



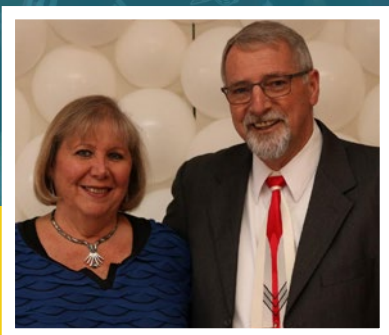
Word of Life
Canada

★ 2018 – 2019 ★

ANNUAL REPORT



Letter from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**PETER & BETTE
VERKAIK**

Dear Ministry Partner,
Thank you for your investment in reaching young Canadians with the gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of Word of Life.

We read in the gospel of John: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. The Gospel message is the good news of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. At Word of Life Canada, our mission is to proclaim this good news to an increasingly secular world that has long since forgotten about God. We are reaching young Canadians with the life-giving message of the Gospel. God has given us the opportunity this year to lead many children and teens to Christ. We have seen so many lives changed, as we have had the privilege to train and disciple them toward maturity in Christ. Thank you for standing in partnership with us in prayer and finances. I believe that our Lord is soon returning and there are still many more souls to reach. Your gift this year will help us to continue to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peter H. Verkaik, Executive Director
Word of Life Canada
Acts 20:24

About **WORD OF LIFE CANADA**

Since the very first Word of Life Youth Club started in 1964, our desire has always been to see revival in Canada, starting with our youth. Understanding the enormous challenge it is to reach every young person in Canada, we focus on three main avenues of ministry:



Summer & Winter Camps

Providing a safe and fun environment for kids and teens to learn about God.



Bible Institutes & French Language Training

Raising up leaders and equipping them to live a life that glorifies God.



Local Church Partnerships

Supporting youth ministries in the church and providing teaching resources and special events.

By staying true to the Word of God while offering programs that are relevant in today's youth culture, we believe that God will continue to bless our ministry across the country!

Summer and Winter KIDS & YOUTH CAMPS

Word of Life has provided summer and winter camping experiences for over 35 years that focus on social, spiritual and physical needs of children, teens and families. As part of a larger, world wide camping ministry that has operated in many countries around the world for over 70 years we know how needed and effective camps are in the lives of young people. In a world drowning in the noise and intensity of life Word of Life camps provide the perfect setting to unplug and grow closer to God and others. Our amazing counsellors are graduates of our Bible Institutes and have a great desire to see teens and kids impacted for Jesus.



WHAT CAMPERS SAY:



This year's summer camp was the most beautiful of my life. I really learned a lot about God and I made real friends. I discovered through the stories of missionary life that the Lord is the God of miracles and that He can always be trusted.



Snow camp had a significant impact on my life. It is through one of them that God showed me my need for His grace. I was looking for what I should do for God and through one of the teachings during the camp, He showed me that my only hope was to implore His love and grace without thinking I deserve anything. That evening, I asked God to come and save me. It was the next day, back home, that He gave me His grace and assurance that the sacrifice of Christ was for me and it was free. Snow camps are such an encouragement and blessing for me!



My experience here has been amazing and I couldn't have thought of a better way to start off the summer. It was an opportunity to learn about God and meet some pretty awesome people.

Word of Life Youth Camp provides a dynamic, fun summer and winter camp experience that focuses on the social, spiritual, and physical needs of kids and teens.

Ontario and Quebec BIBLE INSTITUTES

Since 1994 there have been over 1,500 students attend the Word of Life Bible Institutes in Canada. The year spent studying the Bible under the instruction of gifted and knowledgeable teachers from across North America and doing life together with students from all over Canada has had a significant impact in their spiritual growth. Opportunities to develop a heart for ministry and the skills to be effective in a variety of ministry settings including in the local church, in camps, and on the streets are an added benefit to this amazing year. The combination of study, ministry and discipleship in the program makes it one of the most unique programs in the country.

Students at our Bible Institutes desire to deepen their faith, grow in community and lay a foundation of truth that will carry them for the rest of their lives. From the classroom to the dorms, one year at the Word of Life Bible Institute changes how students view God, themselves, and their world.

WHAT STUDENTS SAY:



When I came to the Bible Institute people welcomed me so well and through their love they became super important friends, brothers and sisters who I can count on. What impacted me during my year was that I learned that despite our personal plans and what can happen, God has a better plan for me, even if it takes me out of my comfort zone. I know I can count on Him because He wants the best for me.



I learned freedom in Christ this year at the Bible Institute. I came to WOLBI pretty broken. I had lots of conversations with my staff discipler and found freedom and joy again in Jesus. I learned about moving forward by speaking truth and God's Word to myself and not following my feelings.



LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS & EVENTS

For nearly 60 years in Canada Word of Life has been partnering with the local church to provide high quality resources to assist churches in reaching and discipling young people.

Evangelistic events like the Folies Lunaires in Montreal have been effective tools for sharing the gospel with hundreds of youth every year in an environment filled with fun and activity.



Having participated in Folies Lunaires both as a student and as a youth leader, there is nothing more touching than the response to the Gospel message. To see the teens of my youth group vulnerable and open to the Good News is so touching. Folies Lunaires is not only a great opportunity to hear and experience the gospel, but it is also a great opportunity to connect with our youth group and other people in Quebec. We can see the new generation of believers and teenagers who are united with God. And don't forget the unlimited pizza!!



FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL



It has been a joy to study French here. We feel encouraged every day by not only the teachers, but also by the staff, interns, and the Bible Institute students. We have been warmly welcomed and integrated into life here on campus. Our teachers are not only specialists in French language and gifted at teaching, but they exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in their interactions with us students. They are patient, kind, loving, peaceable, and joyful every day. They are receptive to our individual learning needs and they go the extra mile to help us comprehend the fine points of French grammar. This is a fine place to come to learn French, whether starting from absolute beginner or already familiar with French - you will come out with a thorough knowledge of French and an ease of use that will be very helpful on the field.

A desire to equip missionaries going to serve in francophone countries has allowed Word of Life to help send over 1,550 missionaries and individuals to use their French training in missions and professional capacities around the francophone world.

Building for **THE FUTURE**

Word of Life Canada is focused on seeing lives changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many prospective students lack the funds to be able to attend the Bible Institute and/or our camps. We have a Scholarship Fund to help provide for these needy campers and students and we need your help!



CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

We believe that every youth should have an opportunity to go to camp. Our scholarship fund is designed to help those who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it.

Your donation to the camper scholarship fund will help send a child or teen to camp and provide them with a week in a safe and fun environment where God's Word is clearly presented.



BIBLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS



Many students have a desire to come and study God's Word at our Bible Institutes, but do not have the financial resources to pay the costs for the year at Word of Life.

Donating to the Bible School Scholarship Fund will enable a young person to spend a year learning and growing in their knowledge of the Word and their relationship with the Lord.

Our Year IN NUMBERS

11,656 PEOPLE MINISTERED TO		40 BIBLE & LANGUAGE STUDENTS
506 SUMMER CAMPERS	997 SNOW CAMPERS	17 BIBLE CLUBS
162 SALVATION DECISIONS		318 DEDICATION DECISIONS

THANK YOU!

Thank you for partnering with us at Word of Life Canada through prayer and finances, which enables us to impact thousands of young people across Canada.

2019 REVENUE

61% Contributions & Support
30% Program Revenues
8% Other



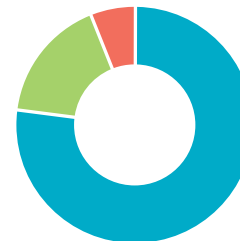
2019 EXPENSES

43% Personnel
32% Programs
10% Insurance, taxes, utilities
15% other



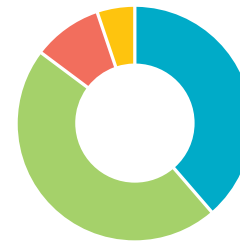
2018 REVENUE

78% Contributions & Support
16% Program Revenues
6% Other



2018 EXPENSES

45% Personnel
36% Programs
12% Insurance, taxes, utilities
7% other





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