

"Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandments and the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

From Mourning to Joy - Epiphany Appeal

Dear [Supporter's Name],

As we reflect on this past year, and especially on the above verses from Matthew, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support we've received from faithful friends like you. For 24 years, the B.C. Mission Boat Society has been privileged to live out loving our neighbours and bringing the message of hope and healing through the Gospel to First Nations communities along the beautiful coast of British Columbia. During that time we have witnessed over and over again, the transformational power of God's Word in these communities. The deep relationships we have cultivated are a testament to His faithfulness.

Today, we are reaching out to you with a special appeal for an extraordinary new initiative. This coming February, we are organizing our first-ever women's retreat, **"From Mourning to Joy"**, an event dedicated to building up faith and fostering healing, hope, and renewal. This retreat will bring together women from the First Nations communities we serve, to share their sorrows and joys, support one another in love, and be uplifted through God's Word. It is our prayer that this event will be a time of deep connection, healing, and spiritual growth for all who attend.

Community is at the heart of this retreat. In a world that often isolates and divides, the power of coming together in faith cannot be overstated. Through worship, prayer, bible study, and fellowship, these women will have the opportunity to experience God's love and His profound grace. Our hope is this retreat will plant seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come.

But we cannot do this without you. To make this retreat a reality, we have a fundraising goal of \$20,000. This will help cover transportation, accommodations, meals, materials, and program facilitation for the women attending. If you have ever been to a similar retreat, you already know how impactful it can be on the lives of those who participate.

We humbly ask you to consider making a special gift to support this initiative. Your donation, whether \$50, \$100, \$500, or any other amount, will help us bring this vision to life. Together, we can make **"From Mourning to Joy"** a wonderful experience for these women and a testament to the power of God's love.

Thank you for being an essential part of our ministry. Your support over the years has been a source of encouragement and strength, enabling us to walk alongside these communities and share the hope of the Gospel. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your prayers.

May God bless you abundantly this Christmas season and bring you peace and joy in the year to come.

In Christ,

Julie Klassen Mission Director B.C. Mission Boat Society

P.S. With the recent postal disruption, donations can be made via e-transfer to <u>donations@bcmissionboat.org</u>, or through PayPal or Canada Helps using this link on our website <u>https://bcmissionboat.org/appeal/</u>. If you prefer to send a cheque, please fill out the form below and mail it back to our new address:

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Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you for helping us bring faith, hope and healing to the women in these communities

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