



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – August, 2018

“LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED” John 14:1

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3

Jesus’ words show that the way to eternal life, is prepared and secure. These verses are rich with promises for what He has prepared for those that believe and love Him. Our life and eternal destiny with God is secure through Jesus Christ.

For the past year, we have been praying for God to prepare a place for Bridges of Love. We were initially looking for a home where we could live as well as have room for the ministry. Six months ago we came across a former Law Office that appeared perfect for the ministry with a generous basement that could be finished as our residence. After looking into this possibility, however, we could not purchase this Commercial property personally unless we rezoned and then they would not let us make any changes to build a suite downstairs. Bridges of Love would have to purchase the property to make it feasible.

We were told properties did not move too quickly in Claresholm, so we felt confident God would save the property until we had our funds in place. Fund raising efforts immediately went into action through “Operation Stone Soup.” Our first activity to raise awareness of our intentions was an invitation to introduce Bridges of Love to the Claresholm Ministerial. There was good attendance at their meeting where the vision for Bridges of Love and The Shepherd’s Staff was shared. We were indeed optimistic that this was God’s plan and we were being obedient.

ANSWERED PRAYER

After two years of ups and downs trying to sell our one bedroom condominium in Calgary, it finally sold June 10. So much prayer had gone into this sale from many, so we were all giving praise to the Lord for answered prayer, believing His timing was perfect. The buyer wanted possession on July 4 so that gave three weeks to pack and find another residence. Since the Shepherd’s Staff was clearly what God had called us to, we knew Claresholm was our destination. Once we were settled, we would step-up our fund-raising efforts for the former Law office.

A duplex with a finished basement was purchased as our home and temporary location for Bridges of Love. Since our office belongings were stored for over a year, we wanted to move it from the MI Box as soon as possible, in order to not incur more expense.

Upon arriving in Claresholm, a stop was made at the Post Office, to secure a Postal Box #. The Post Office, located across the street from the former Law office, was also next to the Real Estate Company that listed the property. The ‘For Sale’ sign was laying on the grass so we made an inquiry whether there was any interest in the property. Much to our disappointment, we were told the property just sold and the sign would be going up shortly. By the time we drove away, the sign was indeed posted, July 4th, our moving day.

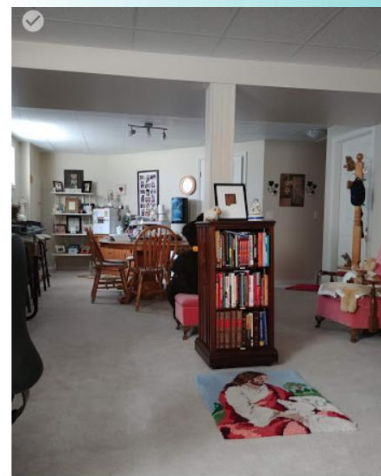


**YOU BELIEVE IN GOD,
BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.**

Even though this news was not what we planned for or expected; God ways are not our ways. We know He has us and Bridges of Love here for His purposes.

*Oswald Chamber’s daily devotional for July 4th read...
“Do not fret—it only causes harm” Psalm 37:8*

Fretting rises from our determination to have our own way. Our Lord never worried and was never anxious, because His purpose was never to accomplish His own plans but to fulfill God’s plans.



The Shepherd’s Staff