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January 1

Dear Lord, in Isaiah 43:19 you say "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Show us the new things you have for 2022.

January 2

Dear Jesus, bless the students as they return to CLBI for the second semester. Allow them to be refreshed and ready to return to their studies.

January 3

Father God, build a firm foundation of faith for the students after they leave CLBI. Give James Paulgaard wisdom to teach them what they can carry forever.

January 4

Dear Lord, show Grace Forbes (first year

student) that you take great delight in her and rejoice over her with singing for her birthday.

January 5

Father God, be near the second-year students as they gather around your word. Allow Doug Lutz to lead them into deeper spiritual formation.

January 6

Heavenly Father prepare the students to live radically sent as they prepare to experience your heart for the nations on their upcoming cross-cultural experiences.

January 7

Beloved Jesus, thank you for Victor and Jaime Ocampos (Office Administrator). Fill them with joy for you and each other on their anniversary today.

January 8

Almighty Lord. You alone are worthy of our trust and praise. Be near the students waiting to hear back from schools and/or jobs. In feelings of uncertainty show them how you are their provider.

January 9

Father God, thank you for Kim Rostad on her birthday today, and thank you for being the ultimate birthday gift. "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above." James 1:17.

January 10

Dear Heavenly father, you are the solid foundation we can confidently stand upon. Bless the "Foundations of Faith II" class with Ben Unseth (1st Years).

January 11

Father God, your heart is for the nations. In Psalm 72:17-19 you showed that all nations will be blessed through him, ... Praise is to the Lord, may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Give the students your heart for the nations as they prep for their IMPACT trips.

January 12

Dear Lord, please be near the grade 12 students as they experience their final semester/year. Give them rest and wisdom in their studies.

January 13

Father God, we ask you to call all ages to attend CLBI (not just 18-20 year olds). Your mission is not limited by age and life stage.

January 14

Dear Jesus, give vision for parents to send their children to bible school. Provide parents the opportunity to share with their children the importance of digging a deep foundation for their faith.

January 15

God of life and love, thank you for Abigail Sylvestre (second year student) and for allowing her to be in the CLBI community for another year. We proclaim Lamentations 3:22-23 over her "May the steadfast love of the Lord never cease; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

January 16

Lord bless the students as they live out the Great Commission. Bring to life Revelation 14:6 by sending the students with the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

January 17

Father God, be near to the First-Year students as they begin the first course at SoCal School of the Bible in San Pedro, California. Give them your kingdom eyes and help them to see how you are lighting up the darkness in the USA.

January 18

Dear Jesus, give CLBI alumni vision for how to make disciples who make disciples wherever you send them after CLBI. Preserve their faith outside of the safety of the CLBI community.

January 19

Father God build deep relationships with the people the IMPACT students get to meet during their travels.

January 20

Dear Jesus, thank you for Daniela Salina's birthday. Allow this year of her life to be James 1:12 come to life - "Blessed is the person who remains steadfast under trial, for when they have stood the test they will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love them.

90 YEARS

1932 1942 1952 1962 1972 1982 1992 2002 2012 2022 →

OF LIGHT & TRUTH

Celebrating nearly a century of equipping & discipling followers of Christ through the ministries of CLBI.

By Pastor Dean Rostad (President)



DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN 1924...

horses pulling buggies and sleighs gathered at the home of B.J. Stolee in Bawlf, Alberta (20 km east of Camrose) for one purpose: to pray. The Spirit of God had impressed on people's hearts a desire to establish a bible school where young adults would gather to study God's Word. I would love to be able to jump in a time machine to hear the interactions at this humble gathering.

After prayer and discussion around this need, the Spirit of God moved this group to sign their names on a pledge to persevere in prayer on this topic until God answered their prayer. Eight years later that prayer was answered (see picture below).

(Photo below: "The start of what was later referred to as CLBI")

"heilsgeschichte"

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This German word (which looks unpronounceable to me) has an incredible meaning. Heilsgeschichte: *An invitation to trace the footsteps of God in the lives of His people.* Special thanks to Rev. Ron Mayan (CLBI President 1992-96) for sharing this word with us in the forward of "*Send Out Your Light - A History of CLBI*" by George Evenson.

This year CLBI is celebrating its 90th anniversary. For 90 years, God has faithfully worked through CLBI to shape students through His Word. It is time to celebrate, to reflect, and trace these God footsteps through the stories of those who make up the history of CLBI.

1933: A HAND-WRITTEN LETTER

This past summer my wife Kim and I were going through a collection of letters from her grandmother Judith



Johnson (nee: Savereid). To our surprise we came across a letter that she wrote to her then boyfriend (and eventual husband) while she was a student at CLBI in January of 1933. She writes, *“Well now I’m going to tell you about what I am doing. There are about seventy pupils in the Bible School. They are all such a nice bunch. We have no school in the afternoons. We have breakfast at 7:30 am at the church, and school starts at 8:30 am. School is out at 12:30 pm, and then we have dinner. I’m almost starved by the time dinner comes. The teachers give us plenty of studying. I hardly even get to bed before 11:00, but sometimes I get so sleepy that I go to bed at 8. I only wish you were here too, and join the fun.”*

It is both nostalgic and humorous to see that the schedule of CLBI in its first year is virtually identical to its 90th year in 2021.

1962: A MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALL

After Pastor Arnold Hagen accepted the call to be Dean (President) of CLBI and relocated his family to Camrose from Vancouver, he experienced increased restlessness regarding this call. He wondered if he had misunderstood God’s direction. On an evening in Pastor Hagen’s

office, the phone rang. He picked up the receiver to hear the operator say, “This is a long distance call for Pastor Hagen.” After he identified himself, a female stranger spoke, without identifying herself, and began reading Isaiah 30:18-23.

Immediately after the voice stopped reading, the caller hung up the phone and the conversation was over.

Through this unknown caller, God confirmed to Arnold Hagen that he had made the right decision in coming to CLBI and he knew that “His teacher would not hide his face any more” and would bestow blessing on his ministry at the Bible School.

1990: AN AFTER CHURCH CONVERSATION

Jon Stolee was a grade 11 student in Camrose who was determined to come to CLBI. After church one Sunday, Jon spoke with Pastor Daryl Roste (CLBI Dean of Students) on a very pressing matter. Jon had been told that due to lower enrollment, there was risk of CLBI closing that year. Jon asked if he should end his high school studies early and attend CLBI right away, but Pastor Daryl encouraged him to finish his high school education first before coming to CLBI.

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This turned out to be good advice, as many years later in 2021, Jon is now a lawyer in Camrose who occasionally helps CLBI out with legal matters.

1998: A HIGH-MILEAGE TOYOTA CAMRY

With enrollment hitting all-time lows and a choking debt-load, CLBI did not look like it was going to survive the 1990's. For such a time as this, Jesus brought Pastor Norm Miller to be the President of CLBI. He was equipped with a sharp mind, a dislike of debt and a Toyota Camry that was ready to hit the road. The number of churches, camps and kitchen tables that Pastor Norm visited in his time at CLBI is innumerable.

Steady streams of newsletters came from Pastor Norm's office with a focus on the need for a bible school and educating people on biblical financial principles. His message was very simple: If we don't rally behind CLBI, we are going to lose it. By the end of Pastor Norm's chapter at CLBI (1999), CLBI's debt was paid off - the first time since 1974 - and the work had been done to set the stage for Pastor Harold Rust to bring a different approach to discipling students.

2021: CLBI'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Tracing the footsteps of God is a journey of thankfulness. With each step is a story revealing that God refuses to leave his people and will remain faithful to them to the end.

We want to celebrate CLBI's 90th anniversary with you! It is time for you to get your calendars and reserve **August 5-7, 2022 for CLBI Celebration Weekend!** Don't miss this incredible opportunity to join alumni and friends in celebrating the past, present, and future of CLBI. Come step foot on the CLBI campus as we share stories with friends and join together in rallying around this multi-generational institution that God continues to pour into.

For more info on this event, check out **clbi.edu/celebration** or email **info@clbi.edu**. Stay tuned to CLBI social media and our website for updates on CLBI Celebration Weekend (*see ad on page 2*).



Dean, his wife Kim, & their 4 kids (Luke, James, Sonja, & Julia) live in Camrose, AB. Dean loves his dogs, unicycling, the province of BC, & growing out his beard.

January 21

Dear Jesus, bring a spirit of encouragement for pastors serving in their local churches. Give them your shepherd's heart to continue to equip and uplift your beloved bride.

January 22

We praise you God, the ultimate provider. We ask that you lead people to include CLBI in their wills to continue the work of your kingdom.



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January 23

Father God, thank you for the city of Camrose and the surrounding area. Allow CLBI to grow stronger in its relationship with its neighbors. Show the students how you view every citizen that calls Camrose home. Allow revival to take place in Camrose.

January 24

Dear Jesus, raise up volunteers to help out with the CLBI program and facilities. Bless their servant hearts and show them how they are partnering to further the discipleship mission.

January 25

Dear Jesus, in Matthew 9:35-38 you said "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." We ask you to send out workers into his harvest field. Provide us with more students to prepare to be sent into the harvest field.

January 26

God of abundance, provide us with the opportunity to fulfill the necessary renovations and repairs on the CLBI campus for the purposes of furthering your kingdom.

January 27

"O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart." Incline your ear to those experiencing homelessness in Canada and around the world (Psalm 10:17).

January 28

Father God, you are not a God of confusion. Help the students in discerning where you are calling them. Show them that it is a life-long process and they will never arrive in one single calling.

January 29

Father God, you have a special heart for children. They are one of the greatest gifts to the CLBI community. Bless the children of the CLBI staff as a part of the CLBI community.

January 30

Almighty Father, we ask you to raise up the next generation of supporters for CLBI. Inspire and empower radical generosity to provide for your kingdom at CLBI.

January 31

Dear Jesus, thank you for Malcolm Guglich's birthday (second year student). Bless him on his birthday. Allow this year to be Psalm 65:11: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

February 1

Gracious God, we ask for your blessing to be upon the students as they study Biblical Financial Principles with Jeremy Osterwalder. Thank you that we can turn to your word for direction in all we do.

February 2

Heavenly Father, we pray today for all the instructors who leave their families, friends and communities to come and teach at CLBI. We thank you for their willingness to serve you in this way and ask your Spirit to pour out on them today.

February 3

Elohim, Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." Please touch the hearts of the students and staff at CLBI so that they may feel your presence and desire to spend devotional time with you.

February 4

Holy One, your love knows no bounds. We thank you specifically for the way your love is proclaimed in the church

communities around Camrose. May these communities be encouraged by your word today.

February 5

Faithful One, we ask you to continue calling international students to CLBI. Thank you for the way you have opened doors to make this a possibility. May your Spirit continue touching the lives of students from all over the world, in your holy name.

February 6

Lord Jesus, we lift up in prayer the Kitchen staff at CLBI and thank them for the way they serve you in this ministry. May the staff feel your love through the actions and words of those around them and be encouraged today.

February 7

Father God, we ask today for a special blessing on Elijah Jack (son of Dorm Parents Amy & Landon Jack) as he celebrates his birthday! Shower him with your love today and help him to continue to grow in you.

February 8

Holy One, we ask for a special blessing on Charles and Anita Jackson as they teach the Discipleship and the Nations class this week. May the students be encouraged by your word and be strengthened in their relationship with you.

February 9

Abba Father, we humbly ask you to raise up the call for our students to become missionaries, whether it be across the world or here at home. Equip them in your word and cover them in your Spirit as they proclaim your holy name among the nations.

PANDEMIC **DISCIPLESHIP**

*A firsthand look at learning how to be a
disciple of Christ during a global pandemic.*

By Jelayna Tomalty & Cyril Roggensinger

UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS FROM AN UNORTHODOX TIME

BY JELAYNA TOMALTY

GOING THROUGH MY FIRST YEAR OF CLBI in the height of COVID 19 was an insanely unique experience that I'm convinced only my classmates will ever truly understand.

Last year we were forced to miss out on a lot of normal aspects of CLBI life, but we also experienced CLBI in a way that no one else had. It was a year of constantly changing regulations, including Dean's "COVID Updates" on Monday mornings as he lovingly explained when we would need to wear masks or when to refrain from going home. Additionally, no guests were allowed into the school, and we were discouraged from entering people's houses.

There were days of isolation alone in our rooms, as well as doorway visits with "sick friends" (safe distanced of course). It was also a year of having D-group at the school (rather than at our D-Group leader's home), and, as you would have guessed, a little too much time spent on Zoom.

BUT DESPITE ALL THIS, there was a lot of growth and lessons learned; more than I realized or wanted to admit at the time. One of the biggest things we learned to do as a community was grieve the changes and losses. It was hard and I learned that was okay. In the midst of the hardness I was reminded again and again how blessed we were to have staff who

made decisions for our safety out of their love for us. I always knew they were doing what was best for us and that they were there to support us through it all.

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Most of all, I was so incredibly thankful I got to go through the year with the greatest friends. I never once experienced loneliness in a year where loneliness was all too common around the world. I got to live with thirty other people and intentionally grow close with them, largely

because seeing other people was limited. I know I am much closer with my classmates than I would have been without COVID, and that's a hidden blessing.

AS FOR THIS YEAR (the 2021/2022 school year, and my second year), it has once again been a year of change and adaptation, but I am so thankful that we've had the opportunity to meet more of the greater CLBI community. I am, however, quite thankful for the ability to go home more often throughout the year, and

I have begun to get a closer look at what a “normal” year of CLBI would look like.

IN A LOT OF WAYS this year has been very redeeming for me. As we go through this year, I ask for continued prayer for protection from COVID 19 (for myself as well as my classmates and the CLBI staff), the ability to change our focus to God's will over our own, and to not get disheartened with ongoing changes to COVID 19 regulations and protocol. I also encourage you to pray for the staff here at CLBI, especially that they can know just how appreciated they are!



Jelayna Tomalty is from Edmonton, AB and is currently enrolled in the Second Year Program at CLBI.

GOD'S WAYS ARE ALWAYS GOOD (EVEN WHEN I AM DOUBTFUL)

BY CYRIL ROGGENSINGER

LAST YEAR, DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS, I was not allowed to enter Canada to attend CLBI in Camrose. As this did not deter me from joining the CLBI

community, I began the year as an online student with the assumption that I would eventually join in person as soon as the restrictions were lifted (or my study permit was accepted). Unfortunately, none of that ended up happening and I spent the whole year joining the classes online over Zoom.

WE LIVE IN A TIME where many things are possible through technology, and besides the hikes and retreats, I could participate in most aspects of CLBI life. Academically, I would say that I learned as much as the other students. Nevertheless, I missed out on many social aspects that were not able to be recreated through technology. I did not spend as much time with my classmates, I did not have the conversations before or after classes, nor did I hang out with them over the weekends (mostly due to the 8-hour time difference when everyone at CLBI would be asleep.) I was struggling during this experience and I was trying to understand how this could be God's plan. *Wouldn't it be much better for me to be in Canada and experience CLBI in person?*

I had to learn that God's goodness is not determined by my circumstances. It is a fact that God is good. In Isaiah 55 we read that God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours. Once I truly began understanding what this meant in regards to my life, I started to believe it. God started a process of detaching my trust and faith in him from my circumstances. I wish I could say that I mastered this lesson, but I know that it is just the beginning of a lifelong process.

FAST FORWARD TO AUGUST 2021, through God's guidance and amazing grace, I made it to Canada and arrived at the CLBI campus just in time for the second year orientation week to begin. HALLELUJAH! What a relief it was to finally be at CLBI in person.

For me, this year is different in many ways from the previous year. I can now enjoy everything I missed out on last year! For instance, I have had so many good conversations with my classmates and the CLBI staff that would never have been possible last year. Although I don't have to get up in the middle of the night for D-group or night classes anymore, since being on campus I probably have been getting less sleep this year as opposed to last year, mostly due to hanging out with friends and having adventures well into the night.

ONE CHALLENGE FROM LAST YEAR was that I spent a lot of time in my room alone. This year, however, I spend almost no time alone in my room (which has its pros and cons). Even though it

is so life giving to have such a supportive group around me, sometimes being in such a tight-knit community can be a little bit too much at times.

AS I EXPERIENCE THIS AMAZING COMMUNITY in person now, I know that I missed out on a lot of things last year. I highly appreciate prayers for me to have gratitude for this year and to not look back and have regrets about what could have been. As we are still in the midst of a pandemic, the CLBI community is grateful for prayers of protection so that we may stay healthy and are able to continue the discipleship program without any health complications.



Cyril Roggensinger is from Sirnach, Switzerland and is currently enrolled in the Second Year Program at CLBI.

February 10

Holy Spirit, we pray for the students who have returned from their IMPACT trips. Grant them your peace that surpasses all understanding as they take time to debrief and share their experiences.

February 11

Jesus Christ, we lift up in prayer the previous CLBI staff and thank them for their years of dedicated service. Bless them where they're at and may they feel your presence and love today.

February 12

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you

for the CLBI alumni all over the world that are sharing the gospel of your son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen them and protect them and equip them to continue your good work.

February 13

King of Kings, we lift up with thanks the short term staff members at CLBI today. Thank you for calling them to this place, we ask that you pour out your blessing upon them today.

February 14

Lord Jesus, be with Kevin McClure as he teaches the students on the book of

Ephesians this week. May you use Kevin as a vessel to share your truth, bringing a sense of excitement in the students to get to know you and strengthen them in their faith.

February 15

Holy One, we thank you for the people around the world who pray boldly for the ministries at CLBI. Continue to work in the lives of these individuals and continue to bring CLBI to their minds during their time of devotion.

February 16

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Katherine Melancon and ask for a special anointing of your Holy Spirit upon her today as she celebrates her birthday. May she feel your presence and love today in the words and hearts of the staff and students at CLBI today.

February 17

Lord Jesus, it says in Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." And so Jesus we ask you to continue to supply the financial needs for those registering for CLBI.

February 18

Elohim, you are faithful and good. Thank you for the way you use coffee shops and restaurants to strengthen fellowship and build your ministry. Continue to inspire the students/staff at CLBI to be intentional in building their relationships and furthering your kingdom.

February 19

Father God, we thank and praise you for Thomas Francis (Director of Maintenance) on his birthday today! Pour out a special anointing of your Holy Spirit on him today and in the upcoming year.

February 20

Father of love, thank you for the families who have sent multiple family members to CLBI over the years. We pray that you speak to the hearts of younger siblings and continue to bring them into the loving community that is CLBI.

February 21

Prince of Peace, we pray for the students who are far away from home today. We ask that you would give them a sense of your peace, encouragement and love today.

February 22

Holy Spirit, thank you for Jakub Johnson (first year student) as the staff and students at CLBI celebrate his birthday! Shower him with your love and blessings on him today and this upcoming year.

February 23

Lord Jesus, we pray today for the Dwelling Retreat. We ask that the students/staff can use this time to rest, recharge, build community, and grow closer to you.

February 24

Gracious God, we thank you for the mentors who have been influential in bringing students to bible school. Encourage these mentors to continue praying for those you have laid on their hearts, and let their faiths be examples that draw prospective students closer to you.

February 25

Lord Jesus, we lift up Ted Hill (Program Director) on his birthday today and also Dean (CLBI President) and Kim Rostad on their wedding anniversary. Thank you Jesus for these faithful servants and shower them with your blessings today.



Pictured above (L-R): Otto (son, born Sept 9 2021), Isaac, & Dene (wife)

WHERE NOW?

ISAAC EELES ('15-'17)

TANSI (HELLO/HOW ARE YOU), my name is Isaac Eeles. I am a 2015-2017 CLBI alumni and I live in Maskwacis, Alberta ("Hobbema" as it's more commonly known as). I live here with my wife Dene and two-month-old son Otto. We are involved in ministry here on the reserve with youth ministry being our focus. I am currently a part-time employee of NAIM (North American Indigenous ministries), that is, until we finish support raising.

Some of the notable experiences we have had in ministry are weekly youth groups, multi day mountain

trips (both summer and winter), and 14-day canoe trips in the Canadian Shield in North Saskatchewan River.

One area that we are passionate about in ministry is inviting people to participate in God's reconciling work with humanity. We understand that the conversations around Indigenous peoples and reconciliation in Canada are difficult and complex, and that we have inherited the aftermath of the residential school legacy. But we also believe that meaningful reconciliation can only take place when we adopt the great

commandment (Mark 22:36-40) into our lives. Along with this we feel called to encourage First Nations people to understand the redemptive and life-changing ability of Jesus in all aspects of our lives.

AS AN ALUMNUS OF CLBI, the greatest ways God has shaped my life is showing me the path he wanted me to be involved in. For me, it meant building a supporting family of believers close to home. God encouraged me to really consider the order of the Great Commission and to not avoid the "Samaria" of Canada that are the Indigenous reserves. He also brought together an amazing family of CLBI students that have become my support system. These are friends who I will always keep in contact with.

I know that many students consider other Bible colleges around the world as options for a Christian post-secondary experience, but I wouldn't have been able to do it. It would have been far too challenging to leave my Christian family and support group. I have needed these people and they have always been within driving distance since I finished school (not to mention the network of Christian communities all over Alberta that help encourage and make ministry

richer and bring about future ministry opportunities).

God really is leading the way and I know that CLBI was a part of his plan for me. So, to all you young men and women uncertain of where God is

leading you and in need of adventure, consider going to Bible school close to home. Life in Bible school is the beginning of a great adventure: one where God leads you to a new personal faith, a new family, a new strength, and a new future. The strength you are looking for most likely isn't on the other side of the world, it's in connection to a personal faith and a connected family of believers.

TO SUPPORT US, OUR FAMILY, AND OUR COMMUNITY, please

pray for the reconciling work of God to become known to all. Pray for our ministry, that we would continue always with humility and faith. And on a very personal note, please pray for my wife's foster mother who is currently going through chemotherapy. Pray for her healing and that she would be healed of all the cancer in her body. Thank you for your support and for your prayers.

Your fellow disciples in Christ, Isaac, Dene and Otto.

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February 26

Abba Father, today we pray for CLBI alumni who are currently serving in ministry positions. Hold them close to you today and give them your strength, wisdom and peace. Continue to work in their lives and encourage them in their walks.

February 27

Faithful One, there is no one like you. We humbly ask that you continue to speak and to move in the hearts of your people. Help the students you are calling back to CLBI to hear your voice and put their trust in you.

February 28

Heavenly Father, we ask you to be with Dean Rostad as he teaches the students about Vocations this week. Bless and protect Dean as he teaches and helps each student to hear your voice this week.

March 1

Dear Lord, may we grow closer to you as we prepare to enter the season of Lent on this Shrove Tuesday. As we partake in the customs of this day, bless our time together and any reflection on what has passed and what is to come.

March 2

Dear Jesus, thank you for Alexander Haugen (first year student). May he be blessed today as he celebrates another year of life, and may he be surrounded with your love and peace.

March 3

Heavenly Father, as the second year students learn about "Leadership & Vision" with Matt Wilkes, may you open their hearts to hear what you will be saying to them, and help Matt speak your words of truth.

March 4

Lord, as students figure out what they will be doing after CLBI, we ask that you place a call for some students to go into ministry in some capacity. And, we ask that you give discernment and wisdom to those who do feel the call to ministry.

March 5

Father God, as Jenna Olsen (first year student) celebrates her birthday today, we ask that you fill her with your joy and bring her many blessings this next year.

March 6

God, thank you for the unique community and fellowship that happens in the CLBI dorm. May it always be an encouraging and loving place to all students as they live life together.

March 7

Jesus, we are so grateful for the unique opportunities the students have to learn about your word in further detail. As Nijar Ekka teaches "Galatians" to the students, may they be challenged and blessed by what they learn.

March 8

Father, as the staff and students plan for Youth Surge (annual youth event held at CLBI), we ask that your hand be in it, and that things will fall into place so that your kingdom will be furthered.

March 9

Jesus, working on staff at CLBI is such a unique and wonderful opportunity, and so we pray for those who are being led by God's call to join the CLBI staff in the foreseeable future. May you bless the paths that lead them to whatever position you have them in.



OUR MINISTRY HERE AT CLBI DEPENDS GREATLY ON OUR VEHICLES TO TAKE US WHERE WE NEED TO GO.

As awesome as the CLBI program is, so too are the vehicles that take us there. Sadly, this means that some of them are reaching the end of their life. Rather than investing in maintaining older and less reliable vehicles that may not be around for much longer, we are hoping to replace them. **That's where you come in!** We are looking for minivans that have been lightly used and have relatively low mileage on them.

If you, or someone you know, would like to donate a minivan with those specifications, or would just like some more information, please contact us at info@clbi.edu or call the main office at 780-672-4454.

March 10

Lord, may the connections between students and staff be life-giving, encouraging and God-honouring to all in the community. If there is any tension or strained relationships, we ask that you work in the hearts of those involved to resolve any issues.

March 11

Holy God, we ask that the weekends can bring rest, relaxation, and recharging for the staff and students. May there be ample opportunities for both personal and community restoration in the few weekends left in this school year.



March 12

Redeemer, the friendships that are established at CLBI are such a special aspect of what goes on. May the friendships that have been built over this past year last many more years to come, and may they glorify you.

March 13

Good Father, we pray today for the mental health of the students. You know what is going on in the student's lives, and what is impacting them. Please grant them peace and wisdom as they live and learn about you.

March 14

God, as the students learn about "Lutheran Theological Foundations" class with Neeraj

Ekka, we ask that you speak truth through Neeraj and may the students be open to what they learn.

March 15

Divine God, we pray that your holy scripture can be the guiding truth in every aspect of CLBI. Help the staff and students to consistently dive deeply into your word and seek your truth.

March 16

Loving Father, as CLBI works with a variety of businesses and organizations, may they also come to know your love for them. Strengthen their relationship with CLBI and show them how to show love in their own communities.

CROSS-CULTURAL
MINISTRY *in a* POST-PANDEMIC
WORLD:

- A Night of -
Stories
& Prayer



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & IMPACT Stories

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEAL</u>	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u>
MAR 1ST	5:00^{PM}	6:30^{PM}

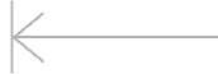
PLEASE REGISTER BY FEB 21ST AT
CLBI.EDU/SHROVE

*Gluten free/Dairy free
options available.*



* Free will offering will be taken at event *

CLBI UPDATE



LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS

By Pastor Dean Rostad (President)

In one week I saw two extremes: overwhelming darkness and extravagant light. In November, I had the opportunity to lead a group of students for a week of learning and outreach in Calgary for what we call "Urban Hike." Our local host for the week was Grace Friesen (nee Iverson), who works for a ministry called Next Step Ministries (they take a holistic approach to helping girls get out of sexual exploitation). This means that their workers are on the streets and in massage parlors doing outreach, providing counselling/discipleship training, housing girls in transition times, helping with employment training, and following up once girls are on their own. It is a picture of the Kingdom of God in action!

DARKNESS - On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we were on the streets with an outreach worker giving out gift bags and words of care to girls on the streets. I saw hope in their eyes as they desperately wanted out of their situation, but for many, drug addiction kept them trapped where they were. *"Lord Jesus bring freedom to these daughters of yours!"* The darkness was thickest when we observed the same dirty truck circle the block 8 times in a row. *"These Johns are your sons, Lord,*

you love them. Free them from their sexual addictions."

EXTRAVAGANT LIGHT - I saw the juxtaposition of this choking darkness with bright gospel light through the interactions of one of our female students. One afternoon a few of our girls prepared crafts in one of the houses used for transitional housing. One of our students had shaved her head recently as a personal statement that her identity comes from who Jesus declares her to be rather than from how she thinks others perceive her. Little did she know, one of the girls at the Next Step house had recently undergone chemo and had lost her hair. She had felt embarrassed about this and had been trying to hide her lack of hair. After spending time with our student who shaved her head, the girl decided that she no longer needed to feel ashamed and could boldly embrace how she looks. The love of Jesus Christ brings transformation through the students and alumni of CLBI. Hallelujah.

Without your support of CLBI, incredible opportunities like these would not be possible. Thank you for the extravagant gifts that enable CLBI to still be going strong for 90 years and counting. *"Lord Jesus, thank you for the supporters of CLBI that make this ministry possible. I love what you are doing here, and please continue to expand the ministry of CLBI."*

JUNE 30, 2022

2021/2022
CONTRIBUTION GOAL

\$547,000⁰⁰

41.5%

of needed donations raised

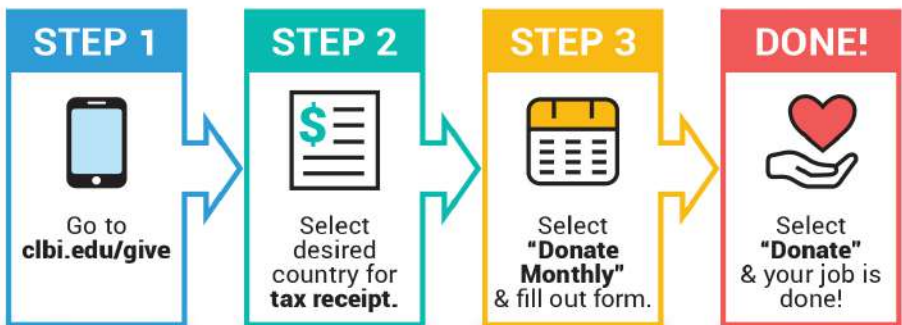
Current Total: \$227,184⁸⁹

(as of November 30, 2021)

JULY 1, 2021

Join the **growing number of people** who have signed up for

Automatic Monthly Giving (AMG)



AMG accounts for **OVER \$3,800** of our monthly donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

To stay up to date with what's happening in the CLBI community, check out the CLBI Facebook & Instagram, or find out what's coming up on the CLBI calendar at www.clbi.edu/academic-calendar.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & IMPACT PRESENTATIONS

MARCH 1 / 5:00PM

Tues, Mar. 1 @ 5:00pm (CLBI Campus)

- For more info, contact the office at 780-672-4454, or email info@clbi.edu
- Free will offering will be taken.

CLBI YOUTH SURGE 2022

APR. 1-3, 2022

Apr. 1-3, 2022 - Youth Surge Weekend (CLBI Campus)

- For youth between grades 9-12.
- For more info, follow us on Instagram & Facebook or call us at 780-672-4454
- To register, go to clbi.edu/surge (stay tuned to find out when to register)

(All CLBI events are subject to change as per provincial COVID 19 regulations on public gatherings.)

March 17

Almighty God, you call people to lead in extraordinary ways. We pray for leaders all over the world and ask that you steer their heart to point where you desire. May your will be done through them today.

March 18

God of the ages, today we pray and thank you for Luke Kroeger (Maintenance Assistant) on his birthday. Thank you for his willingness to serve, his passion for discipleship, and his confident leadership. Bless him today, God.

March 19

Heavenly Father, as technology is used all over the world, help us to utilize its potential to further your kingdom. May it be a tool that can reach people and shine a light in the darkness for your children.

March 20

Mysterious and amazing God, we ask that creative passions throughout the CLBI community emerge and show your true glory and splendour. We surrender our gifts to you this day and ask that you use it for your good.



HERE BE DRAGONS

YOUTH SURGE 2022

EMBRACING OUR CALL
AS WE FEAR THE
UNKNOWN

“ THE LORD, MY GOD, ”
LIGHTS UP MY DARKNESS...
- PSALM 18:28-30

APRIL 1-3, 2022
REGISTER AT CLBI.EDU/SURGE

March 21

God, as Bob Ekblad teaches the Book of Isaiah this week, may the students come to know you more deeply, love you more fully, and see just how much they are loved by the creator of the universe.

March 22

God, today we thank you for Jaime Ocampos (Office Administrator) on her birthday. Thank you for her joy, her love for the students, and for her willingness to play such an integral role in the ministry of CLBI.

March 23

Everlasting Father, as we celebrate Ezekiel Jack's birthday today (son of Dorm Parents Amy & Landon Jack), shower him with your grace and mercy, and reveal your love to him this day.

March 24

Mighty God, as Nathan Carlson (first year student) celebrates his birthday today, help him to see how much you love him and are filling his life with goodness and grace. Thank you God for Nathan Carlson!

March 25

All knowing God, as many things strive to be the focal point in our lives, may you continue to bring us back to Christ. Daily remind us that we are to take up our cross and follow Jesus, and by your strength, help us to do your will.

March 26

Father God, the one true physician, as healthcare workers all over the world experience overwhelming situations of trauma and suffering, keep them in safe in your arms. Heal them where they need healing, and shine brightly through those around them.

March 27

Eternal father, as CLBI continues to be a community rooted in prayer, may you increase the number of prayer supporters so that each ministry of CLBI can be in line with your will.

March 28

Beautiful creator, bless Ted Hill (Program Director) as he teaches the "Life in the World" class to the students this week. May his words, thoughts, and actions be holy and pleasing to you this day.

March 29

Loving and compassionate Lord, you tell us to "let the children come". On this day may you bless Samuel Francis (son of Tom Francis, Director of Maintenance) on his birthday. Make your love bright for him today, God!

March 30

God of all truth, for your children who you are calling to a seminary education, give them discernment today. Speak to them clearly, help them to hear your voice, and make straight the pathway for your will to be done.

March 31

Loving God, as CLBI students share their community with youth this weekend for Youth Surge, give them hearts of hospitality and compassion. Use the CLBI campus as a place where people can come to know you in a way they never have before.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jemma (Danielson, 2018-2020) and Austin Bruder (2019-2020) got married October 2, 2021.

Lucy Adeline Overland was born to Jeremiah (2002-2003) and Amy (Sorenson, 2002-2003) Overland on October 20, 2021.

Declan Isaiah McNabb was born to Cam and Rachel McNabb (Kroeger, 2014-2016) on October 21, 2021.

Nick (2007-2009, 2010-2011) and Demara (Wig, 2008-2010) Joyal had baby Bohdan John Ryan on October 22, 2021.

Olivia (Mah, 2016) and Morgan Koskela had baby Korah Minerva Jane on October 31, 2021.

Anika (Nottveit, 2008-2010) and Edward Haarsma had baby Evander Arvid on November 2, 2021.

Freya Klara Rude was born to Tova and Derek Rude (2014-2015) on November 28, 2021.

**MEMORIALS:
(September 25-November 30, 2021)**

Allen Severson, Annelise Rust, Allan & Esther Danielson, Evelyn Marzolf, Inger Jensby, Tom Nosterud, Frances Pfeiffer, Widmer & Edna Dahlin, Herman Simrose, Edmund & Ruby Hirsch, Helen Hendrickson, Geoff Bate, Marion Severson, Bruno Osterwalder, Mary Severson
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