



2017-18 MINISTRY REPORT

STAND FAST IN THE FAITH,
BE BRAVE, BE STRONG.

—1 Corinthians 16:13

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

2017–18

DEAR FRIEND,

As we were completing this annual report, my father—at the age of 99—departed this world into eternal life in Heaven, prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he proclaimed for nearly 80 years. We are grateful that he is finally home in the presence of God and has been reunited with my mother.

The ministry that was my father’s passion for so many years continues, and we are pressing on with urgency until Christ returns. We thank God for opening hearts and drawing people to Himself each time we preach the Gospel. More than 1.9 million people have told the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association that they made a decision for Jesus Christ last year in response to this ministry’s outreaches including international Crusades, Decision America Tour events, internet evangelism where even “closed” countries can be reached, and more.

In May, we hosted the World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington, D.C. This unprecedented event put a spotlight on the persecution of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, to stir up prayer and action to help alleviate their suffering.

In looking ahead to the remainder of 2018, we are moving forward to take advantage of the open doors God has given us for evangelistic events in numerous countries and in seven cities up the West Coast of the U.S. As our *“fellow workers for the kingdom of God”* (Colossians 4:11), you enable this ministry to carry out the tasks He has given us. We are deeply grateful.

May God richly bless you,



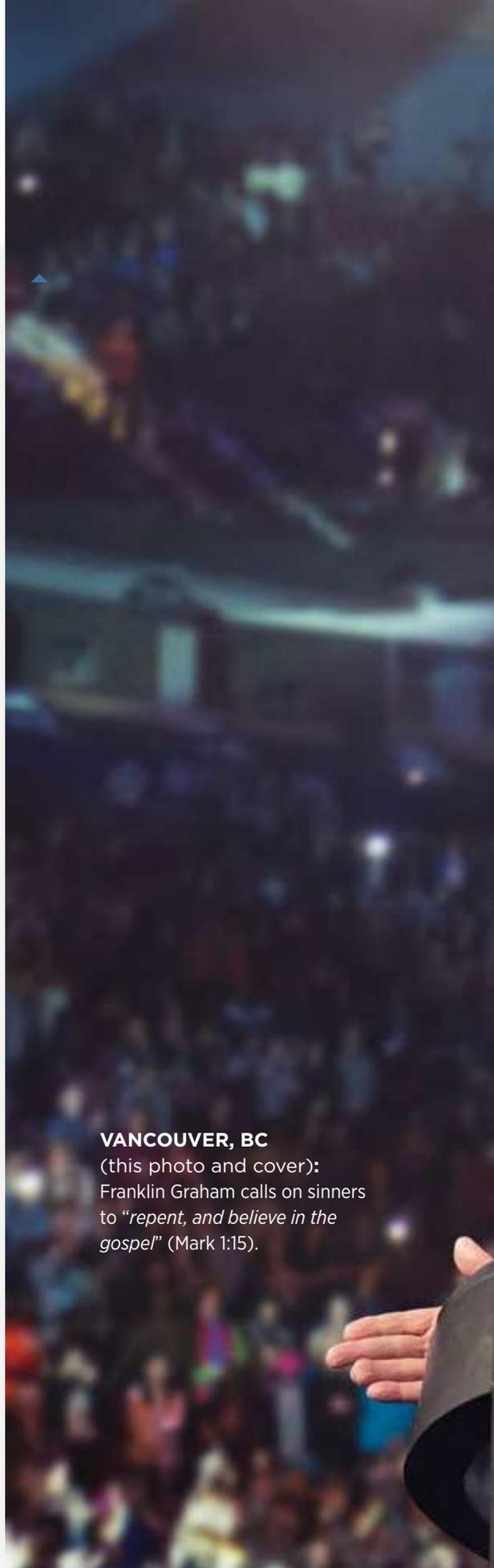
Franklin Graham
President

PUERTO RICO:
Responding to
the Good News of
God’s grace



VANCOUVER, BC

(this photo and cover):
Franklin Graham calls on sinners
to *“repent, and believe in the
gospel”* (Mark 1:15).



*“GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD BOAST EXCEPT IN THE CROSS
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD HAS
BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME, AND I TO THE WORLD.”*

—Galatians 6:14



ALL-AGES MINISTRIES

GLOBAL



VANCOUVER, BC:

When Franklin Graham preached “*straightforward about the truth of the gospel*” (Galatians 2:14), over 1,800 people publicly repented and committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

P EOPLE THE WORLD OVER HUNGER FOR REAL AND LASTING HOPE, BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT. THEY DESPERATELY NEED TO HEAR THE TRUTH ABOUT FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. SINCE BGEA'S FOUNDING, WE HAVE HELD EVANGELISTIC EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE TO PEOPLE WHO NEED CHRIST. THESE OUTREACHES ARE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL CHURCHES AND ARE A PROCESS OF PRAYER, TRAINING, OUTREACH, AND FOLLOW-UP.



CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI:

A repentant heart is pierced by the Gospel.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

MORE THAN 60 CHURCHES partnered with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada to present the Prince Edward Island Celebration of Hope with Will Graham, Nov. 3–5, 2017.

Over 5,000 people attended and heard Will proclaim, “*There is salvation in no one else [but Jesus Christ], for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12, ESV).

In addition, two of the three nights of outreach were streamed live to the internet and viewed by 42,000 people in 13 countries.

We praise God that during the nine-month Celebration journey, more than 400 people dedicated or rededicated their lives to Christ, who “*came to seek and to save the lost*” (Luke 19:10, ESV).



*“... PREACHING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND
TEACHING THE THINGS WHICH CONCERN THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL CONFIDENCE.”*

—Acts 28:31

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI: Over 5,000 people attended the three-day Will Graham Celebration of Hope and more than 400 dedicated or rededicated their lives to Christ.

ALL-AGES MINISTRIES

“It’s so wonderful to see the spirit of God at work through the Celebration,” said David DuBois, who co-chaired the local leadership team with David Rashed.

DuBois was especially gratified to see how the Lord worked through the first night of outreach, called KidzFest. It featured a carnival, music, and testimonies aimed at children, a live performance of *The Greatest Journey* (BGEA’s child evangelism and discipleship ministry), and a short but powerful message from Will Graham.

The local leadership team was praying that about 500 children, parents, and grandparents would attend, but God surprised them by bringing nearly 900 to the event.

“We know this is a kid-friendly community, but we weren’t expecting such great attendance,” said DuBois with a wide smile of appreciation.

Among the more than 140 people of all ages who came to faith in Christ at KidzFest were five children from a Syrian refugee family.

“I was dazzled, amazed, and praising God,” said Maha Ghiz,

a Christian from the Middle East who brought the children (with their parents’ permission) to KidzFest and translated for them.

The Celebration in PEI was the second major BGEA outreach in Canada in 2017. During three nights in March, more than 34,000 people heard Franklin Graham proclaim the Good News at the Greater Vancouver Festival of Hope.

Through the outreach nights at Rogers Arena, and other Festival of Hope events, 2,711 people committed or recommitted their lives to Christ.

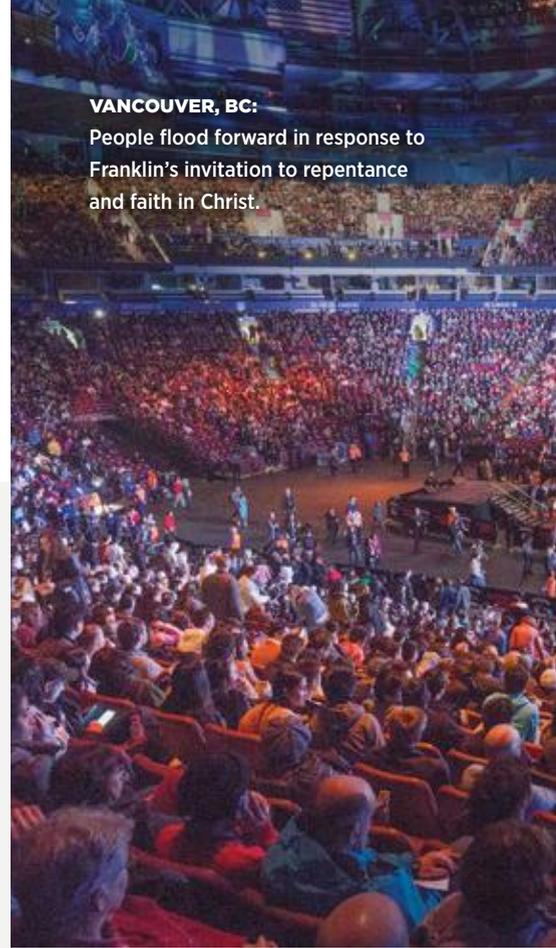
BGEA partnered in 2017 with each community’s local churches to organize Franklin Graham Festivals in Puerto Rico, Norway, and Vietnam. He preached “*repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Acts 20:21) to a combined audience of more than 148,100 people, with over 7,600 publicly repenting and committing their lives to Christ.

Another 781 individuals around the world indicated they made decisions for Christ after watching the Festivals online.

Meanwhile, BGEA’s Decision

VANCOUVER, BC:

People flood forward in response to Franklin’s invitation to repentance and faith in Christ.



WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATIONS

THE HOLY SPIRIT DREW

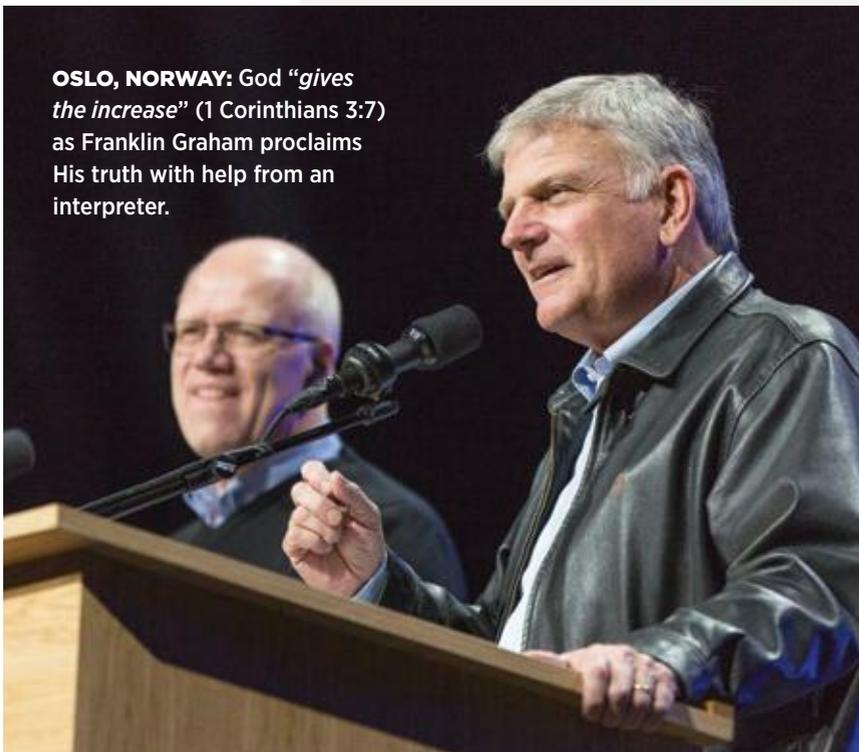
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PEOPLE TO GOD’S SON

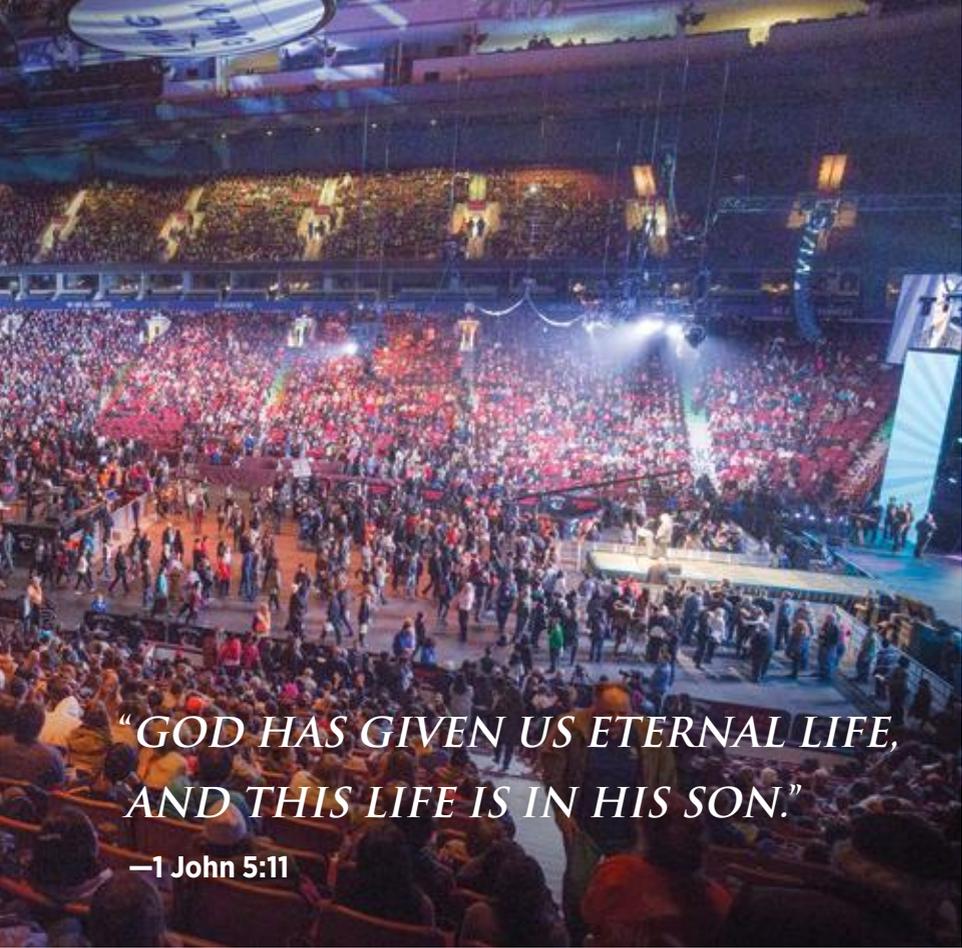
FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVALS

8,400

RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL BY MAKING DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



OSLO, NORWAY: God “*gives the increase*” (1 Corinthians 3:7) as Franklin Graham proclaims His truth with help from an interpreter.



*“GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE,
AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON.”*

—1 John 5:11

America Tour, which covered all 50 states in 2016, continued in 2017 with multiple outreach events in Tennessee and Texas. Partnering with 1,535 churches in Tennessee and 873 in Texas, we asked believers to bring their lost friends and loved ones to hear Franklin Graham preach the Gospel.

At least 73,500 people attended the tour, and we give thanks to God for the more than 3,850 who told us they made decisions for Christ.

Outside of the Canadian event in PEI, Will Graham proclaimed the Gospel in 2017 in Alabama, Indiana, Pachuca in Mexico, Suzhou and Changzhou in China, and Cluj-Napoca in Romania.

In total, more than 66,200 people attended Will’s Celebrations, with nearly 4,000 coming forward at his invitations to surrender their lives to the Savior. Another 380 individuals worldwide indicated they repented and committed their lives to Jesus Christ after watching Celebrations online.

Plans are now well underway for Will to proclaim the Good News at 2018 Celebrations of Hope in Rankin

Inlet, Nunavut (Oct. 26–27), and St. John’s, Newfoundland (Nov. 2–4). The Rankin Inlet Celebration will be the first of several BGEAC evangelistic outreaches across Canada’s Arctic in the next few years.

Staying true to Billy Graham’s mission, BGEA associate evangelist

Robert Cunville continued to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across India in 2017—in rural villages, small towns, and large cities. Nearly 185,000 people heard the Good News during Cunville’s outreaches, and more than 18,000 boldly stepped forward to follow our Savior, despite the reality that family and social circles may shun them.

Also in 2017, associate evangelist David Ruiz led BGEA Festivals in Metepec and Villa Victoria, Mexico. Almost 18,000 attended the two events, with nearly 2,100 dedicating or rededicating their lives to Jesus Christ.

We give glory to God for each life that is transformed at a BGEA event, and thank Him for the local churches that are welcoming and discipling these new believers.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that God will open doors for BGEA’s Festivals and Celebrations in the midst of growing opposition to the Gospel worldwide. Please pray that during these outreaches, the Holy Spirit will draw many people to the Savior Jesus Christ.



HANOI, VIETNAM: The two-day Franklin Graham Festival was historic, marking the first time that a mass evangelistic gathering had been held in northern Vietnam.

MY HOPE

BGEA CONTINUED ITS international My Hope initiative in 2017 that encourages and equips Christians and churches to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Through My Hope, believers share the Good News with friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors using evangelistic video programs featuring life-changing testimonies and powerful messages from Billy or Franklin Graham.

Throughout the year, BGEAC distributed more than 33,700 DVDs to churches, individuals, and prison ministries across Canada. In one instance, a group of innovative, evangelism-focused Christians in Red Deer, AB, worked with church volunteers to package and mail My Hope DVDs to every home in their city.

For more information about this ministry, please visit MyHopeWithBillyGraham.ca. You can download resources from the website, watch or download all five My Hope videos (including one in French), and order materials. Consider becoming a financial partner so this vital initiative can impact more Canadians for the Gospel.

If you have a standard cable TV service package in Alberta or Ontario, or subscribe to satellite TV, we invite you to watch weekly My Hope broadcasts on Yes TV.



RED DEER, AB: Members of Home Church package My Hope DVDs for mailing to every home in Red Deer.

DECISION MAGAZINE

DECISION, known as “The Evangelical Voice for Today,” reaches hundreds of thousands of North American readers each month with the Gospel. It encourages and equips believers to stand boldly for Biblical truth. The publication features insightful perspectives on today’s issues with articles by Franklin Graham and many well-known Bible teachers.

In 2017, BGEA printed nearly 5 million copies of Decision. The Canadian edition had an average circulation of almost 9,500 copies per issue.

“Praise God for this magazine,” wrote one reader. “The true and firm and fearless coverage of events and politics, from a Christian perspective, in our crazy world and evil culture is encouraging and comforting.”

Another wrote: “My neighbor gave me my first subscription, now almost 40 years ago, after I got saved. I gave a subscription to my sister-in-law a few years later, when she was saved. She was . . . widowed and lived with her folks. Her dad read it . . . as soon as it arrived. He was saved through reading it, and soon her mom and many in her family followed. Thank you and all those who put so much into it over many years!”

To subscribe or to renew your subscription, please call 1-800-293-3717.



MY HOPE

BGEAC DISTRIBUTED

33,700

DVDs IN 2017

TO CANADIAN

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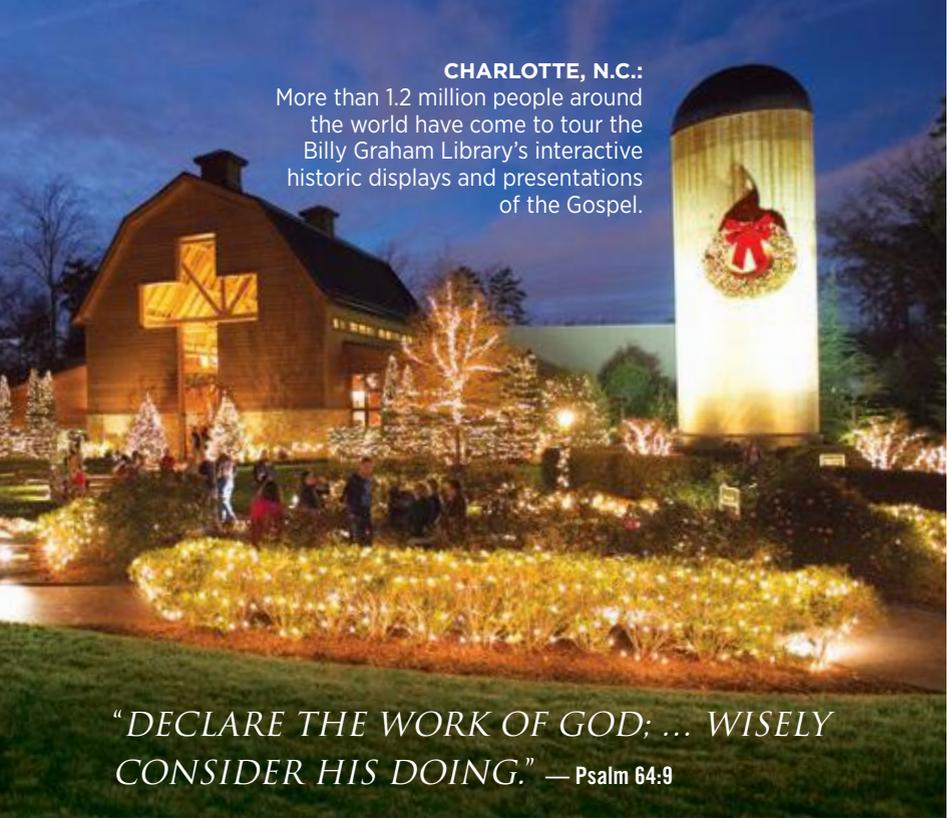
INDIVIDUALS, AND

PRISON MINISTRIES

TV TELEPHONE MINISTRY

PROVIDING SPIRITUAL SUPPORT and information to people who watch BGEA telecasts and then call the toll-free number on the screen is the focus of our TV Telephone Ministry, and it continues to be one of the primary ways we connect with people across Canada.

In 2017, volunteers at call centers in Calgary and Winnipeg answered more than 400 calls and prayed with over 100 people who dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ. Praise God!



CHARLOTTE, N.C.:
 More than 1.2 million people around the world have come to tour the Billy Graham Library's interactive historic displays and presentations of the Gospel.

CHRISTIAN RESPONSE

THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE ministry is a primary “voice” of Jesus Christ for BGEA, responding to thousands of individuals seeking spiritual help through letters, email, and telephone inquiries. BGEA representatives are trained to answer questions Biblically, pray, and offer comforting words of encouragement with humility and compassion.

In 2017, we responded to more than 229,100 queries, including almost 37,000 emails, and over 6,000 letters. Our in-house call center responded to more than 182,400 phone calls, primarily from viewers of Billy Graham TV Specials and Billy Graham Classics, which feature evangelistic messages from his Crusades.

If you or anyone you know needs spiritual help, please call 1-877-247-2426.

“DECLARE THE WORK OF GOD; ... WISELY CONSIDER HIS DOING.” — Psalm 64:9

BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY

WHEN THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY was founded in 2007, Mr. Graham prayed that the 40,000-square-foot exhibition space would be an extension of his ministry. He said the Library’s purpose was “to please the Lord and to honor Jesus, not to see me or to think of me.”

The barn-shaped building and Mr. Graham’s relocated childhood home are situated on 20 landscaped acres, only six kilometers from where he grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. More than 1.2 million people around the world have come to tour its interactive historic displays and presentations of the Gospel since 2007.

During 2017, more than 108,400 of the Library’s guests experienced *The Journey of Faith* tour, which creatively retraces the evangelist’s life and ministry through inspiring media presentations, historic recreations, memorabilia, photos, and personal stories.

We give God all the glory and praise for the more than 1,900 souls who responded to the tour by making life-changing commitments to Jesus Christ. More than half of them indicated it was their first time to repent of their sins and surrender to the Savior.

BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY IN 2017:

144,000 VISITED FROM 30 COUNTRIES

PRAYER REQUEST:
 Please pray that God would work powerfully through these ministries to change lives now and for all eternity.

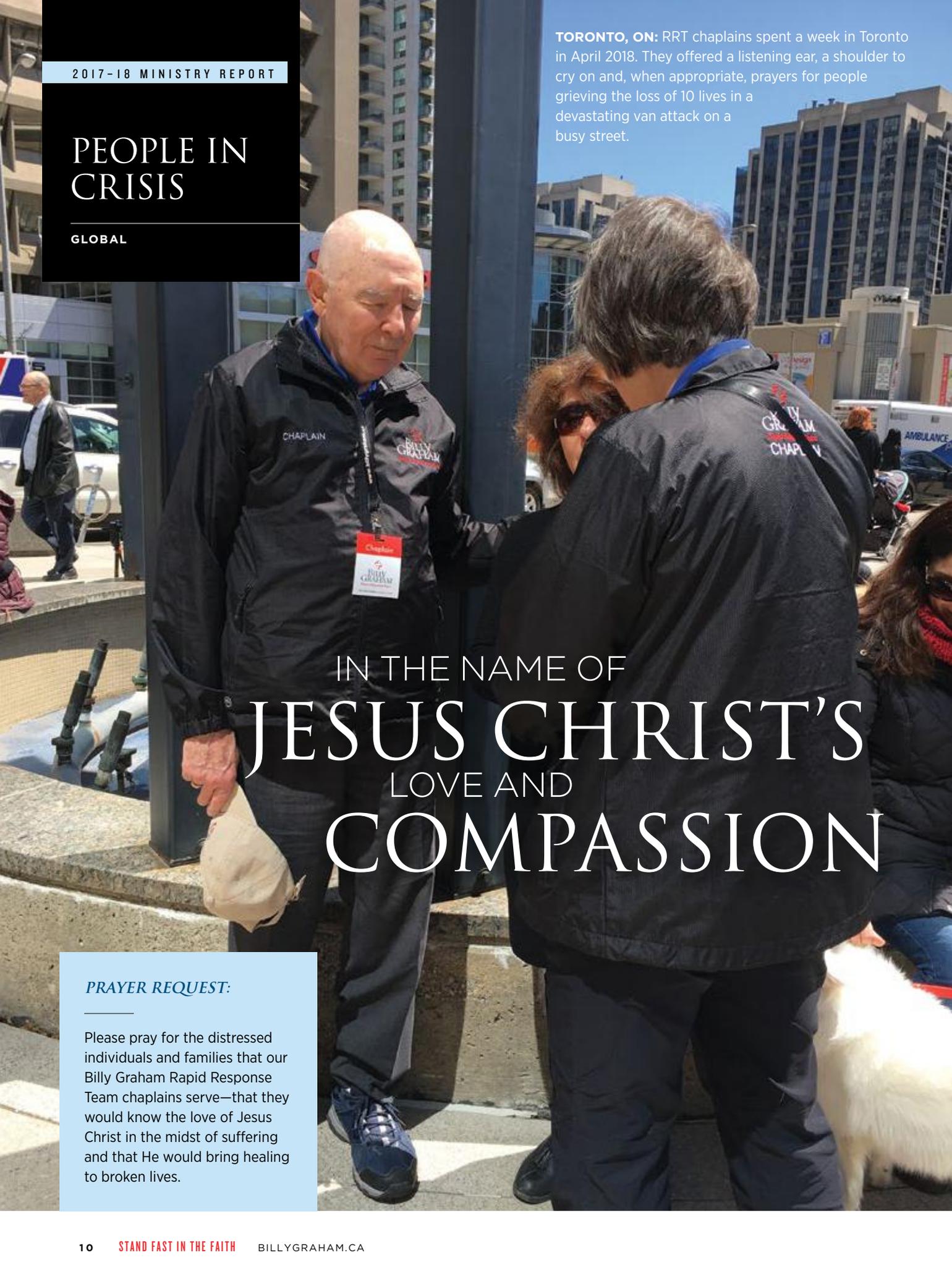


CALL CENTERS:
 BGEA responded to more than 182,400 phone calls in 2017.

PEOPLE IN CRISIS

GLOBAL

TORONTO, ON: RRT chaplains spent a week in Toronto in April 2018. They offered a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and, when appropriate, prayers for people grieving the loss of 10 lives in a devastating van attack on a busy street.



IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST'S LOVE AND COMPASSION

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray for the distressed individuals and families that our Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains serve—that they would know the love of Jesus Christ in the midst of suffering and that He would bring healing to broken lives.

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THE BILLY GRAHAM RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT) WAS DEVELOPED BY FRANKLIN GRAHAM AND THE BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT. 11, 2001. IT HAS SINCE GROWN INTO AN INTERNATIONAL

NETWORK OF CHAPLAINS IN THREE COUNTRIES WHO ARE TRAINED TO DEAL WITH CRISIS SITUATIONS. THEY HAVE DEPLOYED TO MORE THAN 270 DISASTER SITES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING SHOOTINGS, TERRORIST ATTACKS, FLOODS, HURRICANES, WILDFIRES, AND TORNADOES.



HUMBOLDT, SK:
RRT chaplains pray with a mourner after the fatal bus crash.

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

THE LORD CONTINUED to open doors for RRT's Canadian ministry to provide spiritual and emotional care to hurting people in 2017. During the year, we deployed more than 200 chaplains to 16 North American locations and prayed with more than 2,300 people, starting with a deadly January shooting in Quebec City that killed six people at a mosque. A month later, Canadian chaplains assisted in the RRT response to tornadoes that swept through the state of Louisiana. In June, chaplains worked alongside volunteers from Samaritan's Purse to provide Christ's

love, compassion, and offer of salvation to victims of flooding in eastern Ontario and western Quebec. Flooding in Vernon, BC, brought RRT chaplains and Samaritan's Purse volunteers to the area in July to offer physical and spiritual assistance. Much of the rest of the summer was spent in BC's interior, where wildfires in the Ashcroft and Williams Lake areas wiped out an entire mobile home park and many other dwellings.

During that deployment alone, chaplains prayed with 400 residents and volunteers and helped eight people dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ, who has *"borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"* (Isaiah 53:4, ESV).

"The chaplains were very compassionate with people, but also intentional in presenting the Gospel and the hope it represents," said Williams Lake, BC, pastor Jay McAlister.

As in previous years, RRT chaplains were deployed at Operation Christmas Child shoebox processing centers in Alberta and Ontario in 2017. They also assisted at a Christian music festival in Alberta, and in Alaska at Samaritan's Purse's Operation Heal Our Patriots ministry for married military couples experiencing physical and emotional challenges.

In April 2018, RRT chaplains spent a week in Humboldt, SK, providing emotional and spiritual care to people grieving the loss of 16 lives in a collision involving a tractor trailer and a bus carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team. During the same month, chaplains deployed for a week in Toronto after 10 people were killed by a man driving a van along the sidewalk of a busy street.

Training is a key part of the RRT ministry and in 2017, almost 30 training events were held across Canada to equip experienced and new chaplains, along with others who want to confidently represent Christ to those in the midst of crisis. More than 800 people participated in this training.



ASHCROFT, BC: An RRT chaplain walks a woman impacted by the wildfire through "Steps to Peace With God", a simple tract that outlines in four brief steps how to find eternal life. Shortly after, the woman made a decision to accept Christ.

**RRT CHAPLAINS
PRAYED FOR:
2,300
PEOPLE
149
DEDICATED/REDEDICATED
THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST**

INTERNET EVANGELISM

GLOBAL

B BGEA LAUNCHED ITS INTERNET EVANGELISM MINISTRY, *SEARCH FOR JESUS* (SFJ), IN 2011. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE MINISTRY HAS REACHED OVER 60 MILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. MORE THAN 11 MILLION OF THEM INDICATED THEY MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST. IN ADDITION TO EXPLAINING THE GOSPEL IN SIMPLE TERMS THROUGH ITS EVANGELISTIC WEBSITE, **PEACEWITHGOD.NET**, SFJ OFFERS ONLINE RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH. OVER 1.6 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE PROVIDED THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FURTHER FOLLOW-UP AND TO RECEIVE OUR DISCIPLESHIP MATERIALS.

ONE WAY SFJ FOLLOWS UP with people is through its free online discipleship course, *Know Jesus*, which has surpassed 47,000 enrollments since it launched in August 2012. (Over 14,000 people enrolled in 2017 alone.)

In 2017, over 10 million people (including more than 125,000 Canadians) visited SFJ websites from over 220 countries and territories. Almost 2 million of them (over 13,000 from Canada) indicated making a decision for Christ during the year through **PeaceWithGod.net** and its Spanish counterpart, **PazConDios.net**. Afterward, more than 379,500 provided their contact information to request follow-up.

Our Internet Evangelism websites offer visitors the opportunity to connect with specially trained volunteer email counselors.

An inquirer named Tom began a conversation with Hanna, a Canadian counselor.

After Tom explained his life circumstances, Hanna reminded him that God loves him exactly as he is now, and has a plan for his life. The most important way to let that plan unfold, she added, is to repent of his sins and accept Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Tom understood, but he was fearful that even if he decided to dedicate his life to Jesus, his physical attraction to males would continue. Hanna told Tom there is a spiritual battle going on inside him and provided many Scripture verses to clearly show the devil's deceitful character and evil plans.

Then she affirmed that Christ will guide him, direct him, and do

“THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.”

—John 17:3

INTERNET EVANGELISM:

AS GOD WORKED

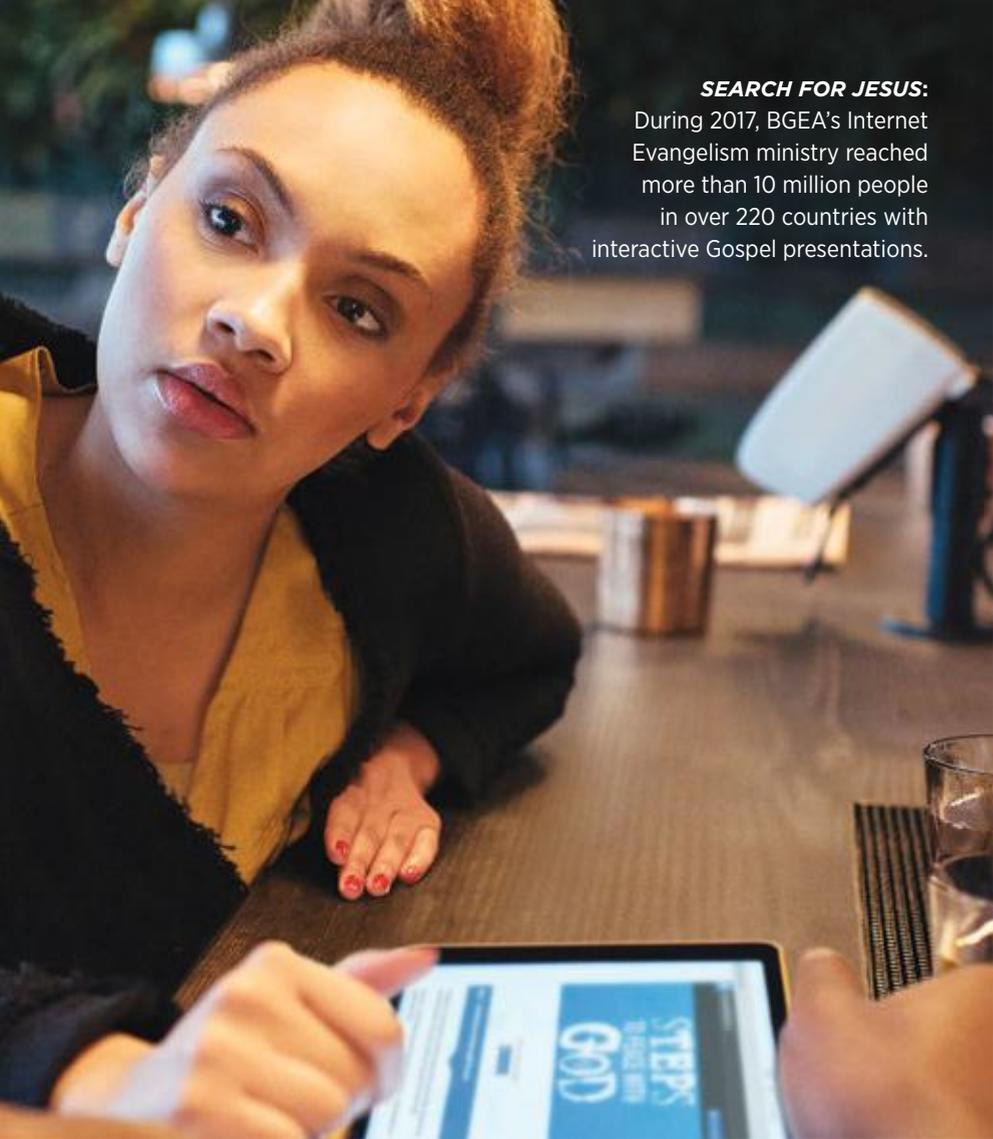
1.9 MILLION

MADE DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

amazing things in his life. When Tom questioned how this would happen, she quoted John 16:13, *“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth”* (ESV). This was to show him that this life-changing work would be done through the Holy Spirit.

“It’s so nice to have hope and knowledge that someone wants to guide me,” Tom responded.

The conversation ended with Hanna asking Tom to:



SEARCH FOR JESUS:

During 2017, BGEA's Internet Evangelism ministry reached more than 10 million people in over 220 countries with interactive Gospel presentations.

GOOD NEWS!

God loves you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sins. If you believe in Him, turn from your sins, and make Jesus the Lord of your life, you will have eternal life with Him in heaven.

WILL YOU PRAY THIS PRAYER TODAY?

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I want to turn from my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe He died for my sins and that You raised Him to life. I want Him to come into my heart and to take control of my life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward. In Jesus' Name, amen.

NOW WHAT?

Did you pray this prayer today? Or do you have questions about a relationship with Jesus Christ? Visit **PeaceWithGod.net** and let us know.

- acquire a Bible and read the gospel of John.
- find a Bible-believing church where he could speak with a pastor about what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ.

We praise God for how He has used **PeaceWithGod.net** to speak into Tom's life and the lives of millions of people around the world.

You can be part of this ministry—which shares the Gospel even in places where evangelism is not permitted—through your prayers and financial gifts. To learn about becoming an online counselor visit **SearchForJesus.net**.

View realtime decisions for Christ on a worldwide map at **SearchForJesus.net/pray**. A live feed of this map runs on a TV screen in the lobby of our Canadian head office in Calgary, AB. Visitors and staff are able to witness the power of the Gospel and pray for new believers to grow in their faith.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray that God will give BGEA the words needed to effectively communicate the Gospel online. Pray also for *Search for Jesus's* new Arabic outreach to the Middle East. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to raise up workers passionate to be a part of this ministry.



**INTERNET
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10 MILLION
VISITED
PEACEWITHGOD.NET
IN 2017**

WORLD SUMMIT

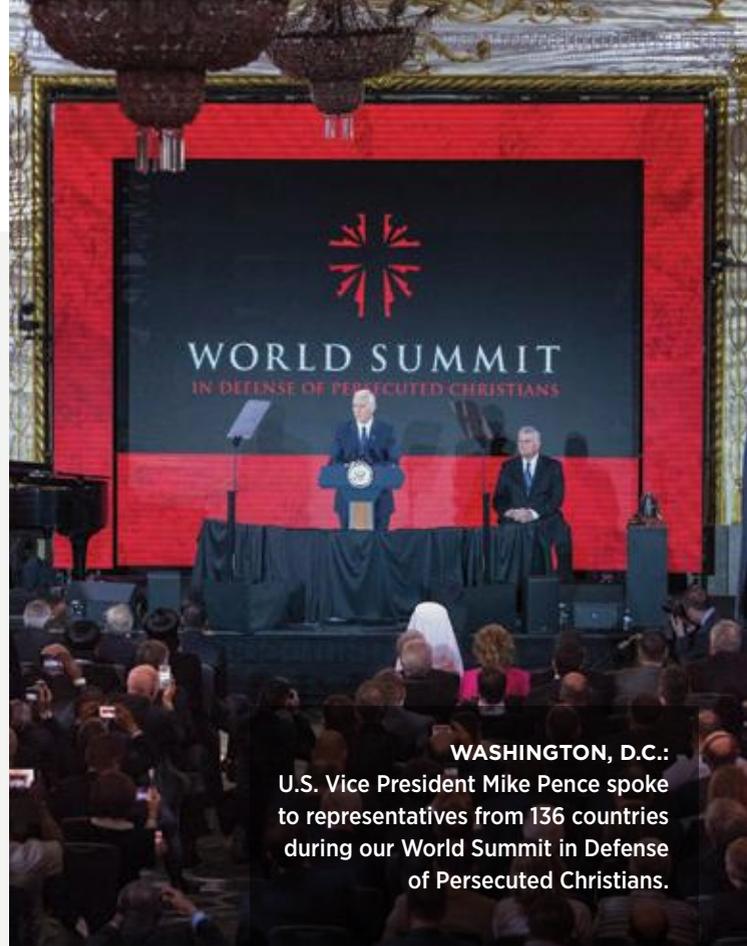
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I IN RESPONSE TO THE HISTORIC PERSECUTION OF BELIEVERS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE GLOBE, BGEA ORGANIZED THE WORLD SUMMIT IN DEFENSE OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS. MORE THAN 600 PARTICIPANTS FROM 136 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES—INCLUDING VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION, ADVOCATES FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, AND MEN AND WOMEN EXPERIENCED IN MINISTERING TO THE OPPRESSED AND PERSECUTED—FROM 136 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ATTENDED THE WASHINGTON, D.C., EVENT IN MID-2017.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, the number of believers facing hostility, maltreatment, and martyrdom is greater than at any time in history. Approximately 215 million Christians experience “high, very high or extreme persecution” in the 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a follower of Jesus, according to Open Doors USA’s 2017 World Watch List. Some researchers report 90,000 or more Christians were killed in 2016 alone.

The World Summit focused on prayer for those who suffer daily because of their faith and loyalty to the Lord Jesus. It sought to raise awareness and help our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide who are oppressed for their beliefs.

Delegates from many countries and a wide variety of church denominations—including Franklin Graham, Ravi Zacharias, Rev. Sami Dagher of Lebanon, and Father Douglas Al-Bazi of Iraq—spoke on key aspects surrounding persecution.



WASHINGTON, D.C.:
U.S. Vice President Mike Pence spoke to representatives from 136 countries during our World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians.

Some attendees shared personal stories of enduring horrors because of their faith—powerful testimonies of hope and purpose and God’s faithfulness to His children.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence addressed the summit and encouraged Christians everywhere to stand boldly against the onslaught of deadly persecution against fellow believers.

“I am here on behalf of the president of the United States as a tangible sign of his commitment to defending Christians and, frankly, all who suffer for their beliefs across the wider world,” he said. “We stand with you. The Bible tells us that all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. And those gathered here are emblematic of millions across the world.”

“REMEMBER ... THOSE WHO ARE MISTREATED— SINCE YOU YOURSELVES ARE IN THE BODY ALSO.”

—Hebrews 13:3

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

GLOBAL

S STUDIES AND EXPERIENCE HAVE SHOWN BGEA THAT CHILDREN AND YOUNG TEENAGERS ARE THE MOST RECEPTIVE OF ALL AGE GROUPS TO THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR INSPIRATION IN OFFERING CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS THE TOOLS TO IMPACT THE NEXT GENERATION FOR CHRIST.

THE GREATEST JOURNEY

THE GREATEST JOURNEY is an exciting 12-lesson Bible study for children aged 6–10 years that follows the adventures of its two main characters, Jacob and Jordan. It was adapted from curriculum used by Samaritan's Purse through Operation Christmas Child to reach children to Christ all over the world.

"I really liked the content," said Claudia Maier, a Sunday school teacher at Mission Baptist Church in Hamilton, ON. "*The Greatest Journey* covered the basics from the beginning, so kids could understand how the Gospel is part of God's redemptive plan. That was huge."

Please visit BillyGraham.ca/TGJ for more information on *The Greatest Journey*, including ordering materials and financially supporting the work God is doing through this ministry.



These young people were eager participants in KidzFest, part of the Prince Edward Island Celebration of Hope with Will Graham in Charlottetown.

DARE TO BE A DANIEL

DARE TO BE A DANIEL (D2BD) is an evangelism training course that equips children aged 9–14 with the life skills, tools, and confidence to share Christ with their peers.

Available in five-lesson or 13-lesson multimedia formats, D2BD is ideal for Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, and home study groups.

"The steps to being at peace with God is something that helped me," said Sydney, a 14-year-old high school student who was part of a 13-lesson class in Ontario.

Please visit BillyGraham.ca/D2BD for more information on Dare to Be a Daniel.

Canadian donors like you have enabled BGEA of Canada to equip churches with *The Greatest Journey* and Dare to Be a Daniel. Your donation can ensure more churches receive these vital evangelism tools. Call 1-800-293-3717 to donate or to order curriculum.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please ask the Lord to inspire Christians and church leaders to use our children's ministry programs to equip young people to share their faith in Christ.

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TRAINING CHRISTIANS

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PROVIDING
CHRISTIANS
WITH THE
SKILLS AND
PASSION

TO SHARE THEIR FAITH IN
CHRIST CONTINUES TO BE A
VITAL PART OF OUR MISSION.
IN THIS WAY, WE HELP
BELIEVERS OBEY THE WORDS
OF 1 PETER 3:15: *"ALWAYS BE
READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE TO
EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU A
REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT
IS IN YOU."*

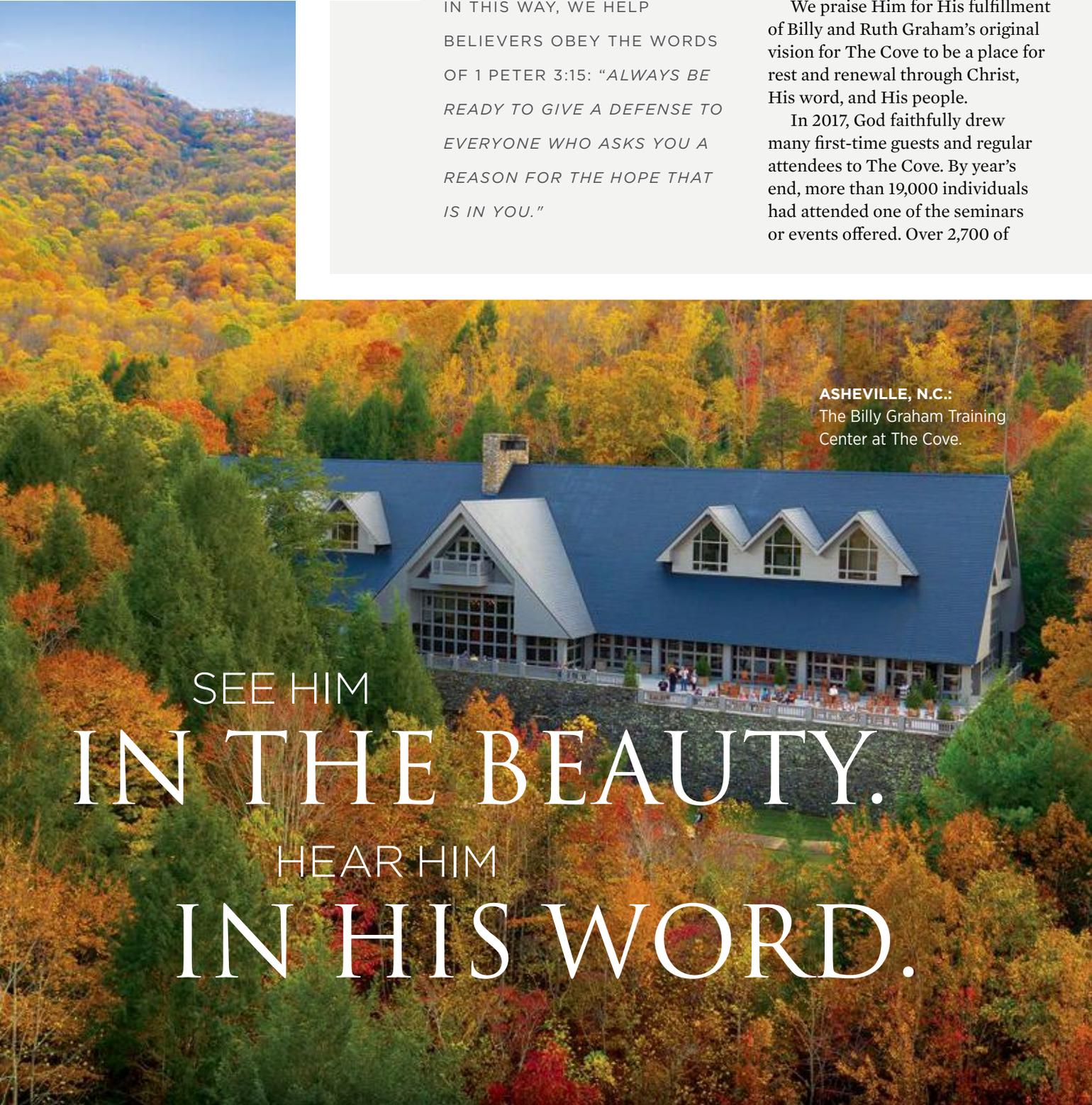
BILLY GRAHAM TRAINING CENTER AT THE COVE

PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD come to the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove in Asheville, North Carolina, for spiritual refreshment, life-changing Bible study, and encouragement in work and ministry. While there, many also hear a fresh call of God on their lives.

We praise Him for His fulfillment of Billy and Ruth Graham's original vision for The Cove to be a place for rest and renewal through Christ, His word, and His people.

In 2017, God faithfully drew many first-time guests and regular attendees to The Cove. By year's end, more than 19,000 individuals had attended one of the seminars or events offered. Over 2,700 of

ASHEVILLE, N.C.:
The Billy Graham Training
Center at The Cove.



SEE HIM
IN THE BEAUTY.
HEAR HIM
IN HIS WORD.

them reported prayerfully making important decisions for the Lord.

These commitments to major life changes included areas such as family, career, ministry, and—most significantly—salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Our hearts overflow with gratitude at the testimonies of spiritual transformation and growth that occurred in the lives of those who visited The Cove.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS AND FM419 CLASSES

DURING 2017, BGEA CONTINUED to use the Christian Life and Witness Course (CLWC) for all ages and FM419 course for students as ways to help people mature in their faith, learn to share it, and then disciple others.

These courses were held in Canada and around the world, in support of Franklin Graham Festivals and Will Graham Celebrations.

The course locations included Vancouver, BC, before the Festival of Hope with Franklin Graham in March, and in Charlottetown before the PEI Celebration of Hope with Will Graham in November.

More than 3,400 Canadians—not all of them Christians—attended CLWC classes and FM419 events in these two communities which are almost 4,400 kilometers apart.

This year, CLWC and FM419 are part of the Celebrations of Hope with Will Graham that are taking place in Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula and in the Nunavut community of Rankin Inlet.

CANADIAN EVANGELISM CONGRESS

MORE THAN 240 PASTORS, church leaders, and Christians from across Canada attended the second Canadian Evangelism Congress, held in September 2017 at Alberta's West Edmonton Mall.

They received inspiration and tools for outreach from speakers including

Mark Hughes of Winnipeg's Church of the Rock, Dr. Charles Price of Toronto's The Peoples Church, social justice advocate Danielle Strickland from The Salvation Army, multicultural outreach specialists Rick and Patti Love, and more.

"Evangelism isn't something we do for God, it's something God does through us," conference attendees were told by Dr. Price, who is also a Bible teacher on the *Living Truth* TV program. "(Our calling is to) be available to God for the people He's put into our path."

PRAYER REQUEST:

Please pray for God to provide BGEA opportunities to train people to deepen their faith in Christ and share that faith with loved ones.

ST. JOHN'S, NL: Youth were inspired and equipped at FM419, held as part of the Avalon Peninsula Celebration of Hope.



REAWAKEN

REAWAKEN IS A PRACTICAL and inspirational BGEA of Canada one-day seminar that provides the tools and encouragement for pastors and church leaders to increase their congregations' influence for Christ in their communities.

"This seminar gave me an opportunity to evaluate things that aren't going 100 per cent well in our church," said Dave Hunt, a home church pastor who attended the ReAwaken seminar in Airdrie, AB.

Almost 750 people attended 12 ReAwaken events across Canada in 2017. Please visit BillyGraham.ca/ReAwaken for more information on these seminars.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE:

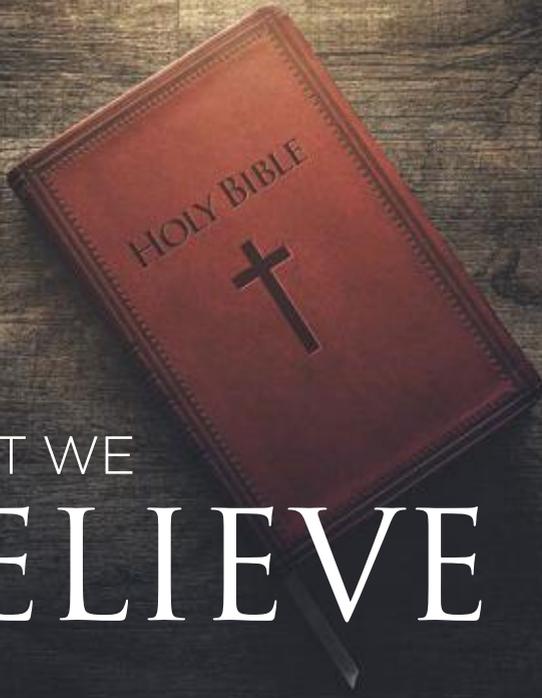
AS THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVED

11,000

COMPLETED TRAINING

1,700

ATTENDEES MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



WHAT WE BELIEVE

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"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE

FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK." —2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

- **WE BELIEVE** the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God revealing the love of God to the world.
- **WE BELIEVE** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **WE BELIEVE** in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- **WE BELIEVE** that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore we believe that God will reward the righteous with eternal life in heaven, and that He will banish the unrighteous to everlasting punishment in hell.
- **WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life.
- **WE BELIEVE** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment.
- **WE BELIEVE** in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the church.
- **WE BELIEVE** that the ministry of evangelism (sharing and proclaiming the message of salvation only possible by grace through faith in Jesus Christ) and discipleship (helping followers of Christ grow up into maturity in Christ) is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.
- **WE BELIEVE** God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.
- **WE BELIEVE** that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.
- **WE BELIEVE** that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowmen.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

2017

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,587,751	\$ 1,886,450
Short-term investments	3,511,575	1,945,185
Accounts receivable	59,750	48,147
Prepaid expenses	69,890	196,330
	5,228,966	4,076,112
Investments	3,982,252	5,166,401
Capital assets	3,574,250	3,633,656
	12,785,468	12,876,169
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Account payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 157,151	\$ 282,214
Unearned revenue on subscriptions to <i>Decision</i> magazine	41,906	44,729
Payable to related parties	41,292	64,837
	240,349	391,780
Deferred contributions	175,325	43,158
Fund balances		
Unrestricted	8,070,393	8,082,424
Internally restricted—invested in capital assets	3,574,250	3,633,656
Endowments	725,151	725,151
	12,369,794	12,441,231
	12,785,468	12,876,169

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

2017

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Endowment Fund
Revenue			
Contributions—general	\$ 2,579,458	\$ -	\$ -
Recognition of deferred ministry contributions	1,581,016	-	-
Bequests	1,869,334	24,331	-
Investment and other income	193,694	-	-
<i>Decision</i> magazine subscriptions	68,006	-	-
	6,291,508	24,331	-
Expenditures			
Evangelistic ministries:			
Citywide evangelism	2,799,926	-	-
International ministries	394,642	-	-
Training	389,845	-	-
Rapid Response ministry	330,234	-	-
<i>Decision</i> magazine	144,867	-	-
<i>My Hope</i>	27,190	-	-
Media	127,422	-	-
Other ministry	1,318,342	87,498	-
	5,532,468	87,498	-
General & administrative	515,843	22,814	-
Fundraising	228,653	-	-
	6,276,964	110,312	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	14,544	(85,981)	-
Fund balance—beginning of year	8,082,424	3,633,656	725,151
Interfund transfer—capital asset additions	(26,575)	26,575	-
Fund balance—end of year	8,070,393	3,574,250	725,151

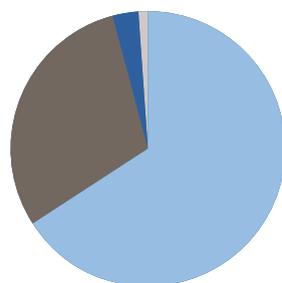
“LET INTEGRITY AND UPRIGHTNESS
PRESERVE ME, FOR I WAIT FOR YOU.”

—Psalm 25:21

To see the complete version of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada 2017 audited financial statements, please go to BillyGraham.ca.

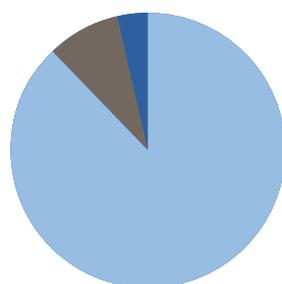
2017	2016
Total	Total
\$ 2,579,458	\$ 2,518,998
1,581,016	1,340,875
1,893,665	2,156,733
193,694	162,508
68,006	69,243
6,315,839	6,248,357
2,799,926	1,547,332
394,642	459,613
389,845	363,041
330,234	218,676
144,867	195,273
27,190	103,460
127,422	92,919
1,405,840	1,252,497
5,619,966	4,232,811
538,657	582,601
228,653	179,436
6,387,276	4,994,848
(71,437)	1,253,509
12,441,231	11,187,722
-	-
12,369,794	12,441,231

2017 REVENUE



- Contributions, 65.9%
- Bequests, 30.0%
- Investment and other, 3.0%
- Decision magazine, 1.1%

2017 EXPENDITURES



- Ministry expenses, 88.0%
- General and administrative, 8.4%
- Fundraising, 3.6%

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION EXISTS TO SUPPORT AND EXTEND THE EVANGELISTIC CALLING AND MINISTRIES OF BILLY GRAHAM AND FRANKLIN GRAHAM BY PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO ALL WE CAN BY EVERY EFFECTIVE MEANS AVAILABLE TO US AND BY EQUIPPING THE CHURCH AND OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

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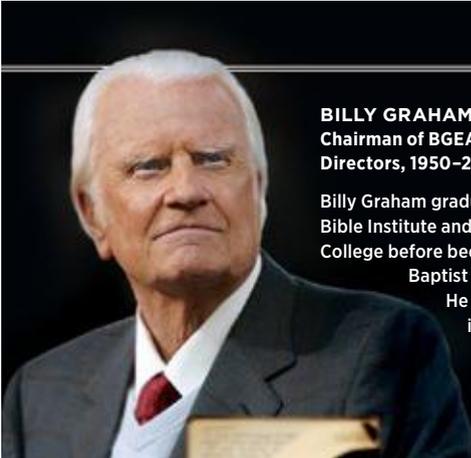
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IN MEMORY

BILLY GRAHAM, 1918-2018 Chairman of BGEA Board of Directors, 1950-2000

Billy Graham graduated from Florida Bible Institute and then Wheaton College before becoming an ordained Baptist minister in 1939.

He pastored a church in suburban Chicago and preached on a weekly radio program. In 1946, he became the

first full-time staff member of Youth for Christ and in 1948, the youngest college president in the U.S. when he led Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis for four years. He founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in 1950, and preached the Gospel message to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history—nearly 215 million individuals in more than 185 countries and territories through various meetings, including

largescale Crusades. Hundreds of millions more were reached through radio, television, film, books, and the internet. Billy Graham also initiated international training conferences that served as catalysts for global evangelism, equipping the church to take the Good News of Jesus Christ “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). He was laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Ruth Bell Graham, on March 2, 2018, in the Memorial Prayer Garden at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C.

*“PRAY FOR US, THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD MAY
RUN SWIFTLY AND BE GLORIFIED.”*

—2 Thessalonians 3:1



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New believers pray at the Prince
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