

## **Blessings, Challenges and Transitions for the BC Mission Boat Society**

I would like to extend our thankfulness and appreciation for the continued support and investment in the ministry of the BC Mission Boat Society (BCMBS).

This has been a year of many blessings, challenges, and transitions. There has been a lot of changes during this past year here at the BCMBS and it is amazing to see all the blessings that God continually bestows on our ministry.

This year we had the opportunity to have more teams come to share God's love in our four mission communities. New teams were overwhelmed by the welcome they received



in the communities. Even though we do ministry through short term mission teams, it provides long term ministry into these communities as they see all of our teams as the BC Mission Boat coming into their community. We were able to provide a lot of children's ministry as well as family ministry, and community events where we are having more Elders and adults participate. Since we are into our eighteenth year of ministry, we are starting to reach a second generation where parents are excited to send their kids to Kid's Club because they remember going when they were children. Some of these parents even stay to help us out now!

Our staff has changed from an Interim Director and a part time Office Manager to an Executive Director and a part time Ministry Coordinator. We have also been starting to transition to a couple of different funding models to try to create some better financial sustainability. We are doing this through a new development plan which includes sending out appeal letters throughout the year in addition to our bi-annual newsletter. At the last Board retreat, the Board decided that the Executive Director would try to be

fully funded through individuals partnering in the ministry through monthly donations.

Another project that we are completing is a presentation that can be sent out to volunteers that are willing to present and share about the BCMBS to congregations near where they live. We are hoping that by increasing awareness about who we are and what we are doing now, we will increase our donor base, and increase the number of teams that are interested in coming on a mission trip. We are changing our process for teams and for training and debriefing to include a more in-depth training through modules that are completed before teams arrive in Parksville. This will equip our volunteers while they are in the communities, as well as equip them to go back home and find ways to share God's love and reach out in their own communities.

The communities are asking us to come more often, and there are other communities asking us to come and share God's love in their communities and to build the foundation of Christ in their children's and youth's lives. We are excited to be able to share this invitation with others. Without your funding, some of this wouldn't have been made possible! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for our ministry!

In His Service,

Rhonda Kelman,

*Executive Director, BCMBS*

*PS.* [Click here](#) to read about our summer ministry and reaching a second generation in our latest edition of the Compass!

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