal was, and is, to be well-positioned to weather this storm, and thrive in the post-pandemic era. By God's grace, ministry continues.

The journey, this story of God's faithfulness, has not been without trials.

While the world was focused on the pandemic, some geopolitical situations have fallen off the radar. A national partner in a country I cannot disclose for security reasons, was detained for months. But fervent prayers on his behalf were answered, and his release came suddenly, miraculously. Ministry continues differently, but it endures.

During lockdowns, Children's Ministry was difficult. But God had a greater vision. Volunteer teachers were challenged to be innovative and connect with children in smaller group settings, outdoors, or even virtually. Ministry continues.

In the face of restrictions on travel and gatherings, Church Planter Training was challenging. Our local champions are not paid employees, they are passionate partners, who share, "The reason we engage in ministry is because we have a passion to reach our neighbours for Christ." When funding is reduced or Bibles delayed, that does not stop them, ministry continues.

Through story after story, we see God's faithfulness and vision for continuing ministry.

What will the coming year bring? There will still be pandemic effects through 2022. While we trust that Bible League Canada is well-positioned for withstanding storms, and continued ministry, God has the big picture in His hands.

See as the story continues to unfold. To God be the Glory!



Paul Richardson

CEO

Bible League Canada

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

PSALM 66:5 NIV



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SEE WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE!

48,764

Leaders, Teachers and
Church Planters Trained

5,741

New Churches Started

509,801

People in Programs*

70,125

People Baptized

302,008

New Followers of Jesus

2,822,671

Scriptures Placed

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

Making Disciples

Ministry starts with 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 over 40 countries, to see maximum impact and multiplying transformation. And one heart transformed by the Gospel message shares it with another child, adult, or community!



302,008

New followers of Jesus.

Come and see the rest of the story...



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. Alba says she can clearly see that God's plan for her life is to preach His Good News in her own community. (page 16)



Adult Ministry

Men and women are led to God's Word through Bible-based literacy classes, Bible studies, and prison ministries. Nadzieja needed someone to show her how a life of love and forgiveness were possible with Jesus. (page 12)



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 young leaders being raised up to help children begin their journey of a life in Christ! (page 6)



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 Sayim overcame her fear to boldly proclaim the Gospel message. (page 18)

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

— PSALM 96:3-4a NIV

COMMUNITY

Angela

is a local champion reaching
her community for Christ



■ GLOBAL IMPACT

491,636

Children's Portions /
Booklets Placed

47,841

Children's Story
Bibles Placed

That is an average of
920 Story Bibles placed
every week!



*And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been
called according to his purpose.*

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

Giving forward

Angela's best friend first invited her to join a children's Bible club in 2013, when she was 12 years old. She loved it! She never missed a meeting, and looked for every opportunity to assist the leaders.

With encouragement from the leaders she was helping, Angela enrolled in the teacher mentorship program, training to teach and disciple children.

"I love children, especially the younger ones. The Bible club helped me hear God's calling," she says, with a big smile, "and that is what I hope for these children as well."

Even when the pandemic brought everything to a halt, the training of leaders was able to continue. Angela and her fellow leaders—many of whom are alumni—are able to take the Bible club model that they have both lived and learned, and begin reaching out to

communities all over their region.

These young leaders see this as an opportunity for giving forward to their communities by teaching and discipling the children in their neighbourhoods with the Word of God.

"I am starting Bible clubs in two communities. The children there remind me of how I lived before joining the Bible club. I spent my Sunday evenings just watching TV or loitering around. But the Bible club changed all that, helping me see that God had a purpose for my life. I look forward to seeing the lives of these children transformed by Jesus!"

Seeing the discipleship of these children bear fruit for the next generation is a gift from God!

Praise God for this second generation of leaders for Children's Ministry, made possible through your support.

TRANSFORMATION



■ CANADIAN IMPACT

23,818

Scriptures Placed
in Canada

14,694

Canadians in
Programs*

**An average of 65 Scriptures
are placed in eager hands
every single day in Canada!**

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

Clear vision

You make it possible for young leaders to receive the training and Bibles they need to minister to Canadian children.

Jeremy shares his leadership journey:

“Graduating from university earlier this year I thought that I had a clear vision for how my summer, and my future, would turn out.

I envisioned a job in my field, perhaps with a move to a new city, finding a home church and connecting with others like me.

But after a month of fruitless searching and zero replies to applications, I applied for an internship to lead summer camps, just to do something constructive other than research jobs on my computer.

During the training, **God showed my why He led me here for the summer.**

The training for leading camp started with the Gospel. I was reminded of the power and

wonder that Jesus, the son of God, died for me, and for each one of the kids that would be attending camp. Some of the staff and fellow interns, who are so on fire for Jesus and have such a desire to reach the lost, challenged me in my personal faith.

I wasn't relying on God when I dreamed about expectations for how my life would go.

I had forgotten Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” God showed me where I needed to be.

I had the amazing opportunity to reach out to kids that have never heard about Jesus before. I have witnessed God working in these kids, transformed by His love.

I am so excited for the future! What does God have in store for us next? Whatever it is,

I hope that God will use me — stubborn and imperfect me, to be Jesus to everyone I meet along the way.”

At camp, 11-year-old Matt experienced the power of the cross and clearly saw his need to be saved from his sin. He was comforted by the truth that as a child of God, he did not need to be fearful or ashamed; he is now a follower of Jesus!



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has done, His awesome
deeds for mankind!*

PSALM 66:5 NIV

See what the Lord has done!

Dear Friend,

Bible League Canada partners with thousands of ministry champions in over 40 countries. Over the past year, none of them have been exempt from the challenges that have been brought about because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many also faced opposition and persecution simply because of their love for Jesus and their boldness in sharing Him with others.

In writing to believers who were facing opposition and challenges in ministry, the Apostle Peter said this in 1 Peter 5:9: "Remain strong in what you believe. You know that you are not alone in your suffering. The family of believers throughout the world is going through the same thing."

In spite of such things as closed borders, prohibitions against in-person gatherings, travel restrictions, and persecution from governments, family members and neighbours, **our ministry partners have remained strong in their trust in Jesus and in their commitment to ministry.**

When schools were closed across the Philippines, Values Education volunteers met with children and youth in small groups in towns and villages all across that island nation.

When a national champion in a closed country was arrested and jailed for months, he continued to trust Christ and meet with other believers in prison.

When a coup took place in Myanmar, our champions found ways to get Bibles and training materials so they could carry on with ministry as much as possible.

The challenges everyone has faced this year have had an impact on ministry results.

However, our ministry heroes have carried on and we celebrate all they have accomplished by God's grace and equipping. People have found hope in Jesus, churches have been started, Scriptures have been placed and communities have been transformed.

Come and see what the Lord has done!



Bob

Rev. Bob Beasley
Chief Ministry Officer



Ministry Results

EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME

5,741

New Churches Started

509,801

People in Programs*

2,822,671

Scriptures Placed

2021 MINISTRY RESULTS SUMMARY

	FY2020-21	2017-2021 CUMULATIVE RESULTS
LEADERS/TEACHERS/CHURCH PLANTERS TRAINED	48,764	644,555
PEOPLE IN PROGRAMS*	509,801	8,633,750
EVANGELISTIC CONTACTS BY CHURCH PLANTERS	407,881	3,159,024
NEW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS	302,008	4,746,927
NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTIZED	70,125	1,201,966
NEW CHURCHES STARTED	5,741	36,254

2021 SCRIPTURE RESULTS

	CANADA	INTERNATIONAL	TOTAL
BIBLES	1,676	479,337	481,013
STUDY BIBLES	0	14,096	14,096
NEW TESTAMENTS	350	190,483	190,833
CHILDREN'S PORTIONS/BOOKLETS	7,169	484,467	491,636
CHILDREN'S STORY BIBLES	8,147	39,694	47,841
BIBLE PORTIONS/SELECTIONS/BOOKLETS	6,476	1,590,776	1,597,252
TOTAL SCRIPTURES PLACED	23,818	2,798,853	2,822,671
DIGITAL RESOURCES**			1,871,309

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

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

ACCEPTANCE

A person with long brown hair, seen from behind, stands on a grassy mountain peak. They are wearing a dark blue jacket and a red backpack. Their arms are outstretched to the sides, holding small dark objects. The background shows a vast landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky.

**“Now, I can
see a future”**

“It seemed like she was speaking directly to me—I felt like a thief caught red-handed.”

Nadzieja is serving a five-year prison sentence. “You might think that’s a long time,” she says. “But, if I wasn’t in prison, I would surely be dead by now.”

Born into a happy family, Nadzieja loved and trusted her parents. That is, until they began partying with their new neighbours.

“When my parents were drunk, our neighbours’ older sons cornered me and molested me. My parents and I returned home that night—they were smiling and drunk, I was crying. They just brushed it off—they didn’t believe me!”

“Heartbroken, I began hanging out with friends who led me into using drugs, glue, marijuana, and alcohol.”

Her life deteriorated further. “I couldn’t remember things,” she says. “I lied to everyone around me. I have tattoos I don’t remember getting. I was stealing and brawling.”

Then she was arrested. “I was in a detention ward, and I heard that Christians were coming to tell us about Jesus,” she says. “I went to the meeting, just for a laugh.”

But God had other plans. Arda was one of the

**The Living
Word of God
transformed
Nadzieja's life**

People in Programs*
509,801

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

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*Then you will call on me and come and pray
to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and
find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

JEREMIAH 29:12-13 NIV

leaders, trained and equipped to lead Bible studies. Attending that meeting changed everything for Nadzieja.

“Arda began telling me about a life I had never known. It seemed like she was speaking directly to me—I felt like a thief caught red-handed.

She gave me a Bible. Reading in my cell that night, **my thoughts were occupied by one word: Jesus.**”

She could hardly wait to see Arda again. They began to study God's Word together. At one meeting, Arda smiled at her and said, “I can see

that you want to tell me something.”

Tearfully, Nadzieja confessed and repented of her sins. She accepted that Jesus was her Lord and Saviour!

“For the first time in my life, I have true hope that I can start over,” Nadzieja says. **“Jesus changed my heart.** Now, I can see a future: I want to finish school and get a job. I want to be part of a community of believers.”

Praise God! Because of your faithful support, the Word of God is transforming lives!

THRIVING

Jesus sees
my heart,

when people saw a sad boy.

Aarav had a rough start in life. When he was just five years old, his mother died and his heartbroken father was unable to love or care for him. Aarav went to live with his uncle, but he sent him to an orphanage.

The director at the orphanage showed Aarav much care, but, now a teenager, Aarav preferred to just be left alone. He struggled emotionally from the loss of his mother and the rejection of his father and uncle.

When a children's Bible club started near the orphanage, the director enrolled some of the children, including Aarav. Perhaps this would be a good distraction for him.

At first, Aarav struggled to participate in the Bible club. But each day, the club leader, Rafi, encouraged him to try some of the activities. Rafi also spent time listening to Aarav about his struggles.

Aarav slowly became more outgoing, and the director at the orphanage was delighted to see such a noticeable change in him!

"At first, it was fun to just watch, and then play with the other kids," says Aarav.

"But soon the stories about Jesus, and a club leader who listened to me, those were the things I loved."

"I enjoy reading the Bible that they gave me, all about how much Jesus loves me. People only saw a sad boy when they look at me, but Jesus sees my heart!"

Children thrive in a safe and welcoming place where they can hear about Jesus and His amazing love for them. Jesus sees each precious young heart.

Thank you for providing the Bibles and training that make this possible!



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The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7b NIV

■ GLOBAL IMPACT



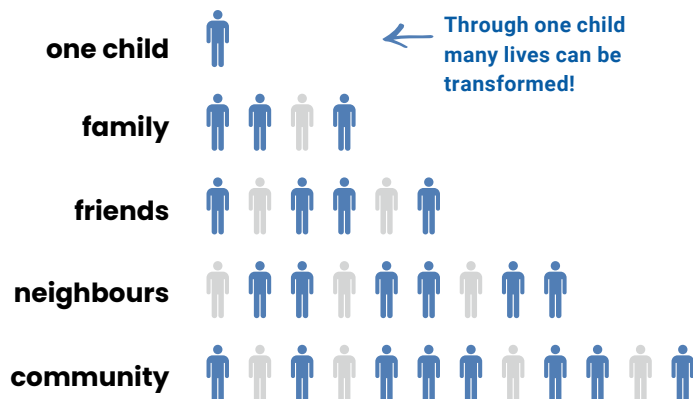
MULTIPLICATION OF ONE

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



PURPOSE



For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12 NIV

Seeing things differently

Her life was full of anger, resentment, and fear. But that was before Alba had a personal relationship with Jesus. Her childhood had been so unhappy: her father had abandoned them and she had severe health issues. She resented God for all of it.

In high school, Alba poked fun at her classmates who were Christian. But one of them saw beyond Alba's hurtful words to her pain, and invited her to church. Although suspicious, Alba accepted the invitation.

"God used that opportunity to make me see things differently. I discovered how much He loved me, and how much I needed Him." Alba shares. "My life changed—God filled every void. He is

my Father and comforter, and now I understand He was always with me and is still with me. That motivates me to move forward."

Alba's joy spills over to others—everyone needs to hear about Jesus! "But I wanted to make sure I shared this vital message clearly. The training to start new churches has led me to take on new challenges: to listen, to understand, and recognize the needs of others."

Alba leads a group of children, youth, and adults in a "digital community," a local missions movement that began during the pandemic, to continue reaching out when in-person meetings were limited.



Alba
is a local champion reaching
her community for Christ

One member of her group testified,

“Some people reject me because I am looking for God. But that doesn’t matter. I know Jesus now and He is transforming my life!”

Alba says with confidence, “Digital or in person, being a missionary to my own community has given me purpose and joy. **I can clearly see that God’s plan for my life is to preach His Good News!**”

Your support for Bibles and training for leaders like Alba, mean that more people will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

■ GLOBAL IMPACT

5,741

New Churches Started

**That is an average of 110
new churches started
every week!**

PERSEVERANCE

Where does my help come from?

Sayim knows all about being an outcast.

After Sayim's husband died, her 12-year-old grandson, Narith came to live with her. His parents, Sayim's son and his wife, left for Thailand for work, leaving Narith behind. They have been gone for four years. They have not been in contact, and have sent no money.

And Narith, also feeling the sting of his parents' rejection, always seems to be in trouble with his friends.

Sayim didn't know where to look for help. No one in the village wanted to help a widow whose own children had left her, or her difficult grandson.

One day, while she was outside, she looked

up and two strangers were standing there. At first, she was afraid and even picked up a shovel to defend herself. But the visitors greeted her warmly and assured her that they meant no harm.

"They told me they had good news for me, so I invited them into my house," Sayim says.

One of the men said that they wanted to tell her about Jesus. This was not the news she was expecting, but Sayim felt compelled to listen. Then they shared the Good News from God's Word, and Sayim felt her heart opening up. She was eager to hear more.

"As we sat together, they explained to me that God cares! God listens! God sent His Son to die for me!"

When they invited her to ask Jesus into her heart, she did so with great joy!

■ GLOBAL IMPACT

48,764 local champions were trained to reach out to their communities!

“ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

PSALM 121:1-2 NIV

The Bible they gave her is cherished.

“Now, my life is at peace,” Sayim says. “And Narith is like a new person because he is following Jesus too. He even stopped hanging out with his bad friends.”

Sayim adds, “I am still an outcast. People in my village look down on me for believing in Jesus, but I pray that they will know Jesus too. I show kindness to them. I tell them about Jesus, even if they cannot see the truth yet.”

Your support provides Bibles and training in regions where persecution is a daily occurrence. New believers like Sayim can grow in their faith, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ!





*Then the Lord said to Moses,
"I will rain down bread from
heaven for you."*

EXODUS 16:4a NIV

Seeing the way forward

Dear Friend,

In Exodus 16, we read that the Lord provided manna and quail for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert. He bountifully provided for their ongoing needs on a daily basis. While we did not cross a desert, there are parallels as we experienced the second year of the global pandemic. Throughout 2021 we could see and celebrate the Lord's gifts for the ministry at just the right time!

Contributions from BFM Foundation declined in 2021, as many of the stores across Canada were required to close due to pandemic restrictions. Late in the year we were encouraged to see contributions return to historical levels. At the same time, we celebrated that the contributions from individuals grew again this year. We continued to benefit from being eligible to receive Canada Emergency Wage subsidies for the majority of the year.

During 2021 many of our operational support costs declined due to restrictions in place throughout Canada. By the end of our fiscal year we had a surplus which will allow us to support ministry contributions in the field in the event of future economic downturns. **We are thankful to the Lord that we begin 2022 with modest reserves that strengthen our ability to support ministry in over 40 countries.**

We anticipate continued recovery as we look forward to 2022. We look forward with expectation as the Lord will continue to provide for His ministry!



David

David Kraulis, CPA CA
Chief Financial Officer

We are providing a snapshot of Bible League Canada's Financial Statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2021. 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

2021

2020

REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	6,240,287	6,430,582
BFM THRIFT STORES	5,610,781	6,245,000
CANADA EMERGENCY WAGE SUBSIDY	497,396	647,170
PUBLICATION SALES	177,491	204,929
INTEREST AND OTHER REVENUE	4,805	27,641

God provided!

12,530,760

13,555,322

EXPENDITURES

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY	9,175,547	11,138,295
ADMINISTRATION	1,231,677	1,284,153
FUNDRAISING	991,320	1,236,115

Funds directed to ministry!

11,398,544

13,658,563

With thanks to God! By the grace of God, your donations and contributions totaling \$12.5 million in 2021 fulfilled ministry commitments to the field: \$9.2 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!

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT



85%

Percent of revenue that went to the field or on hand for future ministry.



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

2,732*

Mission Thrift Store Volunteers

* 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 33 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.

2021 was an unprecedented year, with temporary store closures during the lockdown and subsequent compliance orders necessary to reopen, but faithful volunteers and staff took this all in stride and are working hard to simply make this new reality the new way to make ministry happen!

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JOINT MINISTRY PARTNERS

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LIFT Church
Mission India
Multiplication Network Ministries
New Life Prison Ministry
One Hope Canada
Reach A Village
Scripture Union
The Digital Bible Society
Tyndale Intercultural Ministries
Westwood Alliance Church



Thank You!

When God's children see and hear 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.

We look forward to seeing what God will do through your support in 2022!

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

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