

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

YWAM  VANCOUVER



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# WELCOME

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

What an honour it is to communicate to you the things God has been doing through us over the past year. Your continued support has been a vital part of everything we've been able to accomplish, and we are deeply grateful.

This year has been filled with activity and carries the unmistakable fingerprint of God. As you'll see in the following report, many lives have been touched and impacted with the Gospel in ways that only He could orchestrate. We are humbled by the opportunities we've had to witness His work.

Our mission remains focused on bringing a holistic Gospel to those around us—affecting our environment, demonstrating the love of Jesus, and showing what He is truly like in every aspect of our work. We've seen firsthand how the message of hope and salvation transforms lives, and we are excited by the impact we've had together.

One of the greatest joys of this season has been working alongside a group of passionate young people who are actively bringing Jesus to Vancouver. These individuals have committed to a time of learning, training, and equipping, and they are already stepping out in faith to share the Gospel with those around them. As they go back to the places God has called them, we know they will carry His love and truth with them.

God cares deeply for the city of Vancouver, even more than we do. We are simply blessed to join Him in this mission—to love our neighbourhoods and reach out to those who have never heard the Good News. Your partnership in this mission makes it all possible, and we could not do it without you.

Thank you for helping us be a part of God's mission to reach the lost and share His love with the world.

May God Bless You,

**Betty Ann Cyr**  
Director  
YWAM Vancouver On The Drive





# OUR SCHOOLS

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

This year, we had the privilege of discipling 8 students from 4 different nations in our **Snowboarders and Skiers DTS (SDTS)**. The school began with a 3-month lecture phase in Vancouver, where our students learned from incredible speakers on topics such as God's character, hearing His voice, and living missionally. Alongside these teachings, our students served with local ministries and frequently visited Mt. Seymour. Despite a poor snow season, we still had plenty of opportunities to connect with and minister to others on the mountain. It was inspiring to see our students sharing their faith and demonstrating the love of Christ in their actions and words.

After the lecture phase, our team of 8 students and 2 staff embarked on a 2-month outreach to Japan. Starting in Myoko Kogan, then traveling to Mikazuki, Osaka, and ending with a debrief in Tokyo, we partnered with local churches, witnessing their passion for Jesus and desire to share the gospel. Through evangelism and prayer, we saw lives touched and even had the joy of witnessing one man give his life to Christ! Upon returning to Vancouver, we spent a week debriefing and reflecting on all that God accomplished.

Since then, our staff have been preparing for the 2025 DTS, as well as serving in our community by helping a food banks, running prayer stations, and serving in local churches. Three of them also enjoyed a season of equipping with our Discipleship Bible School (DBS).



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For our future schools, that God would prepare our students and staff for this season of growing in their relationship with God.
- Past students, that they continue to apply what they learned and glorify God.
- Our staff, that their financial needs would be met and for their physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

8

STUDENTS

5

NATIONALITIES

170+

SERVED IN JAPAN





**JOSH**  
DTS STUDENT

“During Lecture Phase, God had really highlighted to me that I have been created to be lovable, both by Him and by others. My view of God has always been that He is a big important king in heaven who tells us to do things. Which yes, He does, but He also wants to have a relationship with us. He is both our king and our father. And, by being our father, He loves us, which means He made us lovable. I had never thought of it this way until the week of “The Father Heart of God” and “Identity” when I felt God revealing this aspect of Him to me. This was a huge moment for me.”

“One time, Henry and I were walking and praying on Commercial Drive in Vancouver. Then, God showed Henry a specific place to go and when we went, we saw a man sitting in a chair enjoying the sun. We sat with him, started to chat, and ended up talking about Jesus with him. We found out this man used to be a worship leader but stopped going to church. We kept on talking and ended up praying for him. This man continued to visit us at the YWAM office to chat and it was really nice to see God speaking to us and leading every step of this process.”



**ELIANNA**  
DTS STUDENT

“The first two weeks of outreach we stayed in a town called Myoko kogen. During that time we were walking in the streets praying for the place, we gave free hugs, we helped in some English classes, we were able to share our testimony in a beautiful church and we also had our times of worship, prayer and intercession, which were incredible. Even though we didn’t speak much Japanese and there wasn’t much we could do, God taught us to rest in Him and not underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. We did not have the opportunity to share the gospel in the ways we had intended, but we still saw how God moved in everything we did. We understood as a team that it was necessary to know that it was not about what WE had to do, but how much we allowed the Holy Spirit to do through us even with a simple prayer, a hug or even a smile.”



**SAMUEL**  
DTS STUDENT

“Near Osaka, we were serving a church called Jesus Cafe House, where our team was split between different host families at night. I spent lots of time in the evenings with one of the kids teaching him card tricks and talking to him, which was awesome for me. When I was younger we often had students staying at our house for short periods, and I still remember the love they showed us, especially the ones who intentionally spent time hanging out with us. I didn’t realise until then that they were probably sacrificing hanging out with their friends and team members to be with us! I really wanted an opportunity to be impactful on my host family like those students had been to me, and God answered that prayer every day! This showed me how God’s love can be shown despite language and culture barriers, and how God can use me in every situation he puts me in, no matter how small.”



**MICAH**  
DTS STUDENT



# DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE SCHOOL

2024 marked an exciting milestone as we launched our inaugural **Discipleship Bible School (DBS)**—the first of its kind in Canada! Starting in September, we had the privilege of discipling 6 students from Canada, Brazil, India, and the US/UK. Together, we journeyed through the entire Bible, reading from Genesis to Revelation in small groups, where students were encouraged to ask questions, share what God was highlighting to them, and discuss how Scripture is both relevant and applicable to their daily lives. Students also attended lectures that provided historical and cultural context for the Bible, and were encouraged to share what they learned each week in times of evangelism.

Throughout the course, students developed practical skills like facilitating Bible studies and, as their final project, each presented a 45-minute teaching on the Grand Redemptive Story of the Bible. These projects were a beautiful testament to their growth in biblical understanding and their ability to share God's Word with others.

After the lecture phase, we sent a team of 4 Bible School graduates on a two-week outreach to Fort McMurray, Alberta. There, the team taught Bible Overview to the local DTS, led a seminar at Fort City Church, and taught many Bible classes at a Christian school for students ranging from kindergarten to junior high. They also served alongside YWAM's local ministries, participating in youth programs and community initiatives.

It has been a joy to see our students grow in their understanding of Scripture and their passion for God's mission. We look forward to what God has in store for our 2025 DBS!

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For our 2024 graduates as they practice their new skills in their communities and ministries.
- For our 2025 students as they prepare for and participate in this exciting season of discipleship and transformation.
- For our upcoming overseas Bible Outreach in the fall of 2025
- For God's provision of more staff, bigger housing and classroom space for this program.



**6 STUDENTS**

**4 NATIONALITIES**

**180+**

**TAUGHT IN FORT MCMURRAY**





**ZACHARY**  
DBS STUDENT

“During the DBS, I really got to see how God’s faithfulness with his people was playing out. You frequently hear people talk about how good or faithful God is, but sometimes it can be hard to see it in your life. However, when we look back to the Bible and see how He keeps on remaining true to His word with Israel, whether it is by blessing them when they are obedient to him or by sending them into exile as He had promised he would do all the way back in Deuteronomy if they kept on rebelling against him, we can be reassured that he will also be true to His word in his dealings with us.”

“My time in Fort McMurray was really eye opening for me. This was one of my first times getting to really teach what’s in the Bible, why the Bible is important and how we can approach reading the Bible. When you learn or know something, it’s difficult sometimes to remember what it was like before. And getting to teach both young adults and children really opened my eyes to how important having these discussions and showing people these tools are! Overall it was a very encouraging, motivating and exciting time! I would 100% recommend a Bible outreach to everyone!



**ABIGAIL**  
DBS OUTREACH  
STUDENT



**PRABHU**  
DBS STUDENT

“DBS is a school which strengthened my roots in faith, and understanding more clearly the Big story of God which I am a part of. Getting to know God not in bits and pieces, but more as a whole, and it made a big difference reading whole books of the Bible in one sitting.”



# OUR MINISTRIES

## MISSION ADVENTURES

This year, our **Mission Adventures Program** continued to invite teenagers and young adults into a life of missions. Hosting 6 short-term missions teams from across Canada and the United States, we witnessed God at work in incredible ways in our city and the lives of these youth!

We partnered with 11 different organizations for outreach, where our teams served in kitchens, sorted food donations, did yard work, cleaned up neighborhoods, and provided a listening ear to many in the community. Each team made a tangible impact, not only through service but also through prayer. From evening prayer times to Free Prayer Stations around the city, our participants discovered the power of prayer in transforming lives—including their own.

One participant, Mbondi, shared, *“I enjoyed mostly talking to people I’ve never talked to in my life and really just hearing their story and views on life. What God used... to impact me the most was prayer. When I got prayed for [during the Prayer Vigil], it was one of the most impactful prayers in my life. I really felt like God was speaking to me.”*

Sophia, another participant, reflected on her time at the prayer stations: *“I loved [the] prayer booths a lot. [A] takeaway [is] that every human has a story and they need another human to listen.”*

It’s been a joy to see the youth grow in their love for Jesus and others through these experiences. We are so grateful for this ministry and look forward to welcoming more teams in the future!

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For more short and long term staff to join our facilitating team to receive and serve missions teams in Vancouver.
- For greater impact as we minister to and care for our city



6

MISSIONS TEAMS

118

PARTICIPANTS

11

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



# THE BIBLE EFFECT

In 2024, **The Bible Effect** created and released new English videos for Luke, Acts, John, and 1/2/3 John. We also translated many of our videos into existing languages and are excited to have added Farsi as a new language for our resources!

This year, we saw incredible growth in engagement, with approximately 1 million views on YouTube alone. Our partnership with YouVersion continues to thrive, with over 200,000 people subscribing to our Bible study plans and hundreds of thousands more viewing our videos on their platform. We are humbled to see how God is using these resources to help people around the world dive deeper into His Word and grow in their faith.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Expanded reach for all of our languages, so we can help people to engage and be transformed by God's Word



**1,000,000+** VIDEO VIEWS IN 2024  
**200,000+** BIBLE PLAN SUBSCRIPTIONS ON YOUVERSION

# BUSINESS AS MISSION

**Business As Mission (BAM)** continued to inspire Christians to integrate faith and business for God's glory in 2024. Our annual conference in February, hosted at The Civic Hotel in Surrey, BC, drew 125 attendees. The event featured inspiring speakers and fostered authentic conversations. Chris Morris of BetterIt Chaplains described it best: *"There was a tangible move of the Holy Spirit... people left with a greater understanding of what it looks like 'to go to work with God.'"*

We also hosted two luncheons in May and October, with 30 participants at each. These gatherings helped deepen connections and further grow the BAM community in Vancouver.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- A wider reach to serve the Christian business community in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.





# MEMBER CARE

2024 saw our **Member Care** team expanding their ministry of encouraging, strengthening and caring for YWAM workers locally and globally, facilitating Member Care, Leadership Development and Spiritual Direction courses in various nations. Through these programs, we saw member care networks grow, workers realising their gifts and potential and learning how to sustain themselves in their callings. As well, we are seeing more and more people wanting to be trained to support other workers in their vision and calling. This is exciting and we look forward to more in 2025!



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For continued wisdom as we walk alongside and support our YWAM workers and for more teammates to be added to our Member Care team (locally and globally).



*“Member care is doing whatever it takes, within reason, to insure that our workers feel cared for and supported by their agency and church, that they have the resources they need to work effectively, and to care well for themselves and their family. It is comprehensive - the ongoing preparation, equipping and empowering of missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry and work.”*

**-Global Member Care Network, 2008**

**182** COURSE PARTICIPANTS   **212** SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SESSIONS  
**428** COACHING AND DEBRIEFING SESSIONS

# PAMELA’S LITTLE PROMISES

**Pamela’s Little Promises** is an environment for children’s learning development in areas including social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. We continue to offer before and after-school care for children in the community, and serve as a resource for parents and the local school district.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The continued health and safety of all the children we care for and their families





# ONE MORE VAN TO GO!

Two years ago we shared our need for two new vans. At the time, our two Minivans were on their last legs after faithfully serving our schools and ministries for over 8 years. They had served us as they picked up groceries, did airport runs, transported guest speakers, brought students to local and national outreaches, and moved offices. This included 12 Discipleship Training Schools, 6 Schools of Biblical Studies and more than 50 Mission Adventures Teams!

Last year, thanks to our generous donors, we were able to raise \$55,000 to purchase a 10 Passenger Van, and it has been serving us well! This van has been an incredible blessing to us, allowing us to transport our Snowboarders and Skiers DTS to the mountain, Mission Adventures teams across the city, and it even allowed us to transport our staff to the YWAM gatherings across Canada and the USA. A huge thank you goes out to all who have contributed financially and in prayer to this project!

However, as we continue to serve in Vancouver, we are still in need of a new Minivan, which will be more versatile for the city, and accessible for our smaller teams. To do this, we need to raise an estimated \$30,000 for the new van. Would you consider helping us toward this goal?

If you would like to give towards these vans so that we can keep trekking to outreaches across North America, discipling young snowboarders on the mountains, and serving where God calls us, please do so on our website: [www.ywamvancouver.org/our-needs](http://www.ywamvancouver.org/our-needs). Please ensure you mention the YWAM Vancouver Vans in the "Message" field.

If you would like to donate in an alternative way, or if you have any other questions, please contact [accounting@ywamvanocuver.org](mailto:accounting@ywamvanocuver.org).



**FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN OR VISIT:**

[www.ywamvancouver.org/our-needs](http://www.ywamvancouver.org/our-needs)



# SUPPORT US

## HOW TO PRAY

### MINISTRIES

- Pray that our ministries would continue to build their foundation on Christ, resulting in further multiplication and fruitfulness.
- Pray that we would have wisdom in how to serve God in our city



### PROVISION

- Pray that God would continue to provide the finances we need, including \$30,000 for our new van and \$200,000 for our operational expenses.



### HEALTH

- Pray for the physical, mental, and spiritual health of our students and staff.

## HOW TO GIVE

If you would like to help us continue to serve God in Vancouver, please consider supporting us financially. Visit our website at: [www.ywamvancouver.org/give](http://www.ywamvancouver.org/give) for information on how to give via cheque, money order, PAP, credit card, and e-transfer.

Alternatively, [scan the link below](#) to the Canada Helps Page and give today. Canada Helps is a Canadian organization that allows donors to give using their credit card. Be sure to include "YWAM Vancouver" in the message field.



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