



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – December, 2015

“For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie” Habakkuk 2:3

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:3

Evil and injustice seems to have the upper hand in the world, especially as of late with the recent terrorist attacks. It is easy to get discouraged as we witness these senseless acts creating fear all over the world. As did Habakkuk, we often complain vigorously to God about the circumstances.

God's answer to Habakkus is the same answer He would give us, **“Be patient!** I will work out my plans in my perfect timing.” It is not easy to be patient, however, when circumstances are over-whelming and we just want a solution to the suffering.

God told Habakkus, **“Wait for it.”** To trust God fully means to trust Him even when we don't understand why events occur as they do and often take longer to resolve than we anticipate or expect.

We must trust that God is directing all things according to His purposes. Even though we don't understand why we must live through difficult times with perhaps no sign of hope, we know God's plans are higher than our plans.

God will give His followers steady confidence through difficult times. Evil will not triumph forever. God is in control, and He can be completely trusted to vindicate those who are faithful to Him.

At the proper time, God will bring about His justice and completely rid the world of evil. In the meantime, God's people need to live in the strength of His Spirit, confident in His ultimate victory over the sins of this world.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:21

SENDAI FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Last month Public Safety Canada held its 6th Annual National Roundtable on Disaster Risk Reduction here in Calgary. Margareta Wahlstrom, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, introduced the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030. The Sendai Framework was adopted at the Third UN World Conference in Sendai, Japan, on March 18, 2015, identifying the most significant shifts as a strong emphasis on disaster risk management as opposed to disaster management.

The expected **Outcome** of the Sendai Framework is a substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods, and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

The **Goal**, to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk through the implementation of integrated and inclusive economic, structural, legal, social, health, cultural, educational, environmental, technological, political and institutional measure that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience.

While some progress in building resilience and reducing losses and damages has been achieved, a substantial reduction of disaster risk requires perseverance and persistence with a more explicit and broader focus on **people-centered preventive approach** to disaster risk.

Ms. Wahlstrom affirmed Bridges of Love's focus and stressed the **importance** of churches being involved in emergency preparedness; ready to assist communities in time of disaster, loving others through their efforts and behavior.

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 7 Bridges of Love Ministry



EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO Rocky View County Fire Services





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“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God...” James 1:5a

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5

James is speaking of wisdom as not only knowledge but as the ability to make wise decisions in difficult circumstances. We can ask for God’s wisdom to guide our choices.

The wisdom we need has three distinct characteristics (Life Application Study Bible)

1. ***It is practical*** – The wisdom from God relates to life even during the most trying times. It is not a wisdom isolated from suffering and trials. This wisdom is the tool by which trials are overcome. An intelligent person may have profound ideas, but a wise person puts profound ideas into **action**.
2. ***It is divine*** – God’s wisdom goes beyond common sense. Common sense does not lead us to choose joy in the middle of trials. This wisdom begins with respect for God, leads to living by God’s direction, and results in the ability to tell right from wrong.
3. ***It is Christ like*** – Asking for wisdom is ultimately asking to be like Christ. The Bible identifies Christ as the “wisdom of God.”

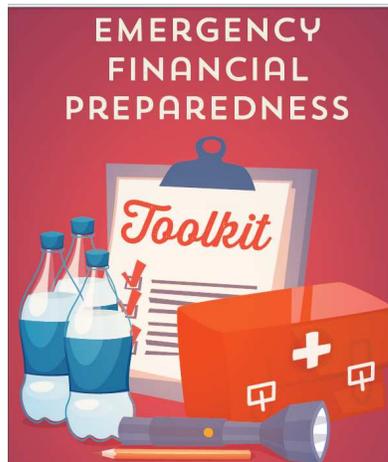
“Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed.” Proverbs 15:22

Being locked into one way of thinking, might close minds to new options. Having assistance from those who can enlarge our vision will broaden our perspective. Reaching out for advice from those who know us and have a wealth of experience will build a network of Christian advisers. As we are open to new ideas we can prayerfully weigh suggestions to make informed and wise decisions.

FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

In the face of an emergency, we know how to secure our property and stock up on necessary supplies and water. Another important aspect of emergency preparedness is often neglected. In the aftermath of a disaster, we should not be concerned about searching for account information, or retroactively trying to remember details of possessions during an already stressful time.

Financial Preparedness plays an important role in emergency preparedness providing resources to stockpile emergency supplies, cope with unexpected financial pressures, and to minimize losses. Emergency financial documents are among the easiest things to prepare, ensuring you have everything you need readily available during an emergency.



Alberta is dealing with an economic down turn. What better time to consider best practices for Financial Preparedness? **Sean Baylis, RBC Dominion Securities**, Key-note Speaker for Friday Evening’s CERT Summit 7 Session, will share his experience and expertise to help us be wise in our financial preparedness planning. Safeguarding our finances and important records is easy if we start early; before a disaster occurs.

CERT CANADA Summit 7

Location: Ambrose University

Date: November 27-28, 2015

Sessions Include:

Friday Evening Key-note
Speaker - **Sean Baylis, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. - Financial Preparedness**

Saturday Modules:

Fire Safety & Utility Controls
Search & Rescue
Terrorism
CERT Organization

Adult: \$149.00

Student: \$99.00

Included: 8 Modules & Friday Evening Key-note, Friday dessert, Sat. lunches, literature, CERT kit & Cap, Certificate & ID Card

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CERT SUMMIT 8, EARLY 2016





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LOVE IS ACTION – October, 2015

DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH... MATTHEW 6:19

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Matthew 6:19-20

I was taking a coffee break during a family conference in Kentucky when Will walked up and stood beside my chair. He was about nine. He asked if I wanted to donate to a mission's project.

"What would you use my money for?" I asked. Will held out a radio. "This radio runs by sun power," he said proudly. "It's for people who live in the jungles. People can listen to this radio to learn things and hear about Jesus."

I decided on the spot to make Will an offer. "Tell you what," I said. "I'll give to your project, but I have a rule that says you have to give money first." On one of his donation cards, I wrote out my proposal:

Will, if I give one to five dollars, I'll give double what you give. If you give six to ten dollars, I'll give triple what you give. If you give eleven to twenty dollars, I'll give four times what you give.

I signed my name and Will read the card. By the time he was finished, his eyes were as big as saucers. Then suddenly his face fell, and he stared at the floor.

"Don't you like my idea?" I asked. "Yeah," he said, shuffling his feet. "Well, what are you going to do?" "Nothing." "Nothing?" "I can't," he said. "I already gave everything I had..."

I felt a pang in my heart. "You mean you put all your money in your own fund drive?" I asked. He nodded. "So you can't buy any more snacks for the rest of the conference?" He nodded again.

At that moment, I knew what I needed to do. "Actually, Will," I began, "I also have a rule that if you give everything you have, I will give everything I have too."

"Whatever I give to God on earth He will more than give back to me in heaven."

A Life God REWARDS, Why everything you do today matters forever
Bruce Wilkinson with David Kopp

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 6

September 26, 2015 marked Bridges of Love's 6th CERT CANada Summit taking place at Samaritan's Purse. Six new CERT graduates proudly received their cap, Certificate, ID card, and CERT equipment kit. Two of our attendees, doctors from Medical Ambassadors International, are taking what they learned to the Philippines to assist in the development of resilient communities.



We so appreciate our first rate CERT presenters. Some have been with us since the first event a year and a half ago and others are helping out when the regular trainers have other commitments. As always, our evaluation results have been very positive and an encouragement that we are on the right track.



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LOVE IS ACTION – September, 2015

FOR GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF CONTROL. 2 Timothy 1:7

“A church rooted in the living Lord is a church that encourages people to move beyond their comfort zones and invest themselves in face-to-face, person-to-person, hands-on kinds of ministries.”
George Gallup Jr.

How does a church move its people from personal agendas to kingdom causes?

Finding ways to transition congregation members into areas of effective service can seem overwhelming. Individuals have wills, needs, agendas, fears, and dreams of their own. It can be a challenge to introduce sacrifice, discipline, and giving which involves a reversal in critical perspective.

Dr. Robert Lewis¹ says it well. *“This transition means moving from being served to serving, from finding community in the church to impacting the community as the church, from church of my needs to the church of good deeds.”*

Dr. Lewis identifies four obstacles to making this transition. Let us take a look at the greatest obstacle and suggestions for how to over-come.

1. FEAR – Fear may be the biggest enemy to personal ministry, so a large part of leadership responsibility will be in helping people move through it. It will take time to think seriously about how to personally make a difference *“out there”* beyond the safe boundaries of the church. Having fear of the unknown and fear of inadequacy both hinder serving opportunities. Being afraid...we don't think we measure up, the task is too big, our abilities too small, and our lives too sinful!

So how does one dispel the paralyzing fear that grips many believers and convince that the abundant life resides only through the mystery of the cross--losing yourself in love for others by simple good works that display the love of Christ.

Anything done in the name of Christ, in the name of LOVE, is ministry. The more it touches real needs and vital areas, the more influential it will be. We must broaden and enrich the concept of personal ministry; we must bless, affirm, and be willing to release people into areas that may not directly benefit the church itself.

Fear is one of those obstacles that stalk the church but it can be over-come. Let us become churches of Irresistible Influence as we build bridges of love to the community.

¹ Dr. Robert Lewis; **THE CHURCH OF IRRESISTIBLE INFLUENCE**, Zondervan, 2001.

OVERCOMING FEAR

by Maryjane Peters

Bridges of Love's University Summer Student

When Marg Pollon called to let me know I had been officially hired as a summer student for Bridges of Love, I was ecstatic! I was so excited to spend the summer working under Marg, being inspired by such a hard working, motivated, passionate woman. As a university student, I couldn't wait to get out of the classroom and gain real world work experience by working for a ministry.

I personally do not attend Church and therefore, was inspired by Marg's vision for Bridges of Love to connect the church and the community. I was excited to immerse myself in the church community and to learn more about all of the different denominations in Calgary. My largest task for the summer was to call all of these churches, almost 400 in fact, and gather vital information to input into our emergency response database.

I must admit that at first I was rather nervous to reach out to the churches and personally speak to the staff over the phone. I was anxious that I would mispronounce terminology, or that I was wasting people's time when I called to ask them to complete the resource form.

However, I soon realized that collecting this information was not only my job, but vital to the community of Calgary to be prepared in the face of a disaster. With the completion of each phone call and each form came the realization that I was building a network of support for both the churches and the community as a whole. I became more confident and passionate about my task, and felt connected to the church community by interacting with members on the phone.

I am so thankful to everyone who took the time to help me. You all made a wonderful impression on me that will truly stay in my heart forever.

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 6

Saturday, September 26

Location: SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sessions Include:

- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations
- ✓ Food Safety
- ✓ Psychology of Trauma
- ✓ Personal Preparedness

COST: \$149.00

Includes: 8 Modules & Friday Evening Key-notes, Friday dessert, lunches, literature, CERT kit & Cap, Certificate & ID Card

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CERT CANADA Summit 7

Location: TBA

Date: November 13-14, 2015

Sessions Include:

Friday Evening Key-notes -TBA

Saturday Modules:

Fire Safety & Utility Controls
Search & Rescue
Terrorism
CERT Organization



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – August, 2015

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:19

Just as a great amount of training is necessary for emergency activities, so we must also train diligently for the Christian life. Such training takes time, dedication, energy, continued practice, and vision.

Missionaries and ministry workers know only too well, trusting God takes maturity and a belief in what God promises. Philippians 4:19 affirms He will meet ALL of our needs as we accept His provision and power to live for him.

God has a way of calling us on attitudes that are not in line with His teachings. I will never forget the struggle when my husband was hoping to raise support to work as a missionary for Wycliffe. This was a new experience for us and I was not very encouraging that this was how I wanted to live. After many months of going through the process – we decided it was not God’s timing and we let it go...

Raising support for missionary work is not an easy task and it takes perseverance and a trust that we are on God’s agenda. One must believe God has indeed called us to the mission to know He will provide.

Bridges of Love begins its 12th year of ministry this month. It has been amazing to see God supplying our every need; year after year.

Some charities receive their revenue from one source and then it is difficult to sustain if that stream dries up. We have been fortunate over the years to garner support from family, individuals, companies, churches, and grants.

Establishing an ‘eternal partnership’ with any ministry is a blessing to not only the recipient but also to the giver. We would appreciate your prayerful consideration to partner with Bridges of Love as we start another year serving the Lord connecting church and community through emergency preparedness. Thank you!

ALBERTA HAZARDS

We cannot prepare for everything so it is important to know the hazards which are more prevalent which pose the greatest threats to your family and community. We will look at one threat which has become a recent concern in our City.

Tornado touched down southwest of Calg Environment Canada

Funnel clouds spotted, hail as big as golf balls reported in city
CBC News Posted: Jul 22, 2015 12:50 PM MT | Last Updated: Jul 22, 2015 7:50 PM MT



The funnel cloud was visible from the top of McHugh Bluff north of downtown Calgary on Wednesday. (Submitted by Carol Lewis)

What do you look for?

- The “obvious” is not always as obvious as we think.
- Tornadoes may appear nearly transparent until they pick up dust and debris.
- Tornadoes can be wrapped in heavy rain, which may limit visibility; however, because tornadoes are associated with powerful updrafts, rain does not always fall in or near tornadoes.
- Occasionally tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert to signs of an approaching tornado, notably the sound that is something like an approaching freight train.
- Clues that a tornado may be forming or has formed are high winds and very large hail. Be alert for these clues and to take protective action, even if no tornado warning is issued

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 6

September 26, 2015

Location: Kahanoff Centre,

Date: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sessions Include:

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- ✓ Personal Preparedness

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LOVE IS ACTION – July, 2015

"BUT WHEN HE SAW THAT THE WIND WAS BOISTEROUS, HE WAS AFRAID..." Matthew 14:30

*"...Peter...walked on the water to go to Jesus.
But when he saw that the wind was
boisterous, he was afraid..."
Matthew 14:29-30*

What kinds of **risks** are worth **taking** for the **sake** of **Christ** and his kingdom?

Often church becomes a spectator sport. We sit and observe but never get in the game. The kingdom of God is a story about people who take risks. What does taking a risk actually mean? Not knowing the outcome when engaging a new endeavour could be perceived as risky behaviour.

When circumstances could cause harm; fear is a common response. Such an event took place when Peter was in the boat and a terrible storm unexpectedly came up. Peter didn't see the waves so he wasn't concerned. He simply recognized his Lord, stepped out in confidence, and walked on the water. It wasn't until Peter took account of what was going on around him that he instantly went down. He lost his focus on God so self-consideration took over.

Heather Mack, Director of Government Relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada shared at our recent Summit... **"The real RISK if doing nothing."** We are often afraid to step out to help others due to fear of getting hurt or perhaps hurting someone else and being liable.



If we debate for just one second when God has spoken, we might lose an opportunity. Be reckless—totally unrestrained and willing to risk everything—by casting our cares upon Him.

FIRE SAFETY & UTILITY CONTROLS



**Deputy Chief, Monty Armstrong
Rocky View County**

Unit Topics

- Fire chemistry
- Fire and utility hazards in the home, workplace, and neighborhood
- CERT sizeup
- Fire sizeup considerations
- Firefighting resources
- Fire suppression safety
- Hazardous materials

CERT Role

CERTs play very important role in fire safety by:

- Extinguishing small fires
- Preventing additional fires by removing fuel sources
- Shutting off utilities
- Assisting with evacuations, when necessary

CERT Priorities

- Help in emergencies before professional responders arrive
- Rescuer safety is number one priority
- Always work with a buddy
- Always wear safety equipment

CERT Goal:

**Doing the greatest good
for the greatest number**

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 5



**Heather Mack, IBC
Volunteers & Liability
Dr. Terry Krauss, Meteorologist
Alberta Hailstorms**



**CERT & Terrorism
Integrated National Security
Enforcement Team, R.C.M.P.**



**CERT ORGANIZATION
Marg Pollon, Bridges of Love**

CERT SUMMIT 6 – Part 1 September 26, 2015

Kahanoff Centre, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations
- ✓ Food Safety
- ✓ Psychology of Trauma
- ✓ Personal Preparedness

COST: \$149.00

Includes: Food, Literature, CERT Kit & Cap, Certificate & ID

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LOVE IS ACTION – June, 2015

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" - Hebrews 13:16

Throughout the Bible, we frequently find God's children sharing with each other over a meal. The sharing of a meal is perhaps the most intimate form of fellowship.

Many years entertaining guests at our Bed & Breakfast taught us a great deal on the topic of sharing our table with guests from around the world. It was our custom to not only serve our visitors but to spend time getting to know them over breakfast. We had many wonderful conversations and often hearty laughs as we enjoyed our time together. Many years later we still reminisce about the people we met and the discussions we had around our table.

Operating a Bed & Breakfast was a very special experience. It came with regulations, however, and standards that had to be met. One such regulation required we attend a Food Safety course. I was hesitant when I first learned of this requirement, as thought; I have been cooking all my adult life—why is it necessary to take a food handling course?

After learning the statistics for the number of many Canadians who get sick from food poisoning, we can clearly see the need for proper food handling procedures.

When a disaster strikes, people want to help. Knowing the procedures and requirements **before** the event will give confidence and assurance the prepared food will be shared with those who are in need and not thrown in the garbage. If food is not prepared in a safe environment and by people who have the proper credentials, unfortunately, that is often the end result...

Throughout the ages, the local church has been a place where sharing of food is a common practice. We appreciate the warm hospitality that accompanies church membership. There are now opportunities to go a step further, as we learn how to be prepared to safely share food with communities, when there is a need.

FOOD SAFETY

Food safety is a scientific discipline describing handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that prevent food borne illness. This includes a number of routines that should be followed to avoid potentially severe health hazards.

Each year an estimated 11 – 13 million Canadians are ill from food borne illness. Food borne illness, commonly called food poisoning, is caused by consuming food or beverages contaminated with bacteria, the toxins or poison that some bacteria produce, viruses, parasites, or moulds. These are called pathogens or harmful microbes.

For the past 4 CERT Summits Jason Feltham, CPHI(C) Public Health Inspector, Environmental Public Health AHS has done an excellent job sharing relevant information for our Food Safety module. Part of his presentation includes guidelines for emergency donation facilities.

During a Disaster

When providing food during an emergency or disaster situation, it is critical to know safe food handling.

It is essential to:

- ✓ Understand the hazards,
- ✓ Recognize risky situations, and
- ✓ Know control measures.



Sharing food in any circumstance requires proper food handling. Food safety matters!

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 5

CERT Summit Modules

Friday, June 12, 2015

Ambrose University 6:15 PM – 9:30 PM

- ✓ Key-Note: Alberta Hailstorms, Dr. Terry Krauss, Meteorologist
- ✓ Key-Note: Volunteer Liability – Heather Mack, IBC

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Ambrose University, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

- ✓ Fire Safety & Utility Controls – Chief Randy Smith (Rocky View County)
- ✓ Search & Rescue – Chief Randy Smith (Rocky View County)
- ✓ Terrorism – Cpl. Eyvi Smith, RCMP
- ✓ CERT Organization – Marg Pollon, Bridges of Love Ministry

September 26, 2015

Kahanoff Centre, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations – Dr. May Mones
- ✓ Food Safety – Jason Feltham
- ✓ Psychology of Trauma – Beth Henry
- ✓ Personal Preparedness – Brent Davis



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LOVE IS ACTION – May, 2015

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. Ecclesiastes 4:9

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIV)

Cooperating with others, working together as a team, has advantages. God intended and designed us for companionship, not isolation. We were put on this earth to serve God and others.

John Maxwell explains what a team can do for us.” *Teams are incredible things. No task is too great, no accomplishment too grand, no dream too far-fetched for a team. It takes teamwork to make the dream work.”*

- ✓ *Teams make us better than we are.*
- ✓ *Teams multiple our value to others.*
- ✓ *Teams enable us to do what we do best.*
- ✓ *Teams allow us to help others do their best.*
- ✓ *Teams give us more time.*
- ✓ *Teams provide us with companionship.*
- ✓ *Teams help us fulfill the desires of our heart.*
- ✓ *Teams make everyone on the team a winner.*

The essential element for Community Emergency Response Team training is to have identified TEAMS in place. Working together and looking out for each other are important aspects of successful CERT training.

CERT principles are clearly in line with biblical teaching as we look out for one another, loving our neighbour not only in times of disaster, but anytime there is a need.

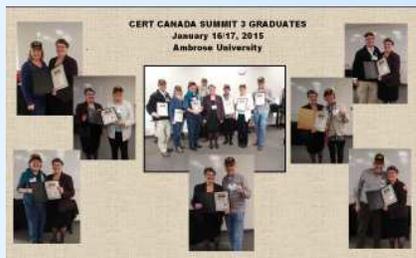
One person seeking glory doesn't accomplish much. Success is the result of people pulling together to meet common goals.

John Maxwell

CERT ORGANIZATION/TEAMS

The specific CERT organizational structure and protocols provide:

- A well-defined management structure (e.g., leadership, functional areas, reporting chain, working in teams)
- A manageable span of control that provides for a desirable rescuer-to-supervisor ratio of between three and seven rescuers per supervisor
- Common terminology that contributes to effective communication and shared understanding
- Effective communication among team members and with professional responders, including the use of radios
- Consolidated action plans that coordinate strategic goals, tactical objectives, and support activities
- Comprehensive resource management that facilitates application of available resources to the incident in a timely manner
- Accountability



In a disaster situation, the CERT:

- Identifies the scope of the incident (What is the problem?)
- Determines an overall strategy (What can we do, and how will we do it?)
- Deploys teams and resources (Who is going to do what?)
- Documents actions and results

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 5

CERT Summit Modules

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- ✓ Key-Note: Alberta Hazards - TBA
- ✓ Key-Note: Volunteer Liability – IBC

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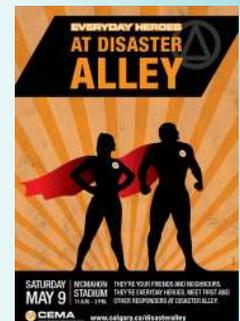
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Emergency Preparedness Week

Come join in the fun at Disaster Alley
Please visit Bridges of Love's booth





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LOVE IS ACTION – April, 2015

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24:42

Prepared for Christ's Coming

Recruiting people ahead of a disaster is often difficult. We tend to think of emergencies and natural disasters as happening to someone else and definitely somewhere else... Ignorance of the unknown is often the greatest hindrance and anxiety and fear cripples effective service.

More important than preparing for a disaster, however, is being spiritually ready for Christ's return. The Bible says that no one knows the hour of his return but the coming of the Lord will be sudden and at an unexpected moment. The Lord's coming is likened to the thief in the night who is unexpected and surprises his victim. Even though the Lord has not told us when His coming will be, it is always presented as imminent.

Jesus admonishes us, "Be ready." "Be on the alert." You do not know when the thief will come, but He is coming. There will be no opportunity for last-minute repentance or bargaining. The choice we have already made will determine our eternal destiny.



"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:2-4

Are you ready for the second coming of Jesus Christ?

INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

In this unit you will learn about:

- **Roles and Responsibilities for Community Preparedness:** How everyone in a community has a role in disaster preparedness and response.
- **Elements of Disasters and Their Impact on the Infrastructure:** The potential effect of extreme emergencies and disasters on transportation, electrical service, telephone communication, availability of food, water, shelter and fuel, and emergency services.
- **Personal and Organizational Preparedness:** How you can prepare in advance to improve the quality of your survival and to reduce the damage from hazards.

Bridges of Love's goals:

- ✓ Tailor activities to engage all sectors of the community
- ✓ Identify and build on existing strengths
- ✓ Increase collaboration in the community
- ✓ Expand integration of community resources into plans and protocols
- ✓ Encourage personal and organizational preparedness through outreach, training, and exercises
- ✓ Promote volunteer opportunities for ongoing community safety and surge capacity in disasters



72 hr kit

Instructor: Brent Davis, Samaritan's Purse, Emergency and Disaster Response Manager

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 4

Cert Summit Modules

Part 1 – April 11, 2015

- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations
- ✓ Food Safety
- ✓ Disaster Psychology
- ✓ Personal Preparedness

Part 2 – Friday, June 12, 2015

- ✓ Key-Note: Alberta Hazards - TBA
- ✓ Key-Note: Volunteer Liability – IBC

Saturday, June 13, 2015

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LOVE IS ACTION – March, 2015

“I TELL YOU, WHOEVER ACKNOWLEDGES ME BEFORE MEN...” Luke 12:8

‘I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God.’ Luke 12:8

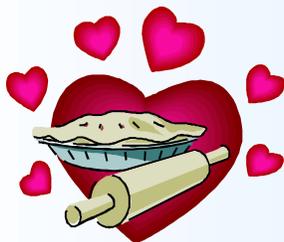
THE POWER OF ‘PIE’

Imagine for a moment you live in the culture of Jesus’ day. World events don’t arrive via digital signals to screens in your home. Books are not generally available, and you cannot listen to CD’s of your favorite speaker.

How did Jesus communicate, and what do His ancient methods have to say to this generation. How did He pass on His values and equip twelve men to start a church that would shape civilizations and attract billions of followers.

When Jesus spoke to or ate with people deemed unworthy by others it sent out a powerful message. Ordinary behavior such as eating together spoke of acceptance, acceptance sparked trust, trust released hope, and hope sought salvation.

Over the years, a little tradition has evolved through our ministry that has warmed the heart and tummies of many a contact. The gift of an apple pie has built relationships quicker and more effectively than any other means. I love to bake them and other enjoy the love that is baked into every bite.



Eating together signified fellowship and acceptance, with a redemptive power when practiced by Jesus. Jesus did not come with mere words of wisdom before scurrying home to a spiritual fortress. He lived among and ate with the ordinary people of His day. He was their friend as well as their Saviour.

Bridges of Love’s CERT Summits has opened opportunities to engage with people from outside the church community. We have enjoyed fellowship around the table as we connect through the common interest of emergency preparedness.

INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY

In this unit you will learn about:

- **Disaster Psychology:** The psychological impact of a disaster on rescuers and victims and how to provide “psychological first aid.”
- **Caring for Yourself, Your Buddy, and Victims:** Immediately following, and after a disaster.

CERT members learn how to prepare themselves for their role during and following a disaster by learning about the possible impact of disasters on themselves and others; emotionally and physically. This knowledge will help CERT members understand and manage their reactions to the event and to work better with others.

This unit addresses basic techniques for providing psychological first aid and “field expedient” and trauma intervention.

Psychological first aid is not therapy; rather a set of techniques to provide emotional intervention during field operations. The techniques covered in this unit will help manage one’s personal situation so that the needs of all survivors, including victims are met.

Unit Objectives

At the end of this unit, CERTS will be able to:

- Describe the disaster and post-disaster emotional environment for victims and rescuers.
- Describe the steps that rescuers can take to relieve their own stress and that of other disaster survivors.



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CERT CANADA SUMMIT 4

Cert Summit Modules

Part 1 – April 11, 2015

- ✓ Disaster Medical Operations
- ✓ Food Safety
- ✓ Disaster Psychology
- ✓ Personal Preparedness

Part 2 – Friday, June 12, 2015

- ✓ Key-Note: Alberta Hazards - TBA
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LOVE IS ACTION – FEBRUARY, 2015

‘YOU SEE THAT HIS FAITH AND HIS ACTIONS WERE WORKING TOGETHER’ James 2:22

“You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.²² You will see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.”²⁴

James 2:22, 24

It is not enough to talk the Christian faith; we must put it into action. The proof of the reality of our faith is a changed life. Genuine faith will inevitably produce good deeds. James shares practical advice on living the Christian life.

There are many barriers that divide: age, appearance, intelligence, political persuasion, economic status, race, theological perspective... The list goes on and on. Christ’s love is stifled when we are friendly with only those people we like or are like us.

Jesus did not ask God to take believers out of the world but instead to use them *in* the world. As Jesus sends us into the world, we should not try to escape from those who are non-Christians. We are called to be ‘salt and light’ doing the work God sent us to do.

Bridges of Love’s Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative (FEPI) facilitates the development of an integrated network of local churches to complement and enhance performance with existing secular emergency management agencies. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training provides basic training and skills to care for self, family, and community; strengthening community safety and preparedness, through increased civic participation.

James says, *“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?”* True faith always results in deeds, but deeds do not justify us.

“DOING THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER”



CERT DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS

The need for CERT members to learn disaster medical operations is based on two assumptions:

- The number of victims could exceed the local capacity for treatment.
- Survivors will attempt to assist others. CERT members will need to know lifesaving first aid or post-disaster survival techniques.

The Importance of Quick Action



Phase 1: Death within minutes as a result of overwhelming and irreversible damage to vital organs

Phase 2: Death within several hours as a result of excessive bleeding

Phase 3: Death in several days or weeks as a result of infection or multiple-organ failure (i.e., complications from an injury)

These phases underlie why disaster medical operations are conducted as they are (by identifying those with the most serious injuries as soon as possible and treating those with life-threatening injuries first).

In a disaster, there may be more victims than rescuers, and assistance from medical professionals may not be immediately available. CERT personnel are trained to be part of disaster medical operations and to provide:

- Treatment for life-threatening conditions — airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock — and for other, less urgent conditions.

The greatest good for the greatest number of people by conducting simple triage and rapid treatment.

CERT CANADA SUMMIT 3



Wayne Cao, MLA
Honorary CERT Member



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LOVE IS ACTION – JANUARY, 2015

“BUT EACH ONE SHOULD BE CAREFUL HOW HE BUILDS...” 1 Corinthians 3:10b (NIV)

"But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

The foundation of the church—for all believers—is Jesus Christ. Paul affirms that nothing and no one else will do. A building with no foundation, or one poorly built, will not last – especially through a disaster, such as an earthquake.

A building is only as firm as its foundation. Any builder will testify there are two sure ways to destroy a building. Tamper with the foundation or build with inferior materials. The church must be built on Christ, not on any person or principle.

Life has its many challenges, so without an unchanging system of beliefs and moral values, everyday life is over-whelming. Over the past year we have witnessed many disasters that devastated parts of the world causing thousands of deaths and loss of property. The suffering was great and many lost everything they held dear. Even though homes were built on what were assumed to be secure foundations, they could not withstand the forces of nature.

Disasters remind us what can happen if we build our lives on the wrong foundation. All may be well until stresses and strains act like a mighty force to disrupt and cause our foundation to crumble. Hopes and dreams are shattered.

Money, success, and pleasure bring no lasting satisfaction so sooner or later the storms of life will overwhelm if not built on the Lord Jesus Christ. We need a solid foundation beneath our lives—a foundation that will give strength and stability no matter what happens.

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who build his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Now everyone who hears these sayings of mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell. And great was its fall"

Matthew 7:24-27.

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

A pandemic is a global disease outbreak. Pandemics are characterized by the sudden onset of an extremely virulent pathogen with potentially lethal results. Though historically pandemics have been caused by a wide variety of diseases, today influenza poses the greatest risk to reach pandemic proportions.

Pandemic influenza differs from seasonal influenza. While the threat of a global flu pandemic is relatively remote, preparedness is essential to managing a pandemic.

PANDEMIC FLU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Like any other community-wide disaster, the most important step in pandemic flu preparedness is to have a sound plan. Research and experience has shown that the implementation of a community strategy can significantly delay or reduce the impact of a pandemic.

It is the job of your local community to establish a sound plan to enact in the event of pandemic. Individuals can, however, help by preparing in their homes and workplaces.

ASSESSING THE RISK

The likelihood of a pandemic influenza event occurring is nearly impossible to predict with any certainty. Hindsight indicates that a pandemic is likely to occur at least once every century, although recent advances in medicine may decrease that statistic in the future.

Regardless of the statistical likelihood, almost all competent sources suggest that the practical likelihood of pandemic flu occurring in the future is approaching 100 per cent.

GET INFORMED AND STAY INFORMED

Knowing the facts is the best preparation. Identify sources you can count on for reliable information. If a pandemic occurs, having accurate and reliable information will be critical.



CERT CANADA SUMMIT 3

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Cert Summit Modules:

- Alberta Hazards – Key Note
- Pandemic Influenza – Key Note
- Psychology of Disasters
- CERT & Terrorism
- Personal Preparedness
- Food Safety
- CERT Organization/ICS
- Fire Safety & Utility Controls
- Disaster Medical Operations
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