



OUR NEWS AT LINC

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Youth & Young Adults Initiative

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, our missionaries in Cambridge and Scarborough continue to serve Middle Eastern newcomers and refugees. In this newsletter, we will focus on sharing updates on our work with youth and young adults and how the Lord leads us to make a lasting impact on the next generation.

It all started when the Holy Spirit placed on the heart of Pastor Ibrahim Wahby and other missionaries at LInC Ministry, to focus on reaching out to the youth and young adults with the news of the gospel. You came along our vision and supported us in every step. We believe the revival will start with the young people and spread worldwide.

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SCARBOROUGH

YOUNG ADULTS

ON A MISSION

Two of our missionaries came together in Scarborough to create a group called 'Young Adults On A Mission'. Our mission is to create opportunities for young Christian adults to practice and grow their faith. We have a group of 10 young adults meeting to brainstorm ways to reach their peers and make a tangible impact for Christ.

Therefore, the young adults came together to discuss the challenges that youth face nowadays and brainstorm ways to address those challenges. Of course, the challenges vary depending on the target population and their socioeconomic status, location, and religion, among other factors. Therefore, taking into account all these differences, the young adults identified three main challenges:

- Mental health crisis.
- Navigating relationships.
- Confusion on who God is.

We understand that these issues are multifaceted as young people are surrounded by competing worldviews and cultural forces aligning against the Christian faith. Therefore, our group is focused on prayers and facing as they seek the leading of the Holy Spirit.



Young adults during a zoom meeting on February 28, 2023

YOU ARE WELCOME ABOARD!

Feel free to reach out to us if you or a young person you know would like to join our mission team. We are open to having more young Christian people join our mission group and make a tangible impact in Greater Toronto Area. For more info, email us at linc@lifeinchrist.ca.

Mission trips do not have to be overseas, sometimes, the Lord might be calling you to start your mission trip as a volunteer with a group of like-minded people.

We are united as we know the Holy Spirit is about to start a revival. A revival that will begin among young people and spread worldwide.

'And in the last days, it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'

Acts 2:17

CAMBRIDGE

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH

FOR A PURPOSE

For over a year, a group of missionaries started a youth ministry by welcoming youth to attend an educational, fun and interactive program. It began with a simple mission: to introduce young people to Christ and walk them through the process of finding the fullness of life in Christ. Today, we have three missionaries working to serve about 25 youths in the tri-cities area.

Unique population: Our program's youth come from various backgrounds, some Christians and non-Christians, and they are at different places in their faith journey. We are happy to bring this unique group together to develop positive and healthy relationships with our missionaries. Those relationships are directed toward showing the love and salvation of Christ.

As our numbers grew, the missionaries saw the need to divide the group into two groups based on age brackets. We have youth ages 13 to 17 and young adults ages 18 to 30 years old. This new system has proven effective and beneficial as each age group has unique needs! Moreover, our three missionaries, Marwa, Nora and Nadia, are grateful for your prayers and support.



We were able to purchase a 1-year curriculum for our youth because of your generous support. The current topic the groups are learning is: Jesus's Image.

GOALS:

- Strengthen their relationship with God and grow their fire for God.
- To develop a deep understanding of the person of the Holy Spirit.
- Support each individual to build and grow a personal and intimate relationship with Christ.
- Learn how to reflect their faith in their daily lives and interactions with others.

Prayer request: pray for our missionaries' protection and grace as they work diligently to serve and teach the next generation of youth and young adults. Pray for the youth and young adults that we are in our care, that they come to experience the love of Christ and grow in a personal relationship with Him. Pray for the youth worship team as the youth are learning and developing their skills for worship and praise.

SUPPORTING THE FOREIGNER WEBINAR

With Pastor Ibrahim Wahby
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR AT LINC MINISTRIES

A group of our missionaries at LINC Ministries invited Pastor Ibrahim Wahby to a webinar where he discussed biblical perspectives on refugees and newcomers. In this webinar, Pastor Ibrahim discussed why Canadian Christians should care and provide aid for newcomers and refugees. He spoke on what Jesus' teaching on this matter was, and how we can practise it daily? Here are some of the questions that he answered:

Why should we help foreigners who are not Canadians? Should we first start with helping Canadians?

Paul teaches the church in Galatia to "do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of faith..." (Galatians 6:10). So, we are called to start focusing on the family, then expand to all people. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbours as ourselves, but who is my neighbour? Jesus answers by sharing the story of the good Samaritan and how a foreigner is the one who gave a hand of support when everyone else did the opposite and rejected support. In Matthew 5, Jesus took it a step further and said, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Hence, we are called to show love to all people, not only those we feel close to and comfortable with.

Pastor, you are not naturally born into this cause, as you were never a refugee, so why are you interested in this area, and how did you cultivate your passion for supporting new Canadians?

Many years ago, I came from Egypt, settled in Canada, and felt the calling of God to plant churches. Through my ministry, I got the chance to witness the lives and struggles of newcomers and refugees. So, as I was reading my Bible, the Lord illuminated the verses in Jeremiah 29:5 "build houses and live in them. Settle in the land. Plant gardens and eat the food you grow." So I started studying the Canadian milieu of life, culture and history and realized Canada has a legacy of welcoming newcomers. Those newcomers are the ones who build the country, and that's when I knew God was calling me to invest and support them because they have a significant role in carrying the torch of faith to the next generation.

Pastor Ibrahim continues to discuss this topic and answer many other questions. We invite you to watch the entire webinar by scanning this QR code on your mobile device to access the full webinar. Simply open your camera app and point it at the code below. Once your camera recognizes the QR code, a notification will pop up that features a link. Tap on this link, and your phone will direct you to the website.



SCAN ME 



A picture featuring the webinar on YouTube!


Testimonies **FROM THE FIELD**



Encountering Christ!

One of our missionaries in Cambridge got in touch with a Muslim family searching for the true God! When they arrived in Canada a few years ago, they saw how Canadian society gave them the freedom to explore their faith and get in touch with Christians in their area. Our missionary invited the family to attend our church location in Cambridge. They attended our Christmas celebration, where we highlighted the significance of Christmas and salvation through Christ Jesus. They fellowshiped with us and enjoyed the safe environment.

Our female missionary and the wife started building a friendship, where they would go out for coffee and have faith conversations. They talked about the person of Jesus, and that's when the Holy Spirit touched the wife. She was amazed to know who Jesus was and how he loved her uniquely and perfectly. The ladies continued to meet regularly, and the wife decided to attend church again and shared with her husband about Christ, and together they came to church again. After a few times, they got to speak and pray with the Pastor and started a new life with Christ. Now, the family is passionate about Christ and started attending our weekly prayer meetings to learn and grow in their journey with Him.



A story of hope & future

A family consisting of father, mother and two teenage daughters were our most recent refugee arrivals on December 2022. They arrived after many years of waiting for a new beginning. Their story starts in Iraq, where the mother was a dentist, and the father was an Information Technology (IT) expert. They lived in the northern region of Iraq, and the father worked for a large technology company. When he saw that the company started to get involved in corrupt activities, he decided to resign and search for a new job. So, he gave his resignation letter, which his manager rejected, as he was told that he knew too much and they could not let him go.

He insisted on resigning, and the company couldn't change his mind. So, a few days later, he was kidnapped in the middle of the market, where his wife and daughters were with him in the car. He was kidnapped, tortured and interrogated for many days. His wife and daughters thought he was murdered, but fortunately, he was released after a while.

The kidnappers told him he would be under constant surveillance until he returned to work. At that point, he was forced to flee his home and take his wife and two daughters to find refuge in another Middle Eastern country, where he stayed from May 2019 until December 2022. Through your help and God's grace, the family is now settling well in the tri-cities, attending one of our prayer meetings and learning to call Canada home. We are thrilled to be a part of saving this family's life and seeing them have a safe and secure life in Canada. Thank you for partnering with us on this journey.



Missional Pastoral School (MPS)

In this third year of Missional Pastoral School (MPS), we see our students growing in their Christian learning as well as in practising ministry pre-trial disciplines, biblical interpretation and theological thinking. In addition, they are learning how to pray effectively and how to use their time and resources in ministry.

We are so blessed for this, and we lift our hearts with thanksgiving to our Lord, who entrusted us to mentor all these precious souls to build the kingdom of God. Please pray for us as we come close to the next semester, lift three of our students who are ready to be graduated this year, and pray for the rest of the MPS students.

We are proud to have Canadian students representing different mission fields like India, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt. Join us in praying for them as they grow in their relationship with God and are getting equipped to start their professional roles in ministry.

-Rev. Ibrahim Wahby, MPS Director

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Missional Pastoral School (MPS)! Thanks to your financial support, we can offer admission for three new students and give them tuition-free classes. If you feel led to support this ministry, check out the last page on how to do that!

Meet the new students

Karuna Cheerla



Hailing from Mississauga, Karuna is a Software Developer who is looking forward to integrating her faith with her studies. She enjoys leading worship and taking part in Sunday School and the Youth Ministry at her local church.

Nahed Ammari



Nahed craves a stronger and deeper relationship with the Bible and is excited for this opportunity at MPS. We're pleased to have her as part of LInC local church in Cambridge and look forward to her growth.

Linda A-Saca



"I am a disciple of Christ. Studying with MPS has moved me from a student who reads and is tested to a student who understands the true meaning of prayer, preaching, and deepening in the word of God."

Together We Grow

Conference Overview

The Youth and young adults conference was held on Feb 25 at our Cambridge location. The day started with worship led by the youth worship team, then the attendees got divided into two separate sections based on age. Our mission was simple: to introduce young people to Christ and walk them to have the fullness of life in Christ. Our team was praying and fasting for many days before the conference as we were seeking the presence of the Lord above all things. We had a total of 26 attendees, 4 missionaries, 4 guest speakers, and 10 Young adult volunteers from Scarborough.

Section 1: Young adults ages 18-30.

- What is my purpose in life, and how can I know it?
- God's plan on navigating relationships and life choices!

Section 2: for youth ages 13-17.

- Identity in Christ: who am I in Christ?
- How does my spiritual, social, emotional, and physical health impact my mental health?

Each session was followed by a small group workshop, where the attendees discussed the session's content in more depth. The youth and young adults expressed their interest in those discussions, and the missionaries saw the positive impact of these sessions on the group.

The Holy Spirit showed us a beautiful vision during the day, He showed us how He's using this event to shape and mould the lives of those young people. We could see the Lord using this event as a tool in His skillful hands to mature, develop and conform each one of them into the image of Christ.

Moreover, we saw Him develop and deepen in the hearts of the missionaries the quality of perseverance. Make them a tool for carrying His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).



Young adults attending a session with Pastor Tharwat Eskander

Together We Grow

Conference Testimonies

A young man named John attended the session about the purpose of life with Pastor Ibrahim Wahby. This young man started talking and said: "I have been far from God in the last little while, and I feel I miss going to church and being with a group of believers. This session taught me that our purpose is not to chase an adrenaline rush because it will ultimately fade. I want to serve God in an honest way and see how He gives me purpose in life". The session was followed by a small group discussion, where our missionaries led a discussion and opened the floor for questions. John was touched during the conference as he got the chance to hear a personal call from the Holy Spirit and decide to redirect his life to Christ. We believe this is only the beginning, and the Lord will take us from glory to glory. John is only one of the young people who personally encountered the Holy Spirit during the conference.

I experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit during the worship time, especially when I saw the missionaries praying with various young during the worship, hugging and praying and continuing to carry the love of Christ
– a young adults worship leader.

I learned how my mental health is based on many factors, such as social, spiritual and physical. This session gave me a new perspective on how the Bible teaches me to maintain my mental health – a youth member.

Thank You!

We want to give a big thank you to all those who were a part of making the conference a place where the Holy Spirit is present.

Thank you, Pastor Ibrahim Wahby, from LInC Ministries
Thank you, Pastor Tharwat Eskandar, from the Salvation Army in Mississauga
Thank you, Pastor Dave Yoon, from the Good News Church in Cambridge
Thank you, Pastor Andrew Nunn, from Forward Church in Cambridge

Thank you, missionaries from Cambridge, who spent many hours planning, communicating and directing the conference.

Thank you, missionaries from Scarborough who drove a long distance to arrive in Cambridge and participate and serve in this conference.

Thank you, dear partner, for your continued prayers and support for our work among the youth and the young adults.

Together We Grow

Photo Highlight



YOU ARE INVITED TO HOST A DAY OF TESTIMONIES & ENCOURAGEMENT WITH ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES

We would like to extend the invitation to you if you would like one of our missionaries to speak about our mission at LInC Ministries and how their life story aligns and is woven through the daily mission of our ministry. If you have a group of friends or family whom you would like them to know more about the ministry to newcomers and refugees, then you are welcome to contact us via email at linc@lifeinchrist.ca. We are open to having an in-person or zoom gathering of such type. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Our beloved Raghdah was recently the guest keynote speaker at a meeting with prospective partners and pastors from across Canada to share her Journey to Jesus and her family's journey from her hometown. In short, in the summer of 2014, Raghdah and her family started noticing the terrorist attacks approaching their village. As the attacks intensified, they had no option but to flee their home and seek refuge elsewhere! They became displaced people within Iraq.

The journey of seeking refuge took them through Turkiya and Jorden before they all arrived in Canada in 2015. Sharing such a moving story of truth has been used by the Holy Spirit to get people to envision what refugees go through and how God is constantly at work in their journeys. We praise God for empowering Raghdah as one of the missionaries at LInC Ministry. She continues advancing the Holy Spirit's mission at LInC Ministries as we introduce Jesus to many newcomers and refugees. This story of success is only one among the repeating stories of how refugees and newcomers come to experience the salvation of Christ and later feel called to become missionaries in His field.

SOME OF OUR PAST SPEAKING EVENTS INCLUDES:

- Associated Gospel Churches Canadawide – Virtual
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church – Scarborough
- Emmanuel Baptist Church – Oshawa
- Faith Evangelical Church – Kitchener
- With LINC partners: John & Sharon Kelsall and their group of friends & family – virtual

JOURNEY WITH US

Welcome Home, Pastor Bassem & Family!



Pastor Bassem Sawieres, his wife, Rosie, and two daughters, Joy and Hope, have been in the UK for the past 2 years, awaiting the successful application of their Canadian work permit. We are happy to share the good news that they no longer have to wait, as their application is now successfully processed!

We are thrilled to welcome them back to our LInC family, and as we prepare for their arrival, we are raising funds to support their mission and calling in Canada. So, we would like to invite you, our partner, to join us in raising support for the Sawieres's and their God-given calling in Canada.

Partner with us in prayer

▶ Pray for those in Eastern Turkiye & Northern Syria as they live through a tragic earthquake. We pray for every man, woman, and child suffering physical and mental hurts.

▶ Pray for our missionaries as they work together to execute the calling of God at LInC Ministries. They connect people with Christ to find the fullness of life in Christ.

▶ Pray for our Youth Missionaries in Cambridge and Scarborough as they continue building and investing in the lives of the youth and young adults.

▶ Pray for a special move of the Holy Spirit at our various church planting locations across the GTA and the Tri-cities—a move filled with healing, deliverance and salvation.

▶ Pray for grace and favour for our missionaries as they network and build awareness about our mission and the significance of why we exist for such a time as this.

▶ Pray for our children's programs and activities throughout this time of March break as we continue to plant seeds of the gospel in their lives.

▶ Pray for our refugee sponsorship program, to grow and continue making a lasting impact in the lives of many refugees.

▶ Pray for the LINC ministry's board members as they continue to serve and model the image of Christ throughout the operation of LINC Ministries.

Pastor Ibrahim Wahby and the missionaries at LInC Ministries pray for you to be filled with joy and blessings during this Easter season! We enjoy serving Christ alongside you and would love to continue through financial partnership and prayers. You and your loved ones are always in our prayers, and we invite you to consider LInC Ministries in your Easter season's financial support and prayers.

From our missionaries

Mariana Gebeil
Bassem Sawieres
Raghdah Zakariya
Eminar Bitar
Shantayae Grant
Sarjon Toma
Pastor Ibrahim
Wahby

Happy Easter!



PARTNER WITH US FINANCIALLY

Looking around these days, you might notice inflation, mental health crisis, and social and political unrest! While the world is confused and lost, we, as the body of Christ, are called to be the light and salt in our daily lives! The Bible teaches us not to be afraid when the world is afraid but instead walk from a place of victory, knowing that Jesus has overcome the world.

At LInC Ministry, we understand that we are living in challenging times, but we know that the word of God is unchained (1 Timothy 2:9), and neither are the people of God. Therefore, we invite you to partner with the Holy Spirit through LINC Ministry to enable us to continue serving and building the kingdom of God.

Your prayers and financial support empower our missionaries to allocate time to serving many people in many cities! You are our valued partner in ministry, as we find you walking with us, reading our testimonies and praying for our growth!

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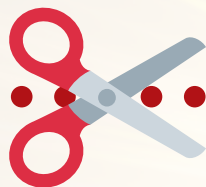


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