



## In this edition ...

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Summer has officially arrived and we couldn't be happier that life is about to slow down a bit. There will be fewer Sundays to preach, fewer church events and, hopefully, fewer demands as we all take some time off with our loved ones.

In this issue, we provide you resources for slowing down, reflecting, and resting.

- Read how child sponsorship changed the life of Hevé and her family
- Refresh & grow through podcast suggestions for your summer listening list
- Participate in the Canadian Resilient Pastor survey
- Learn 5 Ways Pastors Can Take Advantage of Summer
- Discover Fun Things to Do With Your Kids This Summer to Grow Their Faith

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."*

Psalm 23:1-3



## Sponsorship Turned Hevé's Life Around

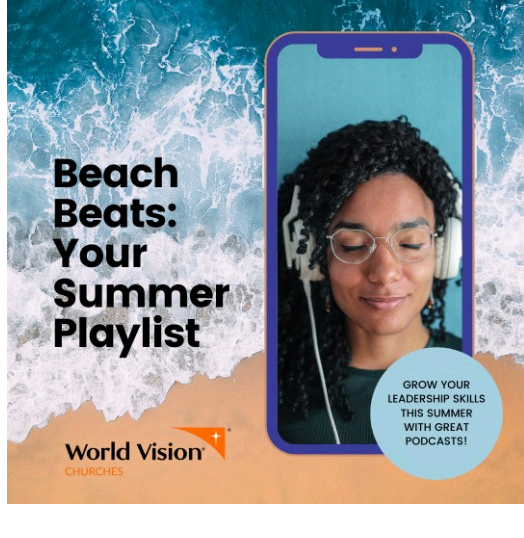
Hevé is a 12-year-old sponsored child in the sixth grade. She lives with her mother and older brother in Karawa, the North Ubangi province of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Hevé's mother is disabled and struggled paying for Hevé's education growing up. Buying clothing and feeding the family was also difficult. Hevé was often expelled from school because her fees weren't paid on time.

Her mother's disability limited her ability to work—she could knit but didn't have great supplies to do it. When World Vision came to their community, Hevé became sponsored. Shortly after, her mother received some goods from World Vision with the intent to help her turn her knitting hobby into an income-generating activity.

Hevé's mother soon began selling her knitted creations and raising goats. She found a new lease on life! She was able to buy uniforms, notebooks, a school bag, and shoes for Hevé to attend school.

"I couldn't imagine that one day our mother, with her disability, would raise goats, start an income-generating activity and strengthen her knitting trade," she says. "Now I'm going to school with the hope of finishing my studies and one day becoming a national deputy. I would like to thank World Vision and all our sponsors who have committed themselves to helping the most vulnerable."



### Summer Podcast List

Refresh and grow through these suggested podcasts. Add them to your summer listening list:

[Barna 'The Resilient Pastor' Podcast](#)

[CCLN Canadian Church Leaders Podcast](#)

[The Right Side Up Podcast with Danielle Strickland](#)

[The Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast](#)

[Fight Hustle, End Hurry Podcast](#) (on Spotify)

[Crossmap Podcasts](#)

[The Christian Post Daily Podcasts](#)

[Edify Podcast App](#)



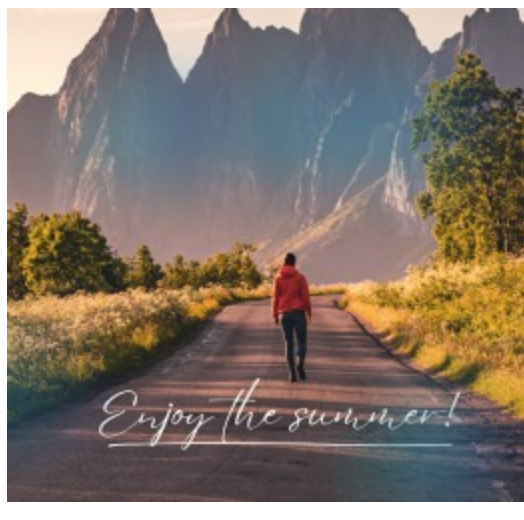
### Participate in the Resilient Church Leader Survey!

World Vision Canada and Barna Group are partnering on an important and ambitious global research project concerning church leaders. We want to hear from you about your experiences as a church leader in Canada in your community. If you are any kind of church leader (part-time, full-time, or volunteer), we invite you to complete a survey so that we can better understand your perspectives, experiences, challenges, and stories.

We would be honored to learn from you and sincerely appreciate the time you may take to participate. It is a brief, anonymous survey that will take 15 - 20 minutes to complete. And, please feel free to share this opportunity with any of your colleagues for their input.

As a result of this survey, we will be creating a Canadian Resilient Pastor report that will be made available to you in the future.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)



### 5 Ways Pastors Can Take Advantage of Summer - by Brandon Hilgemann

Data from the Resilient Pastor research in the US shows that between 2015 and 2022, all aspects of pastors' well-being—spiritual, mental and emotional—experienced a significant decrease.

Overall quality of life, having true friends and even the respect pastors say they receive by those in their community have all dipped lower.

Do yourself and your family a favour and take a vacation—a real vacation. Things like mission trips, church camps, or vacation Bible school don't count, even if the word "vacation" is in the name.

Turn off your phone, leave the laptop at home, and get away somewhere to spend some quality time with your family.

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### Fun Things to Do With Your Kids This Summer to Grow Their Faith

Researchers affirm what Christian families have known intuitively for years: Families that eat together, pray together and play together are stronger. But today's crazy schedules and priorities make it more difficult for families to do this.

As you raise your children the way they should go, find the time to enjoy the journey. To assist you, we've included these ideas from a Focus on the Family article (2022) to help you nurture your children's faith in fun ways.

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Aug 8-9: [GLN Global Leadership Summit](#)

Oct 17-18: [GLN Global Leadership Summit](#)

Nov 11-14: [CCLN Pastors Retreat](#)

2024/2025: [Youth Worker Conferences](#)

Feb. 22: [Today's Teen Conference](#)



## PRAY WITH US

From Chris Schroeder, Head of Churches and Christian Partnerships:

Summer is a great time of year! Children's activities end, school ends, and hopefully, our busy schedule takes a breather and we get some well-deserved time off.

We hope this edition of *Engage* encourages you to rest and for the next couple of months. Our Church Advisors will be doing the same but we will continue to pray for you, and your Advisor would still welcome an iced coffee on an outdoor patio if you want to [connect](#) over the summer.

P.S. We want to pray for you! Please [TEXT](#) or [EMAIL US](#) your personal prayer requests and the Church Team will pray specifically for you.



Many blessings, Chris Schroeder  
Your World Vision Church Advisor

If you have any questions or would like to connect with me directly, please [email](#) or book a virtual coffee on my [calendar](#).