Lifting Our Eyes
2017 Missions Guide

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.
John 4:35b
GO Ministries Overview

~ KEN DUECK, GO TEAM CHAIRMAN ~

The GO (Global Outreach) Team is responsible for the distribution of the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge budget for missions and to ensure responsible stewardship of the funds that have been designated thereto. The GO Team is under the supervision of the Director of Community Engagement and accountable to the church leadership, similar to other ministries within EFCL.

Our budget is predetermined as a percentage of the previous year’s overall giving. Please refer to the enclosed budget summary for details on the distribution.

Our regular means of communication with you can be viewed on the EFCL website. You can find us under Ministries – Local & Global Impact. The GO Report, our quarterly publication, can also be viewed there. We hope to provide you with links that will enable you to access the most current information available for each of our missionaries who are willing to grant this access. For those without internet access, we provide updates on our missionaries and ministries. These are available, along with prayer cards and other mission information, at the GO kiosk.

As we look to the future, we are eager to engage those from our congregation who are responding to God’s call to consider full-time missions, to encourage as many as possible to look for opportunities to serve on a short-term mission, and to look for new long-term partnership opportunities, continuing to reach out beyond our walls.
The Mission of the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge is to grow disciples of Christ... growing in love for God... in love for one another... and in serving the world. To this end the Missions Committee (GO Team) has been given the responsibility to direct and implement those tasks which encompass serving the world.

We live and serve in a time of unprecedented opportunities in Christian ministry, at home and abroad. We look to support ministries that seek to reconcile people to God through the Lord Jesus Christ, to reconcile people to himself, to reconcile people to people, and to reconcile people to creation. The following are members of the GO Team:

**Ken Dueck (Bobbi Dueck):** Joined the GO Team in 2014, and continues to chair the team. He has served on the board of Project Amazon from 2008 to 2012, and continues to serve on the PAZ Canada Board. He was part of a team that was sent from EFCL to Brazil in 2008, and returned again in 2012 as part of the board of Project Amazon. He is looking forward to seeing service both at home and abroad become a larger part of what we are about here at EFCL. Contact Ken: kendueck50@gmail.com.

**Tanya Duerksen (Everett Duerksen; Eve, Ariana, Yolande):** Team secretary and a member of the sub-committee for international missionaries. Tanya joined the team October 2009. In 2010 she, along with her family, joined SIM to work in Ecuador for three months. Tanya’s mission opportunities have also included nine months in Niger with SIM, and a Homes of Hope building project in Mexico. Contact Tanya: evtan@telusplanet.net

**Ryan Enns (Audra Enns; Eve, Aurora, Ethan):** Began serving on the GO Team in October 2015. He has lived in Lethbridge and attended EFCL since childhood, and is now serving as a liaison to the local ministries and missionaries of the Lethbridge community. Ryan is not a stranger to missions as his father, Lauren Enns, grew up as an MK in Germany and served on the missions committee for many years at EFCL. He is also a cousin to Andi Miller who is currently serving with husband Jason and family in the Philippines. Ryan has had some exposure to serving directly in short-term missions with EFCL youth and also during his attendance at Capernwray Hall Bible School in England. Ryan has always had a love for missions, and he is excited and looking forward to how the Lord will work through EFCL and the GO Team in supporting the Lethbridge community ministries this upcoming year. Ryan also works along with Harry in looking after the Canadian ministries and missionaries. Contact Ryan: ryan.ennz@gmail.com
Now huge crowds were going along with [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters - [yes] and even his own life also - he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.’"

Luke 14:25-27 AMPLIFIED

Myron Krause (Polly Krause; Grace, Timothy, Rose): New to the GO Team as of July 2016, when he joined the church staff as Director of Community Engagement. Myron is a pastor who has spent much of his career serving those on the margins of society, focusing on the homeless and the incarcerated across Alberta. He has many fond memories from the 20+ years he spent with The Mustard Seed Ministries in Edmonton and Calgary, and more recently with the Lethbridge Correctional Centre. Myron has remained deeply involved in a local church throughout his life and has always enjoyed being part of vibrant congregations like EFCL, who are making vital contributions to our community and world. Contact Myron: myron.krause@efreelethbridge.ca

Harry Slomp (Christine Slomp; Rebekah, Hannah): Responsible for the Canadian-based missionaries and ministries since September 2013; he works together with Ryan in this capacity. Harry has gained a greater appreciation for and understanding of both local and global missions while serving in this capacity. Harry and Christine have been involved with sponsoring children through Compassion Canada for the past 19 years (currently sponsoring five children). They have also been supporting the work of International Justice Mission for the last few years. Contact Harry: harryshome@shaw.ca

Jean Sokvitne: Leads the sub-committee responsible for international missionaries. She joined the team in December 2010 after her retirement from a mission career spanning forty years in East Africa (Somalia and Ethiopia) with SIM. Contact Jean: jean.sokvitne@sim.org

Deanne Wirzba (Sam Wirzba): Joined the GO team in January 2014 and has been working with the sub-committee for international missionaries for about six years. She has been active in the church with the International Ministries potluck since its beginning. She retired from being an instructor in English as a Second Language at Lethbridge College. She continues to tutor and would like to do more ESL Bible studies. Deanne served as a short-term missionary in Japan for two years (1978-1980) with the North American Baptist Church. It was in Japan where she realized that working with international adults would become a life mission. Contact Deanne: dwirzba@saw.ca

This ministry year, we have been working along with Myron Krause, our newest team member and a member of the church staff, to re-examine how we further expand our missions focus in our community, our nation and our world. We hope to discover new opportunities to engage our growing disciples in all three of these areas.

International Ministries at EFCL has seen continued growth as people from different ethnic groups in our city gather for potlucks, English conversation classes and Bible studies. God has provided great opportunities to disciple others through this program. We are thankful for the many volunteers that have continued to serve in this ministry.

The GO Team thanks you for your continued faithful giving to EFCL, and for the many volunteers that are involved and engaged with the various service opportunities that are before us. Pray for the GO Team as we manage the budget, as we encounter new opportunities and as we continue to support those missionaries that are already part of our church family. May God open our hearts and eyes and give us wisdom, discernment and grace as we continue to serve him together.

“Now huge crowds were going along with [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his [own] father and mother [in the sense of indifference to or relative disregard for them in comparison with his attitude toward God] and [likewise] his wife and children and brothers and sisters - [yes] and even his own life also - he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not persevere and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.’"

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## GO Ministries Budget 2016/2017

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"Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, ‘Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat; I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for? If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I’m leading you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends, know that you’ll be an even greater embarrassment to the Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father, with an army of the holy angels.’"

Mark 8:34-38  THE MESSAGE

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COMPASSION'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Program works with all sponsored adolescents to discover their gifts and passions and help them pursue development opportunities that will best equip them to earn a sustainable living. Compassion works with partner churches and community members to provide a range of solutions to prepare young people to build skills, making it possible for them and their families to move out of poverty. These initiatives could include:

- Formal education by facilitating access to secondary school, college and seminary; preparing students for entrance exams; supporting students through institute trainings and leadership courses.
- Non-formal education by offering vocational training and apprenticeships; teaching job search and computer skills; organizing enrichment camps and retreats.
- Income-generating training by teaching basic business, entrepreneurship, and finance principles; providing equipment and materials; offering credit counselling and micro-enterprise opportunities.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT matters because adolescents living in poverty face substantial obstacles to access education and training. This deprives them of their hopes and aspirations, causing low-esteem and expectations. This sponsorship model is designed to not only satisfy basic needs but also to give children a sense of purpose and possibility.

Gifts to the efforts of COMPASSION YOUTH DEVELOPMENT are combined with other donations from supporters and used where needed most. The funds will benefit multiple initiatives across the 26 countries where Compassion works; this includes college tuition, vocational training, computer labs and other important projects. This program gives opportunity to those in COMPASSION'S CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM to go on to pursue a wide array of educational and skill development options. These students will be equipped to earn a productive, sustainable living and grow into fulfilled Christian adults.

*Information taken from Compassion communications*
Though rich in mineral and energy resources, Bolivia remains one of the poorest countries in South America. In addition, the Bolivian cities of La Paz and El Alto experience high rates of child sexual assault. Prosecutors report that they pursue more than 1,000 cases of sexual violence against children each year in these cities, and IJM Bolivia and other organizations who work with children suspect that many cases go unreported.

The Bolivian justice system has a history of not holding perpetrators accountable, as evidenced by extremely low conviction rates. In the past, a lack of enforcement has emboldened perpetrators and has kept children vulnerable to repeated abuse; someone who abused a child has a greater chance of dying from a fall in the shower than going to jail for their crime.

Government agencies in La Paz and El Alto also lacked the ability and/or the will to provide proper aftercare treatment to victims of sexual violence. Restoring victims requires emotional, mental, and physical treatment, often for an extended duration. The cities of La Paz and El Alto, which have very limited financial resources, do not provide aftercare treatment to victims of child sexual violence.

In October 2006, International Justice Mission Canada (IJM Canada) opened a field office in La Paz, Bolivia, in order to assist children in the metropolitan areas of La Paz and El Alto who are victims of sexual violence. IJM Bolivia began investigating the victims’ situations and intervening through rescue operations and prosecution of those responsible for the abuse. A highly capable multi-disciplinary team of lawyers, paralegals, social workers and administrative support staff was formed to ensure victims are provided necessary services such as medical care, psychological therapy and legal support.

In 2014 the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge entered into a three-year renewable partnership agreement with IJM Bolivia in order to support the important work that is taking place in La Paz and El Alto. We are encouraged by the progress that is being made:

- Cases of sexual violence against children are now 30 times more likely to reach a conviction when IJM is involved;
- More than 110 survivors are currently receiving aftercare services from IJM;
- IJM has trained more than 1,000 teachers and educators on how to identify and report sexual assault cases;
- The Bolivian government has invited IJM to train all government psychologists working with the Social Services Ministry to help ensure that children who survive sexual assault receive the necessary care.

We celebrate our partnership with IJM Bolivia and the fact that God’s justice, protection and wholeness has become a greater part of the daily experience of many vulnerable children in La Paz and El Alto. We pray that Bolivia will continue to become a safer place for them and for generations to come.

“I promise you,” returned Jesus, “nobody leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property for my sake and the Gospel’s without getting back a hundred times over, now in this present life, homes and brothers and sisters, mothers and children and land - though not without persecution - and in the next world eternal life. But many who are first now will then be last, and the last now will then be first.”

Mark 10:29-31 PHILLIPS
As we again turn our focus to World Missions, may we again ask ourselves, “What does God want of me with the gifts and abilities he has blessed me with?” They are really His, not ours.

Opportunities to serve are numerous in the Latin American world. Whether your desire is to join a team or to work on your own, there are EFCCM missionaries in place who need people who are willing to serve alongside them. From the rural hillsides in Nicaragua and El Salvador to the dry plains of northern Mexico and the Baja peninsula, and also Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, Cuba and Bolivia, there are so many places where individuals with God-given gifts and talents have already responded to the call of God to serve. If God is prompting you to spend a couple of weeks, months or even years of your life to use the talents He has blessed you with, you can easily connect with ministries already in place in Latin America.

Opportunities to Serve in MEXICO

- **Full Time**: A couple to host teams, help with accounting and serve in other areas according to their gifts.
- **One Week**: College level Bible teacher able to work through a translator.
- **Winter**: Teachers for ESL with children. This would be outreach through a local church.
- **School Year or Full-Time**: Develop and lead an English-based university ministry teaching biblical truths in small groups.
- **Full Time**: Mennonite, low German focus as we respond to the invitation to do ministry in Campeche.
- **Winter Season or Full Time**: Direct and expand the weekend Retreat Center ministry. Limited Spanish would be OK. An all-round maintenance kind of a person would be perfect. Other ministry through the local church would round off the assignment.

Opportunities to Serve in CUBA

- **Two Week Team Member**: Join the team in January of 2018 in construction and church ministry.

Opportunities to Serve in NICARAGUA

- **Winter Season or Full Time**: Use your agricultural skills in a bible-based ministry focused on helping subsistent farmers develop financially, spiritually and relationally. You can investigate this opportunity by going for two weeks.

Many opportunities to use your gifting are open in other Latin American countries as well.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Steve Neufeld, Latin America Director of EFCCM: laefccm@telus.net or Harold Kuehn, EFCCM Mission Associate: h.kuehn67@gmail.com (Harold and Lorraine are members of EFCL)
The Acrees count Lethbridge as their home and the Lethbridge E-Free Church as the place where they invest a major portion of their lives. Dave continues half-time on the ministry staff of the church while Julie volunteers in worship arts and ministry with the church’s seniors. For the other 50 per cent of his life, Dave is the Prayer and Spiritual Life Catalyst for the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. In this role he establishes prayer networks across the EFCC and champions prayer as something to value and practice in the lives of our denominational pastors and leaders, in our churches and in our global outreach ministries. He takes weekend prayer-training sessions to local churches and develops conferences and other learning opportunities for the EFCC. He has traveled to Bolivia and Ukraine working with our missionaries there and more recently to Finland representing the EFCC globally. Pray for the Acrees as they divide their lives in these two directions, for the wisdom and strength to continue to serve Christ and His church.

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“As you look around right now, wouldn’t you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I’m telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what’s right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It’s harvest time!”

John 4:35, THE MESSAGE

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Matthew 6: 33,34 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION
Josh and Joylynn began involvement with ministry in Lethbridge in 2012. In the time since then they have developed a First Nation youth group in the city, built relationships with families in both the city and on the reserve, and worked to develop a better understanding of culture for the purpose of sharing the Gospel in the clearest way possible.

Along with their sons Asher and Elliot they continue ministry here in Lethbridge and the surrounding reserves.

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Interact Ministries • http://www.interactministries.org/

The Elliotts returned to Alberta from serving in Mexico in 2015 due to health concerns with their twin boys. Lane has been with GoodSeed International since the summer of 2015. GoodSeed International provides tools and training to help Bible-believers explain the gospel in a way that makes profound sense.

Lane’s responsibilities with GoodSeed include connecting with churches, Bible schools and missionaries in order to get the tools that GoodSeed creates into their hands and get people sharing their faith. Lane also is responsible for the Latino, or Spanish, side of the ministry whose goal is to get the tools out to the Spanish-speaking community both here in Canada as well as the southern USA and Mexico.

The Elliotts continue to help out with the ministry of the Children’s Home of Grace in Mexico in a volunteer role. Lane sits on its board and runs a child sponsorship program that connects sponsors from Canada with the 25 or so kids who make up the Children’s Home of Grace. The whole Elliott family participates in this ministry by helping in the translation of cards and letters to and from the sponsors.

On a family level, Sheri is busy home schooling Noah and caring for the special needs of Jackson and Judeson at home. Alexis and Jemma are attending Olds Koinonia Christian High School.
Mr. Janke and Mrs. Janke

Dwayne and Margaret joined Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada in 1986. Dwayne’s role in the Communications Dept. as Editorial Services Manager is aimed at preparing high-quality media (including Word Alive magazine). This is used to challenge Canadian Christians to be involved in the crucial and urgent worldwide task of Bible translation and other language-related ministries. Margaret served in the Finance Dept. for many years and is currently working as an assistant secretary in a northeast Calgary public school.

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Wycliffe • http://www.wycliffe.ca

Mr. Kees and Mrs. Kees

Dan and Barb have been in Lethbridge for the past 28 years serving with InterAct Ministries, whose mandate is church planting among First Nation people groups. The Sik-ooh-koto-kii Bible Fellowship meets regularly for worship services in Room 121 at 11:00 AM on Sundays. The Fellowship networks with other groups in Calgary, Brocket, Eden Valley, Cardston and Gleichen, holding family camps, children’s camps, and teen retreats. Dan and Barb’s ministry involves encouraging young Native believers to grow in their faith, mentoring younger missionaries, and teaching the Word in informal settings. Dan and Barb are encouraged and blessed in the ministry here in Lethbridge to have Josh and Joylynn Beutler working full-time with Native youth. As they near “retirement” please pray for a smooth transition. Dan will be 75 in September. Dan and Barb will be staying in the area and hoping to be involved as long as their health permits.

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InterAct Ministries • http://www.interactministries.org/

Matthew 10:37-39  PHILLIPS

“Anyone who puts his love for father or mother above his love for me does not deserve to be mine, and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and neither is the man who refuses to take up his cross and follow my way. The man who has found his own life will lose it, but the man who has lost it for my sake will find it.”
Jamie Ney has transferred from International Students Ministry at the University of Toronto to the University of Calgary. She and her team started an International Friendship Group at U of C and you can pray for their ministry by following the Facebook page “Inter-Varsity International Friendship Group at UCalgary.”

Her husband David Ney is currently serving at St. Peter’s Anglican church as an assistant priest and they have four children: Isabelle 10, Abigail 8, Daniel 4, and Joelle 1. Please pray that their love for Christ will spread through their ministry and their busy family life.

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The Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge also partners with community agencies working in the area of poverty alleviation, hospital chaplaincy, counselling services and Christian camping ministries. We are committed to serving Christ around the world and in our community. The following are Christian-based ministries that we are committed to:

SOUTHERN ALBERTA BIBLE CAMP
Address: Box 99 Lomond, AB T0L 1G0
Phone: 403.792.3644
Email: info@sabc.ca
Website: http://www.sabc.ca/

Southern Alberta Bible Camp and the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge share a special partnership in ministering to children and youth in southern Alberta. Presently half of our executive board team as well as many year-round staff consider EFCL their home church. They include (board) Jason Laturnus, Phil McFarland, Doug Munton, Arnie Reimer, Marlee Shimoda, Cam Van Roon, Tedd Walcott; (staff) Cindy Doerksen, Elizabeth Engen, Jon Garty, Jordan Laturnus, Daicya Munton, Chris Tycholis and Brent Weir.

The vision of SABC is to see lives transformed by God through the gospel of Jesus Christ. This pertains not only to the 1,600+ campers that come every summer but also to the 150 or so summer staff and volunteers, as you can guess many of whom come from Lethbridge. The EFCL has a significant role in providing strong leadership and on the ground support for camp. We are very thankful for this partnership and continue to marvel at how the Lord uses camp to miraculously transform lives year after year.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY – JOHN MOERMAN
Phone: 403.388.6024 (office)
Email: John.Moerman@ahs.ca, john.moerman.jr@gmail.com
Website: www.spiritualcarelethbridge.ca

For several years the Christian community in Lethbridge has funded the position of volunteer chaplain at the Chinook Regional Hospital. We are pleased to be a part of this cooperative community effort. John Moerman is a member of College Drive Community Church.
He is passionate about serving the Kingdom of God through regular and consistent spiritual care to persons of all religious and denominational backgrounds in the hospital. Approximately half of admitted patients have no church affiliation and do not have spiritual support in their time of need.

Alongside the role of visiting patients and families, he facilitates a community-wide Annual Memorial Service, serves as a member of the Spiritual Care Advisory Committee, and participates in teaching and education of lay visitors and volunteer chaplains.

**LETHBRIDGE SOUP KITCHEN**

Address: 802 – 2 A Avenue North Lethbridge, AB  T1H 0C9
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Website: www.soupbridge.org

The Lethbridge Soup Kitchen has been serving the community of Lethbridge since 1984. It is governed by a volunteer board and operated through the efforts of daily teams of volunteers. A hot meal is provided six days a week for an average of 80 people. They also send buns and soup next door to the Lethbridge Emergency Shelter and Resource Centre for a hot supper, as well as pastries and fruit for breakfast.

If you would like to join the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge volunteers in this community outreach ministry once a month, contact Irene Esau at the number listed above.

**CROSSROADS HEALING CENTRE**

Address: 202, 542 – 7 Street S. Lethbridge, AB T1J 2H1
Phone: 403.327.7080
Email: info@crossroadshealing.org
Website: www.crossroadshealing.org

Life situations can produce confusion or deep personal pain. Sometimes we feel that there is no one to talk to and that no one will understand. Crossroads Healing Centre can help deal with concerns in a safe, confidential atmosphere. Crossroads offers services in the following areas: individual, couples and family, stress, anxiety and depression, grief and loss, abuse recovery, divorce adjustments, sexuality and spiritual concerns. Subsidies are available. Crossroads also offers mediation service for couples in conflict, family problems, church relationships and business issues.

Professionally trained staff offer neutral, nonjudgmental, understanding insight and direction to assist in making decisions and helping to clarify goals and solutions.

The goal is to address the total person: emotional, spiritual, physical, and intellectual. Crossroads will seek to work with other agencies and professionals in our community in a team approach in order to give each person access to the best professional counselling available.

**STREETS ALIVE**

Address: 323 4 Street South Lethbridge, AB T1J 1Z8
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Website: http://www.streetsalive.ca/

Streets Alive Mission exists to provide for the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the poor to empower them to change their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Streets Alive Mission flourishes through our passion for God and good work towards people in need. By conducting our lives in accord with the values of compassion, respect, integrity, stewardship and excellence we promote and demonstrate that Streets Alive Mission is an organization of good character.

**LETHBRIDGE PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE**

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The Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre (LPCC) is a local Christian agency offering compassionate support and education for women and men facing unplanned pregnancy. Clients are able to learn about their options in a safe, confidential environment, without judgment or pressure. They are given an opportunity to ask questions and get accurate information in order to make their decision.

The LPCC also serves women and men struggling with emotions after placing for adoption or an abortion decision. Trained volunteer client advocates journey with clients through grief, anger, blame and forgiveness, offering support and guidance, and providing a safe place for women and men to grieve their loss.

Recognizing that God has designed sex for within the boundaries of marriage, the LPCC is committed to teaching youth and young people about healthy sexuality. Using frank, accurate language, the reasons for abstinence are portrayed both within the Centre and in youth group and classroom settings.

All services of the LPCC are free, confidential, and available to all.
Truth Matters Ministries exists to help the next generation see and experience the truth of Jesus Christ. Our youth struggle with true accountability, and lack wisdom and perseverance to enter the long, sometimes arduous journey of spiritual transformation. We want to inspire youth through the Gospel, equip youth leaders to better love and serve the youth in their care for the sake of the Kingdom, and inform parents on the key cultural and developmental issues our youth are facing.

We pursue this vision through speaking events, the creation of resources, and our largest endeavour is the Canadian Youth Workers Conference (CYWC), which trains youth workers in six locations across Canada every year.

Truth Matters operates through the faithful and generous support of people like you who believe in our mission.

Sid Koop and his family live in Kelowna, BC.

Youth One’s Mission is Radical Love, no conditions, one journey at a time. It is a place where relationships are paramount with the main focus of engaging in our mission. Please feel free to drop by and check us out at 1303 13 Street North or visit our website www.youthone.ca to connect or contact us!

DID YOU KNOW?

Surveys show that 80 per cent of people believe that extreme poverty - life on less than $1.25 per day - is worse now than it was in 1990. Almost 87 per cent believe the number of children dying from poverty-related causes is worse. In actual fact, in both cases, it’s not just a little bit better; it’s radically better. The evidence of progress is overwhelming.

(Source: Dr. Scott Todd, interview in Servant Magazine, Issue 89)

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?’”

Matthew 16:24-26  NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“And not only you, but anyone who sacrifices home, family, fields - whatever - because of me will get it all back a hundred times over, not to mention the considerable bonus of eternal life. This is the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”

Matthew 19:29-30  THE MESSAGE
INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES
The population of internationals moving to Lethbridge continues to grow. Aware that God is “bringing the world to us”, our Intercultural Ministry team continues to be excited at the opportunities God is giving us to be involved in these lives and to show Christ’s love to them. Our vision is: “To grow disciples of Christ by building friendships with newcomers to Canada, making them feel welcome in our church, and providing opportunities to study the Bible and be introduced to Jesus.”

Our ministry this year has benefited from the efforts and support of Yuji Iwata, who has earnestly served as an unpaid staff with Intercultural Ministries.

The hub of Intercultural Ministries is our monthly potlucks, where Internationals are invited to a meal, hear a testimony, and build friendships as they eat together and take part in interactive games. Since September our turnout has averaged 190 participants.

Both feeding into and developing from the potluck, we now have three weekly Bible studies: one at Benke’s ministering primarily to Chinese scientists, another at Arinobu’s for those who speak Japanese as their first language, and a ladies WOW (Women of the Word) study at the church.

Desiring to build friendships, we have had several gym nights for internationals and Sue Smienk invites international college students into her home on Friday afternoons. In addition, we offer ESL Conversation Cafes in the fall and spring to support Internationals in improving their English language skills. The majority of students are only in Canada for a short time and we want them to learn of Jesus while they are here.

Besides our organized church programs, numerous members of our body are very effectively building relationships and showing hospitality to Internationals through their involvement with community programs such as Lethbridge Immigrant Services, the Read On at the library, and the Friendship Family at the University. Many of these new friends end up coming to our potlucks.

It is most rewarding to see God at work but we need more help so please consider joining us in this ministry. If you’re interested in exploring this opportunity, call George and Margie Ney at 403.328.1500 or Garfield and Iris Benke at 403.381.7990.

PRISON MINISTRY
The Lethbridge Correctional Centre accommodates up to 387 male and female inmates and we minister to this population through two ministries:

*ChIRP (Children of Inmates Reading Program): A reading program for children of inmates that helps keep family bonds strong during incarceration. This program involves recording an inmate reading a children’s story. This recording, along with a copy of the book, is sent to the child, who can then read along to the voice of their parent despite the parent’s incarceration. Children are reminded that they are loved, and inmates and guardians benefit from the opportunity to support their child in a meaningful way. Please contact the ChIRP Coordinator, Marjorie Miller, at 403.380.6589 if you are interested in volunteering with this program.

*Bible Study: A program that helps male inmates mature in Christian faith. Volunteers facilitate a group process where Bible study and prayer are practiced and modelled, and inmates are empowered in their own spiritual formation. Mentorship is a key component of the Bible study process, and this is accomplished by building rapport and community with group participants. Our hope is that inmates will become anchored in their faith and that this will help them live sustainably after release. Please contact the Bible Study Coordinator, Dawne Davidson, at 403.360.9920 if you are interested in volunteering directly in this program or by providing prayer support.
“As you look around right now, wouldn’t you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I’m telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what’s right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It’s harvest time!” (John 4:35, THE MESSAGE)

Jesus and his disciples had arrived at Sychar, a town in Samaria. Jesus was tired from the long journey so he sat down by the community well where he encountered a Samaritan woman who had come to the well for water. In the meantime the disciples went off into the town to obtain food. When they returned, they were surprised to see Jesus talking with the woman. However the disciples had completed their errand and now insisted that Jesus eat since they were on their way to Galilee.

The disciples had gone into the town realizing that the Samaritans were good enough to trade with but it never dawned on them to tell the townspeople that the Messiah was outside their town. They probably thought that the sowing and reaping in this Samaritan town would require a long wait and so did not see the ripened grain. The people of Samaria were spiritually ripe but no doubt the disciples wanted to pass quickly through the town and were not looking for additions to the Kingdom. They failed to see the big picture and were unable to see both a great need and a great opportunity. At this point Jesus impressed on the disciples the urgency of reaching the lost. There was no need to wait four months as the spiritual fields were already extremely ripe.

Harvest time provides a short and limited opportunity. It will not last for long and it must be accomplished now or the crop will be lost. There are millions still untold. Men, women and children are lost without Christ. The time is now for sowing and reaping. Jesus wants us to raise our eyes and deliberately look around us to see the needs in our community, our nation and our world. Do we seize the opportunities as Christ did or do we walk right by them? We are to wake up, take a good look around us to see fields of people, gleaming white and all ready for harvest. The command to act touched Christ’s disciples then, and it touches us as Christ’s disciples now. The very spring of our actions is the love of Christ; it controls us and spurs us to move forward. We must be obedient and available and ask the Lord of the harvest to help us see the fields of ripe grain.

If we obey Christ’s command and witness as he has commanded us to do, there is no guarantee that in every case we will see the results of our labours. We may or may not see results but we are to keep on with our commission to sow the seed and trust Christ to use it to bring forth a harvest.

“Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. ‘What a huge harvest!’ he said to his disciples. ‘How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!’” (Matt 9:35-38, THE MESSAGE)
The Barringtons have been serving in Santa Cruz Bolivia since 2012. Their main call and focus continues to be the student population of the city.

The last half of 2016 brought about a big transition in ministry as the Barringtons were led away from the Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center and towards the development of a more specific student initiative. Because of this, the last several months have understandably been very draining but also very encouraging and a huge blessing at the same time. The project (“Project Become”) that was birthed, seeks to enter schools and organizations with the purpose of presenting strategic biblically-based resiliency training resources to students. It guides students towards understanding that they have been created with gifts and abilities, and that those abilities have a purpose to effect a positive change in themselves and the world around them. Project Become offers hope and clarity to so many students who have a difficulty understanding who they are and what they would like to do, who they will or could ‘become’. The questions posed through the sessions with the students also open amazing opportunities to share the Gospel and build lasting mentoring relationships, the scope of which will reach far beyond Santa Cruz, and Bolivia!

Much of the past months have been focused on the development of the project: networking, material and promotional development, vision-casting, team building/recruiting, etc. Alongside all of this, the Barringtons have also been busy as they have finalized their permanent five-year residency visas. This was a significant hurdle but one in which God’s faithfulness was shown time and again. Praise the Lord!

Please pray concertedly for the Barrington’s health and energy. Pray also for God’s continued guidance with concern to Project Become, that all of the necessary resources and finances would be met and the initial presentation would have a great impact!!

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THE BRAUNS

Jarred & Jenna Braun

The Brauns serve at Sahel Academy, a school that primarily educates missionary children, in Niger, West Africa. Jarred teaches high school French and second language English and Jenna teaches grade 2. They also mentor and disciple students outside of the classroom through leading student Bible studies and coaching the high school softball team.

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THE BUTES

Brian & Eveleen Bute • Kieran

Brian was a businessman in Lethbridge for about 16 years. During the last few of those years, God changed his perception of the role of business and entrepreneurship in the Kingdom. Instead of seeing business as secular and distinct from the sacred, he realized God leads some people to serve Him in the context of business, and everything He leads us to do is a sacred calling, meant to be valued and performed to the glory of God. During that time, God also started drawing the Bute family increasingly into international ministries at EFCL, and all of that soon culminated into a call to full-time missions abroad. Since 2013, they have been in Nicaragua, in the second-poorest economy in the Western Hemisphere, walking alongside Nicaraguan Christian leaders and entrepreneurs as they learn to know Christ more, to trust and follow Him more fully, and to use their gifts to further God’s Kingdom, while strengthening their communities economically, socially, and spiritually in the process.

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THE DUBBERS
Todd & Kylie Dubber • Cassidy, Titus, Ella

The Dubbers work at Rift Valley Academy, a school for missionary kids located in Kenya, East Africa. Todd teaches physical education and Canadian history, coaches volleyball and field hockey, and is involved in sport ministry. Kylie is an administrator and coaches field hockey. RVA has 500 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Students come from many different mission organizations, over 20 different countries, and their parents work all over Africa. RVA is a school run by Africa Inland Mission (AIM). AIM’s vision is reaching unreached people groups in Africa.

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THE GREINERS
Brent & Carol Ann Greiner

The Greiners have been serving with OM for 26 years. Brent first joined OM in 1990 (Quebec) and Carol Ann joined three years later in 1993. Their ministry for the last 21 years (since 1995) was based in the UK at the OM Lifehope Training Centre near Birmingham (2 hours north of London).

In the summer of 2016 it became very clear to both Brent and Carol Ann that it was time to move on from OM UK. After having a time of prayer and discussions with the OM France leadership, Brent and Carol Ann were accepted to join OM France from the summer of 2017. They will be working in the north of France in a town called Bruay la Brussiere (about an hour from Calais). Brent and Carol Ann will be ministering alongside a local church. Brent will also continue in his role as the OM International Short-Term Missions Facilitator.

Since January 1, the Greiners have been on a sabbatical (first time ever!). They are just about to complete a semester of study at Westminster College in Cambridge, England (January 9 – March 17). They will then be flying to Canada on March 27 to begin a three-month furlough (March 27 – July 4). They will be with us for two weeks in May (8 – 22) and one week in June (9 – 16).

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The Littles have served in Japan since 1984. Their ministry has an intentional focus on church planting, evangelism, and leadership training (theological education or teaching). Their current ministry profile includes:

• Planting a multicultural church with Japanese and English congregations at its core, launched in April 2013: Tokyo Multicultural Church (Dale and Ann).
• Guiding a partnership of three churches in their evangelistic English class program (Dale).
• Training pastors and missionaries as a part-time adjunct professor of theology at Japan Bible Seminary (Tokyo) and at ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University (Dale).

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The Millers have served with EFCCM for 5.5 years. Four of those years have been in Manila, Philippines where Jason (Yase) teaches in the Junior High Department at Faith Academy. He teaches 6th graders Old Testament Survey as well as Acts, Proverbs and Ethics to 8th graders. This year he took on the role of head of “Fight the New Drug,” a mentoring/discipling/accountability movement for pornography addiction; this program also encourages parents to step up to the plate and be the primary discipler of their children regarding Biblical and moral purity.

Andi teaches four grades in her home and is involved with a local home school co-op at their church; this consists of 50+ kids. She still coaches swim club at Faith Academy and endeavours to be transparent wherever she goes and whoever she’s with.

The Millers have been in Three Hills, AB on a one-year home assignment since July 2016. They’ve thoroughly enjoyed plugging back into life and ministry in their town in various capacities in their church, school, and Prairie College. A July 2017 return to Manila is planned in faith that God will supply both the prayer and financial support needed. It will be more difficult this time for the boys especially to go back, as they have so enjoyed the freedom, independence, and small town life, so they ask for continued prayer for God’s peace, provision, and presence during this upcoming second term.

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Jake and Mary have been in Bolivia for 18 years working with the low-German speaking Mennonites. They started a Bible study together with some local people and this has developed into a thriving church. The Neufelds led the church for some years but passed the leadership on to others. They moved to a new area called Taperas, another small town with Mennonite colonies nearby where they hoped to start another church plant. But due to various circumstances, they have taken over the leadership of the Ibnias church again for 2017. During this time they hope to put good local leadership in place for 2018 which will allow them to move on. Jake and Mary find that there are new challenges every day with needs that challenge them in their faith and dedication to the work that the Lord has called them to.

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“He who gathers in summer is a wise son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.”
Proverbs 10:5 AMPLIFIED

“Make hay while the sun shines - that’s smart; go fishing during harvest - that’s stupid.”
Proverbs 10:5 THE MESSAGE
Rich and Lynn serve in Germany at Black Forest Academy (BFA), a school for missionary kids. They give oversight to the entire boarding program and mentor and train boarding staff. Rich gives administrative oversight to the business aspects of boarding as well as ministry of the residence life office. Lynn is involved with the school’s counselling resource team and school activities committee, coordinating staff, transportation and resources for the entire school. Rich and Lynn spend one-on-one time with dorm parents, encouraging them and giving care and support to their ministries. They also interact with missionary families across Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Western Asia, partnering with them in the education and welfare of their children. BFA serves over 300 students with about 110 in boarding.

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The Penners live in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. They arrived there in 2013 and are busy with a wide range of ministries. Myron is excited to be a founder of, and part of the Senior Leadership Team, for Novo: Transformational Communities, a new ministry focused on equipping and enabling national Christian Bolivian leaders to treat the addictions issues in their communities through the formation of Christ-centered communities. Myron teaches and preaches extensively and works with pastors and church leaders in spiritual formation. Jodi is the director of the Santa Cruz International Community Choir which meets at Trinity International Church and also works with indigenous youth in the choir and music school of Santiago de Chiquitos. She also collaborates with local musicians in Santa Cruz for various concerts and music projects and helps lead worship at Trinity International Church.

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The Pikes
Gordon & Norma Pike

Gordon and Norma joined the EFCM as church planters in Venezuela in 1983. After two terms, the Pikes saw the establishment of a fully independent church. In 1996 they joined the faculty at Rio Grande Bible Institute, an interdenominational Christian leadership training college for Spanish-speaking Latin Americans. Gordon served as a professor in the faculty of Pastor Counselling and Family Life. Presently they are working with ProMETA which used to be known as the Latin America Training Network (LATN), a distance education program which trains leaders for the church in Latin America. Gordon is helping to develop and teach courses in the areas of pastoral counselling, communications and interpersonal relationships. He also serves as head of the Pastoral Counselling Department and as Associate Academic Dean. The Pikes are part of a virtual team (working together from different parts of the world via internet) that is providing quality education for people all over Latin America who are already proven leaders and committed to training more leaders, without requiring them to move away from their homes and present ministries. Norma works in intercession for students and staff, and encourages other women on the ProMETA team which is dispersed around the world.

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Alan & Linda continue their ministry with HGTW “Hearts Going Toward Wellness” (the healing of past damage and present issues in peoples’ lives) from Kenai, Alaska, their home since 2013. During the summer of 2015 the Overbeek family (missionaries from Old Harbor on Kodiak Island) moved into Kodiak City, and are continuing to minister to many of the Native people the Rosses had contact with for many years.

The Rosses HGTW ministry falls under the umbrella of the Native-led ministry AFI (Alaska Freedom Journey). Along with their team they are doing three conferences annually, including one at Port Alsworth, Alaska, with the mentoring program “Tanalian Leadership Center” (TLC - www.tanalianleadershipcenter.org). Linda continues as part of the “Traditional Healing Committee” with the Kenaitze Indian tribe. The Rosses attend the Kenaitze elders lunch program called “Tyotkas” a few days a week and after the lunch, they sing gospel and other fun songs with the elders. The Rosses hope this may turn into a gospel music sing-along fellowship with Bible study. Please continue to pray for them as they live among and have contacts with the Kenaitze people of Kenai. The Kenai Bible Church (their home church) continues to be a tremendous blessing and support to their ministry.

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THE ROSSES
Alan & Linda Ross
EFCL is Norm and Michelle’s sending church. Michelle and Norm lived in Lethbridge and attended EFCL for 11 years prior to departing for Germany in 1988 to work at Black Forest Academy. They have been involved in missions in Europe for 29 years. During their home assignments Smiths continue to enjoy reconnecting with many EFCL friends here in Lethbridge. They look forward to being in Lethbridge for a few weeks later this summer.

The Smiths are missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church of Canada Mission and work directly with ReachGlobal, the Mission wing of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Norm is a member of ReachGlobal’s SERVEurope Service Team.

In August 2014, Norm and Michelle relocated from Budapest, Hungary (where they had served for 14 years) back to the Lower Mainland of BC. They continue their ministry from Canada. Norm serves as ReachGlobal’s Events and Logistics Coordinator for the Europe area, organizing missionary conferences, training and leadership development events, and various “in-house” seminars, workshops and retreats. He and his team provide many practical services to 200+ missionaries and their families living in 32 urban centers across Europe, most of whom are involved in church-planting. Norm is able to do much of his event planning via the internet, email, skype and conference calling. His schedule requires him to make one trip every 8-9 months back to Europe to help host some of the events that he helps organize. Pray for Norm as he continues to prepare for the bi-annual RG Europe Missionary Family Conference to be held in Slovenia July 19-26.

Michelle has a unique ministry, using American Sign Language to serve the Lord. After studying Hungarian Sign Language and being heavily involved in the deaf community abroad, Michelle is excited about opportunities she has to minister in the deaf community here in Canada. In order to do that effectively, she continues with her Program of Sign Language Interpretation at Douglas College in Coquitlam. She is also maintaining her connection to Hungarian Deaf Summer Camp by helping raise funds, helping plan camp, administrate and attend the camps in Hungary each summer. Please pray for Michelle as she travels to Budapest to co-lead Deaf Summer Camp during the 4th week of June.

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While missionaries can have many needs, the one pressing and continual need is that of prayer.

Prayer is an amazing and effective way to help those in missions because it requires only a willing heart and commitment to take the time.

While each missionary will have prayer requests specific to his/her part of the world, type of work and unique circumstances, there are certain communal needs that require regular prayer for everyone out in the field.

One need not even know the missionaries they are praying for - these are issues which affect everyone who obeys God’s call to “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.” (Mark 16:15)

Prayer for missionaries can be specific - for one particular person or family, or very general - for all missionaries in a particular region or continent. Here are some suggested areas to pray over for the missionaries listed in this booklet and around the world.

1. **Relationship with God:** pray the missionary would be regularly reading God’s word, praying and filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. **Physical and emotional needs:** pray against loneliness and isolation, for good health, safety and stamina.

3. **Relationships:** pray for good relationships with family, leaders and team members, pray for the children, if the missionary has some.

4. **Communication:** pray for ease of transition when learning a new language and culture, that the missionary will be attuned to the heart-needs of those he/she is serving, for effective communication to the locals.

5. **Effective ministry:** pray for the work the missionary is involved in, for the organizations involved, for opportunities to witness, teach, counsel, preach and visit, and that more workers would be found.
Letters: Don’t wait for a big block of time. It will probably never come! It is not necessary to have nice paper or be able to write pages and pages. Share what is going on in your life and how God is working in you. Express interest in the concerns of their hearts. Ask questions and respond to what they have said in previous letters. Ask for specific and personal prayer requests and updates. Share a particularly meaningful sermon or some church news. Have your children write to children in the missionary family. Even a postcard is good. For those in restricted access countries, ask for guidelines when writing about Christian matters and ministries; you may have to resort only to emailing.

Emails: These are quicker than letters but be aware that these can be censored by governments. Be careful with attachments as they can be too big for slow internet providers overseas that are only dial-up. How long will it take/cost to download all your “neat stuff,” especially if the connection is lost and the downloading has to start all over again? Is it something that will really minister to the missionary? Share a good website in the event their internet connections are fast enough.

Telephone, Skype or satellite phone: If using the telephone, call sometimes on the spur of the moment but be sure you know the time difference so that you don’t wake your favorite missionary up at 3 AM!

Photos: Enclose a photo occasionally with your letter. If sending by email, be careful of sending large, high resolution photos as they take a long time to download in slow dial-up situations and they clog up the system. The photo may not be worth the resulting stress!

Subscriptions: Pay for a subscription to his/her/their favorite magazine like Reader’s Digest, Our Canada, Christianity Today or some other magazine that the missionary/family would like. These subscriptions are usually sent surface mail (unless you pay for airmail) so don’t expect them to arrive in a week or a month or even longer. Or you can have the subscription sent to your own address and then you send it on by airmail.

Care packages: Check first with your local post office and also the missionary on what may be sent. Check with your missionary to make sure that there is a reasonable chance of it arriving safely at its destination; this may apply also to letters. Send packages by airmail, not surface mail unless you want them to arrive much later. Send small packages and send them more frequently as the customs may be less. Make sure the shipping address is complete and accurate.

Send books, CDs, DVDs or sermon series — something you know the receiver will appreciate. Send pages of local news or the sports section of the local newspaper. Ask the missionary what is not available or very expensive — chocolate chips, etc. Try sending a package of salad dressing mix, taco mix or small treat in with a letter or small bubble bag. Send a special treat for a birthday, anniversary or just for no special reason. For Christmas, send a puzzle in a Ziploc bag (but don’t forget the picture), small new game, book, CD, DVD, Christmas candies, etc. Be creative; the sky is the limit (almost)!

Whatever communication you choose, you can be sure that it will be appreciated. It shows that someone out there in the world cares about me, the missionary.

Reference: Serving as Senders, Neal Pirolo

Communication with our missionaries is very important. Here are some ideas:
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Robert Woodbury
“The World the Missionaries Made”
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“But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’”

Romans 10:14,15 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

“For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us, because we are of the opinion and conviction that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, so that all those who live might live no longer to and for themselves, but to and for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake.”

2 Corinthians 5:14,15 AMPLIFIED

“And He said to all, ‘If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cling steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also]. For whoever would preserve his life and save it will lose and destroy it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he will preserve and save it [from the penalty of eternal death]. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and ruins or forfeits (loses) himself? Because whoever is ashamed of Me and of My teachings, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in the [threefold] glory (the splendor and majesty) of Himself and of the Father and of the holy angels.’”

Luke 9:23-26 AMPLIFIED

“Later on the Lord commissioned seventy other disciples and sent them off in twos as advance-parties into every town and district where he intended to go. ‘There is a great harvest,’ he told them, ‘but only a few are working in it - which means you must pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send out more reapers.’”

Luke 10:1,2 PHILLIPS
ISAIAH’S COMMISSION
Isaiah 6:1-9a (NIV)

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

3 And they were calling to one another:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

9 He said, "Go and tell this people..."

Lord, I give up
All my own plans and purposes,
All my own desires and hopes
And accept Thy will for my life.
I give myself, my life, my all,
Utterly to Thee
To be Thine forever.
Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit.
Use me as Thou wilt,
Send me where Thou wilt,
Work out Thy whole will in my life
At any cost.
Now and forever.
To me to live is Christ. Amen.

Betty Scott Stam, missionary martyr in China