



Glowing Heart in CANADA

music group ministers in great white north



Continuing in its mission to reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ, Dallas Baptist University's Glowing Heart ministry team traveled to the province of Alberta, Canada to participate in a seven-day mission outreach this past academic year. The trip represented a joint effort between Glowing Heart and the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, located in Cochrane, Alberta.

Through music, drama, and preaching, Glowing Heart has literally traveled the world over in its attempt to share the Gospel. Led by director Henry Loftin, the ministry team has over the past sixteen years traveled to such places as Belize, Korea, Taiwan and Israel; however, this was Glowing Heart's first trip to our neighbors up north.

After arriving in Canada, Glowing Heart quickly moved into action, leading worship at Bow Valley Baptist Church in Cochrane the next day. There they also later shared in a time of fellowship with Bow Valley's youth group. Glowing Heart then participated in outreach work in Airdrie, Alberta, a town of about 15,000 people outside the city of Calgary. In Airdrie, they were able to develop relationships with people and gather demographic information for Dwight Huffman, Church Plant Coordinator for Alberta. In particular, Huffman hopes to use this demographic information in order to find people who would be interested in beginning a Bible study that would in time lead to a self-supporting church congregation.

"Traveling to Canada was much like Philip's journey south of Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit told him to go.

It was not until he arrived that the Holy Spirit unveiled his ministry, which was to share Christ with the Ethiopian," explained Henry Loftin. "We traveled to Alberta, Canada, not fully aware of how God intended to use us, but once we arrived, it was clear that He had entrusted to us the entire city of Airdrie, Alberta. It was amazing to see how God opened doors, allowing us to minister the love of Christ to hundreds of people throughout the week."

Small teams of five dispersed throughout the town, playing small music venues at coffee shops, talking to people at local malls, and even hosting a free car wash. Each group searched for ways to meet people in order to help fulfill their physical and spiritual needs. Glowing Heart demonstrated the love of God in a practical way through their acts of kindness and concern.

"I saw God tear down the wall of denominational differences to bring Christians together for the purpose of worshiping and glorifying God," said Erin Blalock, a Glowing Heart member.

Glowing Heart member Sean Baulch was also impacted by the trip, as he discovered new ways to be a missionary to the world. "I have seen that some of the greatest needs for Christ's love are right here close to home, and you don't have to go across the ocean to share Christ," he said. "We need to have a bountiful eye to look to the needs of the lost."

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