

# Mission Month

October is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. The word 'Thanksgiving' is pretty self explanatory. It simply means we give thanks to God for all that he has given to and provided for us. However, I wonder if we can look at things a bit differently this month in light of the fact that we have chosen this month to highlight **Harvest Missions**.

Instead of just being thankful for what we have received, let's be thankful and be intentional in our giving this month. I had decided last month that our October

newsletter would feature our missions giving. However, little did I know that one of our Children's Homes that we help each month with a small donation, suffered a huge loss last month. Inside this newsletter is a brief account of what happened in the lives of the children that we sponsor through the Agape Children's Home.

In light of these events we will be taking up a special missions offering on October 10th & 11th to help with the disaster relief for these children and their families.

See more details inside...

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## A True Thanksgiving Story: Cold Turkey

When Ken and Lydia were given a turkey to raise for Thanksgiving, Lydia took on the responsibility with enthusiasm. She fed it, talked to it, and, far ahead of time, invited both sets of parents to the big dinner. As the days drew closer to the holiday, though, Lydia became more and more quiet. Finally, on the day before the big feast, Lydia burst into tears and told Ken, "I can't do it." Ken calmed her and promised to take care of everything. He went outside, and after a short while, returned with a limp turkey under his arm, trailing a whiff of chloroform. Putting the bird in the refrigerator, he

suggested they go to bed and deal with dinner preparations in the morning.

The next day, Lydia woke early and went into the kitchen. She opened the refrigerator door and out flapped the turkey. Her screams brought Ken rushing down to find his wife on the floor in a dead faint and the turkey tottering unsteadily around the room. When Lydia revived, Ken had put the turkey out in the yard, where it lived out its life free from stress and fear of extinction. As for us, we decided to go out to eat. No one ordered turkey.

# THEY'VE LOST LITERALLY EVERYTHING!

Dear Friends,

This past weekend, a raging fire devastated our community. Just a stones throw from where I live, 500 people lost everything as their wooden structures where they live and conduct business burned to the ground.

The fire was so fast and so intense that there are only ashes left. The people attempted to stop and put out the fire, called for the fire and rescue, but they couldn't contain it. For people who live day to day, barely getting by, the situation is dire.

Agape House New Testament Church has been on the ground praying for people, preaching the gospel, bringing comfort, and providing hot meals to those impacted by the fire. People were left without food, without clothing and so much more. Agape House donated hundreds of shirts and over 400 containers of food.

We're thankful we had the capacity to provide immediate assistance but there is still so much left to do. 267 family units are sleeping among the rubble and we want to help them get back on their feet.

We're seeking emergency help for our Rescue Fund to help with our outreach and to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the poor and vulnerable.

*This is an opportunity for the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I know that 2020 has affected us all in so many ways and whatever donation you can give today, will fill an empty stomach, clothe a desperate person, as well as give hope to those who have lost everything.*



*Children feeling the loss from the devastation...*





*The fire was so fast and so intense that there are only ashes left...*

## **SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING**

**October 10th & 11th**

Come prepared to give towards the relief of these children and their families.



*Your support will help us clothe and feed people.*

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selfless leader  
humility action  
servant  
**leadership**  
good-listener open-minded  
ethical role-model

# leadership training

October 2nd 7:00pm

We are hosting our **2nd Leadership Training and Connection night**. Friday October 2nd at 7:00pm. We will be focusing on the emerging Apostolic leadership style. If you are a leader in the church or feel you have leadership qualities and would like to step-up, this is for you.



Zoom prayer for British Columbia and the surrounding regions.

**Monday** lead by: David Low

**Tuesday** lead by: Katheren Welwood

**Friday** lead by: Andrew O'Connell

Join in @

[prayer.harvestfellowship.ca](http://prayer.harvestfellowship.ca)

Password: harvest

Let's Pray!

**PRAYER MEETING**

Each **TUESDAY** evening

**7:00PM**

@ Harvest Studio

Led by Katheren Welwood & Sharon Clark

**OCTOBER 31, 2020**  
**DAY OF PRAYER** Stay tuned in for more details

**CANADIAN FIREWALL**

Jump on the wall any day/any time!

[www.canadianfirewall.ca](http://www.canadianfirewall.ca)



30 women came out to our gathering in September! We had a dinner together, and Kelli Beaucage shared about Rosh Hashanah and Gwen Mercer gave an exhortation to us women. We had the opportunity to pray and minister to the ladies and Holy Spirit moved.

We will be meeting again for dinner and fellowship on **October 23rd, at 6:00pm.**

Bring your favorite dish to share and bring a friend.

For more information you can reach us at [kwm@theharvest.ca](mailto:kwm@theharvest.ca)

Abundant Blessings,  
Kelowna Harvest Women's Ministry



**THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 6::30pm**

For more information about these groups and whether or not it may be right for you, feel free to contact Art Lucier for the men at **250-639-4114** and Heather Lucier for the women at **250-639-0269.**



**MISSIONS Offering**

Don't forget our special offering on **Saturday October 10th** and **Sunday October 11th**

Monies donated from these offerings will go to support our Children's homes. Come prepared to bless those who are less fortunate than us.

# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> connection groups	<b>2</b> leadership training	<b>3</b> Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
<b>4</b> Sunday Service 10:30am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> PRAYER MEETING	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> connection groups	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Mission Offering Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
<b>11</b> Sunday Service 10:30pm Mission Offering	<b>12</b> HAPPY THANKSGIVING	<b>13</b> PRAYER MEETING	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> connection groups	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
<b>18</b> Sunday Service 10:30am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PRAYER MEETING	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> connection groups	<b>23</b> Women's Ministry	<b>24</b> Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
<b>25</b> Sunday Service 10:30am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> PRAYER MEETING	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> connection groups	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> DAY OF PRAYER Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm

**BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

Let's read the books of Thessalonians this month. Both the 1st and 2nd books! These books give instruction on how to live in a way that pleases God.

These books also talk about the 2nd coming of Christ. We are in a day and age when knowing the Word of God is not just wise but very imperative.



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(See Matthew 14:14-21) 11-24-1999  
**HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE INVITED?!?**

*Thank you God for all that you have provided.*



# A Tithing Testimony

by Heather Lucier

I was once asked about tithing. The question was, “how does it work?” More specifically I was asked that if a person tithes, do you just open your wallet one day and God puts more money in it? The question was kind of funny to me but at the same time, I loved the honesty in it.

I proceeded to tell this person a story...

A few years ago my son asked if he could get braces as he was not happy with how his teeth were coming in. Now, being pastors, we didn't have any medical or dental coverage at the time, so I knew that this request was going to cost us. I did feel however that it was a valid request from a kid who never really asks for much at all. My husband and I talked it over and decided that somehow we would try to make it work. Money was tight at the time and there was not a lot of work for the business; in short, we were just making ends meet.

I booked two appointments to have Jesse's teeth assessed, as I was told that one orthodontist was cheaper than the other; and off we went to the first appointment. Upon introduction to the orthodontist, I made it very clear to him that we were there just for an assessment and that we had not made up our minds as to whether we had the funds to do this or not. I really had a sinking feeling in my stomach because having had braces myself when I was young, I knew how much it could cost.

Now, backing up just a bit... The week prior to the appointment was the end of the month, so I was busy paying bills. I usually take 10% of what we get and round it up, and that is our tithe amount. This particular month our tithe was estimated at about \$350.00, plus my rounding up made it closer to \$400.00 for the month. As I started to write the cheque, I heard in my spirit a voice from the Lord saying, “make the cheque out for \$700.00.” I was a bit startled when I heard it, but I knew it was a voice from the Lord. I immediately began to reason with God, as I was certain that He did NOT understand that if I were to put \$700.00 in as a tithe, this would leave me short in our budget for the month. I explained to the Lord that a “tithe” was 10%, NOT 20% and that perhaps He should reconsider His request. After a

few moments of debate with God (something which by the way, I have yet to win), I conceded and wrote the cheque for \$700.00.

Now, back to my story... As the orthodontist was checking my kid's mouth, he casually asked my son what his father did for a living. Being the ever chatty child that Jesse is, his response was “I don't know, he just works.” Slightly embarrassed by my child's remark I quickly jumped in and said that we were pastors of a church in Kitimat. The orthodontist seemed interested by this and began to ask me questions about our church. I casually gave him the basics about us, while he continued his examination.

Finally, after 30 minutes or so and not being able to stand it any longer, I asked him how much the braces would cost, again being **very clear** with him that we were only there for an assessment.

He said that his standard rate was \$7,000.00, plus \$300.00 for x-rays. My heart immediately sank because I knew we simply could not afford that amount at that time. I did not want to have to tell my child that we could not do this one thing that he had requested.

After a moment I jokingly asked the orthodontist if he happened to have a discount for pastors. He quickly glanced at me and said, “actually, I do!” and then he kept examining and taking notes on Jesse's teethe. After another 5 minutes or so, he put down his instruments and he says to my son; “Well... how about I do your braces for free?” I laughed out loud and said, “you shouldn't joke about a thing like that!” He then turned and looked at me with a very serious face and said, “I would NEVER joke about a thing like that”. With what was a stunned look on my face, he went on to say that he was a Christian and that he believed pastors are not paid enough with what they have to deal with and do. He told me what he believed in, and that he had told the Lord that should any pastors come his way for his services, that as a service to God, he would do their orthodontic work for free.

Needless to say I was in shock! I almost started crying, I fought back tears as I thanked him. He escorted us to the reception as he gave instructions to his assistant to write up the papers for the

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It just does!

contract. My son would get a complete set of braces (x-rays included) for nothing!!! (Although he did casually mention that he **really** liked Chocolate Chip cookies). The papers were completed and signed, and stamped boldly across the bottom of the documents were the words "NO CHARGE".

**A**s I drove home still stunned, the Lord reminded me of our discussion over the amount of tithe He asked me to put in the offering box. It was 10% of the \$7,000.00 blessing that we had just received. I quickly told Jesse the story about the tithe I had paid earlier that week, and that this should FOREVER be a lesson to

him to always pay his tithe and to know that GOD is always faithful!!!

We received more than a 100 fold blessing that day, and all the bills were paid that month despite the short budget. I know it was because I was obedient to the Lord in paying my tithe and because I listened to His voice. Needless to say, I often took Jesse to his appointments with chocolate chip cookies in hand.

So, in answer to the question, how does tithing work? My response is... **IT JUST DOES!**

*Heather Lucier*



We care for 36 orphans, 16 community children, and 1 non-residential older student. 52 in total.

## Agape Children's Home

*Below is the July report from Agape Children's Home. Please continue to pray for these children that are dependent on your generosity especially in light of the fire which ravaged their community.*

*If you would like to give to these kids, you can send a donation through [give@theharvest.ca](mailto:give@theharvest.ca). Make a note that it is for the "Children's Homes and the donations will go directly to these beautiful children.*

This month of July we held birthday celebrations for two of our children: Vivian and Elikem. Vivian just arrived last month and on July 6 she turned 16. We wanted to shower her with love and celebration. We had a special meal and surprised her with a cake. She was really touched and happy. Vivian has settled in very well and is very helpful.

The children are working hard in their summer garden. They have already harvested some vegetables and planted new ones. It is delightful to see them working together and see their joy in what they have produced!

As we prepare for the new academic year beginning in September, we need to hire new teachers and more caregivers. We are also in the process of expanding our remedial classroom. Our needs include school supplies, furniture, and other school materials.

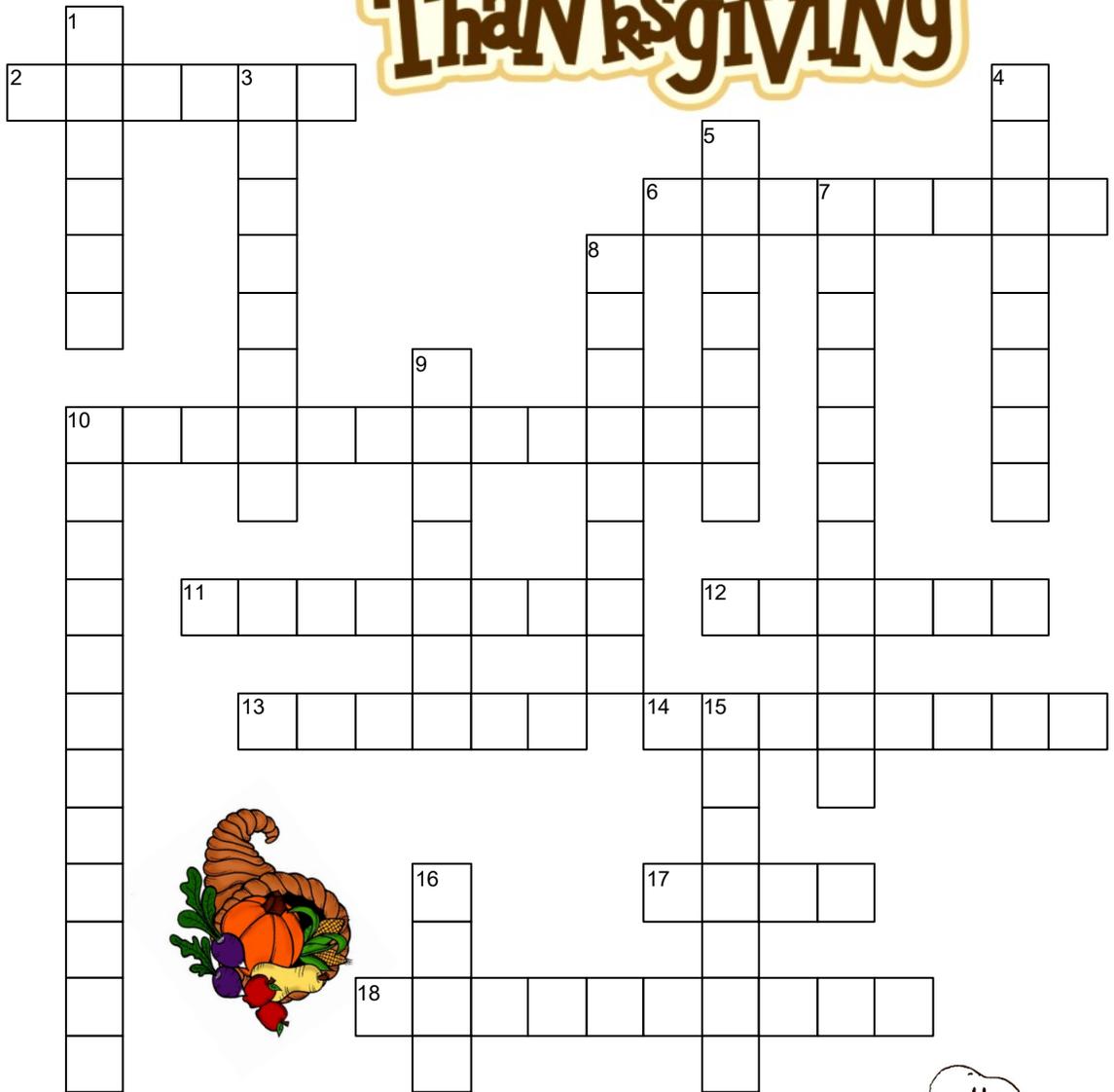


This was the first time Elikem ever had a Birthday celebration!



Vivian age 16

# Happy Thanksgiving



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GIVE  
THANKS  
WITH A  
GRATEFUL  
HEART



**ACROSS**

- 2 Thanksgiving potatoes should always be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Be thankful and \_\_\_\_\_. Col 4:2
- 10 We are to overflow with this quality. Col.2:7
- 11 Be watchful and \_\_\_\_\_. Col.4:2
- 12 Traditional Holiday bird.
- 13 Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ before feeding 5000 people.
- 14 Americans celebrate Thanksgiving in this month
- 17 Give thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_. 1Chron.16:8
- 18 The opposite of being Thankful.

**DOWN**

- 1 We celebrate Thanksgiving with these people.
- 3 Thank God for this kind of love. Ps.107:1
- 4 A food mixture cooked inside a turkey.
- 5 Gathering of the crops is called \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- 7 Traditional berries we eat at Thanksgiving.
- 8 David gave thanks in this place. Ps35:18
- 9 A famous squash we eat at Thanksgiving.
- 10 Enter his gates with this. Ps.100:4
- 15 Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving in this month
- 16 You can express thanksgiving this way. Ps.147:7