



Pastor Don Delaney
-CEO-

Axe Head Investments:

2 Kings 6:1-7 And the son of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. Please let us go to the Jordon, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered "Go." Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordon, they cut down trees. But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

This passage of Scripture touches on all the ingredients needed in the development of a vision. Starting with the prophet's apprentice coming forward with a vision. A sign of health in any organization is when the ideas start to come from the team rather than just the leader. Creating a culture where individuals have the confidence to share ideas creates forward momentum.

The next step for the son of the prophets in this passage was to qualify the idea with Elisha. Running ideas by leaders with experience gives wisdom on which ideas to shelve and which ones to move on. Expansion

was obviously the right idea and Elisha not only approved it, but agreed to be part of it. Next there was the borrowed axe, this was an investment from an unknown donor who had to have been solicited at some point and convinced of this worthy cause. This investment was a crucial tool needed to ensure the project would be completed, so when the axe head was lost, then the work stopped and panic ensued. Elisha responded with a miracle of God by making the axe head float and work resumed.

Iron floating defies science, but often when God performs a miracle, it's for more reasons than we see on the surface. Not only was it for the sake of the work and the labourers, but also for the worker who lost the axe who, to his credit, had the wherewithal in the midst of the catastrophe to turn to the man of God and his worst fears were turned to faith.

Finally there was the donor who invested the axe head. I'm sure he loaned the axe with an expectation that not only would his investment be useful to the project, but he would be rejoicing right along with everyone else that the project was finished. Had the axe head remained lost, not only would he have lost his investment, but he would have been disappointed in the failure of the project as a whole and possibly would have been reluctant to invest in future endeavours.

One could argue that it was the sacrifice of all parties involved that moved the heart of God to perform the miracle so that the vision could be completed and no one would be disappointed. When we genuinely value all the contributors in any common vision, it opens the heart of God to bring a miracle when we need it most. We want you to know that whether it's your time, your talent, or your treasure, we at the Victory Foundation value everyone and the unique ways that you all contribute. Thank you.



SUMMARY OF VISION 300 TO DATE

Capacity Goal: 300 more Volunteers

To Date: 150 new Volunteers and Christmas is coming!

Outreach Meals Goal: 300 more per month

To Date: 400 (exceeded)

Resources Goal: \$300,000

To Date: \$250,000



VICTORY HOUSING

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As well as our better known Ogden location, Victory Foundation operates several residential houses for men, woman and children in various neighbourhoods in Calgary. Some of these houses have house leaders who work with people from diverse backgrounds who in turn provide structure, accountability and mentorship.

Ed and Anne Friesen have run a women's home for over two years now. It is through the personal dedication and sacrifice of "servants" like Ed and Anne that we are able to provide long term supportive housing to so many people. We are deeply thankful to work alongside them.



We have been working in housing ministry in some form or another for most of the last 30 years of our married life. The last year or so in Grande Prairie we had a young divorcee living with us working through her pain from the experience of losing her family. We had been considering the possibility of moving on to a smaller place and downsizing, wondering where we could go, and at the same time knowing that retirement was not necessarily a time to become idle. We began to look around for possibilities, while we also asked family and friends to pray that the Lord would guide us. This included our son who was attending Eastside Victory at the time.

We received an email from him one day mentioning that the church leadership were wondering if we would consider coming to Calgary and overseeing one of their women's residential houses. Oddly enough, we had been strongly drawn to Southern Alberta for a year or so and had been considering where we would like to live since we had relatives and friends in the area from when we had lived here 50 years earlier. We weren't sure what this would involve, but consented to come and have a look. We spent several days at the house on 52nd street and felt that we could do this so consented to come to Calgary and try this. We knew this would be a big undertaking for us since we had a huge job downsizing and preparing for a move such as this, but through a huge effort we were able to make the transition which is a story in itself. We don't know what the future may hold for us, but we are still open to whatever God may have in store for us, although at our age we need to be a little careful how strenuous it might be.

Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 PM

Starting September 7th, 2016
in the Sanctuary

All Welcome !!!

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my pathway Psalm 119:105

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Pastor Marilyn Schwab



EASTSIDE
VICTORY OUTREACH
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We have had a great but challenging summer at Victory Kidz Church. Our biggest challenge was how to stay dry as most Mondays were cool and rainy. The volunteers stayed committed and the hot dogs were popular as we saw our numbers increase. We were so happy to get contact information for most of the children which will now make it easy to connect with the families on a regular basis. We were honoured to receive the "I love my community" grant and hosted a fun event that brought young and old

together and helped us to establish a deeper relationship with the families of the children we are ministering to.

Instead of serving pizza on Monday nights our desire is to provide a more nutritious and varied meal for the children. One idea we have is the possibility of a person or group sponsoring a meal once a month. We hope to partner with others to make this challenge a reality.

With summer almost over our days in the park will only continue until the end of October. This, of course, will increase our budget as we will once again have to pay for the use of the school gymnasium. The cost is high but the impact is higher as we purpose to develop a closer relationship with the children. We have plans of starting a discipleship group with children that are willing so that the children don't just meet Jesus they get to know Him and His ability to change their lives.

The dream is to have a year round facility that can provide a fun and amazing place for children to learn and experience the love of God. We can always use more volunteers to play with the children and just be there to show God's love and acceptance for them. Kids are a high maintenance low income group of people that need to know how much they are loved by God. It will take money and people to make sure we reach this generation with the Good News of Jesus!

Please call me at (403) 401 - 2673 to help.

Pastor Pat Dennis



In 2005, my husband, Bill and I felt a strong call to plant a church in Forest Lawn, an area of Calgary well known for poverty, crime, and drug addiction. Having been actively involved in the Delaney's ministry in Victoria Park and being strongly supported and inspired by them, we felt we were up to the challenge and moved into Forest Lawn. Modelling our work after the Delaney's approach, we soon had Eastside Victory up and running and found ourselves and our small army of volunteers successfully working in the neighbourhood providing evangelistic outreaches, food, clothing, counselling, housing and referrals for our congregation and to others in the community.

However, in 2014, three years after the death of my husband, I felt it was time to step down and turn the work over to a younger couple who would be able to take Eastside to the next level. I left for Kenya to work in the children's home there.

Upon my return, I felt the call once again to be part of the Victory Foundation team in the Forest Lawn and was excited to be welcomed back, finding myself, as Pastor Don Delaney put it "...back in the saddle again...."involved in the work in my favourite community.

At present, my responsibilities include providing counseling, referrals as well as food and clothing to individuals and families that attend Eastside Victory as well as the Forest Lawn community. As a future part of this work, I am looking forward to assisting in the development of affordable housing for homeless women, a vast and vulnerable group, that often goes undetected and are at great risk for abuse, exploitation and medical and mental health issues.

When I first became involved in Forest Lawn, God gave me a prophetic word. He said He had seen the tears and heard the prayers that had gone up for Forest Lawn. He said it would not be the police nor social workers that would bring change but He would bring change through His people. I believe that His ongoing work in this community has begun and will continue in great part through the Eastside Victory Outreach and the Victory Foundation. It's a pleasure and honour to be a part of it.

Victory Foundation
For 25 Years Victory
Foundation has taken a
community approach to
addressing homelessness.



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