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Our Mission
**“To be a bridge between
 those that have, and
 those that have not”**



If you guessed the sandwich, you're right. Our programs have been providing the basics to needy people since 1988. As many as 200 people will line up for a sandwich, soup, clothes or someone to talk to.

As the number of "recently homeless" individuals living in poor conditions in communities continues to grow, we are there to help. There exists a critical need for outreach programs and services offering a beacon of hope and care to those individuals who are drowning in depression, despair and poverty. Lifeline's Urban Outreach Department specifically focuses on serving the needs of these people who are down on the streets of Abbotsford and Aldergrove with the Blue Bus feeding program. If you are aware of an unmet need for the homeless, please contact us.

Due to the mobile and street-based nature of Lifeline's Urban programs, staff and volunteers interact directly with the disadvantaged in their own environment. This provides a level of familiarity, comfort and credibility with those being served and often leads to relationships based upon trust. This is a key factor in addressing the complex issues behind poverty, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness and substance abuse. These relationships that are built open doors for people in need to receive appropriate referral that will help them take the final steps to changing their lives. As a reputable and benevolent organization, Lifeline Outreach Society is able to offer individuals hope, despite current circumstances; a hope that is desperately needed in our community.

Purposes of the Society

- to witness and share hope, faith, love, and Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- to operate our programs with good ethics and professionalism, always glorifying God.
- to train and equip men and women to be disciples of Jesus Christ in caring for those who need our help.
- to help the disadvantaged in a tangible way meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- to maintain and uphold biblical principles, our goals, our mission, and our Statement of Faith.

Ways you can help

- Send in a donation, checks payable to "Lifeline Outreach Society"
- Volunteer your time, we need you to:
- Help do food pick-ups, Pantry and Clothing Workers, Cooks and preparation help, Outreach Workers, Marketers, Promotional and Spokes Personnel
- Prayer warriors and more...

Please call Dave Poulette if you wish to help or need more info.

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“And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, your darkness will become like midday”

Isaiah 58:10

Lifeline Newsletter

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Lifeline Outreach Society's 25th Year of Service

Since February 1988, Lifeline has been reaching out to the disenfranchised in the lower mainland with a hot meal, groceries, clothing and friendship. The line ups have fluctuated greatly with the number of men, women and children, depending on location and concentration of individuals in that area, but no matter where we distribute the supplies, this service has been greatly valued by the recipients. On numerous occasions, we have heard the statement "This helps us make it to our next cheque" You see, not everyone in the line up is on welfare or are dealing with addictions, some have jobs but the pay does not cover all of their basics such as rent, hydro, gas. Many have to sacrifice their food in order to pay their bills so when they find out about Lifeline's services, it gives them hope and a way to make it literally to the next pay cheque. We have also had the joy of hearing how they appreciate coming to the "Blue Bus" not only for the supplies but for a place to find fellowship because there they are welcomed, loved on and do not feel judged. This is so important to them because in most places, they are looked down on and have experienced unpleasant reception or even endured harsh judgment and comments. It is incredible to have someone meet you in a store and ask if

you have worked on the "blue bus" and then proceed to share how at one time they were down on their luck and found out about Lifeline's services. Humiliated by their circumstances, they came and found a warm receiving non-judgmental welcome from the volunteers as well as hot meal, groceries and clothing. Because the people there reached out to them with the love of Christ, a listening ear and a willingness to pray for them, over time they found their circumstances began to turn around, soon they found a job, or housing or the help they needed to get their footing back again. They share how their lives are now, and although still working on situations, are in a much better place. Then they express their gratitude for us being there for them in their time of need. Truly is a wonderful feeling to know that God used you to make a difference in someone's life. Over the last 25 years we have also had the privilege of working with many of God's wonderful people in sharing the love of Christ with those we meet. Without the help of those who so generously give of their time, finances and prayers, this

ministry would not be able to function and the practical application of character of Christ would not be witnessed by those who receive. I love watching the saints reach out with the joy of giving and to witness how in this gesture, Christ blesses them with purpose, love and fulfillment. We start out thinking that we will bless someone by helping, but realize that it is we who are blessed beyond measure. . . that's the marvel of the economy of God.

Lifeline wishes to thank everyone who has worked with us over these many years whether long term or short, and would like to invite everyone to celebrate with us our **"25th Year of Service"**.

We will be holding an open house at our new location #12 26157 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove BC on June 8th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm where desserts and refreshments will be served. Please come and visit us and see what the ministry is doing now as well as let us know how you are doing in your adventures that the Lord has you doing. Janice Poulette

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2013 SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lifeline celebrates its 25th year of service with the BLUE BUS.
- Lifeline moves to a new Centre.
- Lifeline reaches out to those in the Philippines
- "Fruit of the Spirit" is demonstrated in practical and tangible ways.

We wish to thank and acknowledge the GPE branch of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development for their generous contributions of \$18,700.00 for 2012. This has improved our ability to serve the homeless exponentially and has allowed us to expand to two locations thus helping more people with the outreach of hope, provisions, love and friendships.

Lifeline Has a New Home Base

In July of 2012, Lifeline moved to our own independent location, a 1300 sq foot warehouse at #12 26157 Fraser Highway, in Aldergrove BC. The miracles of our Lord began immediately by God supplying us with helpers to

start building a kitchen / pantry in which to

We are so blessed to have this new "Lifeline Centre". God really showed us many of His miracles first hand



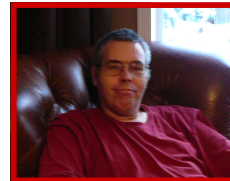
to help us begin the construction of the kitchen. He donated previously used cabinets that were brought in and put up. Another wonderful person donated an industrial stainless steel sink and counter which is

function efficiently from. A young man by the name of Rob Getz volunteered

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Introducing Lucien (Tiny) Vaillancourt

Week after week, God has put it on the hearts of many wonderful people who come and help this ministry be effective on the streets. They give of themselves sacrificially with steadfastness, even when the job at hand is not pleasant. It is our pleasure and desire to acknowledge and thank them for their wonderful contributions.



Lucien (Tiny) Vaillancourt

Serving God faithfully week after week by doing the pick ups

Tiny has been committed to doing the food pick ups for Lifeline since 2008. His faithfulness and diligence has enabled Lifeline to have the supplies needed for handing out to the people on the streets in both Abbotsford and Aldergrove BC. This task is not an easy one for he has to travel long distances at times in order to get the

donations given. This heavy and daunting task requires many hours of volunteer time and Tiny has willingly and freely given of his energies to ensure that we receive all of the many pick ups. We so appreciate all of the hard heavy grunt work and dedication Tiny has given to the ministry over the years. It takes a special kind of guy for sure. We thank you so much Tiny.

Tiny, Lifeline's faithful Pick up personnel

We really could not do it without you.

BirthDay December 7, 1966

Born: Thunder Bay, Ontario

Married to: Doris Vaillancourt

Children: Charles Henry Vaillancourt
Three years old

Hobbies: Running after his busy son, playing video games, watching movies

Favorite Color: Blue

We have a place for you

Abbotsford and Aldergrove alternate outreaches on Sunday afternoon

1:00 to 3:00 is the food preparation, packaging of the groceries and loading of the bus at the Lifeline Centre

3:30 to 5:30 is the distribution of the food and groceries on Montvue and MacDougall in Abbotsford one week and in the Vineyard Church parking lot (Fraser Hwy) in Aldergrove the next week,

5:45 to 6:30 clean up at the centre

We need your help at any point Sundays or on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Centre where we organize and repack food for the Sunday outreach.

Please call us and see how your talents can fit into God's plans through Lifeline.

Lifeline Has a New Home Base Continued

perfect for the preparation and clean up. Then a friend of ours who owns his own electrical company donated the supplies, permit and manpower for us to have the proper electricity available and introduced us to the most amazing young man named Jason who proceeded to make sure that we had the up to code electrical outlets needed for our industrial electric 6 burner stove and the many freezers and coolers we need to store the food. This was a tremendous amount of work and sacrifice and we are so very grateful for him because he donated his time to ensure that others will be cared for. Meanwhile we had incredible help from Wagner Hill Farm community helpers when they came and loaded up all of the food, equipment, supplies and shelving from our old location and moved us into the new warehouse "Lifeline Centre" I can testify that we had an enormous amount of things to



Wagner Hill community workers and Bert Giesbrecht (bottom right)

move and with their help, they took this overwhelming task and made it into a fun time for all. Keith, the outreach supervisor was a joy to work with and the men he brought had such excellent attitudes and outlooks. Awesome. Another friend of ours, Glen Hood, donated large industrial shelving for our heavier supplies which was such a blessing. Soon we had all the shelving in place and proceeded to fill the bins with the food and organize the shelves for a very efficient and functional storage system. I also cannot thank our faithful volunteers enough for all of their hard work in getting the Centre up and running. Ken and Janice Smith, Gail Giesbrecht, Doris and Tiny Vaillancourt plus so many others that encouraged us. There is one volunteer in particular that I would like to share about that has donated many, many hours of his time and skills to make the centre as complete and efficient as it is. From his carpentry skills to his wonderful ideas, Bert has given freely, without complaint which makes him a joy to work with. We would not have been able to do this without him and are forever thankful

for his help so I would like to honor Bert Giesbrecht for his Christ like attitude and service in helping us to be of continued benefit to all who receive from Lifeline Outreach Society. Thank you Bert.



Then with the generous donations from our faithful friends, David was able to purchase from an auction a 6 burner electric stove, 2 coolers, a large island and counter to work on, and some cooking equipment at a very good price. . . so thus we are up and running with God's speed in serving those who are in need of encouragement and love. We are so awed by God and the provisions He has given us. Thank you Lord.

Please drop by to see the Centre for yourself at Unit #12 26157 Fraser Highway, Aldergrove. We would love to see you

A Filipino Outreach that Inspires us all

Amazing results from simple gestures of kindness help hundreds of people in the Philippines

Through the Philippine Lifeline Outreach Ministry (yes this is a ministry under the umbrella of Lifeline Outreach Society), many townships and remote areas are being reached with the gospel, hot meal, groceries and the love of Christ to those who are seriously struggling to find enough food to eat each day. When Doris came to Lifeline Outreach Society and began to help feed those less fortunate here in Canada in 2008, she could not imagine the direction that the Lord was preparing her and her home town for. After returning for a visit to her home in Tupi, South Cotabata, Doris who was inspired by Lifeline, started reaching out to a few families whom she saw were in great need with a small bag of groceries. The reception to this kindness was so overwhelming for it truly was life giving to these families. Knowing also how important it is to get an education in order to have a better future, Doris also gave out school supplies to many, many children



Frankie (Jun Jun) Manabat handing the bags of groceries out to happy recipients

so that they could walk into class equipped for the year ahead. 2009 her brother Frankie (Jun Jun) Manabat began to hear the call of God on his life to help out with this feeding program and started to volunteer. Now he is the key coordinator of all the many aspects that transpires through the outreach. God has blessed the ministry with numerous volunteers and Pastors from many different churches who come out to share the gospel with the people gathered and welcome those who wish to come to their churches for bible studies and fellowship. Many people have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior and have been baptized into the faith. With the weekly bible studies, feeding programs, grocery bags, teaching videos, school supplies for 100 children, training sessions, games for children and the spiritual follow up, this ministry is growing leaps and bounds and the enthusiasm is growing rapidly among the churches. Lifeline also encourages an outreach in the Tupi region to share the gospel with the men who are in prison. Food packages and hygiene items are given at these meetings where salvations and changed lives are transpiring. God is doing something fantastic in the lives of those in the Tupi area and Lifeline is thrilled to be apart of spreading the gospel overseas and to be the inspiration, encouragement and main financial support for this to happen. We are now able to give tax receipts for financial donations and invite you to give towards this outreach in the Philippines.



One of the weekly bible studies

All you have to do is send a designation letter with your donation, and Lifeline

will ensure that 100% of the gift goes to their feeding programs.

It is our prayer that we can give at least \$200.00 per month to their budget as well as help to finance the purchase of a multi cab (small covered minivan) that will transport the groceries, hot meal and volunteers to the far reaches of their



Mode of transportation in delivering the hot meal, groceries and school supplies

region which can be miles away. The cost of a good used multi cab vehicle can be around \$4000.00 Canadian. This is an impossible task on their own but with friends from Canada, we together could make a huge difference in hundreds of lives. Please pray and ask God what amount of contribution you could give to this cause to join us in reaching out over seas with Christ's love and provisions.



Some of the children that received precious school supplies

A POEM FROM THE HEART

Chastening

I know not why His hand is laid
In chastening on my life,
Nor why it is my little world
Is filled so full of strife.

I know not why when faith looks up
And seeks for rest from pain,
That o'er my sky fresh clouds arise
And drench my path with rain.

I know not why my prayer so long
By Him has been denied:
Nor why, while others' ships sail on,
Mine should in port abide.

But I do know that God is love,
That He my burden shares;
And though I may not understand,
I know for me He cares.

I know the heights for which I long
Are often reached through pain,

I know the sheaves must needs be threshed
To yield the golden grain.

I know that, though He may remove
The friends on whom I lean,
'Tis that I thus may learn to love
And trust the One unseen.

And, when at last I see His face
And know as I am known,
I will not care how rough the road
That led me to my home

Grace E. Troy