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Hello Friend!

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year to say "thank you" to the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness, and for World Vision Canada to say thank-you for your partnership with us this past year to transform the lives of vulnerable children.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Phil:3-6

We are thankful for you,
World Vision Church Engagement

In this issue:

- Learn how cash voucher assistance boosts a family's livelihood in Bangladesh
- Download Barna's latest research insights, "Parenting the Open Generation"
- Turn the tables on child sponsorship and give children the power to choose
- Read "Without Gratitude, We Fail at Love" to explore the concept of Biblical gratitude
- Participate in the Canadian Resilient Pastor survey

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

Psalm 9:1-2



Cash Voucher Assistance: Accelerating Hope for Families

Across the small yard, in the country of Bangladesh, stands the humble abode of Salima, where she lives with her husband, Abdul Gafur, and three children.

A few years ago, the oldest daughter experienced a severe road accident that required several operations. "We had to sell our grocery shop and other belongings to cover her medical expenses", Abdul recounts. The accident stripped away the family's livelihood and the children had to drop out of school. The father and son work as daily laborers but their earnings do not cover the needs of their family.

231 households from the most vulnerable communities, such as Salima's, were provided with Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA) to boost their family's livelihoods, thereby reinforcing their capabilities and concurrently addressing child protection necessities.

"When I was registered for this assistance, I was very hopeful upon hearing about the cash. I was thinking of investing the money into something profitable," says Salima. Salima invested half of the money into purchasing a goat, aiming to contribute to their family's livelihood through the sale of milk. The goat has become a beacon of hope for this distressed family and they consider it a significant member of their household. The remaining money was invested to plant rice this year.

"I hope we will have enough rice to meet the family's needs until the next season. Additionally, I intend to sell some rice and save the money to grow rice again in the next season," Abdul says with determination.

World Vision's CVA program helps to move families towards self-sufficiency, and provides dignity and hope for parents.

HELP US END POVERTY



Parenting the Open Generation

In a world with such need, raising teenagers to be faith-filled followers of Jesus can be a challenge for parents and leaders alike.

World Vision has partnered with Barna and Tenx10 to bring you eight practical principles to help guide the faith formation of teenage kids.

Read, save, and share this resource to help shepherd this incredible generation of young Christians.

DOWNLOAD NOW



Giving Children the Power to Choose

Let's flip the tables on traditional child sponsorship! Introduce your church to a life-changing ministry experience built around the innate desire to be seen, known, and to matter.

When your church hosts a **Chosen** event, and people sign up to be Chosen, children in need are empowered to choose their sponsors. This life-changing gift can help address the root causes of children's poverty, empowering children, their families, and their communities, to claim lives filled with possibilities.

Learn more about **Chosen** and the impact your church family can have on the lives of vulnerable children.

LEARN MORE



Without Gratitude, We Fail at Love - by Hal Willis

"While we cannot choose who our neighbour is, our obligation to love people as our neighbours is not a debt or duty; instead, it is an obligation that arises from gratitude, which has important implications. But why gratitude? And does gratitude really oblige us to anything?"

[READ MORE](#)

Participate in the Resilient Church Leader Survey!

World Vision Canada and Barna Group are partnering on an important and ambitious global research project, and we want to hear from you! If you are a 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.

Have your voice heard during this brief anonymous survey (15 min). This survey will result in a report that will be made available to you in the future to support your leadership in the years to come.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

2024

- Nov 1-2: [Youth Worker Conference \(Winnipeg\)](#)
- Nov 8-9: [Youth Worker Conference \(Calgary\)](#)
- Nov 11-14: [CCLN Pastors Retreat](#)
- Nov 15-16: [Youth Worker Conference \(Moncton\)](#)

2025

- Jan 25-26: [Youth Worker Conference \(Saskatoon\)](#)
- Jan 31-Feb 1: [Youth Worker Conference \(Abbotsford\)](#)
- Feb. 22: [Today's Teen Conference](#)

PRAY WITH US

Our teams are on the ground in the West Bank, in Lebanon, in Jordan, and in Syria. We are responding to the current crisis – just as we have done for previous outbreaks of violence. Our local and international staff have decades of experience working in the most difficult contexts.

An update on the situation in Lebanon:

- 1M+ people, including children, have fled for their lives
- 9800+ people are suffering from injuries; many are children
- 222,963+ hot meals have been provided by World Vision to hungry children and families



Please join us as we pray for the children in Lebanon experiencing the repercussions from the recent conflict. To support emergency response in Lebanon, click [here](#). And, the Government of Canada is matching donations dollar-to-dollar up to \$3 million.

P.S. May we pray for you? Please [EMAIL](#) us your personal prayer requests and the Church Team would be blessed to 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](#).

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization working to create lasting change in the lives of children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Inspired by our Christian values, World Vision is dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

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