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October 2

Father, thank you for those who bring in the harvest. Bless the farmers and their work. Give them endurance and bless their families and their crops.

October 3

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness towards CLBI and for providing the students you have called for another year. May each student fix their eyes on your son, Jesus Christ.

October 4

God, may Grade 12 students experience a call on their lives as they work through their final year of high school. Draw them to your word and help them dive deeply into its treasures.

October 5

Father, as Pastor Nick Joyal opens the New Testament for the first year students, inspire them with the stories and theology that give foundation to our Christian faith.

October 6

Lord God, may the returning students have vision and energy for the role of leadership and be open to learning your ways of servant leadership.

October 7

Eternal Father, open our minds, eyes, and ears to what you are doing in our lives, and help us to pursue your calling for each day.

October 8

God of creation, may you provide people to take on every needed task and activity concerning the program and facilities of CLBI. Bless each volunteer as they serve on campus, and may you be glorified through their service.



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2020/2021

CLBI STUDENT BODY

1ST YEAR STUDENTS



KRISTIAN BERG
PORT COQUITI, A.M., BC



JESSICA BITZER
SHERWOOD PARK, AB



JANESSA BURR
CAMROSE, AB



MADISON COLE
CAMROSE, AB



ELIN ENGEN
BEAUMONT, AB



ANN FREDERICKSON
SHERWOOD PARK, AB



MALCOLM GUGLICH
CAMROSE, AB



SETH HANSEN
BOY ISLAND, AB



NOAH LEHMAN
NEW NORWAY, AB



KATHERINE MELANCON
ST. ALBERT, AB



IVAR OSNESS
BEAUMONT, AB



DANIKA OSTERWALDER
CAMROSE, AB



FAITH RIEDEL
CALGARY, AB



CYRIL ROGGENSINGER
SIRNACH, SWITZERLAND



SONJA ROSTAD
CAMROSE, AB



CALEB SHERBANUK
KILLAM, AB



ABIGAIL SYLVESTRE
MADSTONE, SK



SARAH TIMMS
EDMONTON, AB



JELAYNA TOMALTY
EDMONTON, AB



EMILY VAN ROON
EDMONTON, AB



EMMA WARD
CAMROSE, AB

2ND YEAR STUDENTS



WILLIAM ANDERSON
BROOKS, AB



JAYDEN EGGUM
KAMLOOPS, BC



GABRIEL FORBES
ST. ALBERT, AB



LEIF HAUGEN
OUTLOOK, SK



EMMA JARRETT
CAMROSE, AB



SIRI KAACK
LUNDBRECK, AB



ELSYE MACINNIS
CAMROSE, AB



BAILEY MCKEEMAN
EDMONTON, AB



DANIELA SALINAS
CALGARY, AB



TANNIN ZINGER
BENTLEY, AB



2020/2021 CLBI STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

L-R (Back row): Karlina Olson, Cullen Halvorson, Dean Rostad, Ted Hill, Landon Jack, Amy Jack (with Zeke), Emma Johnson, Mackenzie Wahl, Jaime Ocampos, Sherrie Ellingson. (Front row): Becca McKibbin, Tom Francis, Jodi Harrison, Kate McFeely, Wanda Manson, Grace Braaten, Tamara MacInnis, Maren Engen, Dan Shepherd.

October 9

Compassionate father, we lift up to you all those who are experiencing homelessness and ask for your provision for them. Help us to be generous towards efforts that seek to alleviate the suffering of these people.

October 10

Inspirational God, thank you for Ted Hill's (Program Director) ministry at CLBI and ask you to bless Ted and his wife Deb as they celebrate their anniversary. May their marriage serve as an example for the young lives with which they are in community.

October 11

Proud and loving God, bless Sonja Rostad (1st year student) today on her birthday. Guide her footsteps, Lord, under the sunshine of your love.

October 12

Eternal God, in 1 Chronicles 16:29, we are told to "...Give to the Lord the glory due his name...". Help us to give you all the glory, in our joys, in our struggles, in our work, and in our rest.

NEW ON STAFF



Mackenzie Wahl
Program Assistant
Camrose, AB.



Grace Braaten
Kitchen Assistant
Camrose, AB.



Maren Engen
Kitchen Assistant
Beaumont, AB.



Dan Shepherd
Academic Assistant
Camrose, AB.



Tom Francis
Interim Maintenance Director
Camrose, AB.

We thank God for bringing these new staff members on board to CLBI this year.

Please pray for them and the rest of the staff as we embark on yet another incredible year, hearing God's call on our lives and learning how to live as disciples focused on Christ.

October 13

Mysterious and holy God, although everything around us is changing, remind us to see your present and unchanging love. May your love give us courage and hope for the future.

October 14

Good father, grant spiritual direction to all who seek it each day. "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27).

October 15

Peace-loving God, calm our minds amidst the tumult of life around us. May we turn to you with trust and faith, and may we find the path forward that leads us to you.

October 16

God of the still small voice, as students embark on Solo Day, guide them in your stillness and presence. Sharpen their minds and spirits as they intentionally spend time alone with you, and show them that time away with you is incredibly valuable.

October 17

Thank you heavenly father for Kate McFeely (Office Administrator) and what she brings to the CLBI family. Bless her on her birthday. We also pray for Sherrie Ellingson (D-Group Leader) and her husband Clayton on their anniversary today.

October 18

Father of fellowship and community, you have blessed Camrose with various places for people to connect. Use these settings as places of meaningful interaction for your ambassadors to share the reason for the hope they have with those who are searching.

October 19

Passionate and intimate God, your design for human sexuality has been tainted and confused in our society.

Holy Spirit, speak through scripture and the instructors this week to reinstate peace and clarity about what it means to be created in your image.

October 20

All-knowing creator, darkness seeks to enshroud and paralyze many of your children. Jesus, you are the light that pierces the dark, so we ask that you dispel all despair for those who struggle to have hope for this day, and for days to come.

October 21

Meticulous Lord, in all the business dealings, and through all the networks that CLBI is a part of, may you be glorified.

October 22

Proud and loving God, we praise you that Jelayna Tomalty (1st year student) heard your call to come to CLBI this year. Bless her today on her birthday, and may she find deep treasures in your word as she studies it this year.

October 23

Benevolent creator, thank you for Emma Jarrett (2nd year student) as she celebrates her birthday today. May she know how much you love her and how precious she truly is.

October 24

God of all justice and truth, guide our politicians and give them your Godly wisdom in their leadership. May they realize that you are the creator, the Lord of Lords, and the King above all kings.

October 25

Powerful God, you give each one of us special gifts and talents. As the buildings at CLBI continue to need repairs over time, grant us the right people who will carry out the needed tasks so that the CLBI campus can continue its work for your ministries.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

BY PRESIDENT DEAN ROSTAD



PART I

I'M STUCK

IS THE GLASS HALF FULL or half empty?

Typically this question is asked to determine whether a person is more optimistic or pessimistic. While I do consider myself a more "half full" person, I must say that in the past 7 months, COVID-19 has thrown us many curve balls, resulting in things looking a bit more "half empty".

The doomsday headlines have been announcing business closures, COVID-19 case numbers increasing, vaccine delays, and setbacks in poverty levels, which have created an overall sense of uncertainty. All humans are susceptible to bad news skewing one's vision of reality. Why is this? Is it because we all live with a sinful nature and by default we seek refuge in ourselves over God?

I confess I have a heart that wavers. It is drawn to the powerful emotion of fear and has a tendency to get stuck there. When fear comes knocking on your door, how do you respond? Does dread knot up your stomach resulting in the world looking half empty?

For the staff at CLBI, navigating the tumultuous seas of 2020 has been challenging, and fear definitely has come knocking on our doors. Yet in

the midst of the storm, God has been faithfully inviting us to direct our eyes towards Him. I must admit though, the size of the storm is still extremely disheartening.

STRUGGLING CHURCHES

Even before the pandemic, many churches were experiencing lower numbers and evaporating youth groups, and now, with the pandemic, it has raised uncertainty about the future for many churches. When the pandemic is over, who will return? Where will the future students for CLBI come from? Yikes!

RIISING POST-SECONDARY COSTS

Increased cost of living and rising post-secondary costs have caused many families to conclude that taking a year or two for bible school is not a good use of limited funds, especially during a pandemic and a struggling economy. Where does CLBI fit into this new reality?

Challenges such as these can easily lead me to think that CLBI's days are numbered - once again, more uncertainty.

PART II

GOD BREAKS IN

I LOVE READING IN THE GOSPELS how Jesus shows up in people's lives and meets them right where they are at:

Zacchaeus - "I am coming to your house today." (Luke 19:15)

Lazarus - "Come out!" (John 11:43)

The rich young ruler - "Go sell your possessions and come and follow me." (Luke 18:22)

The adulterous woman - "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more." (John 8:10)

Jesus meets us where we are at. He doesn't wait until we have cleaned up our lives, gone to church, or changed our attitude. He meets us on the mountain tops and in the dark valleys, and He invites us to walk through the situation following him deeper into the Kingdom of God.

So when I am stuck in an earth-bound narrative that tempts me to trust in self over God, Jesus breaks into this locked room of fear (John 20) and speaks "Peace be with you". Jesus enters my mess, my fear. He meets me where I am at and invites me to listen to His words:

"Behold I make all things new"
(Rev 21:5)

"Have no fear little flock"
(Luke 12:32)

"Trust in me"
(John 14:1)

"Believe in me"
(John 11:25)

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). When Jesus breaks into our world, He gives

us an opportunity to open our eyes to the new perspective of the Kingdom of God.

NO SITUATION IS EVER WASTED with God. From life's mountain tops to its darkest valleys, the risen Lord Jesus Christ is willing to meet us there and reveal a bigger picture of who God is. The devil has common strategies to pull me away from trusting in God's perfect love that drives out all fear (1 John 1:18). Satan's lies show up as a thought and my flesh loves to grab hold of them. Do these accusations sound familiar?

"You are alone"

"This proves that you are a fake, a failure"

"It is just a matter of time before this falls apart. Just give up now"

"Who are you to think that you can change this?"

YUCK, I HATE THOSE LIES. Now for the good part. The Spirit of God lives in all believers. The Spirit was sent to lead us into all truth (John 16:13). I love when the Spirit points out these lies when they first enter my mind and then replaces them with God's truth.

The pandemic is not over. There is great fear and uncertainty about what this fall/winter season is going to look like. I believe that God wants you to know that He is with you and is able to work through ANY situation to advance His kingdom.

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PART III

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

AS THE STAFF AT CLBI has identified and kicked out the devil's lies, God reveals a different storyline, a different perspective that is filled with hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Rejoice with me in these hope-filled stories that God is revealing right in the midst of this frustrating COVID-19 storm:

CYRIL

THIS YEAR WE HAVE 30 STUDENTS on campus and one in Switzerland. Meet Cyril Roggensinger. He has been planning to come to CLBI for a few years now. Due to the Canadian borders being



closed. Cyril cannot be at CLBI in person. In August, after discussions with government officials pleading Cyril's case, I called Cyril and told him that

the Canadian government will not let him come and we do not know when the border will open. I asked him about holding off for a year and coming the following year (Fall 2021). Needless to say, Cyril didn't sleep well that night. The next day, over a video call, Cyril told me that he is taking this year off to focus on God and nothing is going to stop him from doing that (even if that means that he is the only online

student at CLBI). He is even willing to get up at 3:30am (his time) to join us online for D-group on Wednesday evenings.

Wow, Jesus is at work in this young man. God is raising up a new generation that is determined to follow Jesus even when it seems that the world is against them. Join us in praying that the Canadian border will open soon to internationals. When it does, Cyril wants to be on the first flight out.

THE 72

WHEN LOCKDOWN HIT IN MARCH and our students were scattered, discipleship went online. In the midst of this, CLBI started a new initiative called "The 72". We worked with current students and alumni to create online discipleship opportunities (D-groups). We met weekly from April to June doing training, sharing testimonies, and processing how Jesus was working in our lives.



Over 80 people from around the world participated in this experiment, and it was a very significant experience. This fall we are expanding our efforts, training up more students, alumni, and friends to launch more online D-groups.

THE 72 IS CLEARLY A MOVEMENT OF GOD to pivot CLBI to move from only a "Camrose campus-based" discipleship focus to supporting our alumni in their efforts to disciple others. One student said that being a co-leader in the 72 was the perfect training wheels for them to gain confidence in making disciples.

Through the 72, CLBI is now able to help disciple people that aren't able to attend CLBI in person. From teenagers to grandparents, God is using The 72 to further the work of the Great Commission and support churches in disciple-making.

If you would like to participate in The 72, see the72.ca for more info.

DAN

IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, there have been many requests for CLBI to consider starting a seminary. While we recognize the fact that quite a few Lutheran communities do not have a Canadian seminary, the realities of CLBI adding a Masters level seminary



track is daunting. However, God has answered that request in a very creative way. In recent years, many seminaries have created robust

online learning options. One difficulty with online seminary is that a large part of the seminary experience is being part of a discipling community.

MEET DAN SHEPHERD. This year Dan, a CLBI alumnus, has joined CLBI's short-term

staff where he works 12 hours a week for CLBI in exchange for room and board. Dan is also an online seminary student at the Church of the Lutheran Brethren Seminary. The part I am so excited about is that instead of Dan being off by himself doing online seminary, he can be part of CLBI's discipling community. There is never a shortage of people at CLBI who want to have an hour-long theology discussion.

Once again, God is positioning the CLBI community to raise up a new generation of church leaders.

WMPL

WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE (WMPL) is an organization that for decades has prayed and sent workers into the mission field. Since 1978, WMPL has had its Canadian headquarters in a house 3 blocks from CLBI. This year WMPL sold their office (to Wanda Manson) and moved their office into CLBI. They also gave CLBI an



interest-free loan to pay for a new \$140,000 fire-alarm system which was installed this summer. The loan is paid back through the rent they pay CLBI for office space. Wow, God is so good! Not only is CLBI able to maintain their valuable facility, but we are also privileged to have our students eat meals with and be mentored by the WMPL staff. This is yet another

example of how God is positioning CLBI for healthy chapters to come.

CLBI STUDENT BODY

30 STUDENTS ON CAMPUS - the perfect bubble. I started as president of CLBI just in time to have our enrollment drop from an average of 45 students down to 30. That drop in enrollment was a lot for all of us to digest. Now entering my fourth year, we once again have 30 students. This is CLBI's "new normal" for enrollment. Through faithful supporters and creative staffing initiatives, CLBI budgets to break even with 30, and that is a miracle in itself.



In May, CLBI decided to open in person rather than attempting to function as an online-only school. The staff was all of one mind that 50% of the discipling we do is because we are together on the campus. As we reviewed COVID-19 planning from

other schools, we saw that Briercrest was planning for 30-person cohorts on their campus. Let's just say that this school year is going to be known as "the year of the bubble". Please keep praying for CLBI's discipling community this year as we creatively engage in outreach efforts and do our best to keep the campus clean and as sickness-free as possible.

"LEAD ON JESUS, YOU'VE GOT THIS!" Even in the midst of a world of bad news, Jesus is at work inviting us to join Him in His mission of bringing redemption to the world. This pandemic is not Jesus' first rodeo. Just as God led his church through previous pandemics, He is doing the same right now.

Going forward, when you are trying to decide whether the glass is half empty or half full, hear Jesus' invitation to take a few steps back to see that He is holding the glass - Welcome to a different perspective.



Dean is the President at CLBI and lives with his family in Camrose, AB. He is also an alumnus of the school, and was a student on campus in the early 1990s.

engage in Cross Cultural Prep this week, give them a heart for every nation. Inspire them to do your will.

October 28
Thank you Lord for all of CLBI's alumni who have felt your call to ministry. Provide wisdom and knowledge of what their needs are, and may you continue to lavish your servants with your love.

October 26
Triune God, as our 1st year students study Psalms this week, we ask for your spirit to guide the instructor's words and to prepare the hearts of the students to receive the riches your word has.

October 27
All loving God, your heart is for all people. As the 2nd year students

October 29
Redeeming God, continue to strengthen the bonds between CLBI and its various connections with the City of Camrose. As this community grows, so too will your love and kindness shine forth in the people who are a part of it.

October 30
Timeless and magnificent Lord, every age group is a blessing to the fabric of the body of Christ. Enable every demographic that intersects with CLBI to be spurred on as disciples of Jesus.

October 31
Thank you, Jehovah, for providing for CLBI since its birth in 1932. Continue to pour out blessing through your faithful servants, and grant wisdom to the decision makers entrusted to steward that which you have provided.

November 1
Father God, we thank you for how you have continually provided for CLBI in the past. We pray that you continue to put CLBI in the hearts and minds of supporters and bring forth donations so the ministry there can continue and thrive.

November 2
Dear Jesus, Please reveal yourself this week and be with the CLBI students as they dive deep into the Synoptic Gospels. Speak through instructor Matt Ziprick as he walks students through the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

November 3
Lord, Today we bring to you CLBI instructors. We ask that as they teach at CLBI you bring them strength and peace and provide protection for their friends and families at home whether near or far.

November 4
God we thank you for the great

blessing the kitchen staff is to all at CLBI. Thank you for the wonderful food and fellowship they provide. Help them to know they are dearly loved and valued, not only by the CLBI staff and students but also by you.

November 5
Thank You God for those whom you are calling to be a part of the staff and ministry at CLBI. Please grant them wisdom and strength, and help them to trust you as they consider the work they are being called to.

November 6
Father God, please be with CLBI staff and students. As the year progresses help deep, strong and lasting bonds to develop between them that bring honour and glory to you.

November 7
Thank you Lord for your gift of rest. This year please allow weekends to be times of rest and rejuvenation for CLBI students and staff so they thrive and can continue to learn, teach and serve to the best of their abilities.

November 8
"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). God, help technology to be used not to distract us, but instead to bring glory to you and further your Kingdom.

November 9
Father God, be with each one of the CLBI students as they go on their dwelling retreat. Help this be a time where they can push aside the stress and distractions of everyday life and simply rest in your presence.

November 10
Thank you Lord for the beauty of friendship. We pray that the friendships built this year at CLBI don't fade. May they act as a light and as a testament to your love.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

EDWIN MENDIVELSO ('02-'04)

MY NAME IS EDWIN MENDIVELSO, and I am from Bogota, Colombia. I consecrated my life to missions 25 years ago in Latin America, 5 years in Canada, and 1 year in Tacoma, WA USA.

By the Mercy of God, I am in the process of planting a Latino Church at Trinity Lutheran Church (TAALC: The American Association of Lutheran Churches) in West Hempstead, Long Island, NY.

My time at CLBI helped prepare me through a variety of ways, including: the classes, the care of the CLBI staff (I'm still having 1-on-1's with Pastor Rob Lewis), the out-trips (fall hike, urban hike, winter camps, choir tour, etc.), and the brotherhood, which is still praying for each other to this day.



**Edwin (2003)
CLBI 2nd Year**

ONE PARTICULAR MEMORY that sticks out for me is what I consider to be my "immediate call" to the ministry. It was when I was reading Matthew 28:19-20 in one unique personal devotion in our mission trip to Iqaluit, Nunavut (May 2004). On the top of a hill there were a few huge ravens flying around trying to kill a young black cat, which was hidden and trembling under the rocks. The contrast was shocking (black animals in white snow and sky). When I was getting close to them, the ravens were flying away and the cat was happy and ran back to his home safe. In that moment, I felt nervous confronting the huge ravens and not knowing what was happening. A few minutes later, I felt good doing my good deed of the day, but it gradually became all that I thought about for the next few days (as well as being the new hero of the North Pole.)



THE BIG DEAL BEHIND THE SCENE (God's plan, not Edwin's plan) was

"...I WAS LITERALLY A COLOMBIAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NORTH POLE. YES, THIS WAS REALLY HAPPENING."

reading the passage of the day on those rocks. "The Great Commission." I felt I was sent out to a strange new land. To put it in perspective, I was literally a Colombian in the middle of the North Pole. Yes, this was really happening. I could also recall that in the same meditation, like a fully awake dream, an idea came to me to reach Latinos crossing the borders. This was the beginning of a long journey that is still very much in process. As this process developed, I began to deny my own selfish dreams. I also realized I could possibly be rejected for becoming a radical conservative from my own national church. However, despite those challenges, I went on to complete my theological education.

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November 11

Dear God today we pray for Caleb Sherbanuk (1st year student). Thank you for your presence in Caleb's life and for bringing him to CLBI. We ask that you instill in Caleb a hunger for your word and the unceasing joy that comes from you.

November 12

Father God as the CLBI staff and

students go on their long weekend, we pray for safe travels. Let this be a time of rest, reflection and recuperation.

November 13

Dear Lord, thank you for Luke Rostad (son of Dean Rostad). As today is his birthday, encourage him and show him your love today through his friends and family. Provide him with all he needs, and show him your peace.

WHILE I WAS DOING MY YEAR AS VICAR in Tacoma USA (by means of a group of faithful Norwegian Lutherans), I was ordained as minister and was sent to work among Latinos. While I began looking for a job, and sending my resume to more than 30 Lutheran organizations, I was finally accepted into one that allowed me to work again in the USA.

For me, getting a Bible education at CLBI was, and is, a gift from God. It is worth it. You will be focused on God's word, spend time in devotion and meditation, and God will clarify your real purpose in life, no matter your age or background. Jesus told us to expect rejection, even from our own family,

with the promise that if we follow him and be humbled like a child, he will reveal to us the truth and we can have rest in him. Simply put, CLBI is a great place to grow deeper roots which can bear fruit for God's Glory.



We encourage you to pray for Edwin and the ministries with the Latino community.

To receive updates from Edwin, or for more information, check out his church's website, at trinityofwesthempstead.com

November 14

O God we thank you for your goodness. Thank you for your continued protection and providence for CLBI over the past 88 years of classes. We ask that CLBI continue to be a life-changing ministry for many years to come.

November 15

Jesus thank you for you Dan Shepherd on his birthday. Thank you for the role he plays and his willingness to serve as CLBI staff. Bless Dan this day and help him be reminded of your unending love for him.

November 16

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Lord this week please be with the first year students and President Dean as they together explore what it means to have an Identity in Christ.

November 17

Thank you Father for the CLBI

community. We ask that as alumni move into new and different things they continue to support and be connected with the CLBI community.

November 18

Holy God we pray for young parents. Please put CLBI in the hearts and minds of these parents as a place where their children could go to grow, learn and develop as disciples and followers of Christ.

November 19

We thank you Holy Spirit for the generosity of others. Thank you for all the donations you have provided for CLBI. Please continue to lead people to make CLBI a beneficiary of their wills.

November 20

Gracious God we pray for the church communities of Camrose. Thank you for your presence in these churches. We ask that you continue to allow these communities to flourish and to be safe and welcoming places where people are led to you.





AS WE THANK GOD FOR EACH STUDENT on (and off) our campus this year, we can't help but get excited as the classrooms and dormitories are filled for yet another incredible school year.

While the students and staff look forward to all the unique aspects of the CLBI community this year, we would like to thank God for providing faithful supporters who helped us through the lean summer months.

We also ask that you continue to pray that God provides all that is needed for this year. As a community that wishes to do God's will, we can say that he has certainly shown how faithful he is, time and time again!

If you are wanting to find out more on how you can support the ministries of CLBI, please see the information on the next page, or check us out online at clbi.edu/give to donate today.

BUT HOW CAN I SUPPORT CLBI?

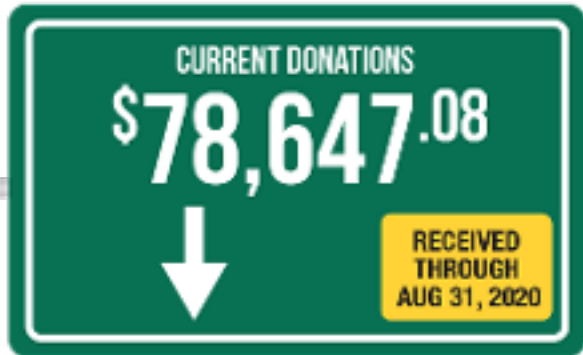
PRAYER

- Daily prayers are included here in the CLBI Crossroads Newsletter
- Follow "CLBI Prayers" on Instagram

DONATIONS

- Etransfer to finance@clbi.edu (include first name & address)
- clbi.edu/give

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US AT 780.672.4454 OR FINANCE@CLBI.EDU



JULY 1, 2020



JUNE 30, 2021

MAXIMIZING GENEROSITY

BY MARLOW GINGERICH

RALPH LOST HIS WIFE TO CANCER. When he stopped into our office with a cheque to top up his Gifting Fund™, he was still working through the tangle of emotions and practical tasks such life events bring. I invited him into my office for a coffee and to catch up. As we chatted, Ralph described the charity distributions that he wanted to complete in memory of his wife.

Ralph had always been a keen analytical thinker, and our discussion turned to Abundance Canada's metrics from the last year. When I mentioned the significant influence in-kind donations of publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds and mutual funds) from non-registered investment accounts were having on the foundation's

annual donation totals, his eyes lit up. Ralph had never donated anything other than cash, so the idea of gifting publicly traded securities was a whole new concept for him.



"...INSTEAD OF WRITING A CHEQUE TO HIS FAVORITE CHARITY, RALPH MINIMIZED HIS TAXES & MAXIMIZED HIS GENEROSITY."

I explained the tax efficiency of in-kind donations of publicly traded securities, as compared to selling the securities and donating the cash proceeds from the sale. This gift planning strategy provides the donor an added tax advantage: when donating in-kind publicly traded securities, the capital gain has a zero-percentage rate inclusion (you pay no tax on the capital gain). The donor receives a charitable receipt for the market value of the donated securities based on the date the transfer is initiated.

Ralph considered all the information and told me not to cash the cheque he'd brought just yet. Although he had a hunch that this new gift planning option might be very relevant to his situation, he wanted to explore this in-kind donation idea with his financial advisor and get a second opinion.

WITHIN THREE DAYS, Ralph notified Abundance Canada to "rip up the cheque" he had left with me. He was excited to maximize his giving while being tax efficient. Instead of donating cash, he initiated an in-kind gift of mutual fund units to Abundance Canada. Knowing he would incur a zero-percentage tax rate on the capital gain, Ralph decided to be even more generous. The total value of the in-kind transfer was fifty percent higher than the initial cheque had been!

After the mutual funds were received by Abundance Canada and sold, Ralph provided us with recommendations to support three of his favourite charities and to leave the remaining balance of the proceeds from the sale of the securities in his Gifting Fund for future distributions.

Ralph and I met again this year to create his Generosity Plan™, to help achieve his charitable goals now and into the future. We took into consideration all his giving options and developed a plan that fits this new phase of his life.



Marlow Gingerich is a Gift Planning Consultant with Abundance Canada. Since 1974, Abundance Canada has helped people with their charitable giving at every stage of life and beyond.

To learn more about how you can create and implement a Generosity Plan visit abundance.ca or call **1.800.772.3257**.

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November 21

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'"(Matthew 9:37) Dear Jesus, we pray that you call and bring forth missionaries from among the CLBI students. Plant within them a hunger and urgency to bring your good news to all the world.

November 22

Dear Lord, we thank you for the wonderful short-term staff at CLBI. Thank you for their willingness to serve and all the ways they bless and positively influence the CLBI community.

November 23

Father God please allow this week to be one of new revelations and realizations for the first-year students and instructor James Avery as they dive deep into your life, death and ministry as told in the Gospel of John.

November 24

Holy Spirit thank you for all the amazing students you have brought to CLBI. As the year progresses, please continue to provide financial solutions for the students who need it so they can continue their studies at CLBI.

November 25

O God, being away from home can be hard. Instill a sense of overflowing peace and purpose in the hearts of CLBI students and allow them to be encouraged and comforted by the community.

November 26

Dear Lord, thank you for mentors and the wisdom and advice they provide. As youth grow, please call their mentors to encourage them and point them towards bible school as a way of growing as disciples.

November 27

Dear Jesus be present in the CLBI dorms. Let the dorms be a place of comfort, encouragement, joy and brotherly and sisterly love for all students.

November 28

We pray O Lord for friendship. Please continue to make CLBI a place where strong friendships are grown, friendships that last a lifetime and bring honor and glory to you

November 29

Holy Spirit, please be with the CLBI board. Give them wisdom, guidance and discernment and allow them to make decisions for the school that align with your will.

November 30

Father God, be with the first year students and CLBI staff this week as they together discuss and discover what it means to have Godly Relationships.

December 1

Lord Jesus, your heart is for all children. We pray specifically today for the children of the CLBI staff, and for the community that they are a part of. Help them see you, know you, and love you through their parents, their families, and their friends.

December 2

Coming King, as families prepare for the Christmas holiday, give them your hope, your light, and your love this day. Bless all families from every corner of the globe, and help them to understand how your love can change the world.

December 3

Unrivalled God, for your children who you are calling into ministry, make clear what is unknown to them so that their eyes can focus on you as they respond to your voice.

December 4

Ambitious Lord, you call students from all over the world to come to CLBI. Continue to breach any language and cultural barriers so that those who you are calling to CLBI may come and witness what you are doing first hand.

December 5

God of celebration and joy, today as Amy Jack (Dorm parent, food services, & safety coordinator) celebrates her birthday, remind her that she is deeply loved by you. Guide her and keep her safe today.

December 6

Limitless God, with CLBI alumni all over the world, may you inspire and motivate them to share the message of the gospel with everyone they meet. Give them strength, peace, and resilience in being your servants.

December 7

King of heaven, as Andrew Craig teaches on "Two Kingdoms/Worldview", provide him with your wisdom and love and open the hearts and minds of the students so that they can see how truly good you are.

December 8

Ambitious and bold God, speak to those who you want to return for

another year at CLBI. Stir in their hearts and speak clearly to them so that there is no doubt in where you are leading them.

December 9

Loving father, as you grow friendships between the CLBI IMPACT students, remind them that you are the focus of all that they do. Show them how to be compassionate, loving, and sincere with one another.

December 10

Holy God, as the fall semester at CLBI is coming to a close, guide it smoothly to its end. Remind us to give thanks for the victories we've had, and to look hopefully towards your future.

December 11

Lord Jesus, as the CLBI community celebrates your birth with the Christmas Banquet, may we come to see your love even more so during this season. You came to us, so may we give you adoration.

December 12

Heavenly Father, with Christmas Break beginning, please provide safety, discernment, and love for all your children. Let this much needed time away be fruitful and relaxing, and may you be the focus of it all.

December 13

God of the wind and the waves, while many travel various distances this holiday season, may you guide them on the roads, in the air, and wherever they travel.

December 14

Compassionate Father, be with those who find the holidays to be a difficult experience. Show them your love, hear their cries, and provide them with whatever they need, God.

December 15

Courageous God, you call your children to live bold lives and to

discern your will. While many changes happen at CLBI each year, may the direction of the school be focused on your will above all things.

December 16

God in heaven, thank you for the strong connections this year at CLBI. While on Christmas break, continue to connect the students with one another, and show them that you are with them wherever they go.

December 17

God of peace, help the staff to relax and rest during this Christmas break. Calm their minds, settle their hearts, and help them see how loved they are as your children.

December 18

Redeeming Lord, as James Rostad (son of Dean Rostad) celebrates his birthday today, show him your love through all his family and friends. Thank you God for James and his passion for a Christ-focused life.

December 19

God, you created Emily Van Roon (1st year student) in your image. On her birthday today, speak to her and remind her how beautiful and wonderful you have made her.

December 20

Lord of all creation, in your wisdom and beauty you created Elin Engen (1st year student). Encourage her today, on her birthday, and bless her as she seeks to learn more about you at CLBI this year.

December 21

Resourceful God, thank you for churches that have been a support for various ministries on campus. Show them how they can pour into the ministry that is CLBI.

December 22

Convicting and unwavering spirit, pursue those who you are calling to come to CLBI. Speak loudly and clearly so that they can discern your voice through all the noise.

December 23

Dynamic Lord, be with the families of pastors and other leaders as they experience the challenges of the Christmas season. Strengthen their families and give them rest.

December 24

God of love, thank you for Wanda Manson (Director of Finance) on her birthday. Help her to see how loved she is through her family and friends today.

December 25

Father, with the birth of Jesus you brought heaven to earth. Today, bring heaven into our hearts as we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior.

December 26

Loving God, in our families and among our friends, remind us of your love. During this Christmas season, help us to spend quality time together, and help us to see your love in our lives.

December 27

Graceful Lord, today is the birthday of William Anderson (2nd year student). We thank you for his kindness, his leadership, and his generosity. Be with him today, and remind him of your love.

December 28

Father God, as this year comes to an end, help us to prepare for the year to come. As with all plans, help us to hold on to them loosely so that your will may be done, and not our own.

December 29

God of love, with students being away from campus during the holidays, we pray for those who are missing the tight-knit community of CLBI. Grant them hope and joy as they await the start of the second semester in January.

December 30

Father in heaven, thank you for Cyril Roggensinger (1st year student), and show him your love today on his birthday. We also thank you for Colby & Kate McFeely (Office Administrator). Bless them as they celebrate their anniversary today.

December 31

Father God, you are in all things. Today, as Seth Hansen (1st year student) celebrates his birthday, remind him of how much you love him, and give him your peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nikolas MacLean (2015-17) married Lucinda Fawcett on May 2, 2020

Analise Stotesbery (2008-09) married Steven Williams on June 10, 2017. They welcomed Clive Elliot on January 14, 2019 & Finn Ezekiel on May 6, 2020

Anika (Nottveit, 2008-10) & Edward Haarsma had baby Hendrick Vincent on May 4, 2020

Graeme MacLellan (2013-14) married Emily Grose on May 29, 2020

Terrill (2011-12) & Shanay Cowan had baby Novalee Elizabeth on June 20, 2020

Josiah Hauer (2013-14) married Jessica on July 25, 2020

Maren Vold (2013-15) married Adam Patterson on August 22, 2020

Hannah de Waal (2014-17) and Joel Bergum (2017-20) got married on August 22, 2020

Adelle (Kroeger, 2006-07) and Chad McKillop had baby Brynn Ava on August 25, 2020

Lindsay (Almas, 2005-08) and Chris Vandermeer (2004-06) had baby Ezra Jacob on September 12, 2020

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