

## A ministry of BCM Int'l (Canada) Inc.

### Mission Statement

**Handi\*Vangelism exists  
to share the love  
of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and to equip the Church  
to share His love and hope  
with people who have  
physical or developmental disabilities  
so that they may become  
growing and serving members  
of the body of Christ.**

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**...A ministry of compassion**

Luke 14:21 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.' NKJV

## Background

From ages past we know that the perceptions and attitudes towards those who have disabilities (or should we say different abilities) have somehow prevented them from being a full part of our community, as well as of the Church. We recognize that more initiatives are being taken by our community and government agencies to meet the needs of this special population, but it does not exempt the Church from its responsibilities of demonstrating the same love, compassion and hope that our Lord Jesus had for them (Matt. 9:35-36). Handi\*Vangelism, is a ministry formed in response to what Jesus commanded in Luke 14:21b: *“Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.”*

## History

Our parent organization in the United States has passionately responded to this vision since the '70's and the ministry has been in place among those with disabilities in Canada since the fall of 2000 and has grown in various ways .

Here are some of the various initiatives:

## Handi\*Camp

A 5 day, 4 night Bible-centred camping experience in a loving Christian atmosphere is offered to children and teenagers, who have primarily a physical disability.



All activities are designed for the full participation of the campers. Caring, godly, fun-loving mature staff members are trained to meet the needs of the campers. Nurses are on-site and oversee the medical needs of the campers.

## OVERCOMER'S WORSHIP HOUR



A monthly worship gathering is geared to adults who have a developmental disability. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented in a concrete, interactive way in hopes that the participants may come to or develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Through the means of activities such as Bible stories and drama, singing, crafts and snack, our volunteers seek to communicate

the love of Jesus in a tangible way. We are available to train your church in how to minister to those with developmental disabilities.

## Children's Workshop

We offer a disability awareness workshop to children's groups where we show them through the Bible, stories of individuals who had disabilities and how Jesus loved and touched them and for instance how their friends brought them to Him (Matthew 9:1-2) . We teach songs in sign language, offer a Braille craft activity, play games where the children can experience a disability and show them how Jesus meant for His love to be accessible to all people.



## Adult Workshops

We can present to your group a biblical and statistical basis for why the Church must reach out to those with disabilities. We offer suggestions in beginning a special needs ministry, provide lists of resources, church facility accessibility checklists, and guidance in working with individuals who have physical or/and developmental disabilities as well as families where there is a disability involved.



## Disability Awareness Sunday

We are available to guide your church through the process of holding a Disability Awareness Sunday program (based on Joni Eareckson Tada's **Disability Ministry Sunday Kit**) which can heighten the familiarity of church members with the special needs of those around them who have disabilities and how they can become growing and serving members of the body of Christ.

## Personal Testimony



Lauri and/or Daniel Barrette are willing to give their personal testimonies of how the Lord has helped them through their trials since a car accident in 1984 which left Daniel a quadriplegic only 4 and ½ months after they were married. They will share how the Lord has called them to work among people with disabilities and their families since the fall of 2000 as missionaries with BCM International (Canada) Inc.

**Are you planning to have an upcoming Mission Conference at your church?** We would love to be part of it by providing a display table, and/or speaking to your Sunday School or church about how to reach those who have disabilities.





As I have prayerfully sought the Lord's leading:

I would like to join your H\*V Canada Prayer Partners Team by praying regularly as the Lord enables me for Handi\*Camp and its campers and staff

I would like to help financially BCM Int'l (Canada) Inc. towards the ministry of H\*V  H\*C  The Barrettes' personal missionary support

Monthly

One time gift

I would like to sponsor a Handi \*Camper for the amount of \$400.

I would like to help as a clerical worker or volunteer/worker on a specific ministry e.g. camp counselor, Bible drama, Overcomers' Worship Hour

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