



## **Merry Christmas, everyone!**

This year, our Christmas theme at Milton Bible Church is *"A Merry Christmas to All,"* inspired by the timeless line from the poem 'A Visit from St. Nicholas.' More importantly, we're using this theme to point us to the true meaning of Christmas: the arrival of Jesus, our Savior, who brings joy and hope to the world.

As we enter this Christmas season, we're reminded of God's incredible gift to us in Jesus. In response, we want to be a blessing to others—here in Milton, Canada, and the nations.

That's why we are excited to share our Christmas Challenge Offering with you. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 for three strategic causes that align with our mission as a Christ-centered family committed to impacting Milton, Canada, and the nations with the love of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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### **Strategic Cause 1: Milton**

First, we aim to raise \$75,000 to support our church budget. We are a growing church, and we are offering more ministries and opportunities for people to meet Jesus and grow in their faith than ever before. The investment of \$75,000 will allow us to continue providing impactful ministry and outreach in our town of Milton. It will help us be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our community, whether through our weekly services, community events, or caring for families in need. Your generosity will help us bring the light of Christ to our neighbors and to one another.

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## **Strategic Cause 2: Canada**

Secondly, we're dedicating \$45,000 to support a church planter. Over the last few months, the Lord has brought us a planter from our denomination who shares similar values with MBC. His name is Brad MacPhail, and he and his wife Rebecca are excited about the potential of coming to Milton and planting a church with us. The goal is for Brad to come to Milton Bible Church to learn, grow, and apprentice with us. After a season of apprenticeship, they will be ready to launch a new church, multiplying our impact in this region of Canada. Imagine the ripple effect of helping birth a new church that will reach more people for Jesus in communities where the gospel is needed. This is one of the strategic ways we believe we are called to fulfill the Great Commission—by planting churches.

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## **Strategic Cause 3: The Nations**

Finally, we're setting aside \$30,000 to rescue a persecuted refugee family from Pakistan. A few weeks ago, another family in our church who also came from Pakistan as refugees made us aware of a family in great need. This family was involved in reaching people with the gospel of Jesus in their native country, and as a result, they have had to flee for their lives. As followers of Christ, we are called to care for the persecuted and the oppressed. This strategic cause embodies our mission to impact the nations. Your support of the Christmas Challenge Offering will help bring this family to safety, provide them with resources, and share the love of Jesus in a very tangible way.

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## **How to Give**

Together, we have the opportunity to make a real difference this Christmas. Here's how you can be part of the Christmas Challenge 2024: You can give online at our website, [MiltonBibleChurch.ca/give](https://MiltonBibleChurch.ca/give), and select the '*Christmas Challenge 2024*' option. Or, if you prefer, you can write a cheque and mark your envelope with '*Christmas Challenge.*' Every gift matters, and your generosity this year will bring hope, healing, and the love of Jesus to Milton, Canada, and the nations.

Thank you for considering how you can make this Christmas a season of giving that changes lives. Let's come together and make it "*A Merry Christmas to All!*"

God bless you, and Merry Christmas!