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LIFE IN CHRIST LINC MINISTRY NEWSLETTER
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A Word From the Founder & Leader: Pastor Ibrahim Wahby

Prayers and Actions that Move Mountains



I feel full of joy as I reflect on the last weeks working shoulder to shoulder with our teams in the field after long years working behind the camera through Zoom. I take pleasure in seeing needs and meeting them in collaboration with the family of Christ. When each member does their part, we can see exponential growth in the news of the Gospel.

On the week of July 11, I visited our TNBP program in Scarborough as there was the first training camp for newcomers. The team was working with a few refugee families from Somalia, providing educational sessions and English lessons. The following week, I spent the whole week in Cambridge with the second team. Every day was filled with meaningful interaction as I saw the Holy Spirit creating something beautiful in the lives of the people we serve and even in ourselves. Every morning, I led the team of youth and young adults in discussions on "How to hear God's voice in your daily life." We had a great time working with kids and adults every day for 3 weeks, seeing them grow in experience, wisdom and love. I love seeing how our summer internship offers excellent opportunities for students and recent graduates to get hands-on experience and educate newcomer families on Canadian life. Also, sharing the love of Christ in every conversation, email, call, hug and smile.

In the evenings, I had a great time with LInC church leaders in Cambridge, praying together and delivering daily teachings. It is beautiful to see your team exceed your expectations through the leadership and counsel of the Holy Spirit.

On July 27, we welcomed to Canada a new family through our Refuge Sponsorship Program. Karim's family consists of four members; parents and 2 kids. They arrived after long years of delay, our team in Scarborough received them and paid every effort to prepare Kariem's new home in a single day. It was one of the longest days of our program, where we gladly worked from 7 am until they arrived at the apartment at 1:30 pm. Our team continues to work diligently with the new family to finish their needed documents.

When I see all of what happened through these weeks, I give thanks to our LORD, and I want to thank all of you who continuously support what we are doing to share the gospel and the love of Christ with many. I write this news and am confident that He who began a good work in all of us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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- DANIEL MIGALLA



A Side of the Kids Camp, Open to Read More...

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Services: let your light shine before others - Matthew 5:16

We are excited to share the news of our Sunday Services in Cambridge & Scarborough. In Cambridge, we experienced exponential growth after we resumed our in-person church meetings. We have many new church members eager to serve the Lord in different areas of ministry. For example, we have church members volunteering to play musical instruments during worship, sing, teach Sunday School, evangelize, and housekeep the church. In Scarborough, our Sunday Service meeting has been growing since we reopened the in-person meetings. We are prayerfully working to network and evangelize in the area so more people come to know Christ as lord and saviour. We ask for your prayers as we continue to plant seeds in the two church locations. We continue having weekday prayer meetings in both locations, alongside women's and youth's meetings. The Lord has been using these ministries to make a dynamic shift in many people's lives.

We are thankful that our Sunday Services comprise multi-ethnic servants, such as Syrians, Armenians, Iraqis, Egyptians, Persians, Lebanese and other nationalities. Their different backgrounds work as a bridge to bring others to Christ as they speak different languages and dialects. We are grateful for everyone who serves the Lord through our ministry. We are all coming together through unity in Christ to glorify God and share the good news of the Gospel.

Mother's Day Celebration on March 21



Pastor Ibrahim Delivering a Session During Church Leader's Training Conference, April 23, 2022



A Side from Palm Sunday Celebration on April 10



Introducing Mariana Gebeil, Pastoral Care Assistant, Cambridge

In 2019, Mariana moved to Cambridge with her Husband, Jirair and two children with hope and prayer to serve the Lord in ministry. She came across our summer camp through the New Beginnings Program, so she signed her kids up. They enjoyed the program, and she got connected to our team members. Mariana and her family started attending our church meetings, and after a while, she felt the calling of the Lord to serve alongside LInC Ministry. In a short time, she established women's meetings, led worship, trained new leaders, and much more. We are thrilled to see how the Lord uses her in discipleship and leadership.



Sunday School

Jesus says: "Let the children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matt 19:14

We are so pleased to say that our Sunday School in both our Cambridge and Scarborough locations continues to grow by the grace of God. We view Sunday school as a vital, if not a key, element within any growing church. Therefore, one of our priorities is to create a Biblically solid teaching program for the kids. In these few weeks, our theme has been derived from the song of love in 1 Corinthians 13, where we explore what love is and how we can practice it. We have witnessed how the kids apply love by sharing their toys, playing with each other, listening to each other, apologizing when necessary and forgiving one another. They have also learned how to better communicate their feelings, thoughts and questions with the Sunday school teacher. Now, we have introduced the topic of the miracles of Christ to show the kids just how powerful Jesus Christ really is, and we are excited to say that the kids have loved this new curriculum! In the new year, we will be introducing a new topic to the Kids, and we look forward to seeing the kids grow in their relationship with and knowledge of Christ.

We believe God has a plan for the next generation, so we make work with children a priority. We plan to equip parents to pass on their faith, reconnect with an unchurched generation and be salt and light in our schools and communities. We ask for your prayers as we work to help children experience the love of the Father and the salvation of the Son, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Children In Scarborough

Children In Cambridge



YOUTH MINISTRY

For You, O LORD, light my lamp; my God lights up my darkness. Psalm 18:28



Youth Meeting at our Cambridge location, March 12

Our youth group at Cambridge has been a breath of fresh air as we witness the growth and maturation of young people for Christ. The Lord has been working actively in their lives through their leader Marwa Gebeil to guide them into a deeper personal relationship with Him.

We have asked the youth about significant aspects in their life where they tend to struggle and need Christ's helping hand, and through that, we were able to create a curriculum that allows them to see Christ's light in a relatable way.

Join us in prayer for these youth that God continues to speak through them and use them to advance His kingdom.

In our youth meetings, we have replaced playing pre-recorded worship songs as some of our youths have volunteered to use their talents with musical instruments to play music during worship time. The youth are enthusiastic about Christ; therefore, as they learn more about faith and the Christian life fundamentals, they expand their understanding by asking questions and having thoughtful discussions.

A Special Testimony

One of the youths speaks of how before meeting Jesus on a personal level, he used to pray to other prophets, he would mention Jesus at the end of his prayer with no real focus on Jesus, and sometimes he wouldn't pray to Christ entirely. He used to pray continuously and would not receive an answer and no difference in his life. After a while, a preacher explained to him how salvation is through Christ alone, and prayers are to glorify His name. In the beginning, he was shocked that all his prayers since he was a child were lies thinking that he would be saved through some prophets, but later, he believed in what the preacher said because he took and opened the Bible and saw that the preacher's words were in fact true and that Christ is the only one who listens to his prayers and is the only way to salvation. Following this, he believed and gave his life to Christ through his baptism and ever since then, he has become a new man, he has only prayed to Jesus Christ, and with Christ's power, his prayers have been answered several times, and he has seen and made miracles in Christ's name as well.



Youth Meeting in the Park

LInC Women's Bible Study and Worship

WEEKLY MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS



Women's Bible Study & Worship Meeting, June 2022

The women's meeting is a blessed time for the women to come together to praise God, share their thoughts, read the bible and learn something new together. For the meeting, the women have created several recreational activities such as having the meetings at a coffee shop and having the mother's day celebration in a park where they filled their time with worship, prayer and the word of God as well as fun games and delicious food. We ask for you continued prayed for our women to be a light shining everywhere.

Women's Meeting In Cambridge



Women's Meeting In Scarborough



THE ARK



...on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned. Matthew 4:16

Refugees have experienced conflict and disruption. They are fleeing their homes and living in vulnerable situations seeking hope and a bright future. According to the UNHCR, there are over 26 million refugees today. The Holy Spirit has placed on our hearts to stand in the gap to support many vulnerable refugee families and individuals from the Middle East. 2021 alone, we have welcomed a total of 60 refugees, which makes the total number of refugees that we have sponsored in Canada 175. This year, we have also welcomed 8 new refugees thus far while also filling out sponsorship applications for 15 new refugees (4 families) and are waiting for their application approval.

One story that has been exceptionally meaningful to us has been Karim and his family. Karim was born in Iran to a Muslim family. He came to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his saviour in 2013. He faced severe persecution because of his faith and was forced to leave Iran and seek refuge in Turkey in 2014. While in Turkey, he married Magdoline and had two beautiful children.

Karim would continuously preach the gospel in Turkey among the Arabic and Farsi-speaking people. He collaborated with other believers to plant many churches in Turkey to serve the new converts to Christianity. By the time he left Turkey, he had planted four churches! Karim contacted us in 2018 asking for help to get him, and his family settled in Canada. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the family and secured the sponsorship cost in a few months. We thank the Lord for His continued provision and for everyone's financial support that enabled us to sponsor this family. Ever since, our team has been working tirelessly to secure an apartment unit for the family. We secured the apartment and were able to furnish the apartment, so the family could settle easily in their new city.

The family arrived in Toronto on July 27, our team was eager to receive and bring them safely to their apartment. The family has been eternally grateful for how we are guiding them every step of the way. Our work continues as our team is working on finishing their settlement needs, such as signing up for English classes, issuing health cards, and many other needs. The family has also attended our TNBP program for the parents to learn English and summer camp for children. Karim and his family have joined the LInC Church to become active members. We are incredibly excited about the work the Lord will continue to do in the family's life and our church.

LInC Ministry partners with individuals like you to extend the love of Christ to refugees in need of protection, a new home and peace through resettlement in Canada. We are proud to have you alongside us in this mission to help write stories of a new beginning for those that are persecuted and afflicted.

If you have the heart to help grant a new life for a refugee family, we'd love to pursue this further with you! Please send us an email to begin a dialogue: raghdah@lincministry.com



Welcoming of Refugee Families in 2022

THE NEW BEGINNINGS PROGRAM

Staff Testimonies



"I often take my life here in Canada for granted, but hearing what newcomers have gone through, especially the children, opened my eyes to how grateful I am to call Canada home. I cannot even begin to imagine the experiences that the families must have faced. This program allowed us to give others the chance to call Canada home as well."

Daniel Migalla
Adults Program Instructor

"Being an immigrant myself, I know the struggles that come with being new to a country. I found this program an excellent way to make the transition easier for other newcomers."

Eminar Bitar
Children's Camp Leader

"The program is a tool that God uses to plant seeds in the lives of adults, kids, and staff in the summer. I see it as a multifaceted program that helps adults, kids, and youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus and learn about Canada."

Raghdah Zakariya
TNBP Program Director

"... being able to sit down and build connections with the kids every day put a smile on my face and helped the program feel more personable and rewarding."

Angelika Toczyski
Children's camp Counsellor



A picture shows Raghdah Zakariya with two members of the Scarborough location at a booth during a local festival to promote the program.



Two mothers of some of the wonderful kids from summer program bought and brought Icecaps to show their appreciation for the team and volunteers.

THE NEW BEGINNINGS PROGRAM

Children's Camp

The TNBP kids program has finished its final week! With each week packed with songs of worship, informative lessons, and many fun crafts and games, this certainly has to be one of the best summers yet! During the first week, we learned about friendship and kindness that relates to the Bible and our daily lives. Many children reflected on how they share love, kindness and forgiveness as God intended us to do, through deep conversations, interactive crafts, and a play about Daniel and the Lions to finish the week.

The next week was superhero-themed, relating different Bible figures to the superhero we know from movies and comic books. Children got to make wonderful crafts and games inspired by their favourite superheroes, practice different worship songs, and perform a final play to the whole group and parents. In the final week, we explored the different attributes of courage displayed throughout the Bible, and many children got to take their wonderful artistic creations home, including a homemade kazoo, origami designs, and beautifully crafted Bible story scenes.

The camp was extremely fun and educational this year, with many memorable moments everyone was included in. Who can forget the long game of monopoly, or the hilariously fun play no one could keep themselves laughing from during rehearsals? We saw many familiar faces and some new ones and had a blast getting to know one another and reconnecting with old friends. We hope to see you next year for another wonderful summer!



**Children Doing Actions
Worship Songs**



THE NEW BEGINNINGS PROGRAM

Adults Program

Our summer New Beginnings Program (TNBP) has continued its vigorous efforts to help settle newcomers into their new life here in Canada. The program has made a difference in many new Canadian's lives. Jesus' love was not a vague feeling for the masses but a tangible love directed at particular people. Moving from the example set for us by Jesus Christ, We have collaborated with a broader team of 8 students across the Greater Toronto Area and the Kitchener-Waterloo Tricities through the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative to create, develop and deliver many Canadian educational sessions.

These sessions range all the way from teaching newcomers about raising children in Canada to teaching them about taxes and finances in Ontario. Whatever the topic, our team has been constantly prepared to pass on our knowledge of life in Canada to whoever is in need. In addition, we have been providing essential ESL (English as a Second Language) lessons to many newcomers. We believe it is crucial to ensure that newcomers can feel confident doing basic tasks in their communities without worrying about a language barrier in their lives.

Our team has thoroughly enjoyed running this program from day one. Newcomers often face many hardships when starting their new lives in Canada. They can often feel alone, whether it's racism, financial trouble or even a lack of community. Our main goal was to create that sense of community that they might be longing for in Canada. Seeing people build connections with us and gain a familiar face in a new country has been truly rewarding.

A Special Testimony

This program has allowed us to contact many individuals and hear stories from all over the world. In particular, our team was honoured to work with a Somalian refugee family in Canada. Their story greatly touched us and has encouraged us to keep this program running strong. The family consist of 14 members; 12 children and 2 parents. The mother and her two daughters joined us for a week full of educational sessions and ESL lessons. Even with their limited English skills, the mother told us heroic stories of their escape from Somalia. The family was suffering from war and civil unrest in their region of Somalia. They witnessed their own family members being taken away from them and murdered. They said they would fall asleep to the sounds of bombs in their city while they had to pretend that nothing was happening. Through the kidnappings, bombs and murders, their family persevered until they escaped Somalia and took refuge in neighbouring Kenya. After staying in Kenya for two years, they finally came as refugees to Canada and have continued to push through their hardships even here. When speaking of their experiences, the mother kept on repeating her immense feelings of gratitude for the safety and future that Canada had provided for her family. Her hope and perseverance through troubled times have genuinely touched our hearts.

Adults Program Scarborough



Adults Program Cambridge



Missional Pastoral School (MPS)



Missional and Pastoral School of Theology (MPS) was launched in the fall of 2021. The Institute (MPS) is designed to help equip participants with the necessary skills to pursue their callings more effectively as missionaries, pastors and in a wide field of Christian services. Two cohorts of students participated in the courses in their first year (2021-2022). Subjects included Systematic Theology, Hermeneutics, Bible Content and a variety of other pertinent courses and electives. The courses were delivered entirely online. Students participated in weekly lectures, readings, assignments, and group discussions. We have six teachers who are experts in various areas of ministry. They are mentors who led and encouraged the students as they participated in the classes and completed their tasks. Prior to completion of the program, students are assigned to participate in and submit a final thesis project.

A total of 9 students participated online during the two inaugural cohorts. A total of 3 students who completed the program and their graduation thesis will be the very first students commissioned by the program in September of 2022. Congratulations to the graduating students, and we are looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store.

At the end of the school year, we got feedback from students anonymously on how to improve their experience further. One of them described MPS saying "simply a wonderful experience, humbled by the Godly instructors and friendly staff always there to help and sort out any issues. The students are like family and a great environment to grow in the knowledge of God personally and the word of God as a team". Witnessing the growth in the student's life and their personal relationship with God is wonderful. Knowing that MPS benefits them through their personal walk with God and helping them figure out their call into ministry.

The Missional Pastoral School of Theology is offered to participating students entirely free of cost! All our instructors volunteered their time to invest in the students' lives. We hope to keep this influential, timely and exciting program tuition free.

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Apply by filling out and submitting the application form that can be found on our website at www.lifeinchrist.ca. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email us at eminar@lincministry.com.



Students and Some Teachers During a Follow Up Meeting.



Bearing Fruits & Planting Seeds

Life In Christ LInC Ministry invites you to attend our 10TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER CELEBRATION

Pastor Ibrahim Wahby and the LInC team invite you to our fundraising dinner to celebrate the encouraging testimonies of how the ministry has expanded among many communities.

Our goal is to raise funds for our mission of linking new Canadians to Christ by equipping Canadian youth & young adults to model after Jesus in serving the newcomers to Canada. You will enjoy a time of worship, testimonies, fellowship and a fine Middle Eastern dinner.

Saturday, October 29, 2022

**Start time: 5:30 pm ET
Dinner is served at 7:00 pm ET**

**The Salvation Army Hall
2460 The Collegeway, Mississauga, ON L5L 1V3**

Tickets: \$25 per individual or \$125 for a table of 6 individuals. All donations are tax receiptable.

To purchase a ticket or a table, visit our website www.lifeinchrist.ca or call: 905-604-5462 ext. 3 or email: raghdah@lincministry.com

Join our Mission:

We believe that all people from all ethnic and religious backgrounds deserve to hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus has taught us to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28: 19-20.

Nowadays, we are not only reaching the local areas of Ontario, but our impact is expanding to reach all of Canada and parts of the world. Therefore, we invite you to join this mission of bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to many people in our land.

We want to thank you for partnering with us as we remember the journey, live the moment and anticipate the future together. Thank you for supporting LInC ministry in prayers and financial donations, thank you for your generosity and faith in LInC's mission to reach the unchurched people for Christ.

We invite you to continue your prayers for LInC missionaries. May God use us to reach the lost souls for Christ.

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