



YWAM VANCOUVER ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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WELCOME

Dear Partners, Collaborators and Friends,

I am pleased to inform you of all the work that has been done through us at **YWAM Vancouver** in 2022. Our collaboration and relationship with you has allowed us to carry the call God has for YWAM Vancouver.

We are a community of missionaries called to share the story of God's love to those around us. We operate in different areas of the city, and this report will inform you of what has been done. It has been a year of transition and gaining ground after the slower years of the pandemic. Our training programs were less restricted, our outreach teams were sent overseas and we received and facilitated a mission trip for a youth group. Our impact in the city has been encouraging, exciting and has filled our hearts. This was possible because you were behind us, providing and encouraging us to go forward.

We are excited to be at our new location, to be part of an active neighborhood and to return to our foundational programs and activities.

Read this Annual Report and join us for 2023! Join us physically on a short term mission, a day of volunteering, to mentor or encourage our staff team, join us in prayer or become a financial donor.

May God clarify your call and reveal his love to you and your family!

Blessings,

Betty Ann Cyr
Training Centre Community Leader



OUR SCHOOLS

A photograph of five people in ski or snowboard gear sitting in a large snowdrift. From left to right: a person in a patterned jacket and goggles, a person in a blue hoodie and helmet, a person in a green jacket and helmet, a person in a pink jacket and helmet, and a person in a red jacket and helmet. They are all smiling. In the background, there are snow-covered mountains and a valley with some trees.

CHRONOLOGICAL SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Our 2021/2022 **CSBS** graduated in June after nine months of inductively studying through the Bible chronologically. As we finished up CSBS, we wanted to prepare our four students for their future in ministry. We helped them develop the tools to not just study the Bible for themselves, but to teach it to others. In the midst of their other study, all of our students prepared a two-hour teaching on a book of the Bible. Each student brought their own unique perspective and personality to their teachings and shared what God was saying in the scriptures with knowledge and wisdom.

We are all so grateful to the Lord for these last nine months. His never ending love and strength has propelled all of us to finish the school with perseverance. This intense season of studying has had its share of challenges, but we've become a little family through it all. We closed the school with thanksgiving to the Father for all that He has done and will do from this point forward!



1 SCHOOL

5 STUDENTS

5 NATIONALITIES



DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

This year, we discipled eight amazing students in our **Snowboarders + Skiers DTS** (SDTS) and our **Kingdom Justice DTS** (KJDTS). Our SDTS built connections and relationships with people on our local slopes as we learned how to minister and communicate our faith to members of the snow sports culture. Our KJDTS studied God's justice throughout scripture and His desire to transform all areas of society; and they learned to apply their studies into their prayers, their actions and their lives. Our team of students and staff traveled to Nepal for seven weeks of outreach where they shared their love of Jesus with their words and actions. They returned to Vancouver and graduated in early June.

Since then, we've been preparing for the January 2023 SDTS and KJDTS. Our DTS staff have also spent time serving our community in youth camps, food banks, and other local ministries while actively training and learning about how to serve our students better.

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.



2 SCHOOLS

8 STUDENTS

4 NATIONALITIES





"Several times during this DTS, God has taken something I believed about Him or myself, and changed it. Everytime, He has exchanged it for something better. One of the biggest changes is going from believing that God speaks to everyone else, but not me, to realizing that also I can hear God. It has been cool to see what a great gift this is, and how listening myself and recognizing when God is speaking through others, allows us to take part in changing our circumstances for the better."

SYNNØVE
DTS STUDENT



"During DTS, God worked in my life in a lot of ways. One key thing would be affirming my identity in Christ. Before DTS, I wasn't very confident, I had a lot of self doubts, and I didn't really know in my heart how much it means that I am a child of God. Throughout many of the lectures, this theme kept coming up, and God really highlighted how important I am, to him, and to the community around me."

MALCOLM
DTS STUDENT

OUR MINISTRIES



THE BIBLE EFFECT

In 2022, we **The Bible Effect**, created and released background videos on Hebrews, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude. Before the end of the year, we will also release a video introducing the Gospels, which will dive into the culture, hopes and expectations of the Jews to whom Jesus came and ministered in the First Century. Along with this, we are continuing to translate and launch our videos into many different languages. We have also added Amharic as a language, giving the tens of millions of people in Ethiopia a chance to better understand the Bible in their own language.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Expanded reach for all of our languages, so we can help people to engage God's Word in a deeper way, resulting in lives transformed by Christ.



THE BIBLE EFFECT

18 BOOKS

20,000+ SUBSCRIBERS

650,000 TOTAL VIEWS

13 LANGUAGES



EVENTS 2

ATTENDEES 164

BUSINESS AS MISSION

In June, we hosted our annual BAM conference. With 119 participants, we doubled our attendance since our last in-person event. The speakers shared stories of businesses around the globe that have raised people out of poverty and helped save others from being trafficked. Participants were challenged to leverage their businesses to create change in their spheres of influence to further the Kingdom of God. We will host our next BAM conference on February 25, 2023 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PAMELA'S LITTLE PROMISES

Pamela's Little Promises is an environment for children's learning development in all areas including social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. Our yearly highlight is always our end of school year graduation in June where we invite all families to have a meal together in our backyard and see some children graduate into Kindergarten. This year we hosted 70 people representing 21 nations!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- The continued health and safety of all our students, staff, and their families
- That God would provide another part time staff



COURSE PARTICIPANTS **166**

COACHING AND DEBRIEFING SESSIONS **403**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SESSIONS **113**

MEMBER CARE

Our Member Care team cares for YWAM workers locally and around the globe, helping them to fulfill their calling in healthy, resilient ways. This year we have taught, debriefed, mentored, coached and gave spiritual direction virtually. We have also happily travelled again to be involved with in-person conferences and training. In 2023, we plan to help run Leadership Development Courses, Member Care Training programs, a Spiritual Direction Course and a Prayer and Counselling Seminar for participants in Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, Europe, Africa and the Americas.

PRAYER REQUEST

- That our team would have wisdom in utilizing our time and energy wisely.

MISSION ADVENTURES

As COVID restrictions continued to lift, we hosted our first team of youth in over 3 years this November! It was encouraging to watch them serve and gain a new heart for missions in the city. It was also a blessing to reconnect with our past partners and outreach locations, as we got to serve alongside one another again. It is so exciting to see the return of one of YWAM Vancouver's core programs, and we are looking forward to the many more teams we will be hosting in the spring and summer of 2023!

As well, this fall our Mission Adventures Staff, along with some of our elders, had the opportunity to travel to YWAM Ensenada to celebrate 25 years of Mission Adventure Programs globally. Our team had the opportunity to connect with similar Mission Adventure teams from around the world, and the privilege to serve together as they built a house for a family in need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our new leader, Isabella, as she takes over the program!
- For more short and long term staff

"I really liked the prayer stations and [the] Urban Plunge since I got to talk to people and go around the city and I felt God give me courage."

-MISSION ADVENTURES PARTICIPANT



19 PARTICIPANTS

1 YWAM VANCOUVER STAFF OUTREACH



HOMECOMING

Since the start of the Pandemic, YWAM Vancouver had a more nomadic set up, with many of our staff working out of their homes. As a result, we have had an increased yearning for a place that is ours, where we can gather and work alongside each other in-person. As we searched for that space, we knew that YWAM Vancouver has been located in a few different places across the city in the last decade. Yet there is one area that we have continually felt drawn to. So we are excited to share with you that God has answered our prayers, and we are returning to Commercial Drive!

During this summer, we got back in touch with one of our old Commercial Drive partners, Grace Church On the Drive. They had empty space on the store front level of their building that they wanted to fill, and we needed a space to rent for our offices. It's the same exact rooms that we were located in during 1995-2000! Some of our old paint job is still visible!

We are excited to be here, on Commercial Drive, once again and we look forward to all that God has for us as we share and learn in this community! Please pray for us as we continue to discern how best to minister to the Commercial Drive community, and that God's provision and guidance would be upon us as we do it!



WE NEED NEW VANS

In the past eight years, our vans have faithfully served our schools and ministries, including 11 Discipleship Training Schools and 6 Schools of Biblical Studies. In that, they've transported over 130 Students, more than 50 staff, and countless other passengers. And that's before we get to the 50+ Mission Adventure teams! How have they served? They picked up groceries, did airport runs, transported guest speakers, brought students to local and national outreaches, moved offices, and let's not forget the 140+ trips both vans completed to Mt. Seymour for our Snowboarders and Skiers DTS. From Chico, California to Pinawa, Manitoba, they've taken us everywhere God has called us.

However, after all of these adventures we are forced to admit that our vans are on their last legs and it really is time to let them rest. In order to continue doing what we are called to in Vancouver, Canada and North America, we need to replace them. We're praying for a 10 passenger van and a 7-8 passenger van. We estimate it will cost \$70,000 to purchase these vans.

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 at: 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@ywamvancouver.org.



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VANS NEEDED

\$70,000

ESTIMATED COST



SUPPORT US

HOW TO PRAY

MINISTRIES

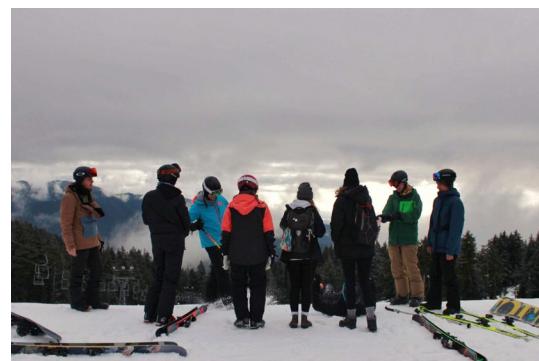
- Pray that our ministries would be fruitful and that we would have wisdom in how to serve God and our city.

PROVISION

- Pray that God would continue to provide the finances we need for our new vans and 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](#) for information on how to give via cheque, money order, PAP, credit card, and e-transfer.

Alternatively, [follow this link](#) 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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