



# BRIDGES OF LOVE

2004 IN REVIEW

## LOVE IS ACTION

*What if the 21st century was more than the dawn of a new millennium? What if, for the churches of Canada, it commenced a new spirit of cooperation? What if pastors reached out to one another, embracing one another in love, no longer competing with, but supporting one another, praying with one another, crying out to God for their community, working together?*

### WHAT IF??

In the great bridge collapses of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, pride has often been the culprit, with deadly results. By some accounts, as many as one in four bridges collapsed. As commerce expanded in this new age of mobility and the demand for more bridges increased, people were dying.

All of these disasters, experts now believe, could have and should have been prevented. Engineers and bridge companies—often working in isolation, competition, and the pursuit of reputation and money—were simply negligent. Their failure to cooperate with others, to seek help and assistance and where appropriate, to work together became the tragic downfall of their bridge-building efforts.

- ♥ Isolation
- ♥ Competition
- ♥ Pursuit of reputation

These, not the lack of competence or skill, proved to be the REAL enemies of bridge building.

If spiritual maturity is defined in terms of living the life and serving the world, then most evangelical churches are, at best, investing in only the first half of the battle. Today we need the additional investment of developing a process that equips people to serve better, not just live better. If not, we are doomed to a self-focused immaturity and the church to the sidelines of the community.

Making this move usually involves a reversal of critical perspective: from being served to serving, from finding community in the church to impacting the community as the church, from retreating to influencing, from isolation to engagement, for the church of my needs to the church of good deeds.

This is a huge personal transition...what are the roadblocks that one must personally overcome to embrace this transition?

Robert Lewis -The Church of Irresistible Influence

For the past year, I have been seeking to assist churches on this road of transition. It has been a time of building my own 'bridges' within the community, churches and beyond.

**Mission Statement: LOVE IS ACTION**  
*Applied Christianity - Living life in such a way that we evaluate people and our relationship with them around: 'What can we do to build a bridge to 'One Soul' at a time, demonstrating the LOVE of Christ?*

**Vision Statement:**  
*'Intentional Christianity' - To empower all Christians to be intentional about leading their lives so that they might truly be disciples of Christ and in turn will make disciples of Christ.*

God's desire is to set us free, filled with passion and urgency to live for His purpose. When we begin to take initiative, we do the good that we see needs to be done, and we grow in our passion to move in the right direction.

There is nothing that will bring greater excitement or fulfillment than making our life count in a meaningful way. God has called me outside my personal experience and comfort zone. It is often with great trepidation that I step out and say...'Yes Lord'. I know, however, as long as I stay close to God, He will continue to direct my path and supply in every way.

This past year has been one of learning and I have appreciated so much my sessions with the National Evangelism Partnerships. Our Round Table discussions each six months affords such valuable conversations and sessions that are not only thought provoking but instructional. I thank the Lord for allowing me the privilege of being part of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. I look forward to building a strong team of partners across Canada in my Compassion Track..

I also thank each of you, who have partnered with 'Bridges of Love'. I have appreciated and valued your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Special thanks to my Team - Herb Arnold, Tom Pollon and Louise Post, for your prayers and Godly wisdom in building this ministry. And especially to my Lord, who is my Strength and Guiding Light.

"God is calling us to build global twin towers of justice and peace. We need to create a coalition of compassion. If we ignore the world, we betray the word of God, which sends us out to serve the world. If we ignore, the word of God, we have nothing to bring to the world."  
The Micah Declaration on Integral Mission

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

- ♥ **Board placement** - Herb Arnold, Tom Pollon, Louise Post.
- ♥ **Incorporated Bridges of Love as a Society** - June 2004
- ♥ **National Evangelism Partnerships with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada- Compassion Track Coordinator**  
[www.nationalevangelism.ca](http://www.nationalevangelism.ca)
- ♥ **City Wide Prayer Rally** - Committee Member, as of March, 2004.  
[www.citywideprayer.ca](http://www.citywideprayer.ca)
- ♥ **Micah Challenge Facilitation Team** - National Church Mobilization  
[www.micahchallenge.ca](http://www.micahchallenge.ca)
- ♥ **Representative for International Media/Website/Promotion Advisory Group** - Micah Challenge
- ♥ **Country Love** - Held a Gospel Country Concert in Airdrie, uniting the churches to support an outreach event.
- ♥ **Celebration 2005** - EFC Helping to mobilize churches for this outreach event.  
[www.celebration2005.ca](http://www.celebration2005.ca)
- ♥ **Women in Leadership Conference 2006** - Committee Member
- ♥ **Calgary Evangelical Ministerial Association** - Treasurer
- ♥ **Facilitator for Seminars & Video Showings.**
  - ✓ 'Growing in Love' Seminar
  - ✓ 'Let the Sea Resound' Video
  - ✓ Design Your Design Workshop



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