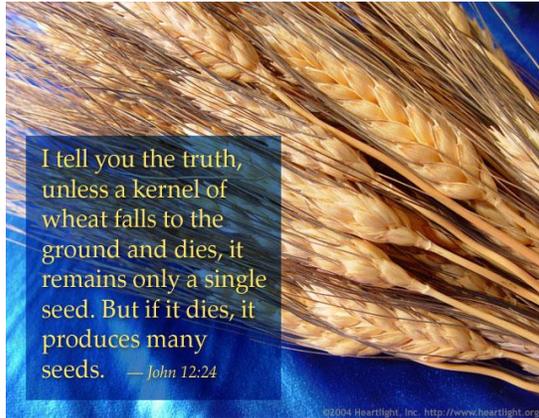




# BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – July, 2018

“JESUS REPLIED. THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED” John 12:23



I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. — John 12:24

This is a beautiful picture of the necessary sacrifice of Jesus. Unless a kernel of wheat is buried in the ground, it will not become a blade of wheat producing many more seeds.

John Piper shares in his article, “Dying as a means of Loving” is the way we see Jesus and the way we show Jesus. He reveals himself to us as a Person who goes to glory and bears much fruit by dying—by hating his life in this world. That’s what we see. And then he says, “Follow me. Die with me. Hate your life in this world with me. Serve me.” And if we do, we show Christ to the world. Christ means to be seen by every people group in the world. And the way he means for it to happen is by our becoming like him in his dying so that others may see him in us.

The way is hard and glorious. If we see only the hard part, we miss the power and the freedom. If we see only see the glorious part, we will minimize the sacrifice.

The secret of a disciple’s life is devotion to Jesus Christ, and the characteristic of that life is its seeming insignificance and its meekness. Yet it is like a grain of wheat that “falls into the ground and dies”— it will spring up and change the entire landscape.

### WISDOM FROM OSWALD CHAMBERS

The Christian Church should not be a secret society of specialists, but a public manifestation of believers in Jesus.

### DYING AS A MEANS OF LOVING

After two years trying to sell our condo in Calgary, God’s timing is now! PTL



As many know, we are optimistic and excited to expand Bridges of Love, by purchasing a facility in Claresholm, AB. Our fund raising initiative “[Operation Stone Soup](#)” has been on-going for several months. The facility is still available so we will continue our efforts with great gusto, once we get settled. In the main time, we have purchased a half-duplex in Claresholm, which will accommodate our office.

Five years this month since the 2013 Alberta Floods. I am sure this devastating event is still very fresh in many people’s minds, especially those who were directly affected by the raging waters.

The Government of Canada’s Get Prepared website shared, “In Alberta, a tornado can strike quickly with significant damage. Wildfires can threaten communities and restrict movement. Heavy rains can cause flash flooding. In addition to natural disasters there are other types of risks such as power outages, and industrial and major transportation incidents. There is also the possibility of intentional acts including terrorism on Canadian soil. These hazards could happen in your community.” **Are you ready?**



### BRIDGES OF LOVE “TRAIN THE TRAINER”

#### Community Preparedness

The Shepherd's Staff facility will provide training, resources, and mentoring for communities across Canada to be ready to respond to any disaster. A framework for a proven and tested emergency training system (CERT), and a resource distribution system, provides solutions that will equip communities to be prepared **BEFORE** disaster strikes.

#### “OPERATION STONE SOUP”

*By working together, with everyone contributing what they can, greater good is achieved.*



CERT is a grass roots strategy that is both practical and realistic, strengthening community safety and preparedness, through increased civic participation.