



2022

IMPACT REPORT



Word of Life
Canada



A message from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear brothers and sisters, friends of the ministry of Word of Life Canada,

What a joy to share with you this report of our activities for 2022! In the midst of the hustle and bustle of all the tasks and activities, it is always encouraging to stop and take stock of what God has done in the past year. It reminds me of the words of the hymn "Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings, see what God hath done! And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

It is also a joy for me to write these few lines for the first time as Canadian director of the Word of Life ministry! My wife Yannick and I have been serving with Word of Life in Quebec since 1996 and it is now a great privilege for us to be able to serve the entire Canadian team as we continue sharing the Gospel and making disciples.

Our ministry takes its name from Philippians 2: "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life**, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

These words from the apostle Paul are the reason for this report because we want to serve God with a good attitude and also in an effective and blameless way so that the Gospel shines as we hold forth the Word of God. I hope this report will be an encouragement to all of you.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in God's work with us at WOL. Whether it is through your prayers, your donations, or your volunteer involvement, I want to say a big THANK YOU for partnering with us! Enjoy this report and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Joyfully serving Him,

Martin Jalbert
Executive Director, Word of Life Canada

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!



BIBLE INSTITUTES

The 2022 academic year saw a mix of COVID restrictions and an emergence from the COVID dominated world towards a more normal Bible Institute experience.

I was calling one of my friends, and we were catching up and she was willing to talk about spiritual stuff. I had the opportunity to share the Gospel and who Jesus is. She said she had been thinking about her faith recently. She is interested in reading the Bible and we are going to go through a Bible reading plan together.



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. Our students are greatly impacted as they spend a year living as a group, studying God's Word with gifted teachers and doing a variety of ministries such as camps, intercultural internship, Gospel events, local church outings, etc. Our staff is also able to have lots of one-on-one interaction with our students providing great opportunities for spiritual growth.

Our program, combining study, ministry and discipleship is one of the most unique in the country.

From the classroom to the dorms, one year at the Word of Life Bible Institute changes how students view God, themselves, and their world. It lays a solid foundation of truth that will carry them for the rest of their lives. One student said this will be their first time reading the Bible in its entirety. She had always pictured God as harsh but is now seeing clearly how He is full of compassion and mercy, even in the Old Testament!

I was able to incorporate the Gospel into my prayer at Thanksgiving.





CAMPING MINISTRY

For nearly 40 years Word of Life Canada has provided summer and winter camping experiences that focus on the social, spiritual and physical needs of children, teens and families. As part of a larger, worldwide 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, our camps provide the perfect setting to unplug and grow closer to God and others. As a matter of fact, a vast majority of our Bible School students will share, in their testimony, the impact of a camp in their life. In 2022, as COVID restrictions started to lift, winter camps and, to a greater extent, summer camps were active again.

Camper Quotes

“The Gospel was clearly presented, and I think the breakout session topics were very valuable. It was also a lot of fun for both teens and leaders alike.”



“A wonderful experience and opportunity to strengthen my faith. I felt blessed to be able to come and enjoy this unforgettable weekend.”



Here is a comment from a camper that says it all:

“It was the highlight of the past 2 ½ years! I’m already looking forward to next year! It was awesome! I got to strengthen my faith and grow closer to God and the other campers.”



LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

For over 60 years in Canada, Word of Life has been partnering with the local church to provide high quality resources AND human resources to assist churches in reaching and discipling young people. Our two Engage Missionaries worked both virtually and in person with local churches in Ontario and Quebec to encourage and serve youth pastors and youth leaders. They also help us in promoting our BI and camp programs.

We were finally able to resume our Folies Lunaires event in Montreal in November 2022. We are glad to share that we had a little over 600 participants and the Gospel was clearly shared. This event is an effective tool for sharing the Gospel with hundreds of youths every year in an environment filled with fun and activity.

A new and great opportunity to network with a Gospel ministry in Quebec has opened this year (Aujourd'hui l'Espoir – Today's Hope). Our Executive director, Martin Jalbert, has recorded 36 half hour programs that are being aired every week. It reaches an audience of about 200 000 people every month from around the world! The Gospel is clearly shared at every program! We are planning to continue this work in 2023.

"When I came to Parole de Vie, the only French I knew was from a bit of Duolingo, and I had never spoken it out loud before. Within weeks, thanks to the grace of God, the dedication of my professors, and the patience of the staff and students, I was able to begin friendships, pray, read the Word, and participate in activities, all in French!"



FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Our French Language school in Quebec has served the evangelical communities in teaching missionaries French since this program first began in the 1950's and is well recognized among the mission agencies. Over the years, about 1,600 missionaries learned French with us and went on to serve the Lord in more than 30 countries around the world. They are church planters, Bible translators, pilots, medical staff, etc. These unique people, leaving great careers behind them, provide a fantastic atmosphere on our Quebec campus!

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!



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.

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.



Bible Clubs: **9**

Summer Campers: **348**

Winter Campers: **418**

Event Attendance: **3111**

Folies Lunaires Attendance: **605**

Bible & Language School Students: **78**

French 1/2 Hour TV Shows Recorded: **36**

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Salvation
Decisions

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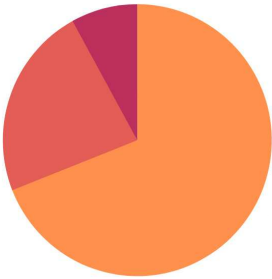
Dedication
Decisions

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.

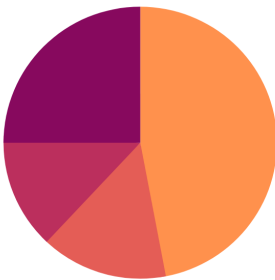
FINANCIAL REPORT

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 2022 and a comparison to 2021.



2022 Revenue

69% Contributions & Support
23% Program Revenues
8% Other

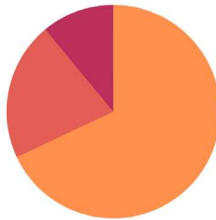


2022 Expenses

47% Personnel
15% Programs
13% Insurance, taxes, utilities
25% other

2021 Revenue

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



2021 Expenses

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



"The greatest gift of learning French at Parole de Vie was the joy of watching relationships deepen as my understanding of French deepened – including my relationship with God."



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