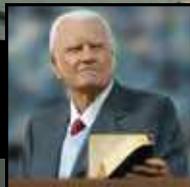
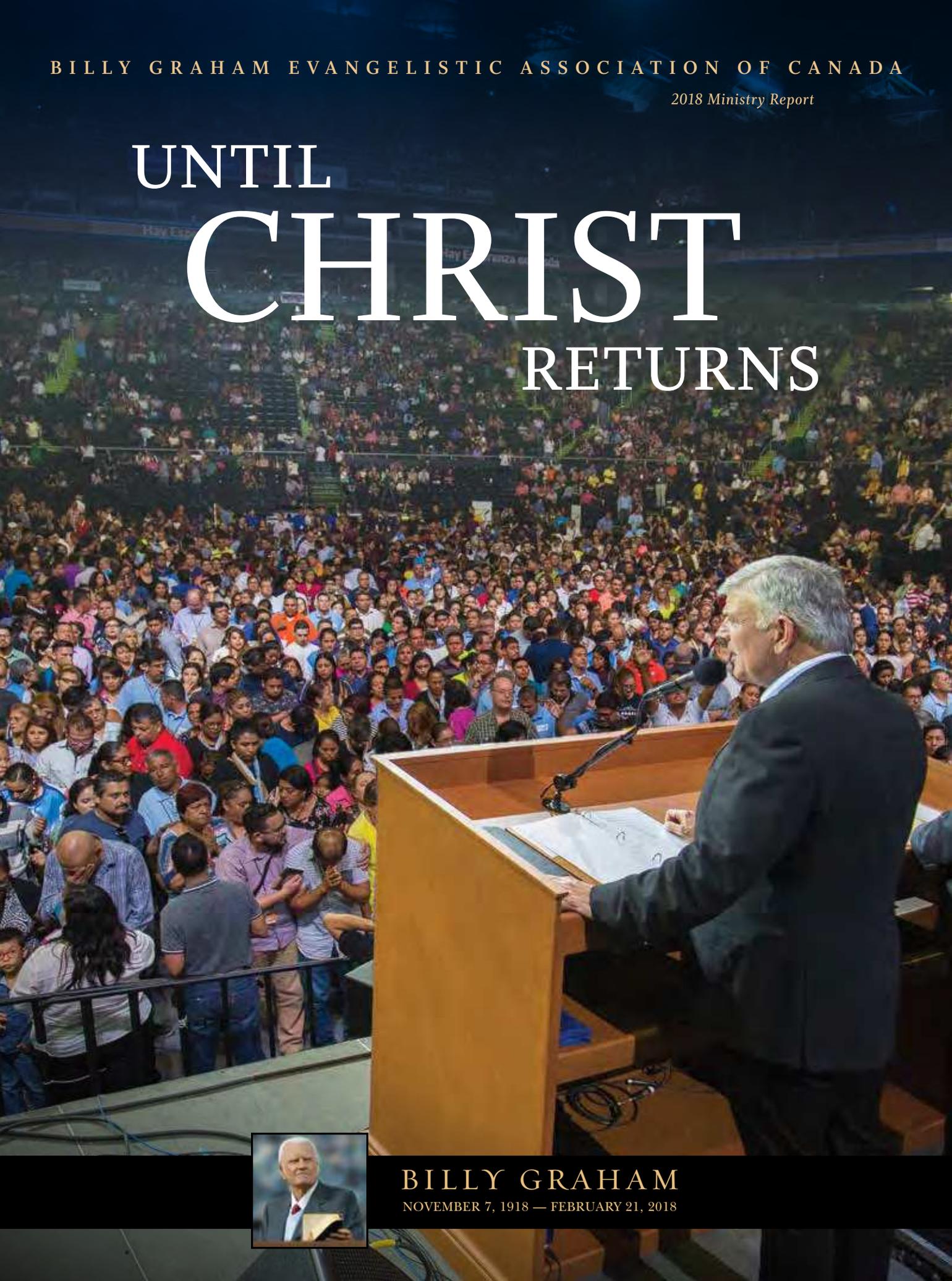


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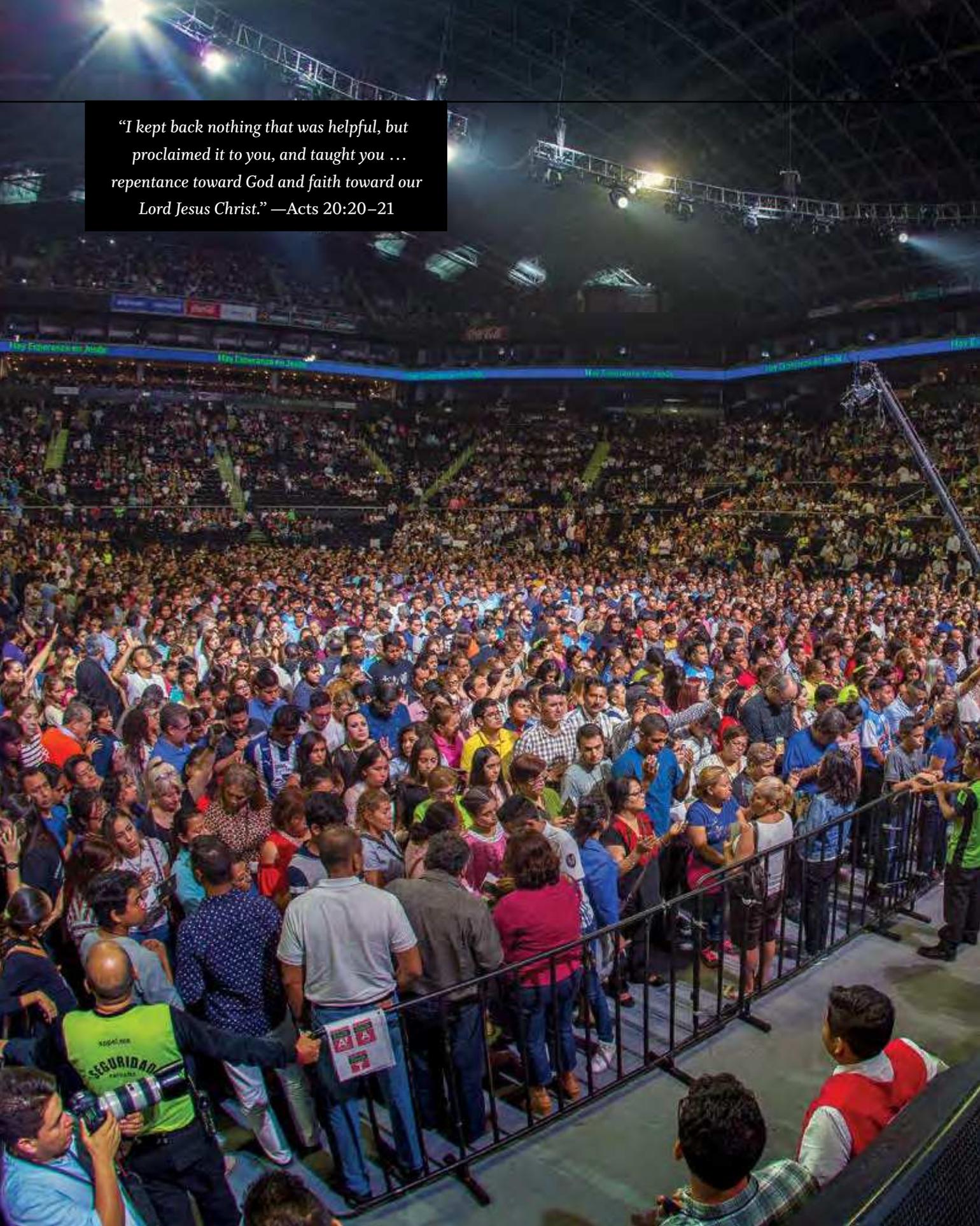
# UNTIL CHRIST RETURNS



**BILLY GRAHAM**

NOVEMBER 7, 1918 — FEBRUARY 21, 2018

*“I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you ... repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” —Acts 20:20–21*





## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

DEAR FRIEND,

You made it possible to bring the hope and power of the Gospel into many lost and hurting lives in 2018. We thank God for you—and so do the thousands of people who reported their life-changing commitments to Jesus Christ this past year.

On the morning of Feb. 21, 2018, my father's greatest desire was fulfilled. He entered Heaven and found himself at the feet of his Savior. Our family remains deeply grateful for the outpouring of love we received from all over the world. But we are most thankful to God for using his death and funeral to amplify the eternal truth of the Good News. We praise God for the thousands of people in over 200 countries who indicated they made a decision for Christ in response to the repeated proclamations of the Gospel.

God gave my father the privilege of preaching the Gospel to more people face to face than any other person in history. But the job isn't finished. There are more people than ever who need forgiveness—and it's offered only because "*the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7). Our mission to proclaim the truth of His salvation is unchanged. We're pushing forward to reach another generation who needs to hear this wonderful message.

Thank you for all you do to tell them who Jesus is and what He's done for them. Together, we worked hard in 2018 to "*go into all the world and preach the gospel*" (Mark 16:15), using every effective means available to us. As we reflect on all that the Lord did, I want to thank you for your prayers and your financial support. You personally help fill hearts with real and lasting hope. Let's continue this urgent work together.

May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham  
President



### MONTERREY, MEXICO:

Franklin Graham leads repentant hearts in prayer during the Festival de Esperanza.

**E**arly in the morning on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, God called His servant Billy Graham home. Mr. Graham's casket, like his wife Ruth's before him, was built by carpenters incarcerated at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Billy Graham's casket was placed in a hearse at The Cove in Asheville, North Carolina, to make the 215-kilometer trip to Charlotte, North Carolina. Thousands of people lined streets and highways to pay their respects as the motorcade passed by.

After arriving in Charlotte, the casket was placed in Billy Graham's childhood home. That house is now on the grounds of the Billy Graham Library, just six kilometers from its original location on what was once the Graham family farm. For two days, thousands of people visited the Graham family homeplace and filed past his casket.

Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains were stationed in the homeplace as individuals walked by and paused to reverently honor the evangelist's ministry. One police officer engaged a chaplain in a conversation about Mr. Graham's work, and the topic turned to salvation. Asked if he knew he would be in heaven, the policeman responded that he hoped so because he was "a good person."

The chaplain explained the Gospel and how all have fallen short and need the grace of Jesus Christ. The officer responded by praying with the chaplain in repentance and belief. We praise God that even in Mr. Graham's passing, people were discovering they can only be saved "by grace ... through faith" (Ephesians 2:8).

Former U.S. President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, flew to Charlotte on Monday, Feb. 26, for the lying in repose. The Bushes spoke with Franklin and his wife, Jane Austin, before President Bush addressed the public. The following day, former President Bill Clinton visited, and he shared part of his Billy Graham story—from a Crusade in 1959 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

At the invitation of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Billy Graham became the fourth private citizen—and first religious leader—to lie in honor inside the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C. We praise God for the focus on Jesus Christ and the life-changing grace of the Gospel that permeated the event.

President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, second lady Karen Pence, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan were among those who stood in the Rotunda as the casket was put in place. President Trump, in his remarks, described Billy Graham as "an ambassador for Christ who reminded the world of the power of prayer and the gift of God's grace." Thousands stood in line to pay their respects during the two days.

Billy Graham's funeral was held outside the Billy Graham Library on Friday, March 2. The President and first lady, along with the Vice President and second lady, and 2,300 invited guests from more than 50 countries gathered in a 28,000-square-foot tent—

**"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ... that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."  
—Revelation 14:13**



**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA:**  
The Billy Graham Library welcomed 2,300 invited guests for Billy Graham's funeral.

# BILLY GRAHAM

November 7, 1918 — February 21, 2018

## PRAYER REQUEST:

Praise God for the remarkable ways that He used Billy Graham's life for Christ and His kingdom. Pray that God would continue to expand and extend the ministry of BGEA as we proclaim the Gospel to all we can by every effective means available to us and equip the church and others to do the same.

reminiscent of the Canvas Cathedral, where Mr. Graham held his first historic Crusade in Los Angeles in 1949. The funeral was called his final Crusade, as every aspect of the service from opening music to closing prayer pointed to Jesus Christ.

Each of the five Graham children shared memories of their father, as did Mr. Graham's only living sibling, Jean Graham Ford. Franklin Graham gave a clear presentation of the Gospel to the crowd—and to the millions of people watching on television and online. The simple field stone marking Billy Graham's burial place next to his wife, Ruth, in the Memorial Prayer Garden at the Library is inscribed as he wanted it:

*Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ  
John 14:6*

Since Billy Graham's homegoing, people have asked if the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) will redefine our mission, or update our message. "No, not at all," says Franklin Graham. "Why would we? There are more people alive in the world today who need Jesus Christ than ever in history. The mission God has given us is clear—to take the life-changing Gospel everywhere we can to as many as possible. God continues to bring a fruitful harvest, and we won't stop until Christ returns."

**"The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him." —Proverbs 20:7**

**S**ince 1950, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has held Crusades around the world for one purpose: to call lost and hurting people to repentance and hope in Jesus Christ. Today, BGEA's Festivals and Celebrations continue this life-changing mission. Each one features a clear Gospel presentation and live music—and often consists of exciting programs for youth and young families. But more than an evangelistic event, each is a process of prayer, training, outreach, and follow-up that takes place over many months—and it begins and ends with partner churches.

### EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

BGEA partnered with thousands of churches and community leaders to conduct Franklin Graham Festivals in Portugal, the United Kingdom, and Mexico.

Franklin preached *"the word of the truth of the gospel"* (Colossians 1:5) to more than 68,500 total attendees, and over 2,600 people responded by publicly repenting and professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Another 1,300 individuals worldwide indicated they committed their lives to Christ after watching Franklin's Festivals at BillyGraham.org. In all, almost 230,000 people attended Festival-related events, and more than 5,400 made decisions for Christ in submission and faith.

Will Graham held evangelistic campaigns in Tennessee, Australia, and Scotland. BGEA of Canada was instrumental in organizing the Celebration in The Goldfields-Esperance region of Western Australia. Will finished the year with two Celebrations in Thailand.

All told, more than 48,500 people heard the Gospel message of *"repentance for the remission of sins"* (Mark 1:4) at Celebrations of Hope with Will Graham, with almost 3,000 responding by publicly turning to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Another 1,000 individuals around the globe indicated they made commitments to Christ after watching Celebrations online.

We praise God for how He worked through two Canadian Celebrations of Hope with Will Graham to change hundreds of lives in the Arctic and on the east coast.

At a high school in the Nunavut community of Rankin Inlet, Will Graham presented the Good News of Jesus Christ on Oct. 26 and 27. More than 670 people attended, with 144 responding to Will's invitation to publicly commit their lives to Christ.

"Someday, you're going to pass away and stand before God," Will said during the Celebration's second night. "We don't know when our last day on earth will be."

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**"Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come ... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.'" —Luke 19:9-10**



**RANKIN INLET, NUNAVUT.:**  
Praying for a mighty move of God in the Canadian Arctic

A large indoor concert venue with a stage and a large audience. The stage is lit with blue and red lights, and the audience is seated in rows, facing the stage. The text "TAKING GOD'S LIFE-CHANGING GOOD NEWS ACROSS THE GLOBE" is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# TAKING GOD'S LIFE-CHANGING GOOD NEWS ACROSS THE GLOBE

## **CELEBRATIONS OF HOPE WITH WILL GRAHAM**

**48,500 attended**

## **FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVALS/ DECISION AMERICA TOUR EVENTS**

**357,800 attended**

### **ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND:**

Almost 6,500 people heard Will Graham proclaim the Gospel during three nights of outreach at the Avalon Celebration of Hope in November 2018.

Those solemn words—and Will’s portrait of God lovingly waiting for us just as the Prodigal Son’s father waited for him—moved Eva, a single mother of five who was battling alcoholism, to come forward and pray a prayer of repentance and salvation.

Through tears of joy, Eva said she could already feel a new sense of resolve and strength after accepting Christ as her Savior: “Before, I was struggling without the help of Jesus in my life. Now I have Jesus.”

“This has truly been a Celebration of Hope for our people,” said Susan Aglukark, the Juno Award-winning singer-songwriter from Nunavut who performed each night.

“Even when I was struggling the most, God was always there for me,” Susan told hundreds of mostly Inuit listeners. “He has given us all the things to have an awesome life, but we must make good choices. What can carry us through is the amazing grace and mercy of God.”

Just a week after presenting the Gospel in Rankin Inlet, Will was in St. John’s, Newfoundland, to lead the Avalon Celebration of Hope.

Over three nights (Nov. 2–4), almost 6,500 people from throughout the Avalon Peninsula heard Christian music and testimonies, participated in children’s activities, and listened as Will Graham explained “*the unsearchable riches of Christ*” (Ephesians 3:8). Another 21,500 people watched the Celebration online at [BillyGraham.ca](http://BillyGraham.ca).

We thank God for the 436 who responded to Will’s invitation to commit their lives to Christ and for the 165 more who responded online.

Jenny and Karen were among those people. The two friends attended the Celebration to hear music from the Christian band For King & Country. They decided to stay and listen to Will. It was a life-changing decision for both as they dedicated their lives to the Lord.

“I feel refreshed—I’m clearer about everything,” said Karen, who came to faith in Christ 16 years ago, but walked away when her marriage ended. “I’m opened back up to Jesus and I’m going to approach my ex-husband differently.

I’ll have softer eyes and a softer heart.”

In the United States, Franklin’s Decision America Tour continued to spread the Good News in 2018.

Franklin preached one night each in a series of 17 strategic cities across California and the Pacific Northwest. As a result, BGEA reached far more people than would be possible in a multi-day Crusade in a single metro area.

BGEA partnered with nearly 2,600 churches in California, 850 in Oregon, and more than 1,300 in Washington as congregations invited lost friends and loved ones to hear the Gospel. In response, more than 127,800 people turned out for these outreaches.

God did a great work as over 5,500 individuals—including many who watched online—indicated that they repented and submitted to Jesus Christ as Lord. “*With Him is abundant redemption*” (Psalm 130:7)—to God be the glory!

Besides Franklin and Will Graham, BGEA Associate Evangelist Robert Cunville continued to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across India in 2018. Due to escalating anti-Christian violence in India, the locations and dates of his Festivals weren’t widely announced until each event was about to take place—and many specifics about each outreach still remain protected by local churches and this ministry.

## PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray for the Crusade attendees who gave their lives to Jesus Christ in 2018, that they will grow in their faith and stand strong in the Lord. Pray for those attending BGEA’s Crusades around the world in 2019. Ask God to open their hearts to His truth in repentance and faith—and then equip them to share Jesus Christ with their lost loved ones, neighbors, and co-workers.



### ST. JOHN’S, NEWFOUNDLAND:

A counselor shares “Steps to Peace With God” during the Avalon Celebration of Hope in St. John’s.



**OREGON:**

Franklin Graham proclaims the Good News in Medford, Oregon, during the Decision America Tour.

Cunville held 12 evangelistic events during the year, proclaiming Christ as the answer to a searching generation. At least 110,700 individuals heard that Jesus Christ is the only One who can fill the huge hole in their hearts. That most powerful message resonated with over 12,700 who responded to the Gospel by openly confessing their sins and devoting themselves to Jesus Christ.

Another BGEA Associate Evangelist, David Ruiz, held Festivals in two Mexican cities—San Francisco Telixtlahuaca in the southwest, and Los Reyes La Paz, which is part of greater Mexico City.

We thank the Lord for the more than 8,700 people who heard the Gospel at these evangelistic outreaches. Nearly 800 repented and dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ.



**INDIA:**

Robert Cunville preaches the saving power of the Gospel.

**“[We] did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” —Acts 5:42**

## MY HOPE

BGEA started *My Hope* in 2002, using evangelistic video programs to reach across entire nations. We began in four countries in Central America and went on through the years to South America, Africa, and Asia, including nations such as Russia and India, and then North America. As God has worked, we have seen millions of people repent and discover new life in Jesus Christ.

In November of 2018, we launched the *My Hope Italia* campaign across Italy. Thousands turned to the Savior, and God is stirring more Bible-believing Christians there to use the BGEA film *The Cross*—dubbed into Italian—to share the Gospel with lost and hurting friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

More than 2,000 churches (81 percent of all evangelical congregations) in Italy have taken part, and many continued their *My Hope* outreach through Easter of 2019.

By the end of 2018, more than 4,000 *My Hope* events—with approximately 60,000 people in total attendance—were held across Italy.

An estimated 6,000 individuals who attended *My Hope Italia* events indicated that they confessed their sinfulness and committed their lives to Jesus Christ. For the first time in years, small churches all across the country are doubling the size of their congregations with new believers.

Pastors who had never spoken to each other before worked together on *My Hope Italia*, and are now partnering on more evangelistic outreaches. One denomination with 200 churches in Italy is continuing to use *The Cross* and openly working with other denominations.

Please visit [MyHopeWithBillyGraham.ca](http://MyHopeWithBillyGraham.ca) to see and download videos and other resources that you can use to proclaim the Gospel to friends and loved ones.



### MY HOPE:

In addition to gatherings across the country, Italians could watch the BGEA film *The Cross* almost anywhere, anytime.

## DECISION MAGAZINE

In 2018, *Decision*, “The Evangelical Voice for Today,” presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of readers in 68 countries. Each issue of the monthly magazine featured clear explanations of how to know Christ personally, messages from respected Christian leaders to equip believers to stand strong for God’s Word, and scriptural analysis of critical issues facing the church.

**“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.”  
—2 Timothy 4:2**



### DECISION MAGAZINE:

BGEA printed over 5.5 million copies in 2018.

During the year, we printed more than 5.5 million copies of *Decision*. After the passing of Billy Graham, more than 1.1 million copies of the 128-page Billy Graham commemorative edition were printed and over 10,000 copies were made available on North American newsstands. The Canadian edition of *Decision* had an average monthly circulation of 8,500 copies in 2018.

“Thank you so much for the work you do to bring the truth to the world!” wrote one reader. “Every issue of the magazine is informative and specific with areas that I can pray about after reading. . . . I am so relieved that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association still proclaims Biblical truth!”

To read articles from the current—or past—issue, or for more information about subscribing, visit [BillyGraham.ca/Decision](http://BillyGraham.ca/Decision).

## TV TELEPHONE MINISTRY

BGEA's TV Telephone Ministry (TVTM) provides spiritual support and information to people who call our toll-free number after watching BGEA telecasts, including Billy Graham Classics and *My Hope* videos airing on YES TV. In 2018, trained volunteers at call centers in Calgary and Winnipeg responded to more than 430 calls and prayed with almost 140 people as they made decisions for Christ. Praise God!

## BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY

Billy Graham's legacy of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ has continued at this 40,000-square-foot facility in Charlotte, North Carolina. Offering free admission, the Billy Graham Library has welcomed nearly 1.5 million visitors from around the globe since 2007.

Every person who comes to the Library sees and hears the Good News proclaimed during exhibits and *The Journey of Faith* tour. Many respond by surrendering their lives to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.

During 2018, the Library hosted nearly 214,000 guests from 70 countries. On-site memorial events for Billy Graham included the two-day lying in repose, during which more than 13,000 people filed through the Graham family homeplace in honor of his ministry. An additional 2,300 invited guests attended the evangelistic funeral itself.

## CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

BGEA's Christian Response team answers thousands of individuals seeking ministry assistance and spiritual help through letters, email, and telephone inquiries. Specially trained, our representatives answer spiritual questions and are ready to pray or offer comforting words of encouragement from God's Word with humility and care.

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that God would continue to grow BGEA's opportunities to proclaim the Gospel through our various ministries.

**"This was the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes."  
—Psalm 118:23**



#### BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY:

*Christmas at the Library* drew nearly 40,000 people who witnessed the true reason for the season.

BGEA responded to nearly 206,000 inquiries in 2018. In many cases, Biblical resources and materials are provided to help point the inquirer further toward the truth found only in Jesus Christ.

Thousands of individuals contacted BGEA through our website in 2018, and we responded to more than 44,700 individual emails. Representatives also answered almost 13,000 letters— more than double the 2017 total.

BGEA of Canada's in-house call center made almost 6,200 phone calls to thank and pray with donors, invite people to BGEA events in their area, and encourage them to continue to be part of the work God is doing through BGEA. No matter the initial purpose of a conversation, staff listen attentively, offer prayer, and support their responses with Scripture.

# BRINGING THE HOPE OF JESUS TO PEOPLE ENDURING TRAGEDY



**T**he Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (RRT) is an international network of crisis-trained, volunteer chaplains. They quickly deploy to communities traumatized by natural disasters, civil unrest, or violence. RRT chaplains offer a listening ear, prayer, and compassion in Jesus' Name to all those affected, including first responders.

In Canada, we deployed more than 200 chaplains to 14 locations in 2018 and prayed with almost 3,900 people, starting with the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash in Saskatchewan in April. Sixteen people died and 13 were injured in that collision, causing a cascade of shock and grief in the town and all across Canada.

That same month, chaplains deployed for the first of two times to Toronto in 2018 after a man drove a van through a crowd of pedestrians, killing 10 and injuring 16.

In total, chaplains prayed with almost 60 people during the deployment, and we rejoice for the five who dedicated their lives to the Lord.

## **PRAYER REQUEST:**

Please ask God to strengthen the RRT chaplains as they minister in the wake of overwhelming tragedy. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of each person they speak with so that hurting people can respond to His truth.

**“Comfort all who mourn.”  
—Isaiah 61:2**



**NEW BRUNSWICK:**

Crisis-trained chaplains prayed with volunteers and heartbroken residents whose homes were damaged by flooding.

In May, chaplains were busy at opposite ends of Canada, coming alongside flood victims in Grand Forks, B.C., and the Fredericton region of New Brunswick. For more than a month, chaplains accompanied Samaritan’s Purse volunteers as the two organizations teamed up to offer physical, emotional, and spiritual aid to flooded residents in the two areas.

We praise God for how He worked through the RRT ministry in both locations. Chaplains prayed with more than 1,400 people, including 34 who surrendered their lives to Christ.

In July, chaplains were back in Toronto to offer emotional and spiritual support to shocked and heartbroken residents after a shooting rampage left three people dead, including the shooter, and 13 injured in a busy tourist and restaurant district.

In August and September, eight chaplains spent a total of five weeks ministering to people in the remote northern B.C. community of Telegraph Creek. A wildfire forced all 400 residents to flee. When they returned, they found 40 homes and other buildings destroyed.

Many of those residents were evacuated more than an hour’s drive away to Dease Lake, where Samaritan’s Purse has a ministry center, and where chaplains spent much of their time ministering. They offered a listening ear and prayer to more than 100 people, including local RCMP officers.

Sixteen chaplains deployed to Ottawa in September after a series of tornadoes damaged or destroyed more than 40 homes and injured several people. They ministered to more than 500 residents and first responders, and prayed with 16 people as they dedicated their lives to Christ.

Rosemary and Chris, a couple in their late 70s, were among those new believers. While volunteers cleaned up their property, chaplains told them the volunteers were motivated by their faith in Jesus Christ.

Rosemary and Chris knew about Jesus, but didn’t understand that He “*loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God*” (Ephesians 5:2, ESV).

They allowed the chaplains to explain the Gospel and, as the chaplains continued sharing, it became clear that God was working in their hearts. We praise God that Rosemary and Chris prayed for forgiveness and for new life in Jesus Christ.

As in previous years, RRT chaplains were deployed at Operation Christmas Child shoebox processing centers in Ontario and Alberta in 2018. They also assisted at a Christian music festival in Alberta, and in Alaska at Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Heal Our Patriots ministry for married military couples experiencing physical and emotional challenges.

Training is a key part of the RRT ministry, and in 2018, we held 25 training events across Canada to equip experienced and new chaplains, along with others who want to confidently represent Christ to those in the midst of crisis. Almost 750 people participated in this training.

Please visit [BillyGraham.ca/RRT](http://BillyGraham.ca/RRT) for more information about this ministry, including training opportunities.

**CANADIAN DEPLOYMENTS: 14**

**CHAPLAINS DEPLOYED: 206**

**PEOPLE PRAYED FOR: 3,872**

**COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST: 79**

# GUIDING PEOPLE TO JESUS AND MENTORING THEM ONLINE

*“Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” —Romans 10:13*



**SEARCH FOR JESUS:**  
“We are online because people are online, and everyone needs the hope of Jesus Christ.”  
—Franklin Graham

## GOOD NEWS!

God loves you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sins. If you believe in Him, repent of your sins, and make Jesus the Lord of your life, you will have eternal life with Him in heaven.

## WILL YOU PRAY THIS PRAYER TODAY?

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## NOW WHAT?

Did you pray this prayer today? Or do you have questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ? Go to [PeaceWithGod.net](http://PeaceWithGod.net) and let us know.

**E**very hour of every day, there are people all over the world who turn to the internet in search of ways to calm their inner fears and fill their spiritual hunger.

Individuals in almost 240 countries and territories—including places where the Gospel cannot be shared openly—have visited our interactive *Search for Jesus* (SFJ) websites to explore the message of God’s grace.

Since its start in 2011, SFJ has reached more than 68 million online visitors, with over 13 million indicating that they made commitments to Jesus Christ. Like all BGEA ministries, SFJ values follow-up discipleship and provided guidance on topics such as reading the Bible, prayer, and connecting with local churches to 1.9 million people.

Today, SFJ operates websites in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Mandarin. During 2018, these sites welcomed 8.4 million visitors. Approximately 1.5 million—including almost 15,000 Canadians—indicated making decisions for Christ. Of those, 311,000 people requested follow-up for discipleship materials, online training, connecting with a nearby church, or other assistance.

*Search for Jesus* also features a team of almost 800 BGEA-trained volunteers from North America (including 38 Canadians), Australia, the U.K., Spain, and Portugal, who chat live with visitors, mentor them in online discipleship courses, answer their text questions and emails, and converse with them through social media tools like Facebook Messenger.

When a woman named Holly connected with a chat volunteer on **PeaceWithGod.net** (one of our *Search for Jesus* websites), she was carrying overwhelming guilt from an abortion. “I count the months and know how old my child would have been,” Holly typed.

After the volunteer explained that Jesus Christ offers forgiveness for every sin, Holly eagerly embraced the Good News. She prayed in faith to give her life to Christ, and then shared, “I didn’t know how to repent. Talking to you has helped me so much.”

One key element of SFJ follow-up is the *Know Jesus* course for new believers. Nearly 13,400 people enrolled in the course in 2018. Two of our other discipleship courses saw combined enrollments of over 10,000 individuals.

More than 14,800 visitors used our platform to explore the website of a church in their area, while nearly 800 people requested help connecting to a nearby church.

To become a SFJ volunteer, go to **SearchforJesus.net**.

**8.4 million**  
**VISITORS**

**1.5 million**  
**DECISIONS**  
**FOR CHRIST**



**PRAYER REQUEST:**

Pray for each lost person who discovered the Savior through *Search for Jesus* in 2018—that the Holy Spirit would strengthen them, make them effective witnesses for Him, and protect those living under life-threatening persecution. Pray also that God would lead *Search for Jesus’* expansion in Arabic and Chinese in 2019, as well as the launch of new ministry in South Korea.

# CONNECTING CHILDREN WITH THE TRUTH

**P**icture the significance of children and young people coming to Christ, growing in Him, and sharing their faith with their friends. BGEA remains committed to seeing this happen by helping church leaders, teachers, and parents spread the hope of the Gospel to—and through—our youth.

## KIDZFEST

Alyssa's parents aren't Christians, but her aunt is. And so the 11-year-old Newfoundland girl went with her aunt Trudy to the child-focused opening night of the Avalon Celebration of Hope with Will Graham in St. John's, Newfoundland, where she committed her life to Jesus Christ.

"I'm hoping that by Alyssa getting to know the Lord and telling her parents, that might turn their hearts to Him," said Trudy, who received permission from Alyssa's parents to bring her niece to KidzFest.

KidzFest includes music and encouragement from Christian children's entertainers, a live performance of *The Greatest Journey*, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's children's outreach ministry, and a special Gospel presentation by Will Graham.

"I wasn't sure how Alyssa was going to react, but she enjoyed the worship and when Will spoke, she understood what he said," Trudy joyfully explained. "When Will prayed, she immediately bowed her head and prayed too."

More than 190 people, mostly children, responded to Will's invitation to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

**"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." —1 Timothy 4:12**



### THE GREATEST JOURNEY LIVE:

This entertaining, short production brings the truth of the Gospel to life.



## THE GREATEST JOURNEY AND DARE TO BE A DANIEL

*The Greatest Journey* is an exciting 12-lesson Bible study for children ages 6–10 years that follows the adventures of its two main characters, Jacob and Jordan. It was adapted from curriculum used by Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child to introduce children to Christ all over the world.

Dare to Be a Daniel (D2BD) is an evangelism training course that equips children ages 9–14 with the life skills, tools, and confidence to share Christ with their friends and peers.

**DARE TO BE A DANIEL AND *THE GREATEST JOURNEY***

**KITS ORDERED: 1,380**

# EQUIPPING CHRISTIANS TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”  
—John 14:6**



## **CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE:**

Christians in Newfoundland and Nunavut were trained to share their faith in Jesus Christ.

**T**raining and equipping people to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is one of the primary missions of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Prayers and financial support from generous donors like you have helped us to do this to the glory of God.

## **BILLY GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER AT THE COVE**

Although The Cove’s founders, Billy and Ruth Graham, are now together in heaven, BGEA remains more committed than ever to The Cove’s mission of training people in God’s Word to win others to Jesus Christ.

The Grahams’ guiding principles were faithfully carried out at The Cove during 2018, as we continued our ministry of

providing Biblical instruction, inspiration, intercession, and impact in an environment that offers opportunities for retreat, rest, relaxation, and renewal.

We continued the practice of offering free Bible teaching in 2018. In response, over 20,100 individuals participated in seminars and events by year’s end. More than 3,000 of them reported that, in a step of faith, they made commitments to make major changes in areas including their family, career, ministry, and most importantly, their relationship with Jesus Christ. This included more than 100 Christian leaders who made significant ministry and/or family decisions during our Pastor Renewal Retreats.

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS AND FM419 CLASSES**

During 2018, BGEA continued to use the Christian Life and Witness Course and its student-focused version, FM419, in conjunction with our Festivals and Celebrations. These classes help Christians grasp key Biblical principles, learn to confidently share their faith, and qualify them to apply to become volunteer counselors at Festivals and Celebrations.

More than 21,000 individuals completed the training in 2018, including 1,000 before our Celebration outreach events in Newfoundland and Nunavut. Through the course, over 1,000 of the participants realized their need for a relationship with Christ, repented, and made life-changing commitments to Him.

## **PRAYER REQUEST:**

Pray that many would participate in our classes and visit The Cove to deepen their faith in Christ and gain confidence to proclaim that faith.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

“**A**ll Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

—2 Timothy 3:16–17

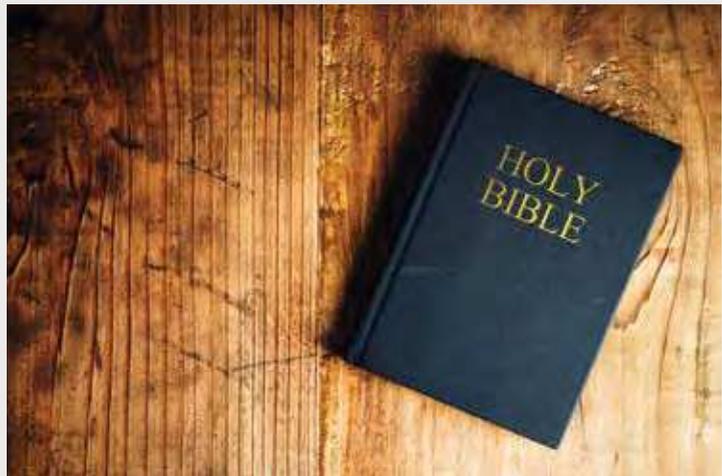
**WE BELIEVE** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God revealing the love of God to the world.

**WE BELIEVE** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**WE BELIEVE** in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

**WE BELIEVE** that all men and women everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful humans, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore we believe that God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven, and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.

**WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life.



**WE BELIEVE** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment.

**WE BELIEVE** in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the church.

**WE BELIEVE** that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up into maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.

**WE BELIEVE** God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only

within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.

**WE BELIEVE** that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.

**WE BELIEVE** that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellow human beings.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION  
OF CANADA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

**2018**

	2018	2017
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,489,771	\$ 1,587,751
Short-term investments	1,323,836	3,511,575
Accounts receivable	69,690	59,750
Prepaid expenses	70,799	69,890
	5,954,096	5,228,966
<b>Investments</b>	3,669,468	3,982,252
<b>Capital assets</b>	3,989,866	3,574,250
	13,613,430	12,785,468
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 168,727	\$ 157,151
Unearned revenue on subscriptions to <i>Decision</i> magazine	39,245	41,906
Payable to related parties	11,230	41,292
	219,202	240,349
<b>Deferred contributions</b>	37,290	175,325
	256,492	415,674
<b>Fund balances</b>		
Unrestricted	8,641,921	8,070,393
Internally restricted—invested in capital assets	3,989,866	3,574,250
Endowments	725,151	725,151
	13,356,938	12,369,794
	13,613,430	12,785,468

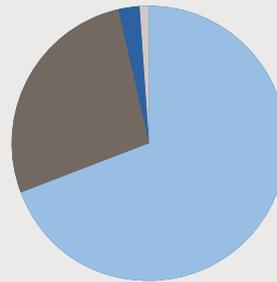
## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

2018

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Endowment Fund
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions—general	\$ 2,551,997	\$ -	\$ -
Recognition of deferred ministry contributions	1,656,173	-	-
Bequests	1,642,057	-	-
Investment and other income	153,700	-	-
<i>Decision</i> magazine subscriptions	63,543	-	-
	6,067,470	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Evangelistic ministries:			
Citywide evangelism	1,882,402	-	-
International ministries	453,542	-	-
Training	28,003	-	-
Rapid Response ministry	315,435	-	-
<i>Decision</i> magazine	168,339	-	-
Media	159,133	-	-
Other ministry	1,258,835	92,297	-
	4,265,689	92,297	-
General & administrative	520,095	22,668	-
Fundraising	179,577	-	-
	4,965,361	114,965	-
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures</b>	1,102,109	(114,965)	-
<b>Fund balance—beginning of year</b>	8,070,393	3,574,250	725,151
Interfund transfer—capital asset additions	(530,581)	530,581	-
<b>Fund balance—end of year</b>	8,641,921	3,989,866	725,151

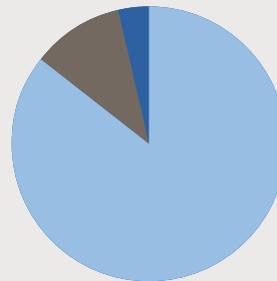
2018 Total	2017 Total
\$ 2,551,997	\$ 2,579,458
1,656,173	1,581,016
1,642,057	1,893,665
153,700	193,694
63,543	68,006
<b>6,067,470</b>	<b>6,315,839</b>
1,882,402	2,799,926
453,542	394,642
28,003	389,845
315,435	330,234
168,339	144,867
159,133	154,612
1,351,132	1,405,840
<b>4,357,986</b>	<b>5,619,966</b>
542,763	538,657
179,577	228,653
<b>5,080,326</b>	<b>6,387,276</b>
987,144	(71,437)
12,369,794	12,441,231
-	-
<b>13,356,938</b>	<b>12,369,794</b>

### 2018 REVENUE



- Contributions, 69.4%
- Bequests, 27.1%
- Investment and other, 2.5%
- *Decision* magazine, 1%

### 2018 EXPENDITURES



- Ministry expenses, 85.8%
- General and administrative, 10.7%
- Fundraising, 3.5%

**“Providing honorable things,  
not only in the sight of the Lord,  
but also in the sight of men.”  
—2 Corinthians 8:21**

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**C**ontinuing the lifelong work of Billy Graham, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association exists to support and extend the evangelistic calling and ministry of Franklin Graham by proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all we can by every effective means available to us and by equipping the church and others to do the same.

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**“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely;  
and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved  
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls  
you is faithful, who also will do it. Brethren, pray for us.”  
—1 Thessalonians 5:23-25**



**GRAND FORKS, BC:**

In May and June 2018, crisis-trained Rapid Response Team chaplains offered prayer, compassion, and the hope of the Gospel to victims of flooding.

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