



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION

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“AND I WILL BRING THEM BACK TO THIS LAND.”

Jeremiah 25:6



In God's eyes, Jeremiah was one of the most successful people in all of history even though throughout his life, he stood alone. Declaring God's messages, announcing the new covenant, and weeping over the fate of his beloved country, success, as measured by God, involves obedience and faithfulness. The basic theme of Jeremiah's message was simple: **"Repent and turn to God, or He will punish."** Because the people rejected this warning, Jeremiah then began predicting the destruction of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah urged God's people to return to God from their sins. For 40 years, he served as God's spokesman to Judah. During that time the people ignored, rejected, and persecuted him. Jeremiah's preaching was unsuccessful by human standards, yet he did not fail in his task. He remained faithful to God despite looking unsuccessful with no money, family, or friends.

Serving the Lord in ministry is often daunting, but over the past 20+ years, we have learned to trust Him one day at a time. Do we still feel discouraged at times, yes, indeed! We are human and unfortunately, fall short of what God expects. Keeping our eyes on Him, instead of on our circumstances is the answer to serving with joy and a commitment to not grow weary.

How very fortunate we are to welcome Felicia Smith as Bridges of Love new Operations and Technical Support Specialist. She has already exceeded our hopes and prayers and has fit in like a glove! We thank Felicia for being the answer to our prayers! God always gives a little extra and He did not disappoint, with Felicia's husband Chad networking our office printers. Thank you to you both!

FELICIA'S FEATURE



As a newcomer to both Bridges of Love and Red Deer, I'm excited to share a bit about my journey and the work I've been diving into this month. My family and I recently relocated from abroad, and joining Bridges of Love has been a meaningful part of our own personal rebuilding process.

In partnership with Marg, our dedicated Executive Director, we've been working on an exciting initiative to help us establish strong connections in our new community. We're thrilled to be hosting a "Coffee & Pie" meet-and-greet on Wednesday, August 28th, from 1-3 PM. Add your text here. Edit to add dynamic values like name, email and more.

This event is a key step in our efforts to build our presence here in Red Deer, strengthen our Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative (FEPI), and forge new partnerships with local churches. Our aim is to create a robust network of support that aligns with the core values of Bridges of Love and helps us serve the community effectively.

I'm deeply grateful for the warm welcome I've received and the opportunity to collaborate with so many wonderful people. I look forward to meeting many of you at our upcoming event and continuing to build a vibrant, supportive network together.

Join Us For
COFFEE & PIE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28TH
1:30-3PM
Bridges of Love Ministry

RSVP by Aug 27th

5206 53 Ave. #302
Red Deer, AB
Phone: 587.272.0535

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COFFEE & PIE

We warmly invite all church leaders or admin in the Red Deer area to join us for a casual coffee and pie gathering. This is a great opportunity to put a face to the name, get to know each other, and explore how Bridges of Love Ministry can support your church's community outreach and preparedness efforts.

*mmm...apple pie!
Apples, apples! Oh yes, Crunchy
Juicy, sweet, mighty munchy!
Crisping, crinkling up so high,
To pick some apples for a pie.
Toss them, toss them, now I'm quick,
Putting hand will do the trick.
Our baskets full so off we go,
To show the apples, full the trough.
Add sugar, apples too
A pinch of cinnamon, that will do.
Bake it, bake it, till it's done
Apple pie! Yum! Yum! Yum!*

Please RSVP by phone or email.
Parking is available next door at Potter's Hand Church
We look forward to having you!

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It was indeed a pleasure to meet many churches while hand-delivering our Coffee & Pie invitations in the city of Red Deer. If you did not receive an invite to this event, please let us know, as we'd love to meet you!

Please R.S.V.P. 403.616.0536

Join Us in Strengthening Our Community's Safety and Preparedness!

We're reaching out to you because we believe that every person deserves a safe and well-prepared community. Your support can make a vital difference in our mission.

What We Need:

- **Operational Funding:**

To keep our programs running smoothly and continue to serve our community, we need consistent funding for operational costs. Your donation will help us maintain our services and ensure that we're always ready to respond.

- **Training Room Rental:**

A dedicated training space will enhance our CERT program, allowing us to offer more effective and frequent training sessions. This space will be a hub for education and preparation, crucial for expanding our reach.

- **Subsidizing CERT Training Costs:**

We aim to make CERT training accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial situation. Your support will help cover the cost of training for those who cannot afford it, ensuring that no one is left unprepared.

How You Can Help:

Your contribution will directly impact our ability to provide these essential services. Whether it's covering operational costs, securing a training room, or subsidizing training fees, every donation counts!

Be a Part of the Solution:

When you donate, you're not just giving money—you're investing in the safety and resilience of our community. Together, we can create a network of preparedness that empowers individuals and organizations to support each other in times of need.

We accept EMT transfers at margpollon@bridgesoflove.net or you can click the **DONE NOW** button below.

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(CANADA HELPS)

*Thank you for considering a donation to **Bridges of Love**.
Your support is a bridge to community strength and resilience.*

