“LET US START REBUILDING. SO THEY BEGAN THIS GOOD WORK.” Neh. 2:18

Spiritual renewal often begins with one person’s vision. Nehemiah had a vision, and he shared it with enthusiasm, inspiring Jerusalem’s leaders to rebuild the walls. When we encourage and inspire others, we put teamwork into action to accomplish God’s goals.

Building relationships with others takes intentionality and usually hard work. Love is the only effective motivation for our actions. We love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). Love transcends any sense of duty. When improperly motivated, people may speak of duty, responsibility, and obligation. Love speaks of opportunity to express itself. This love transcends any sense of duty and throughout Scripture is characterized by action.

Building bridges of love into a community can be as diverse as the beautiful architectural bridge structures. God gave Nehemiah a huge task using one man to change the history of his world – that of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. He organized, managed, supervised encouraged, met opposition, confronted injustice, and kept going until the wall was complete. Nehemiah had a radical faith that compelled him to step out to fulfill God’s clearly defined agenda, at great personal risk and sacrifice.

Most visions never get off the ground as we believe that we need to see the ways and means before we take action. Christianity is not complicated. We simply love God and man with our entire being. If we love God, we do what He commands. If we love others, we serve without reserve.

When God does something great, He starts with one person who has an idea, a dream, a vision, and a heart that is completely His. Are we ready and willing to be renewed, centered, and strengthened in our calling displaying a heart of compassion and love — the essence of faithfulness and the foundations of our Christianity?

The challenge is indeed daunting, but with God at the helm, we can accomplish all that He purposes.

We appreciated the opportunity to share Bridges of Love’s vision with the Lethbridge Evangelical Ministerial Association. They have a strong group of Pastors and Ministry Leaders who support one another in their various endeavors.

Rocky View County Wildfire Exercise

CERT Grads, Heather Green and Altus van Tonder, were on hand to answer questions in the Reception Centre at Rocky View’s recent Wildfire Exercise. From the debriefing reports, the exercise went very well and was an excellent learning session, for all those who participated. We appreciated Rocky View’s invitation to attend as exercises are so very valuable for testing the emergency structures.

CEMA’S DISASTER ALLEY

Emergency Preparedness Week kick-off “Disaster Alley” was blessed with a beautiful day for their event at McMahon Stadium. Many visitors participated in our emergency CERT wheel of fortune. It proved to be an excellent learning resource as well as great fun for all ages.

South Centre Mall Emergency Fair

Cameron Nikitiuk, CERT Grad had non-stop traffic to our booth at South Centre Mall’s Emergency Fair. He appreciated the support from many visitors and from the South Centre Mall organizers. He looks forward to attending other events.