



2021

IMPACT REPORT



Word of Life
Canada



A message from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Thank you for being a friend and supporter of Word of Life Canada. That means that you have, with us, made an eternal investment in the lives of young Canadians. Scripture tells us to “go and make disciples of all nations...” That is why we here at Word of Life Canada exist. We bear witness to the Saviour Jesus Christ and train the next generation of Canada’s youth to live successful, godly lives, guided by biblical principles.

Our Saviour stated in John 18:37 “...For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into this world – to bear witness to the truth...” In the world in which we live today, truth seems to be in short supply. Therefore, it is increasingly more important that we hold forth the word of life. Your sacrificial giving has resulted in so many changed lives. Glory to God for what He has done and for your partnership in the Gospel.

God’s plans are not thwarted by a global pandemic. This past year, Word of Life Canada was still able to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. We were still able to train and disciple students in our Bible Institutes and camps, in spite of the many challenges. Many decisions were made and lives were changed, to the glory of God.

Thank you again for “standing in the gap” with us. We look forward to many more years of partnership with you, as we seek to bring revival to Canada, beginning with her youth.

In His Service,

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

*This year at Word of Life
I learned that God loves us no
matter what, that He will never
stop loving us, and that He will
never leave us.*

About **WORD OF LIFE**

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 challenge it is to reach every young person in Canada, we focus on three main avenues of ministry:



Bible & Language Schools
Raising up leaders and equipping them to live a life that glorifies God.



Summer & Winter Camps
Providing a safe and fun environment for kids and teens to learn about God.



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

Our Commitment

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

*At Word of Life I learned that
God made our world and how
science works with the Gospel.*



BIBLE INSTITUTES

COVID greatly impacted the world in the 2020 and 2021 years. However, God was and is still at work in the hearts and lives of young people desiring to study His Word.



Bible Training

Over 1,500 students have attended the Word of Life Bible Institutes in Canada since the first one opened in Sherbrooke, QC in 1994. The year is spent doing life together with students from all over Canada and studying the Bible under the instruction of gifted and knowledgeable teachers from across North America. This has a significant impact in their spiritual growth. This amazing year includes opportunities to develop a heart for ministry and the skills to be effective in a variety of ministry settings including in the local church and in camps. The combination of study, ministry and discipleship in the program makes it one of the most unique programs in the country.

The 2020-21 academic year was a much different experience for students at our schools as we had a mix of on campus and remote instruction take place at different times in the year. Some elements of our program had to be altered or bypassed due to restrictions in place, however the program was a success as the students completed their year and grew in their faith and knowledge of God's Word. The 2021-22 year is underway and will have its own unique look as we again undertake to provide a quality program to engage students in learning the Word and strengthening their faith.

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.

A Unique Approach

Word of Life's combination of study, ministry and discipleship makes it one of the most unique Bible School programs in the country.



CAMPING MINISTRY

The ongoing pandemic meant that we were not able to hold traditional camps this year. Both winter and summer camps were impacted, however, we were able to hold a combination of virtual winter camps and summer day camps and camping programs.

Camping Ministry

For over 35 years Word of Life has provided summer and winter camping experiences 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.



This week was really fun! Thanks to the amazing program team and staff, I had a good balance of fun and devotions!



Camper Quotes

“This week was awesome! One of the best years at camp. I learned that God’s love is unconditional and for everyone.”

“I liked this week a lot. My counsellors were super nice and energetic. I’m so glad I came to Word of Life!”

“I learned that the only way to salvation is believing in the Lord.”





LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

For 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.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Word of Life Canada is focused on seeing young people's 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. Our Scholarship Fund helps provide for these campers and students and we need your help!

A New Focus

With COVID-19 limiting our ability to hold larger events our focus in 2020 was to grow our ministry team working with the local church and youth groups. We now have three Engage missionaries working with local churches in Ontario and Quebec to encourage youth pastors and youth leaders and promote the ministries and resources Word of Life can offer to assist in their ministry to the young people in their church and community.



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.

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.



FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

A desire to equip missionaries going to serve in francophone countries has allowed Parole de Vie to be involved in sending out nearly 1,600 missionaries and other individuals able to use their French training in missions and professional capacities around the francophone world over the past 30 years.

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Support our Work

Find out more about how you can support Word of Life Canada's ministry and give online:

wol.ca/donate

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

Word of Life Canada exists to proclaim the good news of the Gospel! Even with a global pandemic God was at work and many decisions were made and lives were changed this year, to the glory of God.

1250
Event Attendance

860
Winter Campers

16
Bible Clubs

40
Bible & Language School Students

380
Summer Campers

31
Salvation Decisions

61
Dedication Decisions

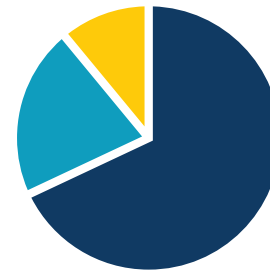


Thank you

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

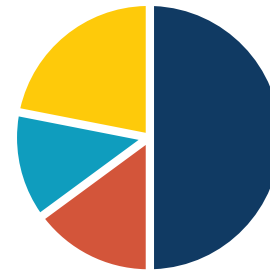
FINANCIAL REPORT

We strive to use the money God's people contribute in the most responsible and effective ways possible. Here is the breakdown of where our revenue came from and how we used it in 2021 and a comparison to 2020.



2021 Revenue

68% Contributions & Support
21% Program Revenues
11% Other

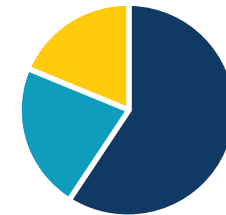


2021 Expenses

50% Personnel
15% Programs
13% Insurance, taxes, utilities
22% other

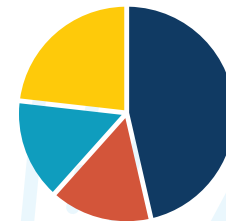
2020 Revenue

59% Contributions & Support
22% Program Revenues
19% Other



2020 Expenses

45% Personnel
15% Programs
15% Insurance, taxes, utilities
25% other



At Word of Life I learned that Jesus died on the cross for our sins!



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