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Infinitely More

The last two months have seen a flurry of activity and excitement as we have embarked on a journey together to discover what God has in store for our church family through the Infinitely More Campaign. As our Ambassadors have visited with many of you in your homes, we have been deeply moved by your dreams and ideas for our church. It has been an incredible privilege to visit and listen as many of you have shared your cherished memories of connecting to the church. You have celebrated God's work in your life through youth group and summer camp. You have shared with excitement your memories of church potlucks and Christmas traditions. You have spoken about Christ's work in your life as you have bonded with others in small group studies and prayer meetings. Your stories speak of God's love and impact on your life through the church. As I listen to these stories and hear your dreams about the opportunities that a revitalized building will bring to our family, I am beginning to sense a new energy and excitement growing as we imagine God bringing his love and hope to many more.

In the short amount of time since we introduced Infinitely More to the



CAMPAIGN

church, an incredible amount of work has been accomplished. At the time of writing this update, we have completed 104 visits either in your homes or over the phone, and we have currently received 36 pledges toward our goal! This is an amazing accomplishment, but we have so much more to do. In the next few days, our Ambassadors will be reaching out to try to complete all of the visits with the remaining members of our church family, and gathering your pledges in preparation for two very special dates coming up.

The first date is our Commitment Sunday, on December 5th. Our church family will be invited to celebrate with our own Giving Tree! Every member of every family that has brought in their pledge for the campaign will be invited to add their own leaf to the Giving Tree and watch as this beautiful creation blossoms to life in our church building. This is the day that we hope to gather as many pledges as possible, and offer the opportunity to anybody who may have been missed to join in the excitement!

Then, a short time later, we will have the chance to participate in our Celebration Sunday! This is the day when the Infinitely More Campaign will reveal the final total of all our pledges. What a day of rejoicing in God's greatness and goodness that will be!

On behalf of the Chairpersons of the Infinitely More Campaign, I would like to express our deep gratitude and thanks to every one of you who have generously invited us into your homes to share the story of the campaign with you. Each of us has been incredibly encouraged by your love for this church family, and your vision for our future. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how you can generously, sacrificially and joyfully make your pledge to the campaign. Then be sure to bring your sealed envelope to the church by December 5th, so we can join together in the celebration of God's Infinitely More goodness!

By Rob Beingessner











CHRISTMAS POEM







JUST DO IT!

Oak Park Women! Gather to pray & worship the Lord!

10:00 - 11:30am

December 11th

Please Register: www.oakpark.ca

Bring your own water bottle, tea or coffee, Bible, journal, etc.

Contact the church office for more information.



Eat Well. Spend Jess.

OAK PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Any one can order one or more Good Food Boxes.

Boxes must be pre-ordered and paid for in cash (exact change) on or before the order by date. You can pre-purchase your next box when you pick up your order. Boxes must be picked up, before 6pm. (Note: Boxes not picked up will be donated - no refunds will be given.)

Good Food Boxes come in the following sizes:

| SMALL | 20 lbs | \$25.00 |
|--------|--------|---------|
| MEDIUM | 30 lbs | \$30.00 |
| LARGE | 40 lbs | \$35.00 |

2021

| 2021 | |
|--------------|---------------|
| ORDER BY | DELIVERY DATE |
| January 18 | January 27 |
| February 15 | February 24 |
| March 8 | March 17 |
| April 12 | April 21 |
| May 3 | May 12 |
| May 31 | June 9 |
| September 6 | September 15 |
| September 27 | October 6 |
| October 25 | November 3 |
| November 29 | December 8 |

For information call Oak Park Church office at (403) 251-5150 or email office@oakpark.ca

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Now in 3D!

Donate.

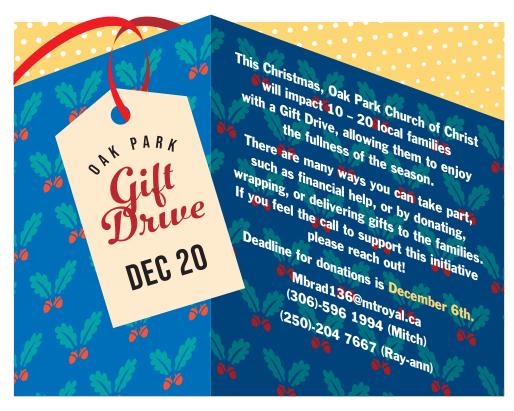
Do the shopping.

Deliver.

If you can help with any of these, please contact Kerry or Mike Grant.
Shopping lists will be available at the church from Friday, December 10th.

Thank you!





Oak Park Missions Update

Jay and Colette - Graceland Ministries



Christ the King, Swiebodzin Poland

"I learned more about having a relationship with Jesus in these past few years than I have my whole life. You are very patient with me, even when my behavior frustrates you and me. I really do want to follow Jesus, but some days, I am just scared. Thank you for helping me." This is just one of the appreciative comments by a student.

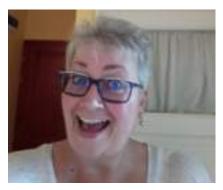
It's been a wonderful Fall session so far with 54 students, 11 groups and 17 teaching slots. Wow! What a busy schedule Jay and Colette have and they ask that we pray for more students. Their only advertisement is with some very colorful and attractive banners on Facebook and Instagram as well as word of mouth. They are very thankful to

have 'in- person' classes and ask that we pray they will have no more lockdowns. They have some very creative class names such as Legal Beagles, Couch Potatoes, and Homelanders. The teen class is watching super-hero movies and looking for the spiritual connections between the Marvel or DC stories and the Bible. Such fun but also challenging for



youth! Colette is making steady progress with physio and praying she can get into an intensive rehabilitation program in January.





Oak Park Missions Update

Ricot and Mandy Leon - Lifeline Christian Mission

Due to political unrest in Haiti's capital, Port au Prince, and at the request of the Canadian Embassy, Ricot and Mandy have decided that in the next couple weeks they will travel to the Dominican Republic until after New Years and pray that that things settle down. They will stay with another mission organization. The



situation in Port Salut is fairly normal and they feel comfortable but it is very difficult to get fuel for travel and banking has become challenging. Ricot has purchased a motorbike to decrease his need for fuel as he travels to Port Salut for church services on Sunday then staying over for work on Monday before returning to the family who are 40min away. He has been able to start the construction of a fence on the Lifeline property as well as oversee the planting of 200 key lime trees and many green peppers. The Decision Church congregation are working together to finish the construction of their church which is almost done now. Next week they will put in the windows and paint before the Christmas celebrations. So exciting! Praise the Lord!





November Financial Update

Current year's actual compared to prior year's actual

| | Jan - Oct 2021 | Jan - Oct 2020 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Funds | 550 | 3,000 |
| Received: | | |
| - General Fund - Rental | 259,074 | 273,902 |
| income | 50,178 | 37,559 |
| - Telus Tower - Other | 15,400 | 14,000 |
| Revenue | 17,077 | 1,811 |
| Total Secure Secure Williams | 341,729 | 327,272 |
| Disbursements: | -354,216 | -315,435 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -12,487 | 11,837 |

Current year's actual compared to budget

| m2 10 ma | Actual Jan - Oct 2021 | Budget Jan - Oct 2021 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Funds | | V105000 |
| Received: | | |
| - General Fund - Rental | 259,074 | 290,000 |
| income | 50,178 | 47,500 |
| - Telus Tower - Other | 15,400 | 15,400 |
| Revenue | 17,077 | 14,604 |
| -260 | 341,729 | 367,504 |
| Disbursements: | -354,216 | -365,927 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -12,487 | 1,577 |









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