

**LOVE IS ACTION – AUGUST, 2024** 

"FORGET THE FORMER THINGS; DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST." Isaiah 43:18-19



God, through the prophet Isaiah, is telling us that we can place the past behind us. We can reprogram our brains in such a way that we can forget the past and put it behind us. It generally involves three steps: 1. Deal with the past (emotionally, spiritually, and relationally), 2. Choose not to dwell on the past, 3. Choose to focus on the immediate and what lies ahead.

To live in the present and embrace the future with optimism, pay close attention to what is going on around us. As Henry Blackaby says, "See where God is working, and join Him there!" If we don't pay attention, He may go off in a direction while we are too busy smelling the dying roses! Be open to what God is doing and join eagerly to participate in what is about to come.

God ensures that His plans **ALWAYS** succeed, even if that means a shift in our activities! We are to discern the path that God is making and walk alongside Him as He forges a new path forward. By walking alongside Jesus, rather than camping out in the past, we are best prepared to grow and mature.

## "THE POWER OF CIVIL SOCIETY, MOVING AT THE SPEED OF TRUST"

Bridges of Love's Civil Society Fund project builds resilience and relationships of trust. Programs cannot proceed, however, without church and community solidly on board.

To help track our FEPI activity, two maps were purchased. A detailed map of Red Deer and an Alberta map to identify those areas where assistance is already in place. We would love to include your church with a 'mapping pin' indicating your participation.



Once FEPI on-line forms are completed, the process is ready for ACTION! Critical time is saved by knowing before disaster strikes, what churches are on-board and what resources/people they have ready to assist. Don't delay, sign a FEPI form today!!

**CHURCHES HELPING NEIGHBOURS** 

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Felicia is thrilled to join
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Deer and surrounding
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Married to her wonderful husband and a mom of two young children, her Christian faith is a focal point for life.

Felicia is excited to work for an organization that shares her values and commitment for serving the community. She looks forward to growing with Bridges of Love and supporting the impactful work.

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