



## Meet the Missions Team

We asked our team members three questions:

1. What excites you about 'missions'?
2. How do you see God at work, through His people, at Bow Valley?
3. What gifts do you bring, for His Glory, to the Missions team?

### Sandra Osborne

takes on a new missions role . . .

We welcome Sandra as the Global Missions Director. We asked her to share her heart for missions. "For we have this treasure in jars of clay" (2 Cor 4:7).



This is a word picture that captures the "why" of missions. Missions is about sharing the treasure (God's story of love, redemption and reconciliation) through jars of clay (the lives of willing and obedient Christ followers who want others to personally experience God's love and faithfulness). The treasure is shared in the work of Bible translation, English language ministries, social justice, Christian higher education, camping ministries, church planting and leadership development.

(The BVCC family) is financially generous and faithful - many of our supported missions could not do the work God has given them if we did not provide finances. People desire to pray - that may be a positive of the last 18 months. We are more willing, determined, intentional about being people who pray. We are gradually relinquishing our independent mindset and learning to surrender our desire to be in control.

I love to listen and encourage people to recognize and develop the gifts God gave them and then to do



### Bow Valley will be hosting a Lifeline Meal Packing

Saturday, November 6th, 3:00—5:30pm

Come pack meals for struggling families.  
We will gather the ingredients  
— you get to put them together.

Sign up and/or donate at:  
<https://bvccchurch.ca/bvcc-meal-packing-2021/>



## Thanking our Supporters!!!

Sincere thanks to all those who continue to support BVCC Missions and our partners.

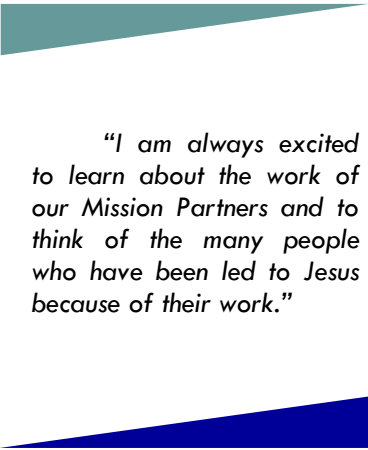
Our monthly budget for 2021 is \$8305.00, with \$7580.00 going to our missions partners. We can report that our average monthly giving, year-to-date, is \$ 9763.58.

This places us in a strong position to meet our commitments to our partners around the world, as they follow their specific calling to help others find and follow Jesus. We can maintain our reserve funds and dream of supporting short term missions, as the world opens up to travel.

the good work that is theirs to do. My desire is to help the Missions team imagine new possibilities for how Bow Valley, both as a community and individually, might share God's love with the rest of the world. My desire is to empower others to action.

**Ann Lidgren** is the longest standing member on our team . . .

I am always excited to learn about the work of our mission partners and to think of the many people who have been led to Jesus because of their work. I have the chance to hear about efforts in Papua New Guinea to provide God's word in languages where it has not been before, to know that young women in the Philippines are finding safe refuge and hearing of God's love for them, to know that young children and their mothers in El Salvador are receiving essential food packages and practical life changing help. There are so many stories from the missions we support, all of them encourage me



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to try my best and to represent them to the church family at Bow Valley Christian Church.

At Bow Valley Church there are examples of kindness and sharing God's love in almost everyone I meet. I think of Peter Kehler and Jim Edwards right away as they have consistently thought of others and looked for ways to extend help to many in very practical ways but also in their leadership roles and through their prayers they have demonstrated God's love. These two men are definitely the inspiration that brought me to involvement on the Missions team. I could probably continue to list the names of most of the people I know at church as I seem to learn, see God in action and receive inspiration from so many.

I don't see my own gifts very clearly but if pressed to articulate this I think I bring a desire to learn, to help from a distance, and to provide organizational skills to our Missions team. I know I will never travel to Poland or Panama or Thailand but I can advocate for

those who do and I can support the efforts in these and other countries through prayer, through financial giving, and through participation in any local efforts to lift up our mission partners.

**Sean Armstrong** is an experienced traveler . . .

Through missions the church becomes mobile instead of static... bringing it home to others, we meet people where they are at! The early church's apostles did it in small groups and missions can and do for the most part preserve and add to these methods.

I am so grateful that the Holy Spirit led me to BVCC. I come from an Anglican background and glad I did. It shaped my looking to do more. There was and may unfortunately still be a gap, a separation of the church and congregation there. Small groups are not active enough, where as here we preserve the early church's way of truly appealing to all followers to go forth and bring the light of God through a myriad of ways. To me all seems to keep growing at BVCC if not in size but in action. In thought, word, and deed. Prayer, the living word, and connections.

I feel that I am on the potter's wheel. I have been given a gift to have lived and worked in other countries, inspired to go on many sojourns, bringing an understanding of foreign languages, peoples, and lands. I continue to go and immerse myself and share with others. Christ has given me joy in it. God slowly but surely has provided a proving ground for me as a man unencumbered, bringing blessings through Christ and being in them. Amen!

**Mary and Will Borromeo** bring their culture and their hearts to the team . . .

What excites me about missions is the fact that I can be a missionary worker in my own backyard and be actively engaged in witnessing for the Lord. It excites me when I see people purposely devoting their time and resources to encourage church community groups in becoming Christ-centered people. I see God at work through His people at BVCC because the church continues to teach about the transforming love of Christ. I see how God works in the hearts of people through their financial giving to the BVCC missions. Through active giving, the BVCC becomes the "hands and feet" of Jesus to the local and global missions partners.

The gifts I bring to the Missions team consist of spiritual and material gifts. I share God's resources to help mobilize BVCC Missions team's partnership with local and global missions. I do live life with a conscious intention of sharing the gospel to people around me by demonstrating God's love in words and deed.

**Beverly Rutherford** is the newest member on the team and is a passionate missionary . . .

What excites me about 'missions'? The new challenges and opportunities that come with it... to be in a new environment and adapt to it, meet new people and talk to them about God, gain new friends and learn new things.

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As a new immigrant in 2010, I experienced how (BVCC) welcomed me, made me feel at home, supported me in the ministries I was involved in and accepted me as their own. In the last 11 years with BVCC, I have (been impressed with) its involvement in the community, here in Calgary and overseas.

What gifts do I bring, for His Glory, to the Missions team? Quite simply, my willingness to go as the Lord leads.

Departing members of the team are **Linda Anderson** and **Cal Hultgren**. We thank them for their faithful service and know that they will continue to support His mission, wherever He leads them.

## WHY I GIVE...

**Our entire existence  
should be re-oriented and reframed  
as we have a fresh encounter  
with the Lord.**

- Canadian National Christian Foundation

## Pray for our Partners

Please pray for:

**Pioneer Bible Translators** – Pray for the work of Norm and others in translating the bible to reach many in Papua New Guinea. Even at a great distance this important work continues with success in the translation of the book of Luke and in a separate project with success in translating the bible for the Ma-ninka people of West Africa.

**Compassion** – In spite of many challenges with the Covid pandemic, over 15 million food hampers have been distributed and over 10 million sanitation kits have been distributed to families in this program. Praise God that this work continues.

**Refuge of Hope International** – We anticipate a visit from Vienna Mollet in October. Please pray for her safe travel and that she will bring us news of the important work of the Refuge of Hope in the Philippines.

Praise for the strong financial support of the Bow Valley church family for our mission partners. We have been able to continue our regular commitment to all of these vital ministries.



Supporting and equipping those who are called to help people find and follow Jesus, locally and internationally.

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