



Believers must know that full commitment to Christ involves discovering and using all of our gifts and abilities to serve Christ and others.

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Editor's Note

A request came to me that this newsletter should include home missions. The request got me to thinking about just exactly what was home missions and in my research I determined that perhaps the person was really asking me to highlight personal missions. That was problematic as well so we are going to highlight a new area of missions called Personal Home Missions which I have arbitrarily defined as something a person does motivated by their commitment to God and their personal talents which is done individually to further the whole church of God around the world be it in their own home, community or far away.

Basically we were looking for stories of how our people have been using their God given talents to bless their community outside of the organized church.

Here's what we found.

Because individuals shared their talents others had their lives enhanced.



Because someone prayed for another, they joined God in His work in their lives.



Because someone made a phone call, someone's day was brightened.



Because some make a point of getting together, others are supported in their Christian walk.



Because someone cooks a little extra, another person has home cooked meals.



Because someone provides transportation, friends are able to visit, attend appointments, go to church, and shop.



Because someone sends cards regularly, those shut in and their families do not feel forgotten.

Because those who are able to do house and yard maintenance help those who can't, someone is able to enjoy their home longer.

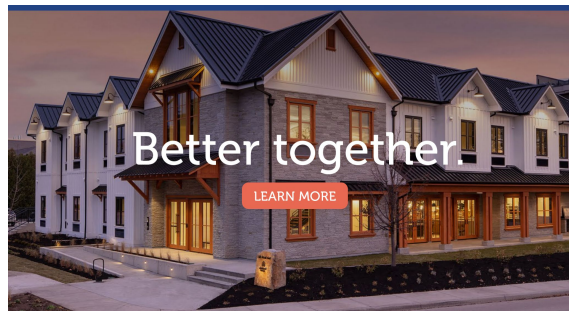
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Because some sew, clothes went to The Solomon Islands and Africa. The contact the sewers have in Revelstoke goes down to distribute when the containers arrive. He has several if not more containers every year. Hospital equipment and beds, medical supplies, clothes that stores can't sell, furniture, soup from Gleaners, school supplies & bedding are some of the items. Our friends in Penticton take our clothes that we've made to him directly.

Little girls' dresses



Boys' shorts



[Link to JoeAnna's House](#)

Because some of us shared our knowledge and advocated for and encouraged and prayed for friends in crisis, we were able to provide support and shelter. The church's benevolent fund provided the shelter at JoeAnna's House. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.



Because someone visits the hospitals, care residences and the homebound, people do not feel abandoned and they are encouraged.

[Link to Mariposa](#)

[Link to Heritage House](#)

[Link to Sunnybank](#)

[Link to McKinney Place](#)



Because individuals volunteered at, or donated to various organizations within the community, these worthy causes were able to accomplish more within the local area.



OKANAGAN GLEANERS

Feeding the hungry in Christ's name

[Link to Okanagan Gleaners](#)

Oliver Free Store Society

**Oliver Community
Arts Council**

Art Learned ~ Art Loved ~ Art Lived

[Link to Oliver
Arts Council](#)



[Link to Samaritan's
Purse](#)



[Link to
Legion](#)

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**Osoyoos Food Bank
Oliver Food Bank**

[Link to Osoyoos Food
Bank](#)

[Link to Oliver Food Bank](#)

**RAPS CAT
SANCTUARY**



[Link to RAPS](#)

[Link to Desert Valley Hospice](#)

DESERT VALLEY
HOSPICE SOCIETY



Although COVID put a lid on much of the client visiting, volunteers helped with the COVID vaccination clinic over the past seven months.

The Kiwanis Club of Osoyoos is gearing up right now for our annual “Share the Christmas Spirit” program to help families have a more joyful, memorable Christmas.

[Osoyoos Kiwanis Club](#)
[Primary contact: Donna Kelso](#)

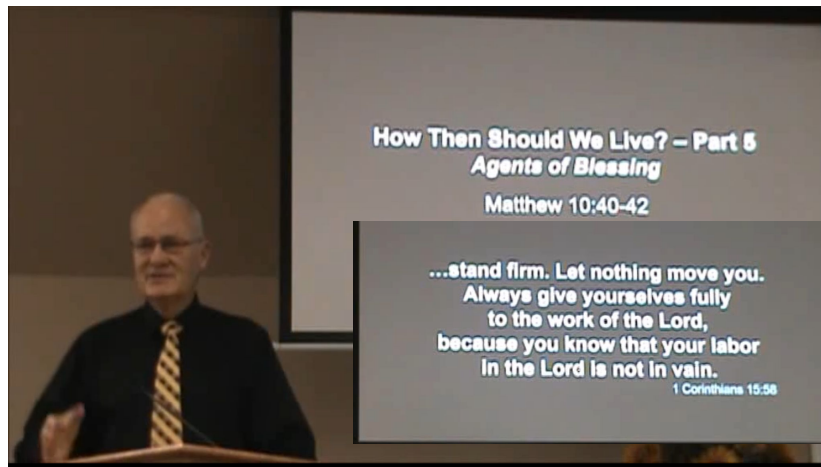


**Canadian
Red Cross**

The Red Cross Basic Health Equipment Short Term Program lends out medical equipment to clients upon referrals and can also accept donations of some medical equipment for the programme.

The Kiwanis Club of Oliver operates the Kiwanis market selling donated items at reasonable prices to people who can put them to good use. This means useable items don't end up in the landfill. Funds raised through the market are donated back into the community.

[Link to Oliver Kiwanis Club](#)



Because we have a Pastor who teaches biblically from the bible every week we know what is true, and good, and right.

We rally, individually and as a church, using the simplest

of talents to show God's love to all.

We keep the prayers, the notes and cards, the encouraging words flowing and we hold our pastor and his family firm in God's love that they will not grow faint while they wait for Noah and Luke to fully develop.



Luke (right) - Noah (left)





Faithful Father, as we celebrate Christ's birth this year, we give thanks for your servants who have dedicated their lives to proclaiming you as Saviour and King. May they continue to use their passion and gifts to proclaim to the world that You are indeed the way to eternal life. We celebrate You, Lord, and the lives and gifts You have given us.

Amen.



BECAUSE MANY CARED

Many of you responded to Pastor Bernardo's appeal for water for families in his little community in Mexico. The distribution has begun. He has been giving water to 12 single mothers and three elderly couples on a weekly basis. But this is an ongoing need...there will always be a need for water and as he has the means to expand the number who are receiving this help, he will do so. Thank you for caring enough to make a difference.

Recent Seed Money Projects

The Dinner Club is a comprehensive program that addresses the mind, heart, soul and strength, beginning with the children who attend, and reaching out to the families of those children. We feed the kids each week; at full-scale we'll be preparing 2000/meals weekly between these first four villages. We teach the kids English, which gives them a chance to qualify for higher education and future employment. We play sports with the kids, developing a youth soccer league for the boys, and 'netball' for the girls. And we love the children; we show them and tell them about the love of their Heavenly Father, who transcends any form of witchcraft or false religion or corruption that will oppress the Rufiji no more!

Because they shared their talents our Missions Sunday was extra special.



Because we are thankful for new talent being shared, we say thank you to Nathan (left) and Aaron (right) Unger for their music and hope you will give us the pleasure of hearing more the next time you are at Valley.

Because we are always thankful for the contributions our members make to the service and we don't always remember to say so, we say it now.



Missions Sunday Team 2021



Matt Duffy



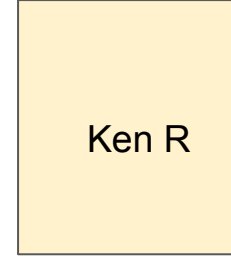
Paul Unger



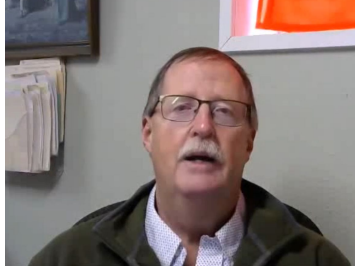
David Duncan



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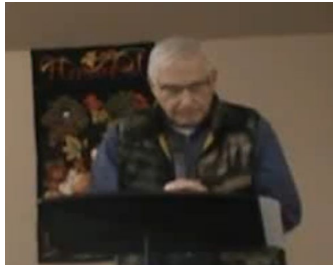
Mike Matthews



James Perreux



Asher Motola



John Unger



Ken Clarke



Donna Kelso



Karen Macor



Diena Vandenberg

And it's a wrap. Missions Sunday 2021 was November 14th. Thank you to all participants. You made the day for us. If you missed it you can view it here.

[Link to Missions Sunday video](#)



Truly
I tell you,
Whatever you did
For one of the least of
These brothers and sisters
Of mine, you did for me.

**Merry Christmas
Valley
friends**

Matthew 25:40

