



In this edition ...

Hello friend!

Recent Barna data shows that two in five pastors (38%) in the US say they've given real, serious consideration to quitting full-time ministry within the last year.

It's a challenging time to be a pastor. Discouraging trends and unexpected obstacles seem to appear almost daily. If you're feeling the wearying effects of this difficult season, you aren't alone.

In this edition, we are inviting you to participate in the [Canadian Resilient Pastor Survey](#). The data from this important survey will be shared in a Canadian Resilient Pastor report to be made available to you in the future.

And, with Earth Day coming up on April 22nd, if you are interested in activating your church or youth group towards climate change? Let's [connect!](#)

In this Issue:

- Participate in the Canadian Resilient Pastor Canadian survey!
- Learn how and why World Vision is addressing climate change.
- Read how Nour, a single mom of five in Somalia, faced adversity with resiliency.
- Be equipped with resources to help you develop resiliency as a pastor!

"The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters."
Psalm 24: 1-2

the resilient church leader

A BRIEF, ANONYMOUS SURVEY TO GIVE A VOICE TO WHAT CHURCH LEADERS LIKE YOU ARE EXPERIENCING IN MINISTRY TODAY.



World Vision Canada and Barna Group are partnering on an important and ambitious global research project concerning church leaders. We hope to hear from you about your experiences as a church leader in Canada in your community. If you are any kind of church leader (part-time, full-time, or volunteer), we invite you to complete a survey so that we can better understand your perspectives, experiences, challenges, and stories.

By participating in this anonymous study, you are helping us represent the needs, challenges, and gifts of church leaders in Canada. We would be honored to learn from you and sincerely appreciate the time you may take to participate. It is a brief, anonymous survey that will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

As a result of this survey, we will be creating a Canadian Resilient Pastor report that will be made available to you in the future.

NOTE: If you would like to view the previous Canadian Resilient Pastor webinar, you can find the link under 'Resilient Pastor Resources' below.

Barna Group is a U.S. based social research firm dedicated to understanding the intersection of faith and culture. To learn more about Barna, you can visit their website at [barna.org](#).

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)



Is World Vision Doing Anything About Climate Change?

Earth Day is April 22nd. World Vision is definitely interested in climate change. Here's why and how ...

1 billion children ... almost 1 in 2 ... live in countries at extremely high risk of climate change and environmental hazards.

45 million people worldwide are at risk of famine. Climate change is only making hunger worse.

The statistics are staggering. But there is hope!

Because of your investment in World Vision's programs, we are excited to report that:

- 3.3 million people are now participating in climate-smart agriculture.
- 5 million hectares have been re-forested in Niger.
- 2.3 million people have been provided with natural resource management training.
- 172,865 people have been trained in agriculture and livestock techniques including food production, livestock handling, climate-smart techniques and post-harvest storage methods over the past eight years.
- Over the past five years, 53,798 people involved in World Vision programs have applied sustainable agricultural practices, including the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) approach to restore and improve pasture, forest and agricultural land.

Resilient Pastor Resources to Encourage You in Your Ministry

Here are some links to some helpful podcasts and articles that we recommend to encourage you in your ministry:

[World Vision Canada Churches - 'Activating Resilient Leadership for Kingdom Come' Guide](#)

[Barna Canadian Resilient Pastor Webinar Replay: Pastoral Burnout - What Causes It and 3 Ways to Avoid It](#)

[Barna Resilient Pastor Collection - Podcasts & articles, including '5 Leading Causes of Pastoral Burnout', 'The Summer Sabatical', 'What Pastors Wish They'd Been Prepared For', and more.](#)



Nour's Journey: Facing Adversity with Resiliency

Nour's journey is one of resilience and hope, a testament to the unbeatable spirit of a single mother determined to provide a better future for her five children.

Faced with a devastating drought that wiped out her livestock and threatened their very survival, she made a courageous decision. The mother of five left behind the arid land of Toosiley district, embarking on a risky journey to Dollow, a town in Somalia that symbolized hope and salvation to so many like her adversely affected by drought. A donkey, provided by compassionate neighbors, carried her disabled son and their few remaining possessions, while the rest of the family walked alongside.

The road to Dollow was filled with uncertainty, but Nour's unwavering determination kept them moving forward. Upon arriving in Dollow, the family was greeted with open arms by a community that understood their struggles all too well.

Nour's lifeline was the World Food Programme's cash assistance program, implemented by World Vision, which provided her with a "Scope Card". This card, which included dry and complementary food, sustained her family for months. With this support, she was able to send her daughter to school, recognizing the importance of education as a means to break free from poverty.

The rainy season brought new challenges for Nour in the form of increased prices for household goods and a surge in mosquito-borne illnesses. However, Nour's unwavering faith in God and World Vision's assistance continues to sustain her through unwavering hardships.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Apr 25-26: [GLNC One Conference, Calgary, AB](#)

Apr 27: [She Will Rise Conference, London, ON](#)

May 5-7: [Young Leaders Summit, Ottawa, ON](#)

Jun 4-5: [ARC Conference, Calgary, AB](#)



PRAY WITH US

From Chris Schroeder, National Manager of Church Engagement:

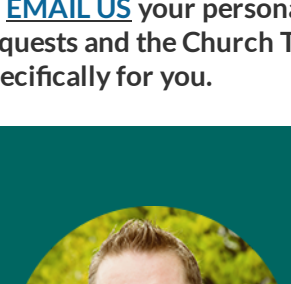
I just returned from [Mathare Valley](#), an urban slum in Nairobi, Kenya, where Pastor Mark Roslund from Rose Church in Winnipeg and I travelled in March to see our work and meet the children that will be impacted by the CHOSEN event at their church.

In Canada, when we have young children, we often purchase a home because it is located near a play park for our kids. The play park for children in Mathare Valley is a small open space filled with garbage and human waste. It was not somewhere I would ever let my children play.

But hope is beginning to filter into that community as World Vision began their 15-year development plan in 2022 and children are being sponsored through our [CHOSEN](#) program.

Please pray that the church will embrace Jesus' words in Matthew 25, "... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

We want to pray for you! Please [TEXT](#) or [EMAIL US](#) your personal prayer requests and the Church Team will pray specifically for you.



Many blessings, Chris Schroeder
Your World Vision Church Advisor

If you have any questions or would like to connect with me directly, please [email](#) or book a virtual coffee on my [calendar](#).

