



Bridges of Love

"DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH." 1 John 3:18



"Little children, let us not love in word or speech but with actions and in truth". This verse emphasizes that genuine love is demonstrated through tangible actions, sacrifices, and serving others rather than mere words.

What **"Love in Action"** means in the Bible

- **Sacrifice:** Following Christ's example by serving others, even at personal cost.
- **Sincerity:** Genuine love that is not hypocritical, but real.
- **Meeting Needs:** Practical generosity and helping others when needed.
- **Endurance:** Persevering through trials and not giving up on people.

Bridges of Love tag line since we began this ministry 23 years ago, has been "Love is Action". When Bridges of Love was birthed, we did not know the vehicle for this message would be through Emergency Preparedness. God opened this door of opportunity, and we believe the need for our services is greater than ever!

Our focus was and remains, we believe in the extraordinary power of church and collectively what the body of Christ can accomplish and demonstrate during times of crisis. Our mission is to connect individuals, churches, and networks, fostering an environment where collaboration flourishes. Through our dedicated coordination, accessible resources, and targeted training, we equip communities to survive and perhaps even thrive even in adversity.



Emergency Preparedness Week, 2026 runs from May 3–9, 2026, with the national theme "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks," highlighting the need to prepare for local hazards. Coordinated by [Public Safety Canada](https://publicsafetycanada.ca), the week encourages creating emergency plans and kits to ensure safety during disasters. [Canada.ca](https://canada.ca)



Alberta's new theme for 2026: "In It Together"

Before, during and after an emergency—we are "In It Together". According to the Preparedness Survey of Albertans, actions that require social connection and coordination—such as knowing neighbours, identifying who may need help, or having a community support system—are among the least common preparedness behaviours.

Only 12% of Albertans report having a community support system, which leaves individuals, households and communities more vulnerable when emergencies occur. Low preparedness increases reliance on emergency services, slows recovery and exacerbates stress, financial hardship and inequities during disruptions.

A LOCAL RESPONSE BRIDGES OF LOVE'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK EVENT

Bridges of Love's local response for Emergency Preparedness Week stands out because it doesn't treat preparedness as a one-time awareness event—it turns it into a coordinated, faith-driven, community-wide mobilization. Here's what makes it genuinely unique:

1. Church-Centered, Not Just Community-Based

Most preparedness campaigns are led by governments or emergency agencies. Bridges of Love uniquely positions local churches as frontline hubs—places people already trust—making preparedness more relational, accessible, and sustained.

2. Fully Integrated System (Not a Standalone Event)

This isn't just a week of tips or workshops. It connects directly into:

- FEPI (structured emergency coordination)
- CERT training (practical skills)
 - Alberta Recovers (post-disaster recovery)
 - Crosswalk (ongoing care)

That means participants aren't just informed—they're plugged into a functioning response network.

3. From Awareness to Action

Typical preparedness weeks focus on "be ready."

Bridges of Love goes further by:

Registering church resources
Identifying volunteers

Establishing emergency contacts

Building real response plans

So, churches move from ideas to implementation immediately.