# HE RETURNS

"Salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed.

The night is almost gone, and the day is near."

-ROMANS 13:11-12, NASB



BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



#### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

#### DEAR FRIEND,

You helped reach countless people with the Good News that "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, NKJV), and I'm grateful for you.

From the long-awaited God Loves You Tour in the United Kingdom to Festivals in Mongolia and Italy, we are thankful for the many doors that God opened for the Gospel in 2022. Men, women,



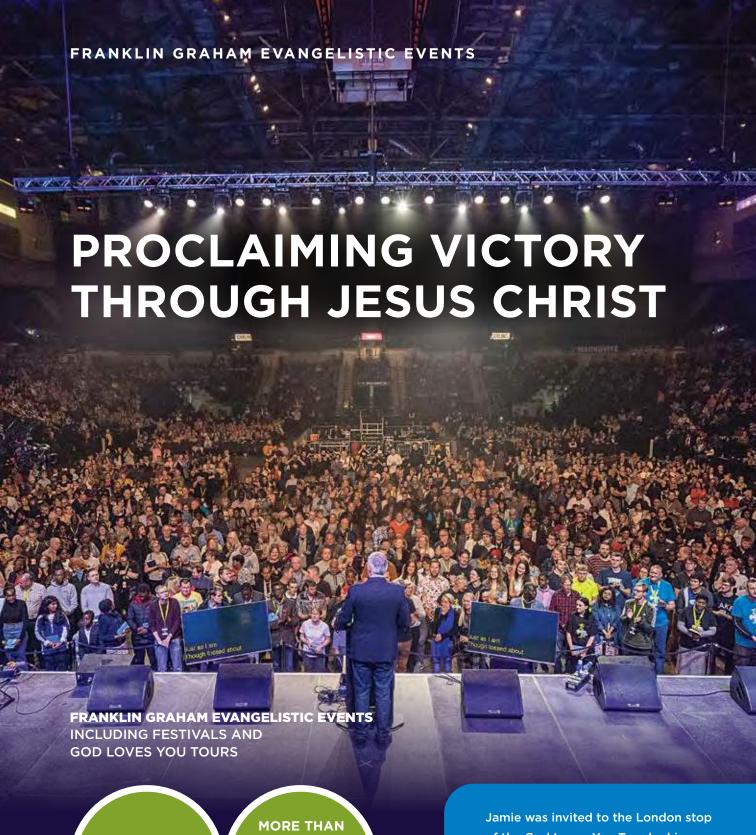
and children from all walks of life told us they made life-changing decisions for the Lord through these events, as well as other outreaches, including Billy Graham Rapid Response Team deployments, our 24/7 prayer line, and *Search for Jesus* internet evangelism ministry.

None of this Gospel ministry would be possible without the prayers, support, and partnership of believers like you. As we look ahead to another full year of evangelism, will you join me in prayer? Please ask God to move in powerful ways as we share His love and truth with people far from Him.

May He richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President



184,270
PEOPLE HEARD
THE GOSPEL

MORE THAN
12,310
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DECISIONS

Jamie was invited to the London stop of the God Loves You Tour by his neighbors, local church leaders who were volunteering during the event. The young man had experienced so much heartbreak—his parents fought constantly before divorcing, and he



#### FRANKLIN GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

After years of postponing and rescheduling, God opened the doors for long-awaited evangelistic outreaches in countries from the United Kingdom to Mongolia.

#### GOD LOVES YOU TOUR-U.K.

During the first half of the year, Franklin traveled to the U.K. for the God Loves You Tour, which took place two years after its

initially scheduled date following COVID-19 and ongoing litigation with venues over discriminatory cancellations. In recent decades, Christianity in the U.K. has declined. Only half of the nation identifies as Christian, down about 23% in 10 years. "This country has changed so much in the last 20, 30 years, but the needs of the human heart haven't changed," Franklin said. The

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." —EPHESIANS 6:12, ESV

tour was met by opposition from media and a handful of local activists—but on the day of each event the venues were filled as thousands came to hear the Gospel.

The tour kicked off in Liverpool on May 14. When Franklin took to the stage, he updated the crowd about the highly anticipated Liverpool FC vs. Chelsea soccer game that had just ended with a winning penalty kick by Liverpool. "I'm proud of your football team. They pulled it off in sudden death," he

ended up using drugs to cope with the pain. Jamie listened closely to the Gospel before walking forward to surrender his life to Christ. "My whole life changed," he told one of the prayer counselors. "This is the moment." Jamie's neighbors made sure to connect with him afterward and promised to help him grow closer to the Lord.



#### FRANKLIN GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

said, before turning the message back to another kind of death. "The whole human race is under a death sentence," he said. "God's not dead. He's alive tonight here in Liverpool." More than 240 people responded to that message by making decisions for the Lord.

Franklin traveled to Newport, in southern Wales, on May 21 and Sheffield, England, on May 25 for the next legs of the tour. In both cities, the tour was an answer to years of prayer. In Newport, local pastor Rev. Wade McLennan shared that his congregation had been asking God to bring "heavy hitters" to the nation to boldly preach the Good News. "When we heard that Franklin was coming to the U.K. ... we believed

"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

-2 CORINTHIANS 5:20, ESV

this was part of the answer to our prayers." Over 3,200 people gathered in the

International Convention Centre Wales to listen to Franklin preach. "The only hope for any of us here is God," he said. More than 220 said they were embracing that hope by surrendering their lives to Christ.

In Sheffield, Franklin preached on the life of King Manasseh-recorded in 2 Chronicles 33-and how God can rescue anyone, even those living in the deepest pits of sin. His message resonated

200 decisions for Christ were recorded.

The God Loves You Tour wrapped up in London on July 16, with musical guests including CeCe Winans and Michael W. Smith. Christians from more than 1,000 different congregations had

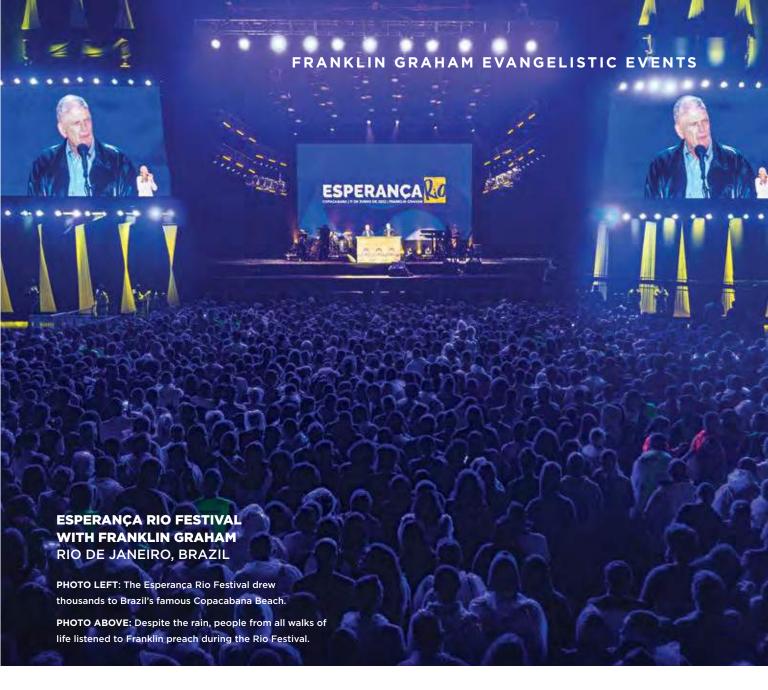
prepared for the outreach, and approximately 7,600 people attended the final stop of the tour. "The boldness with which [Franklin Graham] gave the message ... really stood out," said one church leader. "He talked about issues some people would shy away from. He said it as the Word of God states it." As the crowd listened to the truth of the Gospel, God called more than 640 people to Himself.

#### RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

On June 11. Franklin held the one-day Esperança Rio (Hope Rio) Festival on the historic Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro. Because the beach—usually the sight of massive parties—can be difficult to access, so-called "Rio cards" were given out to people across the city for weeks before the Festival. These cards were preloaded with transportation fees and were redeemable on boats, buses, and trains on the day of the Festival, making it possible for many people to attend.

Through a sheet of rain, Franklin asked the crowd of 68.500 to consider their eternal standing. "If you died tonight, would God receive you into His presence?" He asked. "He wants you to be with Him in Heaven. But the only way is through faith in Jesus Christ." Despite the bad weather, more than 4,760 responded with life-changing decisions for Christ.





#### ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

In September, Franklin traveled to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, for the Festival of Joy. Christians represent a tiny minority of the population, with most Mongolians identifying as Buddhist. More than 70% of Mongolians

don't have access to running water. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) provided complimentary water at local wells for two days ahead of the Festival in order to share the love of Jesus Christ in a tangible way and invite people to the upcoming Gospel outreach. Fifty churches also partnered with us to provide volunteers to help fill containers—and invite people to the Festival. On the day of the Festival, free bus transportation was provided.

"Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**-JOHN 8:12. NKJV** 

Thousands of the over 17,350 people who attended the services arrived by bus from neighboring districts. More than 2,000 responded to the Gospel by surrendering their lives to the Lord in repentance and faith.

#### FRANKLIN GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

#### GOD LOVES YOU TOUR-U.S.

In late September and early October, Franklin traveled to Allentown, Pennsylvania; York, Pennsylvania; Youngstown, Ohio; Flint, Michigan; Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Rochester, Minnesota, for the God Loves You Tour 2022. In each city, he proclaimed the "good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 8:12, ESV).

In the months leading up to these one-night events, we coordinated with hundreds of churches that worked hard to help prepare for the outreach. Our team called churches in the

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'"

**-JOHN 14:6, NKJV** 

vicinity of each stop, eventually engaging with more than 1,400 churches that participated in the tour. These

congregations encouraged members to attend—and to bring unsaved family and friends. Multiple events were also held ahead of the tour, including 34 Christian Life and Witness Course classes taught between July and September. More than 3,000 attended these classes, and over 1,900 signed up to serve as prayer team members. Special Nights of Worship and Prayer in the six cities also drew a total of over 2,000 men, women, and children.

By the time the tour wrapped up in Minnesota, more than 50,000 people had come to hear the Gospel—and over 2,700 people had indicated decisions for Jesus Christ.

#### MILAN, ITALY

Franklin preached the Gospel during the one-day Noi Festival in Milan, Italy, on Oct. 29. The Festival name Noi—the Italian word meaning we or together—was chosen to reflect the cooperation of the churches involved and the opportunity for so many people to join together following the pandemic. While traditionally a difficult area to reach, the response of Samaritan's Purse and BGEA to the COVID-19 outbreak in the region in 2020 opened the door to this incredible ministry opportunity. For two years, hundreds of local churches worked together to make the Festival a reality. Mediolanum Forum officials said the Festival was the largest gathering they had ever hosted, with 13,200 in attendance. While Italy is steeped in religious tradition, Franklin Graham made it clear that he wasn't talking to Festival attendees about a religion. "I've met a lot of people who are religious but don't have a relationship with God," he said. "Religion is not enough. ... You cannot work for your salvation. You cannot buy your salvation." As he gave the invitation, the Holy Spirit worked and more than 620 people walked forward to indicate that they were making life-changing spiritual decisions.



In Youngstown, Ohio, parents brought their teenage son Ben to the God Loves You Tour. Paul, the father, had been saved years earlier after hearing one of Billy Graham's sermons on TV one night. Ben was struggling, and both of his parents were thrilled for the chance to bring him to the event where he could hear a clear presentation of the Gospel. The teen listened with an open heart—and at the end of the evening, he prayed a heartfelt prayer of surrender as he received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



#### GOD LOVES YOU TOUR-**NEW ZEALAND**

Franklin's final evangelistic events of this very busy year came on the distant shores of New Zealand, where he held the God Loves You Tour in Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland.

Thousands of New Zealanders—also known as Kiwis—attended the first stop of the tour in Christchurch on Nov. 12. Franklin Graham was officially welcomed to the island nation by the Māori Christian community, descendants of the island's first inhabitants, during a special ceremony. Sharing the Gospel in this city was especially meaningful, considering the tragedies it's endured. Between 2010 and 2011, three deadly earthquakes rocked Christchurch, and in 2019, 50 people were killed during a terrorist attack. But Franklin assured the crowd of 6,500 that Christ hasn't forgotten the city that bears His Name. "He knows your name. He knows everything about your life," said Franklin, addressing each of those gathered at the event. Among the thousands who listened to the Good News in Christchurch, many heard through Arabic,

Mandarin, and Japanese interpreters. More than 370 people indicated life-changing decisions for Christ.

Wellington—considered the world's most windy major city—is often called "Windy Welly" by locals. God brought a new wind of revival to the city during the second stop of the God Loves You Tour. "God's not dead. He's alive and He's here in Wellington tonight," Franklin preached. Of the over 150 who responded to the Gospel message, the majority were youth.

On the final stop in Auckland, more than 7,000 people filled The Trusts Arena and an overflow area outside. "Whatever storm you face, Jesus can calm it. Whatever mountain is in front of you, He can conquer it," Franklin shared. One person after another left their seats and came forward, many dropping to their knees in reverence before God, with nearly 400 people indicating decisions for Him.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please ask God to call men, women, and children to Himself during evangelistic events-including God Loves You Tours and Festivals-in 2023.



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Life is often hard in remote northern towns like Fort Smith, NWT. It was even harder for Cheryl since her oldest daughter, and her daughter's father, died in 2022. "It's caused anger and depression and a lot of sadness," she quietly explained at the second stop of the three-part Will Graham Northern Canada Christmas Tour in November and December. "I asked God some really hard questions."

Through evangelistic events both online and in person, BGEA carries out the great commission to share the hope of God's Word "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8, ESV).

#### CELEBRATIONS AND EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

The remote communities of Northern Canada face unique challenges, including isolation and a lack of amenities the rest of the country may take for granted. Christians are few in number and often have few resources to reach their areas for Christ.

Will Graham's heart for this part of Canada brought him to three remote communities in late 2022—Fort Chipewyan, AB, and two Northwest Territories towns—Hay River and Fort Smith—for the Will Graham Northern Canada Christmas Tour in November and December.

In Hay River, a terminal illness didn't stop David from making his way through the frigid, dark winter to attend the third and final event of the tour.

David didn't know it, but he had an appointment with God.

"I wasn't supposed to make it even this long," said the 58-year-old brain cancer patient. "I surprised the doctors."

David listened carefully as Will proclaimed the Good News: "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23, ESV).

"It takes guts to take a stand for Christ," Will told the 165 people in attendance at Chief Lamalice Complex. "But you'll never regret it. Don't let this moment slip by."

David didn't. After Will asked people to respond to the Gospel by leaving their seats and coming forward, David stood up and joined them. "Will said he'd made a lot of mistakes, and it was God who helped him," David said later. "I thought He could help me, too."

We praise God for transforming the life of David and almost 60 others who responded to Will Graham's invitation to surrender their lives to Christ in faith and repentance. In total, almost 400 people attended the outreach events in Hay River, Fort Chipewyan.

and Fort Smith.

Will also shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with the communities of "This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God." –JOHN 17:3, ESV

Rosebud Indian Reservation and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. In addition, he traveled to Virginia and the Australian island of Tasmania to preach. In total, more than 11,000 people heard the Good News of salvation and over 800 responded.

In addition to these in-person events, Will held online outreaches on Good Friday and Christmas. These programs received more than 83,000 views, and we praise God for over 1,700 indicated decisions for Jesus Christ through these programs.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Will Graham and our associate evangelists as they share the Good News in 2023. Ask God to work in the hearts of all those who hear them preach His Word.

Still, Cheryl grew up respecting Billy Graham and showed up at the Fort Smith event. She heard Will's message of hope and renewal through Christ. The Lord worked through that message to touch Cheryl's broken heart and when Will invited people to accept Christ in repentance and faith, Cheryl said yes. "I just wanted to go forward and give my life back to Jesus," she explained. The grief and hurt are still present, Cheryl said with moist eyes that showed her emotion. "But now I'm waiting for where the Lord is going to lead me."



#### **GOSPEL TV SPOTS & PRAYER LINE**



Gospel TV spots direct people to the Good News of Jesus Christ, and our 24/7 prayer line offers around-the-clock support in His Name.

From their creation in 2020 to share the hope of Jesus Christ during the pandemic, our Gospel TV spots and 24/7 prayer line have continued to reach people with the Good News that "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9, ESV). We praise Him for the nearly 600 associates and volunteers who make this ministry possible. Throughout the year, these men and women answered an average of 1,900 calls a day.

In addition to billboards and social media posts, Gospel TV campaigns play an important role in directing callers to the prayer line. In each 60-second TV spot, Franklin shares the Good News of Jesus Christ and viewers are shown the toll-free prayer line number. They're encouraged to call if they prayed with Franklin or if they simply need someone to pray for them. These ads are broadcast on local stations and national cable networks across Canada and the United States, and Gospel spots were shown over 10,000 times in 2022 alone. We praise God that more than 689,800 calls were answered by our team members—and over 7,100 people indicated decisions for Jesus Christ.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray that the Lord will continue to use TV spots and our 24/7 prayer line to reach people with His truth and love. Please also ask Him to give our volunteers and associates wisdom as they respond to callers.

Ruth called for prayer after seeing one of Franklin's spots on TV. She had many concerns, including a troubled marriage. After listening, our associate compassionately asked Ruth about her faith. She replied, "I am not a Christian." As the conversation continued, the Holy Spirit softened Ruth's heart to understand "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16, ESV). With tears, Ruth asked for help as she prayed to receive Christ in repentance and faith. Before their conversation ended, our associate also told Ruth about our online church finder tool that can help her find a local Bible-believing congregation where she can find fellowship with other believers.



Drawing on more than 70 years of ministry, Evangelism Summits helped encourage and equip believers to reach their communities with the hope of Jesus Christ.

#### **EVANGELISM SUMMITS**

In 2022, we hosted five Evangelism Summits on three continents: South America, Europe, and North America. Well-known ministry leaders and BGEA staff spoke at the summits, including Will Graham and Dr. David Bruce—Billy Graham's longtime assistant and vice president of the Billy Graham Library and Billy Graham Archive and Research Center.

Nearly 3,000 participants attended these meetings, and many shared that the time gave them the renewed inspiration and motivation to boldly share the Gospel in their communities.

#### CANADA

"We're not merely to make converts," Will Graham told 500 summit attendees in Calgary. "We're to make disciples, teaching people to obey all that Jesus commanded."

In Calgary, Halifax, and Toronto, a total of almost 1,300 people attended the Evangelism Summits to learn how they can reach their communities for Christ—and come alongside fellow Christians who want to do the same.

One participant at the Toronto event took a day off work to attend the summit. "I was extremely excited to be a part of this because evangelism is my passion," she said. "What I heard today is very nutritious; it's food for our spiritual growth."

Speakers for the three Canadian summits included Canadian evangelist David Macfarlane, U.K. church historian Hugh Osgood, U.K. theologian Amy Orr-Ewing, and New Mexico pastor Skip Heitzig.



#### TRAINING AND DISCIPLESHIP

#### **ECUADOR**

Five hundred pastors and evangelical leaders—representing all nine Spanish-speaking countries in South America—registered in advance for the two-day Evangelism Summit in Quito, Ecuador. In addition to these participants, many Christians from Central America journeyed several days to Quito to attend the event, unaware of the registration process.

"I came here by faith," shared one participant who sold his car to attend the summit. Additional chairs were added to the packed room to accommodate each guest, and no one was turned away from this time of inspiration and equipping.

#### **GERMANY**

More than 550 ministry leaders gathered in Düsseldorf to unify, mobilize, and encourage each other to spread the Gospel.

Participants were encouraged to focus on the most important thing they have in common: a love for Jesus Christ and a passion to share Him. "If the church doesn't evangelize," Franklin Graham said during a video greeting, "the church will die."

#### NATIONAL PRAYER INITIATIVE

For several years, we've been encouraging and equipping believers to pray for their communities every time they go for a walk. We praise God for inspiring more than 240 Canadians who registered with us to do so through the Prayer Walk Challenge in 2022.

Through this initiative, believers can strengthen their faith and stay focused on reaching our country with the Gospel.

"We heard about this on the radio and realized that since we already walk throughout our neighborhood every evening, we would love to intentionally pray for our neighbors," said Kyra, an Ontario participant.

"We believe in the power of prayer and trust the Lord to save our neighbors!"

To further a culture of prayer, we held five prayer forums inviting pastors to gather for an hour over the internet



Ecuadorian members of the Association of Indigenous Evangelical Churches of Cotopaxi attended the Evangelism Summit in Quito, Ecuador.

to share stories of how prayer is being implemented in churches. Over 130 church leaders from more than 90 churches and organizations participated.

In addition, we met with more than 50 pastors to learn—and share—how they are cultivating prayer in their church.

"You only get a sense of vision and direction in prayer—and people need to know how to pray," said Ed Fontaine, senior pastor at Springvale Church in Stouffville, ON. His church is part of the National Prayer Initiative.

We thank God that many Canadian Christians believe and follow James 5:16: "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (ESV).

PRAYER REQUEST: Will you pray for pastors and ministry leaders who attended one of our summits in 2022? Ask the Lord to open doors for Gospel opportunities around the world.

Prairie Bible College professor Kelly Steffen brought 10 students to the Calgary summit, all of whom were studying youth and pastoral ministries. "I needed to bring my students to the summit to spark evangelism as a central component of their faith," he explained. "I want to be inspired and have my students inspired." One student eagerly shared, "I don't hear a lot of speakers who understand the depth of the need for evangelism," she said. "I'm so glad to learn more about evangelism."





Billy Graham Rapid Response Team (BG-RRT) chaplains are trained to offer emotional and spiritual care to those experiencing the consequences of unexpected grief and loss.

In 2022, more than 120 BG-RRT chaplains from Canada shared the love of Christ with people in the aftermath of 16 natural and man-made disasters, including the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, Hurricane Fiona in Prince Edward Island, and a violent windstorm in Ottawa. They prayed with more than 4,700 people. God worked through those prayers to bring 55 people to repentance and faith in His Son.

In Ottawa, Mary was standing in her backyard talking with BG-RRT chaplains Harvey and Selma. They visited to see how she was doing after a

vicious storm tore through her property and hundreds of other Ottawa homes.

When the conversation turned to spiritual matters, Harvey and Selma showed Mary the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's "Steps to Peace With God" booklet. Then, Mary's cellphone rang. Her chance to hear the Gospel could have ended there, but God was at work in her heart.

Mary quickly wrapped up the conversation and turned her attention back to Selma and the booklet. Selma gently asked Mary if she was right

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As the extent of Hurricane Fiona's devastating impact on Atlantic Canada became evident, it was clear that the road to recovery would be a long one—and that people needed real, lasting hope. Since being deployed to Prince Edward Island shortly after the storm, four crisis-trained Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains began ministering to residents, volunteers, and first responders, offering spiritual and emotional support. During their first week of ministry, chaplains had the privilege of being used by God to lead five

#### BILLY GRAHAM RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

with God. Mary said no, and Selma finished explaining the Gospel. "Do you believe what you just heard?" Selma asked.

"I believe that," Mary replied without hesitation, and she prayed to surrender her life to Jesus. "Jesus is inside of you and we are now sisters in Christ!" Selma said joyously as they hugged.

## CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION RETREATS

Law enforcement officials and their spouses regularly face danger, stress, and strain on their lives and marriages. Often, they have no one to turn to for help. That's why we hold annual retreats to refresh and restore them, and equip them with Biblical tools to stay connected to each other and to God.

For Manitoba police officer Bruce Ewanyshyn, responding to a teen suicide left such a deep emotional scar that when he came home, his wife immediately knew she had to intervene.

"Sheryl met me at the door and cleaned me spiritually through prayer," he told more than 80 people attending a Canadian Law Enforcement Appreciation Retreat hosted by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in the Alberta Rockies.

Sheryl's vital role as Bruce's 'back-up' illustrated the theme of the 2022 annual gatherings, one in Alberta and the other in southern Ontario: how officers and their spouses can and must serve as each other's back-up.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for each chaplain ministering in 2023. Ask God to give them wisdom and compassion as they share His love with hurting people.

individuals to faith in Christ. One was a woman who had been to a Billy Graham Crusade in the 1960s and, in her own words, "came out the same way I went in." But the seeds that were planted back then—seeds that she rejected—now sprouted and bloomed in her heart and mind. After a lengthy conversation, chaplains led the woman and her husband through BGEA's "Steps to Peace With God" booklet.

Both gave their lives to Christ. Praise God!

"I loved it when the spiritual cleansing was mentioned," said Lindsay, a retreat attendee.

Lindsay, who was there with Kevin, her Edmonton Police Service husband, noted, "When your partner walks in the door, they might be desensitized [to the enemy's spiritual attack]. We have to recognize that and remember that it's not normal to see dead bodies or carry guns all day."

The Ewanyshyns were among two couples who spoke about dealing with violence, tragedy, and stress that are frequent facts of life in the law enforcement world.

Crisis interventionist and chaplain Naomi Paget, the retreat's main speaker, pointed out that "stress is neither good nor bad; it's simply a reaction to circumstances."

As Naomi spoke about her own marital challenges, Bonnie felt a kinship. "No matter how solid your Christian beliefs or your spouse's beliefs, it's never going to be perfect, so you have to figure out how to deal with it."

"Even after being married for 51 years, Naomi and her husband still had struggles," said Bonnie, who attended with her husband, Bill, a peace officer in Alberta's Parkland County.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge."

-PSALM 18:2, ESV



# SHARING THE GOSPEL AROUND-THE-CLOCK AND ACROSS THE GLOBE

"You will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul."

—DEUTERONOMY 4:29, ESV

People desperate for hope can discover the lasting peace only Christ offers any time of the day or night—through Search for Jesus.

8+
Million
WEBSITE
VISITORS

1.2
Million
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Leonardo visited our website while at work. Earlier that month, he started a drunken fight with his business partner and ended up in jail. "I feel so horrible and can't stop thinking about what

## Search for Jesus continued to reach millions across the globe with the Gospel in 2022—many of them in their own homes.

We praise God for the opportunity to share His love with people from all walks of life—from Anna in conflict-torn Ukraine to Ahmed in Afghanistan.

Anna, who was drowning in hopelessness and depression, found hope when she embraced the Gospel during a visit to our Russian site. "I accept God as my Savior. And I believe that He is the Son of God who saves ... I know that everything is in the hands of God, may God forgive me my sins."

Ahmed wrote in, "I want to change my religion."
He took one of our discipleship courses, then
surrendered his life to the Lord. "Thank you, God, for
loving me and sending Your Son to die on the cross
for my sins. I give Jesus control of my life," he typed.

Search for Jesus celebrated 10 years of volunteer ministry in 2022. Since 2012, more than 104 million people have visited one of our evangelistic websites and 18 million people have indicated decisions for Christ. More than 8 million visits to one of our evangelistic websites, now available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Arabic.

and Russian were recorded in 2022. American Sign Language is available through one of our social media pages. Another 1 million followed us on social media platforms. In all, over 1.2 million indicated decisions were recorded through *Search for Jesus*—and more than 230,000 people requested and received digital discipleship materials.

Nearly 37,000 people enrolled in one of our online discipleship courses. Our Russian and Chinese websites finished building out their ministry in 2022 by adding online courses, completing volunteer training content, networking with churches, and recruiting volunteer teams. We thank God for the 23 Chinese-speaking volunteers who helped more than 120 people place their faith in Christ in 2022.

Almost 1,500 volunteers in Canada and 26 other countries share the Gospel and provide spiritual help through live chat, social media messaging, and online course interaction. In all, volunteers responded to over 280,000 personal messages and ministered to almost 30,000 course participants in 2022.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for people searching for hope and truth online—and for our volunteers who respond to them. Ask God to give them wisdom as they share the Good News that "the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5, ESV).

I did," he said. Our team member shared the Gospel with him, stating that only a relationship with Jesus Christ can set him free from his guilt and shame, and encouraged him that "it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13, ESV). Leonardo repented of his sins and gave his life to Christ—and we give God all the glory!

# BROADCASTING A MESSAGE OF HOPE



Every day, BGEA's media outreaches proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world through TV, radio, and a variety of online platforms.

#### TV TELEPHONE MINISTRY

For Canadians coming to faith in Jesus Christ, BGEA's TV Telephone Ministry (TVTM) continues to be an important connection point.

TVTM provides spiritual support and information to people who watch BGEA telecasts and then call the toll-free number on their TV screens.

In 2022, trained volunteers at our Calgary call center responded to more than 350 calls. Among those, nearly 80 people dedicated or rededicated their lives to Christ.

#### INTERNET/DIGITAL

More than 873,000 users from 215 countries visited at least one of BGEA of Canada's ministry websites in 2022.

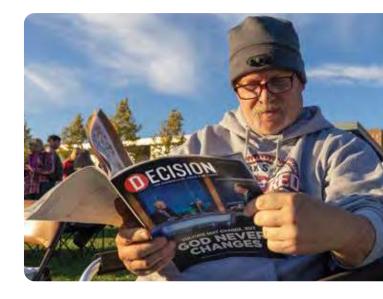
Social media continues to be an effective means of spreading the Good News. BGEAC has gained more than 50,000 followers across nine social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

#### **DECISION MAGAZINE**

Now in its 64<sup>th</sup> year, *Decision* magazine features evangelistic articles that call people to follow Christ and boldly stand for His truth. The magazine printed more than 4.3 million copies in 2022, reaching people in more than 60 countries. In Canada, we distributed almost 6,600 copies monthly.

Each issue of *Decision* features articles from respected Christian leaders and Bible teachers, as well as devotional content to help readers grow closer to the Lord.

Five years after God called Billy Graham home, He is still using his messages to reach people around the world with His truth.



One reader recently wrote: "Thanks to *Decision*, I've rediscovered church with a nearby congregation with like-minded Biblical beliefs, for Bible studies and worship. Thank you!"

PRAYER REQUEST: Pray that God will use BGEA's multifaceted media ministry to transform people with the Good News of Jesus Christ—and to strengthen believers in their faith.



### WHAT WE BELIEVE

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 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 man, 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 fellowmen.

"All 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, NKJV



#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### **BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021	
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,179,016	\$ 1,102,832	
Short-term investments	3,715,614	4,655,627	
Accounts receivable	107,989	82,057	
Due from related parties	43,283	71,823	
Prepaid expenses	92,734	88,162	
	5,138,636	6,000,501	
Investments	6,297,233	6,355,507	
Capital assets	3,749,784	3,839,803	
	15,185,653	16,195,811	
LIABILITIES  Current liabilities			
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 357,165	\$ 701,056	
Unearned revenue on subscriptions to <i>Decision</i> magazine	25,218	28,549	
Payable to related parties	66,343	80,839	
	448,726	810,444	
Deferred contributions	499,631	151,425	
	948,357	961,869	
FUND BALANCES		,,,,,,,	
Unrestricted	9,762,361	10,668,988	
Internally restricted—invested in capital assets	3,749,784	3,839,803	
Endowments	725,151	725,151	
	14,237,296	15,233,942	
	\$ 15,185,653	\$ 16,195,811	
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#### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

#### **BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

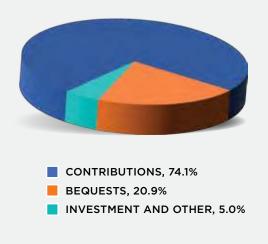
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

		OPERATING		CAPITAL		ENDOWMENT
		FUND		FUND		FUND
REVENUE						
Contributions—general	\$	2,463,669	\$	_	\$	_
Recognition of deferred ministry contributions		1,717,372	•	-		-
Bequests		1,177,351		-		-
Investment and other income		238,822		-		-
Decision magazine subscriptions		46,003		-		-
		5,643,217		_		-
EXPENDITURES						
Evangelistic ministries:						
Church ministries		1,250,556		-		-
Search for Jesus		629,338		-		-
Billy Graham Rapid Response Team		610,048		-		-
Evangelism Crusades		532,735		-		-
Print and internet		489,545		-		-
International ministries		475,870		-		-
Television and radio		423,888		-		-
Decision magazine		143,313		-		-
Other ministry		1,038,325		149,021		-
		5,593,618		149,021		-
General & administrative		657,125		25,374		_
Fundraising		214,725		-		_
-		6,465,468		174,395		_
Deficiency of voyenue ever expenditures	_	(022.251)		(174.705)		
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures		(822,251)		(174,395)		-
Fund balance—beginning of year		10,668,988		3,839,803		725,151
Interfund transfer—capital asset additions		(84,376)		84,376		-
Fund balance—end of year	_	9,762,361		3,749,784	= ==	725,151

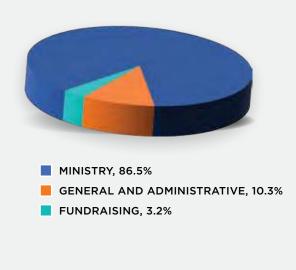
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<b>2022</b> TOTAL	<b>2021</b> TOTAL	
\$ 2,463,669	\$ 2,911,318	
1,717,372	1,604,515	
1,177,351	1,168,624	
238,822	760,128	
46,003	52,661	
5,643,217	6,497,246	
1,250,556	349,956	
629,338	342,271	
610,048	411,812	
532,735	1,772,664	
489,545	437,393	
475,870	271,298	
423,888	982,450	
143,313	143,345	
 1,187,346	1,004,028	
 5,742,639	5,715,217	
682,499	627,673	
214,725	171,207	
 6,639,863	6,514,097	
(996,646)	(16,851)	
15,233,942	15,250,793	
14,237,296	15,233,942	

#### **2022 REVENUE**



#### **2022 EXPENDITURES**



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Continuing 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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"Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably."

-HEBREWS 13:18, NKJV





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