



# BRIDGES OF LOVE

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“But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Luke 10:29

## Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan

Christ’s mission was to reveal God the Father to people; bringing often difficult ideas down to a level others could understand. He explained God’s love through parables, teachings, and most of all, his life.

A very familiar parable in Luke tells of a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho where he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest and Levite going down the same road saw the man lying on the side of the road and passed by on the other side.

A Samaritan also came by the man and had pity on him bandaging his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He then went beyond the call of duty, taking him on his own donkey to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, instructing him to look after his needs.

Jesus asked, “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

From the parable we learn three principles about loving our neighbour:

1. Lack of love is often easy to justify, even though it is never right;
2. Our neighbour is anyone of any race, creed, or social background who is in need; and...
3. Love means acting to meet the person’s need. Wherever you live, needy people are close by. There is no good reason for refusing to help.

“Life isn’t about getting and having, It is about giving and being” Kevin Kraus



## NEIGHBOURHOOD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Shifting from a ‘government-centric’ to a ‘whole community’ philosophy which considers citizens as collaborators and partners, is a new concept for Canada. The community is a rich resource when alert, well-prepared and ready for emergencies; standing in the gap when catastrophic events overwhelm the existing disaster response agencies.

September 27, Bridges of Love facilitated their second **CERT CANada Summit**. Representatives (28) from the church, community and non-profit sectors came to learn how to protect themselves, family and neighbours. There was also concern for the vulnerable populations both at work and in the community.

Comments from those who attended the various sessions:

- *Everyone should take this course! Thank you for your hard work for putting this together.*
- *Thanks for persevering Marg!!*
- *Fabulous day. Thank you for sharing! Look forward to the next one.*
- *Fantastic! Lots of info.*
- *Beyond my expectation! I thought I'd be bored. ☺*
- *Good variety of information.*
- *Hands on exercise identifying ICS functions were very good.*
- *Excellent info and speakers.*
- *Right amount of information – created a questioning, learning environment.*
- *Stayed on the direction of CERT – we now know where we fit.*

Community Emergency Response Team training is very basic but it heightens awareness and gives additional skills helpful for saving lives and protecting property. After the Summit one attendee expressed how he now realized how little he knows about Disaster Medical Operations so desires to take additional training. CERT Summits are intended as an introduction to a broad base of topics which opens the door for further conversations, planning, practical exercises; forming CERT teams in each community.

## CERT 2 CANada SUMMIT



THANK YOU PRESENTERS & PARTICIPANTS



Fire Safety & Utility Controls



Disaster Medical Op.



Food Safety



Personal Preparedness/CERT Kit



Psychology of Disasters

