

## 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



### C A M P A I G N

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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>, so we can join together in the celebration of God's Infinitely More goodness!

By Rob Beingessner



 VISITS **104**  PLEDGES RECEIVED **36**



**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

A red background with several wrapped gifts in red and gold paper. In the center, there are two concentric white circles. The text is centered within these circles.

  
**Oak Park**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEE YOU ON

**CHRISTMAS  
EVE**

4 & 6:00PM FAMILY SERVICES  
HOT CHOCOLATE, CIDER,  
CAROLERS & A PHOTO BOOTH  
10:00PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

A wooden surface decorated with Christmas items: a slice of orange, a lit candle, a gift box, pine branches, pinecones, candy canes, a pinecone, a red star, and string lights. The text is centered on a piece of brown paper.

**BOXING DAY**

SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE  
10AM ONLY

  
**Oak Park**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

# CHRISTMAS POEM

JOIN US FOR THE KIDSPARK CHRISTMAS PREMIERE

# The Evening News Hour

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 3:00PM



# ACTS

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**JUST DO IT!**

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

**10:00 - 11:30am**

**December 11th**

**Please Register: [www.oakpark.ca](http://www.oakpark.ca)**

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

Contact the church office for more information.





*Eat Well. Spend Less.*



**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:

<b>LARGE</b>	40 lbs	\$35.00
<b>MEDIUM</b>	30 lbs	\$30.00
<b>SMALL</b>	20 lbs	\$25.00

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](mailto:office@oakpark.ca)



# FOOD BANK DEC 20

**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**  
*Gift Drive*  
**DEC 20**

This Christmas, Oak Park Church of Christ will impact **10 - 20** local families with a Gift Drive, allowing them to enjoy the fullness of the season.

There are many ways you can take part, such as financial help, or by donating, wrapping, or delivering gifts to the families. If you feel the call to support this initiative please reach out!

Deadline for donations is **December 6th.**

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## 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		
Received:		
- General Fund	259,074	273,902
- Rental		
income	50,178	37,559
- Telus Tower	15,400	14,000
- Other		
Revenue	17,077	1,811
	341,729	327,272
Disbursements:	-354,216	-315,435
Surplus/Deficit	-12,487	11,837

## Current year's actual compared to budget

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



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