



PARTNERS IN PRAYER





John & Isabel Bennett

Does your heart bleed for those who have lost everything in the Fort McMurray fires? Are you broken over the ever increasing number of suicides on some Native reserves? What of the millions who are dying without knowing Christ? At a church meeting the following question was asked “Are we passionate about reaching the lost for Christ”? The answer given was “yes we are passionate about reaching those who come through the church door but show little zeal to reach outside the church into the community”. Sadly this is so often the case in rural Canada. The JW's and Mormons go, but where are those who bring the good news of the Gospel to isolated farms and the smaller communities in Canada? Has the time not come when God's people need to get serious about evangelism: get united in prayer, and cry out to God for revival and a harvest of souls in Canada. If we as a Mission can assist in seeing this vision fulfilled in your area please know we will gladly do all we can to help.

On behalf of all our Faith Mission team we want to express our sincere appreciation to all who stand with us in prayer and practical support. As well as teaching at all the camps and VBS weeks listed staff will be involved in numerous individual meetings and church services through the summer. Pastor Jacques Nadeau senior pastor of Newcastle Baptist church is the guest speaker at a Pastor's and Christian leaders lunch June 24 and the Thirsting for God conference June 25 – 26 at the Campbellville centre.

In response to a number of requests from people wishing to donate online we have set up a Pay Pal account under the e-mail address fmcanadadirector@gmail.com. If anyone needs further information about this please feel free to contact John at the above address.



Laura-Anne Drake

Margaret Roberts



Jeremiah 29:13
"You will seek me and find me,
when you seek me with all your heart"

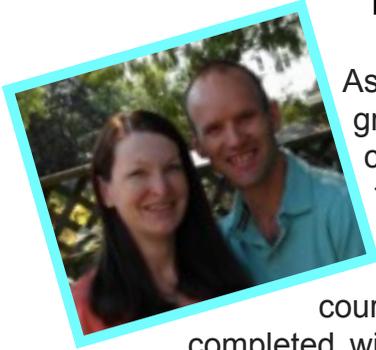
Thank you for your faithful prayers! Some changes have happened in our Wilton youth group while a couple of teens have left a few new ones have started coming. These teens have shown a genuine interest in God through their many questions. They are very inquisitive! Please pray for them that God would give them understanding. It has been very exciting to see many of the churches in the area working together and especially in the area of youth Ministry. Youth Workers from many churches in the area, including ourselves, have come together to put on a outreach targeting youth and young adults. On the 2nd of June Napanee Area Christian Youth (NACY) will be putting on a free BBQ and Concert for the community with an evangelistic emphasis. Please pray that this would bless the community and that many people will be impacted by the Gospel. Please pray for us as we are preparing for our summer ministry of Camps and Vacation Bible Schools.



Jennifer Armitage

Work in the office has been pretty steady with accounts, phone calls and answering e-mails, plus I am involved in two monthly prayer meetings, a monthly service at the Trafalgar Lodge seniors home and am preparing for two ladies retreats May 27 – 29 and June 3 – 5. It is exciting to have Heather Holdsworth lecturer and wife of the assistant principal from the Faith Mission Bible College in Edinburgh coming to share with us. We trust that God will meet with all the ladies in a significant way. I would appreciate your prayers for the ladies retreats and for a full summer of VBS and camps as we seek to reach many adults and children with the gospel.

Myron & Janet Hoover



As winter passed and spring advanced the grounds around The Camp Centre have changed to green, the birds are singing and the outdoor work has begun. We were blessed with help for the Work Bee and much was accomplished. A new basketball court is beginning to take shape which, when completed will offer a great new space for games and activities. The Spring Senior's Hymn sing was a wonderful time of singing and encouraging one another in the Lord. We look forward to holding two such events each year. The Centre schedule is filled in with rental groups as well as the Spring Ladies' Retreats and the Thirsting for God conference followed by Summer Camps.

We covet your prayers- for physical strength for the work but more than that, for a right spirit of serving God and building up His body. Our heart is to see every person or group who comes to the Centre meet with God and leave renewed in heart and spirit. Please pray for each child and teen who will come to Summer Camp. This is such a wonderful opportunity for God to work in life-changing ways in their young lives.



Hymn Sing



Construction of new Basketball Court

Mark & April Hardwick

“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a
dry and parched land where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your
power and your glory.” - Psalm 63:1-2



This is our heartbeat, not only in ministry but in every aspect of our lives. May we be a people so desperate for the presence of God that He radiates from us in a way that will draw others to Him. This season seems to be a time when so many ministry leaders and Pastors in the North are facing discouragement and spiritual attack. Would you pray for us, that we would continue to be a source of strength and encouragement in the fight. Mark was asked this winter to begin a men's ministry at Riverside Community Church in Swastika. The response has been tremendous, and along with a few larger events they have just begun a weekly Bible study. This particular study is challenging them to stand up and embrace their calling as examples and leaders in their homes, and community. We are so thankful to see God working through this in big ways after only a few weeks! One man has approached Mark to share that he feels the Lord is leading him to start a boys group in the area. This is something we are very excited about! Please pray as these ideas begin to take shape that the Lord would clearly lead and show the men what this should look like. The GIGGLES girls group continues to be a source of joy an encouragement. We are looking to God for direction for next year for this group, as there are a number of other girls we would like to be reaching.

As the older girls in the group are dealing with different issues that might not be appropriate for a younger audience, our thought is that we will split into a younger and older group. There are many details to be worked out and we pray the God will direct our steps in this. We have known and felt your



prayers in a mighty way this quarter and are very thankful for each one of you. Thank you to those of you who reach out to encourage us and keep in touch! We truly appreciate it!

Graham & Melodie Ghent

Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” (John 6:29)



As I wrote this verse, my wife called out as she passed by, “We should use that verse in John 6 about the work of God.” This verse has been working in our hearts the past few weeks as we seek and deeply desire to fulfill the work of God in the Faith Mission. The work must be rooted in a full and intimate belief simply in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. This past season has been very busy and fulfilling in many ways. We are indebted to those who selflessly put many hours of help into events like Irish Night, the Spring Conference in Grassie, and all the Prayer Unions. We are currently finishing up the discovery clubs and are very pleased with how they turned out. Our visiting of churches, through pulpit supply, networking with other workers, and giving a hand with different outreaches and ministry efforts, has really given us a better understanding of this region and where our efforts should be pointed. We look forward, with anticipation, to the Dunnville outreach in July along with directing four weeks of camp at the Faith Mission Centre. We are eager to work with the staff in providing a safe and fun environment where campers can learn about the Gospel. Please pray for us as we continue to seek God in how to properly help equip the Church in Southern Ontario to truly reach the communities around them with the Good News of Christ.



Quotable quote

“The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from prayer. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.” Samuel Chadwick



Robert & Sarah Singleton “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

We are continually amazed at the doors for ministry which God opens up to us. We continue to see many in the churches we are connected with encouraged, equipped and challenged to be shining lights for the Saviour. We have partnered in sharing the Gospel with a number of churches over the last four months. In March we held the Youth Leadership Training course in the small town of Thamesford, where we partnered with a new church plant. The youth visited all the homes in the area inviting them to a Christianity Explored course. It has been exciting to see the church take ownership of the course and to hear of between 5-10 people from the community attending each week.



Robert taught evangelism training with an Adult Sunday school class at our home church for eight weeks. We have been getting 30+ people out each week. As part of the training program, we as a church have created opportunities to put into practice what we are learning. One Saturday we were able to do a spring

clean up \ car wash in a government assisted housing complex across from the church. It was great to see 50+ members of the church involved in this outreach. We were able to interact with the people of the complex as we washed windows, washed cars, weeded flower beds and had a community BBQ after all the work was done. We have planned three more outreaches this year with the church and would value your prayers.

As summer is around the corner we do covet your prayers for a very full schedule. One area in particular is Norwich. A local Baptist pastor has asked if we would help him reach his community. We will be doing a DVBS with them in the summer and also working with the church in the fall to visit the community and set up a Christianity Explored course. In all our busyness we would value your prayers that we might be continually fresh in the Lord as we serve him in South West Ontario.



PRAYER - DUTY OR DELIGHT

Pastor Ken Smith PART 2 of 4

“Pray without ceasing.” These familiar words from the apostle Paul indicate that prayer is indeed our duty as disciples of Jesus. However, the Psalmist states,

I delight to do your will, O my God.” Prayer is much more than a duty to perform; it can be a delightful duty! I invite you to consider, with me, the second of four dimensions that will make prayer a delight for us.

2. Time alone with the Lord

In our first look at prayer we discovered that prayer is conversation between two friends, you and the Lord. As we know in our human relationships, significant time together alone deepens and strengthens friendship. So it is with our friendship with the Lord God.

In Exodus 33 we read of Moses setting up a “tent of meeting” outside the camp; this was different than the tabernacle where the Lord permanently dwelt. Moses visited this tent whenever he desired a meeting with the Lord. As he entered, the pillar of cloud descended and remained at the entrance while, “the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.” Author Bill Johnson puts it like this, “remember, like Moses, you (as his friend) are one who the Lord likes to hang around.” While neither you nor I have the call of Moses upon us, we do have the call of Jesus to have a time and place (tent of meeting) where, as two friends, we speak face to face – “when you pray, go into your room and shut the door.

Jesus not only called us to this, he also modeled it for us. Jesus spent significant time alone with his Father. “He rose very early in the morning and went to a desolate place to pray,” Mark 1:35; “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed,” Luke 5:16, NIV; “As was his custom, Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray,” Luke 22:39-42.

Paster Ken Smith continued ...

Like Jesus, we need time away from, apart from, our daily activities and ministries to deepen and strengthen our friendship with the Lord God. "If our life is all in public, it will be a frothy, vapoury, ineffectual existence; but if we hold high converse with God in secret, we shall be mighty for good," C. H. Spurgeon. Face to face time was crucial for Jesus – how much more for you and me!

As we give priority to being Jesus' friend, time alone with him is also a very delightful time; there is little or no joy in doing this only as an obedient duty. What joy is ours when we consider this as precious time spent with our dearest Friend! And – the Lord God feels the very same way, "The prayer of the upright is his delight," Proverbs 15:8, KJV.

Next time we will consider the dimension of "Intentionally gathering together." Until then, ask the Holy Spirit to help you set apart a regular time to be alone with your Friend.

Pastor Ken Smith is a retired Brethern in Christ pastor involved in conference and prayer ministry

Book review - Tide of Blessing – By Victor Maxwell

This book hot off the press is an account of the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit through men and women wholly yielded to Him. Written for the occasion of the 100th anniversary of The Faith Mission annual Easter convention in Bangor N. Ireland it is as some have said a book that you can't put down once you start reading it. The account of how God spoke to the Rev Duncan Campbell as he sat on the platform at the close of a convention meeting in 1952 and told him to leave immediately for Berneray, Scotland and the revival that followed wets ones appetite to read on. *"It creates a cry in the heart for a fresh wave of Divine blessing personally and corporately,"* Rev Noel Darragh. Commenting on the book Dr. Charles Price writes *"The Faith Mission has uniquely served the church for 130 years, with its twin emphasis on evangelism and holiness of life. I often sense a burden among its leaders for genuine spiritual revival – such as some of its forerunners were instrumental in seeing in places like the Hebridian Islands."* Published by The Faith Mission, Tide of Blessing is available from any FM district office.



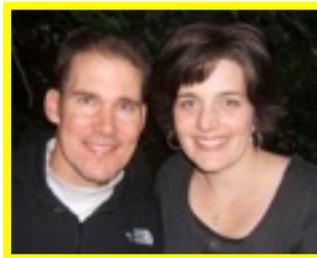
A Nonnegotiable Cost – Jacques Nadeau



Living isn't cheap, and it isn't getting any cheaper as time goes on. It's absolutely incredible to think about how much the cost of living has gone up, in just these last twenty years. But there's some very good news for those of us who feel the pinch of higher prices. There's one area of life that hasn't been touched, or affected, by the scourge of inflation, and that area of life is "the way of the Cross;" it's the cost of "loving Jesus." The cost of following the Lord Jesus Christ hasn't changed in almost two thousand years. Some of us might actually be surprised to hear that there is a cost to following Him. We shouldn't be. Jesus never claimed that loving Him, or following Him, would be an easy road, or a trouble-free path. There's a tremendous cost in aligning oneself with Him, and with His gospel. (Luke 9:23) Christianity has become a term that has suffered much in the house of its friends. Many who claim to be adherents of the faith that was instituted by Jesus of Nazareth would define it very differently than those who were first called Christians, in Antioch. In many ways, the North American Church has crafted what's become, at best, a "customized Christianity." We've taken the chassis of first century biblical Christianity, and we've put into it a twenty first century engine that runs on entertainment, and good feelings, instead of being focused on prayer, purity and passion. It's time that the Church of Jesus Christ seriously takes heed to the words that Jesus spoke to the once thriving, growing, and effective Church at Ephesus: (Revelation 2:4) "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." May God have mercy on us, and revive once again, all to the praise of His glorious grace.

Pastor Jacques is senior pastor of Newcastle Baptist church, he is to be the keynote speaker at a Pastor's and Christian leaders lunch June 24 and the Thirsting for God conference in the large tent at Campbellville June 25 – 26.

Jeff & Jani Goudy



"Oh! men and brethren, what would this heart feel if I could but believe that there were some among you who would go home and pray for a revival: men whose faith is large enough, and their love fiery enough to lead them from this moment to exercise unceasing intercessions that God would appear among us and do wondrous things here, as in times of former generations." Charles Spurgeon. This is the cry of our hearts. We continue to ask God and to trust Him as He calls His people to pray. We are so encouraged by the men and women who are meeting each week to pray and to seek His face knowing that when this happens there is victory in hearts and captives are set free. He is mighty to save! We continue to thank God for open doors among the Syrian refugees and other families from the Middle East. These people have captured our hearts and we see God at work in many lives but we covet your continued prayers for wisdom and protection.

There is a great need in our city and area for people to turn to Christ and for strongholds to be broken. We are busy and it is never hard to fill up the weeks. At times we get tired and sometimes discouraged but our God is ever faithful! In the wake of recent tragedy caused by the wild fires in Alberta our prayer is this... *'Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence- As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!'* Is. 64:1-2



Alberta's Rocky Mountains

Robin and Debra Perron

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you” *Isaiah 41:13*

What a comfort it is to know that our God takes us by the hand; He never leaves us to sort things out on our own, but He leads us and remains with us!

Previously, we shared about some of the new ministry opportunities that God had led us into. We would like to take a few moments to share with you the outcome of some of those ventures. Upside Down Productions, the drama team that came in February, was a real blessing to the churches. Many commented how encouraging and challenging it was to see young people give of their time and energy to serve the Lord. Shortly after the drama team left we held our first Quebec Youth Leadership Training. The numbers were small, but the blessing was great. We had a total of 6 youth but they met with God, which was our ultimate desire and prayer. They expressed a desire to have another such event next year as they were challenged by the teaching and appreciated the opportunity to get involved in various ministries as well.



We are already looking ahead to next year’s Quebec March Break and how God will lead and what He will accomplish for his kingdom!

These last few months of ministry have been a blessing. Our kids ministry finished May 10th with a total of 17 kids in attendance; the numbers seemed to grow as the weeks went on. Many of the children are from unchurched homes and it was great to hear some of them asking questions about God. Others that seemed uninterested and distracted most weeks blessed our hearts by really seeming to understand the gospel. We pray that God would continue to work in their hearts and lives, as well as their families. Our youth continue to be a source of blessing for us. Paul says of the church of Philippi (Phil. 1:7) that he has the people in his heart and I believe God calls us to hold the people He has called us to serve in our hearts.

Robin and Debra continued...



We teach our youth, we hurt with our youth and we also rejoice with them. A number of them are very sincere in their desire to live for God

and we entrust them into His hands to guard them from the world that would seek to distract them. We continue on with our youth groups until the end of June.

We are looking ahead to summer although this will be a very new type of summer for us. We have only 3 VBS's over the span of 2 weeks, 1 at the beginning and the other at the end of the summer. This is a very strange thing considering our usual summer schedule. With a baby on the way and much uncertainty as to what and when everything will take place we felt it wise to only serve at churches that would not be able to run a program without help. While we prepare for the summer Rob continues with his schooling. He is trying to accomplish as much as he can before the baby arrives. We also continue to pray for the sale of Rob's home in Ontario, as this is a burden on our shoulders. Regardless of what may come, we are thankful that God is holding our hands and that He will lead us through every new step of the journey. What a peace we have because of Christ!



Kevin & Janice Evans. We had the amazing opportunity to join the Faith Mission Ireland Tour, March 19-April 3, and we can't stop talking about it! From beautiful scenery, meeting many UK Faith Mission staff and attending the 100th FM Convention at Bangor, it was a trip of a lifetime! 25 Canadians set off together, and we quickly formed a special bond as we toured Ireland by bus, seeing all



the major sites of the south and the north. One of the highlights was a tour of revival sites of the 1800's, led by Rev. Tom Shaw. We were moved to tears to hear of God's powerful transforming work in thousands of lives in 1859. The experience has motivated us to pray, and reach out to the lost with a greater urgency. We were challenged by messages at Bangor Convention, where we also had the joy of sharing how God has led in our own lives. We are so grateful for the entire experience. Now, at the Falkland Camp, we are full swing into a very busy season of camps and rental groups. We have a great bunch of summer staff and volunteers who help us do our best to prepare the place for children, youth, adults, and seniors to meet with God. Thank you for praying and partnering with us.

Andrew & Melissa Porter. As we glance back over the past year in B.C. we remember the good things that God has done. Andrew has appreciated the opportunity to speak in a number of different churches and Melissa spoke at a ladies breakfast. We have



developed relationships with people and churches and look forward to how God will bring us together in the coming months. We were blessed through a number of banquets that took place at surrounding churches - to have people come and hear about the work of the Faith Mission and get excited about what God is doing is a blessing. The men's retreat brought 70 men to be strengthened from God's word, and many have spoken of how God used that weekend in their lives. We have seen how God has provided for our every need, for strength, for staffing, for resources and we look forward to seeing how He will continue to provide. As the applications arrive for the summer camps, we pray that the kids that come will know the truth of Christ's love and sacrifice for them. We look forward to the seniors retreat on June 8-10 with Kevin Evans as the guest speaker.



Hawaiian
night
at Snow
Camp!



Summer VBS and Camp schedules

Margaret Roberts & team

July 4-8 Napanee,
11-15 Bowmanville,
18-22 Teen Camp,
24-30 Bethel Wesleyan Camp
Aug. 1-5 Marlbank,
8-12 Napanee,
15-19 Ajax,
22-26 Havelock and Frankfordt,
Aug. 29-Sept-2 St. Mary
Magdalene Anglican

Laura-Anne Drake & team

July 4-8 Lanark,
11-15 Wilton,
18-22 Pineview & Vennachar
July 25 - Aug. 10
Campbellville camps
Aug. 15 -19 Cornwall,
22 - 26 Oshawa,
Aug. 29-Sept 2 St. Mary
Magdalene Anglican

Robert and Sarah Singleton

July 11-15 Woodstock,
18 - 29 Campbellville camps
Aug. 10-13 Thamesford camp,
15 - 19 Norwich
22- 26 Woodstock,
26 - 28 outreach St. Thomas

Jennifer Armitage and team

July 4-8 Goodwood,
11 - 15 Brussels,
July 18 - Aug. 10 Campbellville Camps,
Aug. 15 - 19 Albion Hills,
22 - 26 New City, Toronto

Mark and April Hardwick

July 5-7 GIGGLES camping trip,
11 -15 Englehart
Aug. 2-5 Swastika,
8 - 12 Ramore

Graham and Melodie Ghent

July 11 - 15 York,
July 17 - Aug. 10 Campbellville camps
July 10, 17, 24, 31,
Dunnville Open-Air services

Robin and Debra Perron

July 4-8 Verdun
Aug. 22-26, Pincourt am, Howick pm

Andrew and Melissa Porter BC

July 3-8 Adventure Camp,
11 - 15 Vernon
July 17 - Aug. 18 Falkland Camps

Kevin and Janice Evans BC

July 3 - Aug. 18 Falkland camps
Oct 14 - 16 and 21 - 23 Ladies Retreats

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