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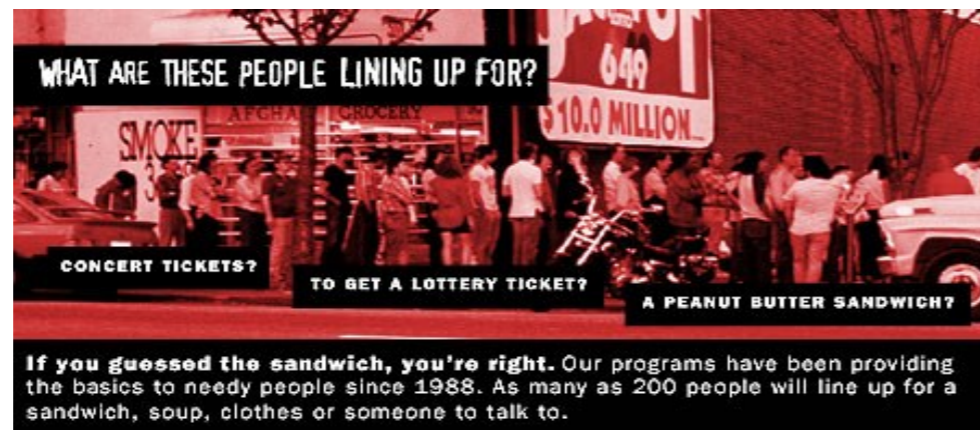
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How Will You Help?



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, cheques 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.
 604-728-7551**

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



“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

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The Task at Hand

It has been said that change is good, and I would generally agree with that statement. However the change I want to talk to you about today brings me great concern. This concern is best described with a quick story;

Our story begins with Cynthia as she rushes home from work to change her clothes. She is in a hurry because she wants to be at the Church before they start the youth rally. She has been involved now for three years and still raves to all who will listen how life changing and impacting it has been for her to be a part of the youth leader team and watch the lives of Gods children transform. She knows there will not be a lot of youth workers this week and the team is counting on her to be there and do her part, and she has been looking forward to going all week.

Later that day after the service, as she is on her way home thinking about the many youth that were ministered and prayed for she feels a comfortable presence of the Lord and finds a small tear in her eye as her heart floods with joy.

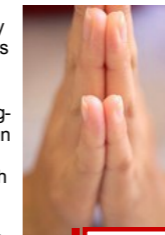
One year later we find Cynthia once again rushing home to change for youth group and to hurry over and help the team prepare for the service, as she enters her house the phone rings and its Sammy another youth leader and he says he will be going to the meeting and will be bringing a couple of his friends. Cynthia asks, “Then do you think there will be enough help so I don't have to go?” and Sammy replies

with “No problem there will be enough to get the job done.”

So Cynthia stays home glad for the break and that she did not have to go to youth after all.

What changed?

The good intention of our hearts pulls us to the Lords tasks and we work to accomplish the high calling He has commissioned us with. However do you see from the story how desire to help turned to duty to help. The once strong pull of excitement to be involved turned into faithfully accomplishing the



Do we take care of ourselves so we don't burn out?

commitment ... so much so that when not needed there was a sense of relief. This is the same with many of the things that occupy our time...our job, home life and even our social life takes effort and can cause us to grow weary.

How do we take care of ourselves? What do we do so we do not lose the excitement of the work we are called to? How effective are we really if we are burned out and would rather be resting at home?

What truly gives rest and brings strength...some would say a vacation, or being with friends, or

various forms of entertainment... But in the deepest places in our hearts I think we all know.

Time with the Lord Jesus Christ for He will bring rest as He has promised

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest”. Mathew 11:28

The world we live in does not support us, and we must choose what brings life. I can still remember how dramatically my life changed over 29 years ago when Jesus became my Savior, and now I must return to my first Love and allow Him to fill me once again with His strength and Joy. Choosing to live my life with Him can refresh me once again. This way I will have the ability and desire to carry on sharing God's love with the many we serve by providing the physical needs of food, clothing, as well as support and understanding.



There are many that are still hungry even after we feed them. Hungry for what we all need as humans, love, acceptance, nurture, and fulfillment. I believe Jesus wants to remove the barriers that are keeping His children starving. That He wants them to feed upon His love, His acceptance, His nurture, and He will fill them as he heals them.

By taking care of ourselves we are able to work with people at a deeper level that is helping them for a lifetime, instead of for the moment.

Dave Poulette

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2015 SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The Task at Hand*
- *New Partnership*
- *Volunteers are blessed in the serving*
- *Lifeline Philippines starts it's own Church*

We wish to thank and acknowledge the GPE branch of the Ministry of Housing and Social Development for their generous contributions of \$20,000.00 for 2015. 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.

“We want to help facilitate Lifeline's heart desires. How can we assist in your dreams for Lifeline Outreach Society.” These were the words said to Dave and I one amazing day from MCC representatives who sought us out by the leading of the Holy Spirit. It was absolutely astonishing to hear that they did not want to take over or

reinvent the wheel but rather to partner up with someone who was already doing the work of the Lord and assist in building a stronger program for serving those less fortunate here in Abbotsford. After prayer and more meetings, we are proud to say that we have now partnered up with the Mennonite Central Committee Abbotsford and

are looking forward to what God has planned with this union for the Lord has said **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Introducing Dave Hague

Week after week, God has put it on the hearts of many wonderful people who come and help this ministry to 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.



Dave Hague
Lifeline's New Board Member

I have been volunteering with Lifeline Outreach Society for the past 8 years and have been recently elected to the board. I first heard about lifeline through a newspaper article in the Abbotsford Times. At the time, my wife Louise and I were feeling God's call on

our lives to get out there and do something for people in need. When I saw the article I asked Louise "How about Lifeline?" Unknown to me, she had already read the same article! The article touched both our hearts almost simultaneously; we felt the Lord directing us to this ministry.

We enjoy serving in this ministry because when we visit the poor; God changes us. He surrounds us with His presence and fills us with compassion for the needy and down trodden of society; we feel our hearts grow as we minister. We have developed many friendships with the other volunteers. More importantly, we have also developed many friendships with those to whom we serve. A special and unique bond has formed. It feels like a family get together when we deliver our hot and nutritious food items

made with a lot of love and care from the old blue bus.

We are thankful for the Lifeline Outreach Society because the Lord has been merciful to us as he has added a wonderful dimension to our Christian walk with Him. For me personally, it is an honor to serve on the board in a ministry of such high integrity that is so very rich in purpose.

David Hague BSc, Med,
Lifeline Outreach Society
Board Member

Thank you Dave for your loving participation in serving those less fortunate. Lifeline has benefitted greatly from your love, dedication, encouragement and servanthood approach and we look forward to the many years of working together that the Lord allows.

Volunteers Share Their Heart

God is so amazing, if we have faith and trust in him, he takes us on a journey that allows His will to live thru us. This is the case with my involvement with Life Line. God has been gracious and given me the opportunity to be a servant to the less fortunate while reconnecting with my families history. I listened to my Grandfathers stories and the gratitude he had to the MCC and the relief shipments, which saved his life in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution. After coming to Canada my Grandfather George Thielmann had an opportunity to give back and decades later I have followed his example of being a servant to the less fortunate. To take a quote from my grandpa my goal is to be what I believe, "A gracious servant of the Lord."

Shawn Nolan

"I use to be afraid to approach someone who was homeless, thinking that they would hurt me or try to steal my belongings so I joined Lifeline because it seemed a safer way to reach out to those who are hurting. Now after serving with

God ministers to those who come to the bus but He also works in the volunteers hearts to transform their lives as they serve.

the "Blue Bus" for numerous years, I can say that my outlook on homelessness, disabilities, brain injury and addictions have changed considerably and in understanding that I could be one pay cheque away from similar hard times myself, I definitely would want people like Lifeline out there sharing God's love and provisions to help me through till I found better times. God has changed how I look at and judge people and has given me purpose in the kingdom work.

Given me purpose in the Kingdom work

My first experience with serving the less fortunate was not very compassionate because I really did not understand what was going on. I thought that they should get a job like the rest of us.

The majority, when looking through compassionate eyes, have become as they are because of terrible trauma that most of us will never experience.

It is sufficient to say that the friendship evangelism that Lifeline people practice results in the people we serve sharing with us the reason they need help. I won't say what was shared with me, but when a person or couple ask for prayer for salvation or help you know they trust you.

To be trusted is what we as a group have become, Ministers of Jesus, non judgmental and trusted. Now we can serve and really make a difference. In Him;
Ken Smith

Our Filipino Outreach Receives Land to Build a Church

"Then the King will say to those on His right, come, you who are blessed by My Father; Take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer Him, Lord when did we see You hungry and feed You or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or see You sick or in prison and go to visit You? The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it for Me" Matthew 25:34-40



Feeding program is a large part of the blessings to those who gather.

Lifeline Outreach Ministry in the Philippines Expands by opening it's own Church.

It is amazing how the natural progression of ministering to the physical needs of the people, spawned the spiritual need for a

volunteers, their hearts opened wide to the truths of the Word and the hunger of the soul was also being addressed through the visitations. In their delight of hearing the truth and feeling the release from their sins, a site was donated for a building to be put in place for the purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We now have a church in Sitio Stop, Barangay Acmonan, Tupi, South Cotabato with Pastor Albert G. Perez of Liberty Bible Baptist Mission ministering weekly.



The Lifeline Church building and congregation of 40 adults plus numerous more children

church to start in the more remote regions. To those in the area the loving kindness of another reaching out with supplies, love and the gospel was unheard of and when they encountered the unconditional love of the Father through the

that have dedicate themselves to sharing with those who come there prayed in 50 conversions and have dedicated their lives to God. This has also spurred the desire for many young people to go to Bible school so they in turn will share where ever the Lord leads them in their lives. Amazing Fruit already a reality. Praise God

2014 Update
January to November 70 bags of groceries given out monthly for indigent people except for the

month of May we gave school supplies to more than 300 students. In the month of December we gave over 100 gifts packs of groceries as well as took the volunteers out for a special dinner for all their hard work

The Gospel is now shared in schools, in our Good News class every Saturday and Young Peoples Program every Sunday afternoon.



Children's Ministry to over 50 beautiful recipients

Lifeline reaches out with an additional feeding ministry each month to random different locations in the community where a hot meal is served to those who gather. We call this "ambush feeding". The people are literally surprised by the serving of a hot meal. As a result, Lifeline Ministry is getting to be well talked about, loved and welcomed by these regions to say the least

Thank you to all who support this needed outreach

A POEM FROM THE HEART

GIVING BACK

The group, they're cold and hungry.
They line up down the street.
Patiently they wait
For something hot to eat.
Many lost and lonely souls,



All in need of love.
I'm sure the help they need
Could come from up above.

The only difference between them and me,
Of this I'm extremely aware:
The decision to pick

up a pipe,
Now, that would bring me there.
For years, while going nowhere,
These food-lines helped me survive.
But the love I felt from these people
Was what really kept me alive.

ANDREAS