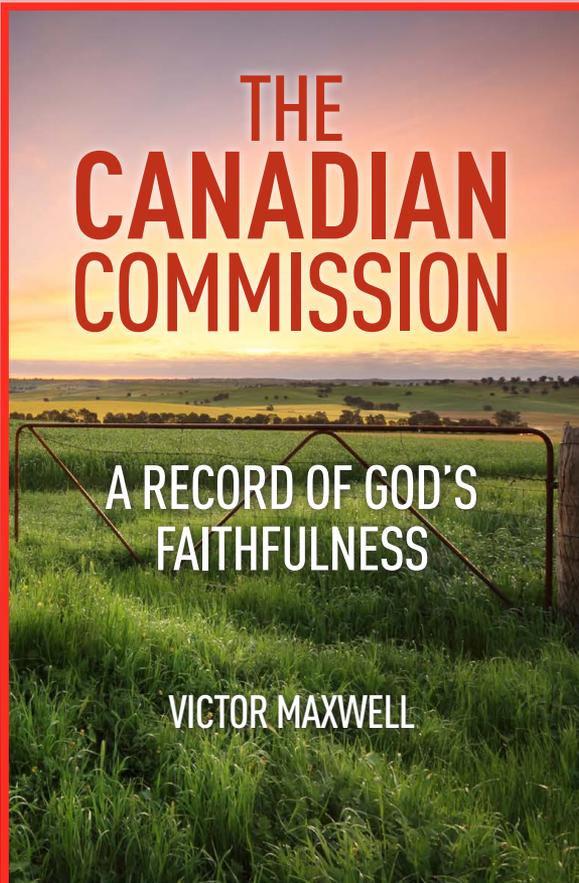


Seek first
the Kingdom...



Winter*
2017/18

PARTNERS IN PRAYER



Experiencing God's Faithfulness
in Canada

John & Isabel Bennett



For four very precious days in September our Canadian staff met in Campbellville Ontario to seek God. These were times when God drew near and met with us. Dr. Jim Reese and Pastor Jacques Nadeau both challenged, and encouraged us as they spoke on Revival and Evangelism. In the presence of God we wept, we praised, we pleaded, we were united in a heart cry for revival in Canada, realising “if God does not build the house we labour in vain,” Ninety years ago God moved powerfully in community after community through the early Faith Mission workers in Canada. Thousands of souls were saved and churches revived. These days we are not seeing the thousands but the ones and twos trust Christ. We know God has not changed nor has His power to save diminished. We also know that there is need for a fresh spirit of prayer and burden for the lost to grip our own hearts and the church as a whole. There is little doubt that evangelism flows out of revival, and revival flows out of prayer, and prayer flows out of cleansed and Spirit filled lives. May God visit His church in Canada with true repentance, a deep cleansing through the blood of Christ, a mighty filling of The Holy Spirit, a new passion for prayer and a burden for lost souls. We must not slacken our pace, world events would seem to point to the near return of Christ. As we begin the 91st year of Faith Mission ministry in Canada will you join us in a fresh commitment to prayer both privately and corporately?

Staff meetings were followed by a wonderful 90th anniversary celebration in Calvary Church Toronto when God drew near and Dr. Charles Price’s anointed ministry blessed our hearts.

Prayer pointers:

Family Christmas in the Country outreach banquets:
November 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 25.



Snow camps February 2 – 4 and 9 – 11.

**Let It
SNOW... in Campbellville!**

Men’s Retreats 23 – 24 and March 2 – 3.





Jennifer Armitage

In the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:11 Jesus told us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread". It is a reminder to be trusting God for everything.

The end of September brought a concentrated effort in the office to get books ready to go to the auditor. In doing that it is also a great reminder of God's faithfulness throughout the year, in supplying all our needs. Thank you to all who have obeyed the Lord in supporting us financially and striving together with us to advance the Kingdom of God. We had a very good Ladies retreat in October.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you". Matthew 6:33



**Renovated
Campbellville
Centre**





Myron & Janet Hoover

As summer changes to fall and the cool breezes suggest that winter will be soon following we remember that we serve a God who is the same, yesterday, today and forever and in whose strength we stand.

Summer camps were a tremendous testimony to the faithfulness of God as we saw kids touched by His presence. The Centre has continued to be a busy place with many groups using the facilities to hold retreats and meet with God. We have been thankful for new groups coming to use the Centre and we continue to pray that He will continue to provide. We want the Centre to be a place to come away from the everyday activities of life to meet with God and leave changed.

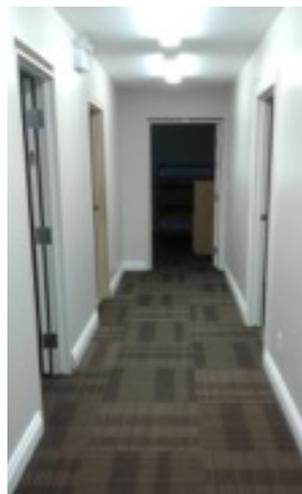
Thank you to all who have helped with renovations. Although not completed, they are at a place where normal activity is able to be carried out as the final details are finished off. We are especially thankful for all who held us up in prayer. Only eternity will tell the results of those prayers but we needed that strength that God graciously provided.

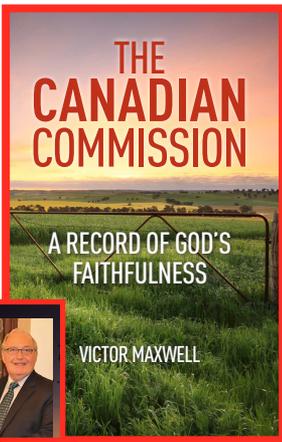
There are moments when we wonder if such a practical calling really makes a difference but this summer we saw one of our kitchen helpers who started out as a young student graduate from high school and go on to serve God in the way He is calling her- and we feel blessed to have had a part in her journey.

Items for prayer:

That God will raise up new help as many of our helpers are growing up and moving on.

That we will continue to rely on God for all things, in all ways, every day. We praise God for the blessing of the renovated Centre and for times of physical refreshing. Our God is so good!





Comments on
'The Canadian Commission':

"I am delighted that this account of ninety years of The Faith Mission in Canada is now available and I commend it to all, praying that the reading of this volume will stir our hearts and move us all to seek God for a mighty spiritual awakening in Canada".

Rev Tom Shaw
Former President of
The Faith Mission UK.



It is written in Daniel 11:32, "The people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits."

Daniel's one-line evaluation of those believers who accomplish notable deeds for God is applicable to the workers of the Mission, for it gives us the threefold secret of their faithfulness and fruitfulness. Such people know their God, and in the pages of this book you will meet people who knew not just information about God, but intimacy with God; who became strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and who carried out great exploits for their Lord.

This God-ordained sequence -- intimacy, dynamic and accomplishment -- is illustrated again and again in the lives and ministry of those who are introduced in this book. Read it prayerfully, asking God to speak to you about becoming personally involved in prayer, evangelism and revival. Join the Company of the Committed today.



Ted Rendall -- Chancellor Emeritus, Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills Alberta, Canada. Professor of Preaching, the Stephen Olford Centre, Memphis, TN, USA

"Remember those...who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:7,8 (NKJV)

Throughout my fifty plus years of living, God has blessed me on many occasions through His servants who serve in the Faith Mission. This book traces the faithfulness of God and the obedience of many men and women whose Spirit-led ministries have impacted Canada since 1927.

Read these accounts and rejoice in the marvelous guidance of God. Let your heart be stirred with accounts of gospel proclamation across this nation. Though the names of these pilgrims may not be as familiar to you as they are to my family, you will find God stirring you to a greater diligence, a more fervent spirit and life-long service of Jesus, who is called the Christ!



Rev. Keith M. Edwards (former pastor Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church; Director of Church Initiatives & Internships, Heritage College & Seminary)



Laura- Anne Drake



Margaret Roberts

This year some unexpected changes have taken place in the eastern Ontario district. Our Wilton kids club which seemed to have a real possibility of closing in the spring, has been ‘given new life’ as 3 new kids have started attending. Our kids club in Odessa has also seen a bit of change as 3 new boys have begun attending Wednesday nights. When teaching the story of Creation in Genesis, one boy remarked ‘I was never told this!’ Please continue to pray that God would give the kids an understanding and attentiveness as we continue to teach God’s Word. We also heard exciting news regarding our Christianity Explored program at the Morningstar Mission: a couple that had come irregularly recently moved, but called the director of the Morningstar to let him know that they have begun to attend a church and Bible study—all of this thanks to an interest begun by C.E. Please pray for us as we consider beginning another Bible study at the Morningstar, hopefully in mid-November. Pray that God would cultivate a desire in the hearts of the people, to know Him. It was also exciting to have 13 young adults in our home for our first Refresh. Revision. Refocus prayer meeting this past month; each with a desire to grow in their relationship and prayer life with God. We pray that God will continue to cultivate that desire for prayer in this area, especially with the younger generations. We continue to reach out in other areas regarding prayer, preaching, women’s meetings and youth work. We look forward to helping at the Campbellville Christmas in the Country banquets as well as the Senior & Junior Sno’ camps in February. Please continue to pray for guidance and discernment in eastern Ontario as we serve.



AN EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK... 'The Canadian Commission':

Following his conversion at an early age John George Govan Founder of The Faith Mission shares a crises that propelled him into the forefront of the battle for souls.

After listening to some friends speak of their "clean heart" experience at the Keswick Convention in England, John George became more hungry and thirsty for God and holiness. Whether it was called "full salvation" or "a clean heart," he wanted to know the fullness of God's blessing on his heart and life. A spiritual crisis happened to him at the end of a meeting at the "Salvation Hall" in Pollokshaws. Of that crisis experience John George later related the following:

I remember at the meeting where it came home to me, and God said, "Here is the blessing for you." But I did not yield. The next day I was miserable. At night I went back to a meeting in the Salvation Hall. I went late and sat far back. Two friends got up and testified that they had got a "clean heart." They had been at the meeting of the previous night, and something said to me, "Now, you might have had the same experience if you had trusted."

It came at the end of the meeting when my brother called on me to pray. I felt I had to decide there and then. Either I must refuse to pray, or I must trust the Lord to give me the blessing of a clean heart as I prayed. It happened in almost an instant I went down on my knees and prayed, yielding my all to God, and trusting Him to cleanse me there and then. I came out of the meeting and said to my friend, "I have a clean heart; I trusted the Lord, and I know that He has done it for me though I do not feel any different." When I got home that night and went down before the Lord, then I knew the difference. The glory of God flooded my soul, and it has been different ever since.

It was a new life from that day. The Bible opened to me. I enjoyed it; I saw holiness in it through and through; verse after verse spoke to my heart. I felt the truth of them, and I felt God had brought me to know something of that truth. Hymns that I had never noticed before had new light on them I was altogether Christ's and He was the King of my life. Oh, do not think that the chief blessing of a clean heart is a clean heart; the chief blessing is that it is a heart in which Jesus comes to reign. It is Christ Himself who is the chief blessing do not be taken up with your clean heart, do not be taken up with the "blessing" you have got; be taken up with the King Himself who has come to reign in that heart that has been cleansed and made ready for Him.

That transforming experience immediately propelled John George into joyful service for Christ at that Salvation Hall. Over the next few years, he and his brothers became absorbed in various soul-winning activities. Many people were led to faith in Christ and scores of Christians were greatly helped in seeking the fullness of God's blessing on their lives. This Christian outreach not only helped develop John George's preaching skills, but he also learned much about the importance, value, and priority of prayer in the Christian ministry. He and his friends joyfully engaged in prolonged seasons of prayer before every evangelistic event and it was to these prayer meetings that they attributed the blessings that followed.

To read more make sure to get your copy of the book ... contact any address on the back.

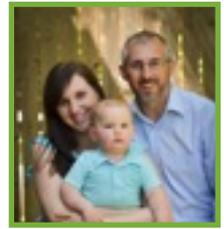
"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart".

Jeremiah 29:13

God's faithfulness is a continual source of encouragement to us. It has been encouraging to see how opportunities from summer ministry have opened other doors to serve and share Christ. We taught at a VBS in Howick for the second time this summer and at the beginning of December Rob will have the opportunity to go back there and share his testimony at a men's breakfast. A good number of men from the community attend and we are praying that through this the gospel would go forth in power. Also, two summers ago we met a French mother in our community when her children attended a VBS near our home. That woman is now babysitting for us on Friday nights so that both of us can be free to serve at Onward youth group. More than that she is able to watch Caleb in our home so that he would be able to go to sleep in his own bed at his regular time. We couldn't think of anyone who would be able to do this but this woman's in laws recently moved in so that she has someone to care for her children for a few hours while she cares for Caleb, which is further evidence of God's grace and kindness in our lives.

This fall we were again asking the Lord for direction for what ministry we should take on and what we should be teaching this year. We felt God lay it on our hearts to really focus on what it means to spend time with God in His Word and prayer, particularly with our youth. In chatting with a number of youth they were honest and shared how they found it challenging to read the Bible and pray.

Robin and Debra Perron



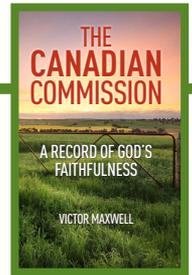
First, it is challenging for them to "find the time" and even when they make the time they are often distracted or don't feel like they are getting anything out of it. We hope to look at different ways of studying and meditating on the Scripture. Many also acknowledged that while they believe prayer to be important they often feel like their prayers are hitting the roof and that prayer doesn't seem to make any difference in their lives. So often these disciplines become part of our "Christian obligation" and what is expected of us so we perform these duties but we forget that the goal is always to seek and meet with our God. We will be looking at topics such as the hindrances to prayer, its' importance, necessity and power in our lives. Our prayer is that these young people would learn to spend time with God daily through the reading of His Word and prayer and as they meet with Him their lives would be transformed and they would become those who, like the disciples, will turn the world upside down for Christ. Please pray that this would be a life changing year for them and also for us as we know that we need to continually be seeking the Lord with all our hearts!



Recent publication 'The Canadian Commission'

What others have said:

"It is a challenge to pass a ministry from one generation to another. There are some simple reasons for this. The first generation of leaders have received their vision from God and have courageously pioneered through the hardships and anguish of giving birth to their vision. The second generation are people heavily influenced by the founders, they receive their policies and follow their procedures, but have not necessarily wrestled with God in the same way the founders have. The third generation may easily follow the procedures but become distant from the deep, personal experience of God which gave birth to the mission. Hence ministries die. Leadership is replaced by management, and too often the church is littered with spiritually failing ministries, and the tombstones of those long burned out.



The Faith Mission in Canada has risen to the challenge and kept hold of its heartbeat, core and main vision through successive generation for the past 90 years. Like so many 'unsung' ministries, the repercussions of their work for that period of time cannot be measured, but is widespread and rich.

This book is more than a narrative of these past 90 years, it is a challenge and stimulation to consider the quality of our own relationship with God and our own experience of the resources available to us – found in an encounter with the fullness of God to which the Faith Mission persistently points”.



Charles Price
Minister at Large,
The Peoples Church, Toronto

Graham & Melodie Ghent

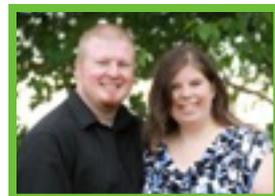


Reflecting on 90 years for the Faith Mission in Canada this fall has pointed us once again towards God and God alone. It is He who has done what is past and it must be Him if we are to continue into the future.

God has opened up a wonderful door of opportunity in three public schools in Caledonia for us. In partnership with Key Bible Clubs, we are able to spend 40 minutes in the middle of the day at each school every week until April. What an opportunity for the gospel! Please pray! We are also helping a church two days a week specifically in regards to prayer and evangelism. While this takes a few different forms, we are looking forward to coaching small group leaders, hosting various prayer meetings, teaching one Sunday a month and generally seeking God for direction. We look forward this winter to our "Snow" Camps and Youth Leadership Training. Remembering last year how powerfully God moved at these camps (specifically YLT) we are excited to engage once again in this work. We continue to provide seminars and counsel to various pastors and churches about having a real burden for the lost only found through prayer. Please pray as this is our heart for this area... that God would bring a revival of prayer into the churches and that would be the fuel for evangelism and revival in Southern Ontario. Please pray as well as we continue to work with the youth in North Hamilton and also while we search for more local church partnership for them. Thank you for praying.

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Mark & April Hardwick

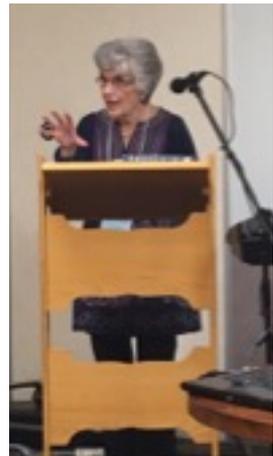


"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2nd Chronicles 7:14

This fall we experienced the blessing of coming together as staff to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the mission. The heritage of those who have gone before us, both in the North and across Canada, inspires us to expect great things of the Lord. Since coming home many have approached us with their own stories of fellow workers and the impact that they continue to have generations later. During our time as staff, as we prayed and shared, we both felt God's prodding to truly invest in prayer when we returned home. This was further confirmed when we learned He had been speaking the same message to a couple who we work closely alongside. Our continued prayer is that Jesus would be known through the unity of the body of believers here. Our first Northern Ladies retreat went very well. God gave extreme freedom to the speaker and she spoke directly to each woman's heart of His grace and love for us. The women all expressed a desire to come again next year and we have begun preparations for this to be an annual event.

Mark's calendar fills quickly with preaching dates, especially with a number of churches currently without a Pastor. We are looking to God to raise up workers who would have a passion for Northern Ontario. Mark has also begun leading a local college and careers group. There is a college campus in Kirkland Lake and we would love to see more students coming out to this. Please pray that those who do come would feel confident to reach out to their friends with an invitation.

As we look forward to the winter here we are anticipating what God is going to accomplish through the revived prayers of his people. Would you please pray with us that He would do a deep work in their hearts? That there would be such a passion to reach the lost and care for each other in Christ, that all divisions would be forgotten.



Jeff & Jani Goudy

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt." Deut. 10:19



We continue to befriend and pray for many newcomers to Canada here in Red Deer. There is a great desire for unity among the believers who are working with refugee families and a prayer meeting is starting up this month (November). We plan to meet once a month to pray and seek God for our new friends together and to see how we can encourage each other and help one another to effectively reach out to them and to help them in this new land. They have all been through so much and are very thankful to be here in Canada but there are many adjustments. When asked what makes them feel welcome when they first arrive, they say every person who smiles at them means so much. And when people offer friendship and invite them into their lives and homes- teaching them about Canadian culture and life skills. Helping them to practice English and answering the many questions that they have. Learning more about the country they came from and hearing their stories. And the best part is that as we love them and get to know them we also have exciting opportunities to share our hearts and to talk about our Saviour Jesus.

One of our very close refugee friends shared a few days ago something that really touched our hearts. He asked if you could buy tomatoes at Canadian Tire, and we said "no", then he asked if you could buy them at Superstore, and we said "yes". Then he told us that all his life he had been searching for God in the wrong place and that he is learning that the only way to find God is through Jesus Christ. He said that as he is learning more about God he feels in his heart like a man who has been standing out in the cold for a long time and is now coming into a beautiful warm place. The Holy Spirit is melting his heart and opening his eyes! He said that he sees the reality of God and Jesus through many Christian lives and was deeply touched by the testimony of a man from his own country who was able to tell him, in his own language, how wonderful it is to be clean on the inside through Jesus, and that he wants to be clean too. Please pray for him and many others as they are seeking the Lord. We can't praise God enough for His work in people's hearts and for all of you who have been partnering with us so faithfully in prayer.

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Jeff & Jani Goudy con't.

Our weeks continue to be full as God is at work all around us and there are many opportunities to serve him and to be a witness. The prayer groups continue to be a blessing. Collectively, we are involved in eight weekly prayer groups. The soccer outreach for immigrant men is every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 – 5.30. Jeff is getting more opportunities to preach in various churches and is leading two small groups a week. We are studying through Philippians and the Sermon on the Mount. Please also pray as Jeff has been invited to come and speak on prayer to a church in Biggar, SK from January 28-30. "And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." John 17:3



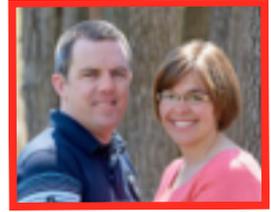
Scottish Tour



From June 24 - July 10th we have planned a Scottish tour, including attending the annual Faith Mission Edinburgh Convention, July 1 - 6. Places are filling fast. To secure your place on the tour or for further information call John Bennett 905-854-3284 or email fmcanadadirector@gmail.com



Andrew & Melissa Porter



Each fall, we look forward to the annual Ladies Retreats at the camp centre in Falkland. This year we were privileged to have Janice Evans speak at both weekends. We were both encouraged but also burdened as we listened to these ladies stories. Many people in our society today are hurting and lonely. Many are stuck in their sin. But we saw God work through the weekends as ladies talked about their need to read and study God's word. We heard ladies talk of their past, but also their hope in Christ for the future. Each week Melissa teaches at an after school club in Vernon. Between 40-50 kids walk over to the church from the local elementary school. It has been exciting to watch these kids absorb God's word. There has been a stillness as they listen. When the Bible story started a few weeks ago, a little boy put his arm around his younger brother and they snuggled against each other as they took in the Bible story. Please pray that the truths of God's word would penetrate

these young hearts. We anticipate the annual 'Christmas in the Valley' banquets November 22 and 24. Each year an invitation is sent out to every home in the surrounding area. We look forward to seeing some of our neighbours attend. As we pray and study God's word with people each week, we pray that there would be an honesty and openness to God's voice. We pray that people would have hearts of obedience to do what God has asked of them. And we pray that we would be faithful.



**Falkland
Centre**



Kevin & Janice Evans



“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel.” Philippians 1:3-5

We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for our partners in ministry... our many volunteers. Without them, our ministry would be greatly hindered, and we would be run off our feet! They have worked hard in so many areas. There are a number of women and teenage girls who help Janice in the kitchen regularly, preparing food, washing dishes, serving, and cleaning. Recently, 2 wonderful ladies took over cooking for both Ladies Retreat weekends so Janice could speak. Our load has been made much lighter since a retired couple moved on site over a year ago, cleaning washrooms in between each group, watering plants, cutting grass, and much more. For 5 1/2 years now, a very gifted lady has been building and maintaining our garden areas, creating beautiful landscaping. Another couple have planted trees, watering them regularly, and clearing trails, splitting wood, and cleaning the grounds. These and others help with projects, serving banquets, and helping anywhere we need them. We are truly grateful for our wonderful partners in ministry.



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