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*...that times of refreshing may come from the
presence of the LORD*

Acts 3:20

For those of you who joined us at our annual 'Thirsting for God Conference' you will know that it was a powerful and refreshing time in God's presence. The ministry of the Word brought by our brother Harold Vaughan was very timely and challenging. Many people spoke of the powerful challenge to their hearts and those who were rededicating themselves to the Lord. The times of prayer in the tent were a highlight and evidence that God was at work. We hope to have the sessions up on our website very soon, so make sure to check these out!

We give thanks to God for a fruitful and encouraging summer during the camp ministry. Emma was assisting with aspects of the program and also teaching at Discovery Camp. The children were attentive during the chapel times and asking deep and meaningful questions about faith. It was great to see kids, new to camp and to Christian teaching, embracing these truths and desiring to know more. Pray that the seeds sown will bear much fruit and we will hear of children and their families coming to know and follow Christ. We appreciated having Jack Hardwick serve as the summer intern. Here are a few questions we asked him about his summer...

1. Why did you want to do this summer internship with Faith Mission?

I wanted to do this internship because I was looking for more than just a summer job. I wanted to spend my summer growing in my relationship with God while serving others in a meaningful way. Faith Mission gave me the opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone with talking in front of big crowds, develop leadership skills, and invest in youth while being surrounded by a community that encourages me in my faith. It seemed like a place where I could both serve and be challenged to grow, and that's exactly what I was hoping for.

2. What has been the biggest highlight for you as you have served with us?

The biggest highlight has been the relationships. Getting to know the campers, serving alongside an amazing team, and seeing God work in people's lives has been incredibly rewarding. There have been so many moments where I've seen campers open up, ask questions about faith, and grow in confidence. It's also been encouraging to see how God has used this experience to stretch me, teach me to rely on Him, and help me grow as a leader.

3. Why would you recommend doing a summer internship like this instead of a regular summer job?

A regular summer job can teach you valuable skills, but this kind of internship gives you so much more. You gain work experience and leadership skills, but you also grow spiritually, build lasting friendships, and have the opportunity to make an eternal impact in the lives of others. You're challenged in ways that help you mature, learn to serve selflessly, and trust God more deeply.

Thank you Jack for serving with us this summer!

As we look ahead to the Fall and Winter, we entrust all our plans and programs to the Lord's will. This is the 99th year of Faith Mission work in Canada and as we give thanks to God for 100 years in 2027, we know that we would not be at this point if it were not for the faithful support both financially and prayerfully of our dear friends and supporters. Will you continue to stand with us to 'hold the ropes' of this gospel ministry? We appreciate you and thank God for you! Please make sure to keep up to date with our ministry by signing up for our regular updates (via email) and joining us at one of our Fall or Winter events. God bless you richly!

FUTURE EVENTS

Toronto Fall Rally (Calvary Church): Oct 3

Fall Hymn Sing: Oct 7

Fall Ladies Retreat: Oct 23-25

**Fergus Men's Conference (Bethel Baptist):
Nov 7**

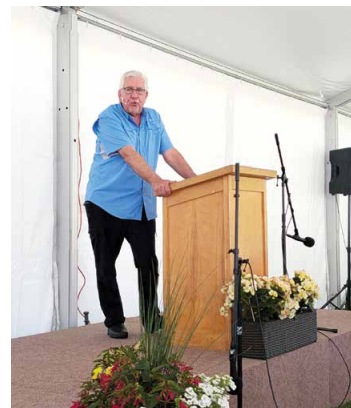
**Christmas in the Country Banquets Begin:
Nov 20**

Day of Prayer: Jan 9



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The Thirsting for God Conference went really well in June. We had wonderful help and enjoyed seeing lots of supporters there. This year there was only one week between the conference and summer camps starting, but thankfully we planned ahead and were able to take a couple days off to rest in between. The summer camps sped by as they always do! There were many hiccups along the way. The first week we had a flood in the basement of the Camp Centre from rain and a major oral surgery for Zach, the second week the poor air quality from distant fires affected a few things, and the third week everyone was showing signs of getting over tired. Through all of that God proved faithful, and the team of staff and volunteers pulled together to work as a team. It was also a different summer for us with Matthew leading the kitchen as Susan stepped back to rest before our 4th baby's due date in just over a month.

August through to October are always busy months with rental groups booked nearly every weekend. We are lining up different volunteers to give us extra help with the groups we will provide catering for as Susan is due early September. Please pray for health and safety for all during that time, and for help for each family member during the transition. It's amazing how time keeps rolling and we get so many opportunities

to point people to Christ either for Salvation or for deeper delight in Him. Our Fall Ladies Retreat will also come before we know it! There is a lot of prep that goes into the retreats but it's always a wonderful time coming together again. A couple years ago we started having monthly young people's hangouts at our house during the school year. We've paused that for the summer, and we will see how that continues in the Fall with a newborn. We have really enjoyed hosting that and hope to continue as we are able to.

Two of our summer crew helping after the basement flood





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*But we will give ourselves continually to prayer,
and to the ministry of the word.
Act 6:4*

This passage is such a blessing! After the disciples had been filled with the Spirit of God, they were burdened to pray and to preach the Word! We are so blessed by the pastors that we are privileged to pray with each week for revival as well as many other faithful men and women. They have a real burden for prayer and the Word, and that burden grows as we continue to pray together. This is a prayer request that we have for the whole nation, that pastors and leaders, men, women and young people will get an increased burden to give themselves “continually to prayer, and the ministry of the word.” Jesus said in Mat. 22:29 “...Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.” We were greatly blessed by a young man who came to Central Alberta for several months and joined one of the prayer meetings. God has burdened him in the area of prayer and he has now moved back to P.E.I. and started a Revival Prayer Meeting in his area. We were so encouraged when he called to tell us all about it. Please pray for him and others like him who are stepping out in faith to start prayer groups. We love seeing this same heart in many other young people as well and we

thank God for how He is continuing to work in this way. Please pray that God will raise up more and more people to pray in every area across the nation. And please continue to pray for us as we meet with many people each week to be an encouragement in the areas of prayer, revival and evangelism. Our weeks continue to be full as we serve in these areas through the various prayer groups, Bible Study, discipleship, evangelism and preaching. A quote that is meaningful to us is this one by Charles Spurgeon: “*A time of giving yourselves to prayer and the Word is never wasted. it is the fuel that keeps the fire of the soul burning bright for God.*”



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*So may all I do, be it great or small
Bring glory to Your name
In Your grace alone I will carry on
Your promise to me remains
My labour is not in vain
City Alight 2025*

We probably say this year after year, but this summer flew by! It was jam-packed with ministry opportunities, and we really do pray that everything we did, big and small, brought glory to God. In late May, we were excited to be asked to share together at a ministry leaders' night for the local CRC churches. We joined with 25 men and women from the surrounding area who are serving in various ministries in their home churches and shared what rural ministry has looked like for us over the years. It was a great reminder (for us too) of how working together can strengthen small rural churches. The response from the evening was very positive, and we have already seen the fruit of new connections made.

At the beginning of June, April was able to attend the Gospel Kids Conference in Cambridge with some of the other staff. It was a valuable time of personal development and refreshment. The main stage speakers and breakout sessions alike were a great reminder of what children's ministry is all

about and why we keep faithfully labouring on in this area. It was also wonderful for her to be able to spend some time with other Faith Mission staff away from work events!

It wasn't long after that that summer ministry began in earnest. After an encouraging Thirsting for God conference, we went straight into three very full weeks of overnight camp. God was so faithful in showing us how He was working, even through a large flood during Tween week that meant we had to send kids home early. Although this was disappointing and obviously not the end of camp that we hoped for, it did make for some unique memories and showed us what a great team we had working with us! Everyone quickly chipped in to make sure things could run as smoothly as possible despite the chaos. We saw the Lord work on many kids' hearts this summer, particularly during Teen week. Please keep our teen campers in your prayers. Although we heard testimony from many of the kids that God really met with them, there are a few campers that we know are heading home to challenging situations. These teens need to surrender their struggles to Him and let Him work!

As we look towards the Fall, we anticipate re-establishing our regular weekly ministries and definitely need wisdom when it comes to our schedules. Mark's preaching calendar is already almost all

booked right through till Christmas. We do hope to establish a kids program close to home if at all possible and need the Lord to undertake in that area. We have some ideas, but we don't want to run ahead of Him! As a note for personal prayer, Mark is currently awaiting hip replacement surgery. We know that will not be a small undertaking and would love prayer for all the details to come together!



Three weeks of Campbellville campers and staff.



CHRIST IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH

By Ted Rendall

"...Upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

There are two ways of looking at missions today. There is the human side, and we are generally well acquainted with that side. We have heard about the need for missionaries, the difficulties of communicating the Gospel in another culture, the problem of closed doors, etc. That is the human side of church planting. But there is another side – the divine side, and in Matthew 16:18 the Lord Jesus Christ made a prediction about the building of His Church.

It is important that we keep this aspect of the missionary task before us. Indeed, we should think about it often. If we look only at the human side – the difficulties of it, the so-called closed doors, the millions who are still unreached for Christ – we may give way to pessimism and conclude that whatever God wants done, just can't be done.

Charles H. Spurgeon was once asked to reconcile divine sovereignty and human responsibility, and the London preacher replied, "I don't need to, for they have not fallen out." That must be our attitude as we consider the two sides of the missionary work of the Church. Christ's words in Matthew 16:18 will help us greatly in our attempt to understand missions from the divine side.

THE BUILDER

"I will build My Church." To most of us this passage is so familiar that the immediate impression that must have been made on the minds of the disciples as they listened to Jesus is by and large lost. We read the passage or hear it read, and we nod in agreement, having solved for ourselves the mysteries of Jesus' teachings. We do well, then, to approach the passage as it were for the first time. And when we do that, three basic matters concerning the Builder press upon us for clarification.

The Builder's Identity

First of all, we inquire concerning the Builder's identity. Who is He that announces, "I will build My Church"? Obviously, Jesus thought this to be a question of fundamental importance because, as recorded in this same passage, He raised the issue Himself. (Matthew 16:13-16)

Notice that the discussion concerning Jesus' identity begins generally and ends personally: "Whom do men say.... Whom say ye that I am?" "Men...you." Jesus is never content to get the popular, prevailing opinion of others! He wants a personalized, individual response to the question. The fact of the matter is there is really no more important question in the universe than this: Who is Jesus? Who is the One who boldly announces, "I will build My Church?"

The Builder's Authority

The second issue that is raised by the prediction, "I will build My Church," is the Builder's authority. Actually Jesus makes twin pronouncements in this passage: "I will build...I will give...the keys of heaven." Both activities involve great authority. In both cases, we believe, Jesus was looking forward into the future to the period after His death and resurrection. Was it not after His resurrection that He announced to His disciples, "All authority has been given unto Me"? (Matt. 28:18). Involved in that authority was the authority to build His Church and to equip the apostles with the keys of heaven.

The Builder's Prophecy

The third matter raised by a discussion of Jesus' remarkable words, "I will build My Church," is the fact of the prophecy of the Builder. Place yourself for a moment in the situation of the disciples as they were listening to Jesus. First from Jesus' lips comes a prophecy concerning His Church: "I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Hearing that positive declaration, the disciples would have imagined themselves unbeatable. But wait. We read in Matthew 16:21: "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." This is a prophecy concerning His Cross.

Now it has been given to us to understand the sequence and the significance of Jesus' prophecy. We know that the Cross came first, and then the Church. But how difficult for the disciples with their stress on the reign of the Messiah to accept what He is saying here to them.

THE BUILDING

Having identified the Builder, we must now look at the building concerning which He speaks: "I will build My Church." First, what or who is the foundation of this building? Here are Christ's words to Peter: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church" (v. 18). To what or to whom does Christ refer when He affirms: "Upon this rock I will build My Church"?

There is a simple principle of Bible interpretation that will help us here. In studying a difficult passage of Scripture, we must allow Scripture to interpret Scripture. That simply means we must let another passage that clearly identifies the foundation to be regulative in the interpretation of Matthew 16:18.

Here, then, is First Corinthians 3:9-11. In these words, Paul clearly establishes the fact that the Foundation of the Church is Jesus Christ. Whatever interpretation we give to Jesus' words in Matthew 16:18, we cannot make Peter to be the foundation of the Church. Even Peter himself recognized Jesus as the Foundation (cf. 1 Peter 2:4-7).

And remember, the New Testament never refers to a building when it speaks of the Church. The reference is always to people. Jesus was not predicting the building of a stone structure when He announced, "I will build My Church." He had in mind a group of people, redeemed by His Blood and indwelt by His Spirit.

THE BATTLE

In His announcement to Peter Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Implicit in Christ's words is the prediction of a battle between Christ and His Church and "the gates of hell." To what exactly does this phrase, "the gates of hell" refer?

When we read the Bible, we must always keep in mind the fact that it was not written in the twentieth century nor in our culture. In an ancient city or town one of the most important places was the gate or gates. The gates of a city represented two things: defense and decision.

Take the aspect of defense. In Isaiah 45:2 God says to Cyrus: "I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron." That means, of course, that He would enable Cyrus, the Medo-Persian ruler, to penetrate the defenses of the city of Babylon. With God as his ally Cyrus would break down the gates of the city.

But in Bible days, "gates" also stood for decision. It was in the large open area near the gates of the city that the officials of a city would meet for discussion, deliberation, and decision. What, then, is meant by the phrase, "the gates of hell"? Hell is Hades in the Greek. Was Jesus looking ahead to the ultimate deliverance of

the Church? Was He assuring His people that they will rise again in triumph at the Resurrection? The gates of hell will not be able to triumph over the Church in the sense of being able to prevent the resurrection of all those in Christ Jesus.

Or was Jesus using the phrase, "the gates of hell," in a figurative way? Here is how Dr. Douglas Bannerman explains it: "The powerful and impressive figure of 'the gates of hell' would naturally suggest the idea of mighty forces coming from the realm of the unseen, the kingdom of death and the world of spirits, marshaled by deliberate counsels such as were held in the gates of Eastern cities."

When we think of Christ's great prophecy and ask the question, "Has it been fulfilled?" the answer is an emphatic yes! Look around the world and see the Church of Christ established and growing in nearly every country of the globe. Remember that Satan had done his best to wipe out that Church, both from within and from without, but praise God, the gates of hell have not prevailed against the Church of the living Lord and coming King. Go forward with that assurance gripping your heart.

Dr Ted Rendall was a longtime friend of Faith Mission having spoken at many conferences and latterly married a former worker, Hester Dougan. Dr Rendall had been Chancellor at Prairie Bible Institute and was a Bible teacher with Olford Ministries International. He went to be with the Lord this past summer at the age of 92. We are indebted to his faithful life of service and heart for revival.



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Since the Thirsting for God conference in June, it has been encouraging to hear of its impact on the people who attended. One example is Avenue Road Baptist church in Cambridge. They had some members attend the conference and since then, God has been convicting them to put into practice what they heard so they started having a day of prayer. During that time, they implemented what they learned, particularly about prayer, and God has been at work in them and answering their prayers. Sam was grateful to learn of this while preaching for them in July so their pastor and his family could go on summer vacation. Sam also had the opportunity to preach for Grace Community Church (Grassie) so their pastor could do the same. In July, we served at Tween camp. Nicholette shared the missionary story in the evening chapels, Sam served in the kitchen washing dishes, and Juliette, our eldest, served where needed. It was encouraging to see the tweens eager to learn God's truth through the memory verses and the missionary story. They responded with anticipation and joy to camp as a whole. The past few months of ministry has been especially delightful with Juliette joining the work in a new capacity. She was finally old enough to volunteer in the kitchen at a time when the help was greatly needed. She worked alongside other young ladies with Matt & Susan,

the kitchen managers, during the Spring Ladies Retreat as well as Discovery Camp. Nicholette now turns her attention to September's Toronto Rally as she prays and plans to turn the children's hearts to God's word in the kid's program. In October, she looks forward to the opportunity to explore beauty and skill through crafts with the ladies at the annual Fall Ladies Retreat. Sam looks forward to seeing and serving you this Fall at events such as the Hymn Sing, Toronto Rally, Fergus men's conference, and Christmas in the country. Throughout this time, he will continue with pulpit supply and do outreach and prayer walks in Hagersville.



...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus
Philippians 1:6



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This summer has been such a whirlwind! The time spent at camp was such a blessing and encouragement. It's so amazing to get the opportunity to see the way God works in the lives of the kids and youth who come to camp summer after summer, and to get to know them more and more. July 26-31, we taught the Bible and missionary stories at the High Seas VBS at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church here in Napanee. It was encouraging to see so many kids from the community join in. God was definitely at work in the hearts of these young kids, and we hope to see many of them return for the Awana program we help run in the fall/winter! Please pray for this Fall and the ministries we will be resuming. We hope to start up the regular weekly kids' clubs and meetings by the end of September. Please also continue to pray with us for God to open doors for new opportunities. Laura-Anne is also praying about starting a Bible Study in the Fall. Pray God would make it clear if this is His will. Debbie is continuing to mentor one of the teenagers from the youth leadership training. She is enjoying her time and finding it very encouraging to get to see close up how God is

working in this young lady's life. Please pray with us for her, (E), as she has recently gone through some major life changes and has been finding it a bit difficult to adjust. But we know that God has a better plan for her than she could have imagined. We know and trust that He is good and He is faithful to finish the work He began in her life! Laura-Anne had a great week at Camp Cherith in Lanark. She took on the role of Jr. Division leader. She was in charge of the evening camp fire program and the leaders of the junior aged cabins. It was amazing to see the counselors embrace their roles, lead cabin devotions and connect with the campers. She found it especially encouraging to be there with one of the youths who has really grown with her walk with the Lord over this last year. Watching her be a counselor, lead devotions and praying with her cabin every night was a delight.



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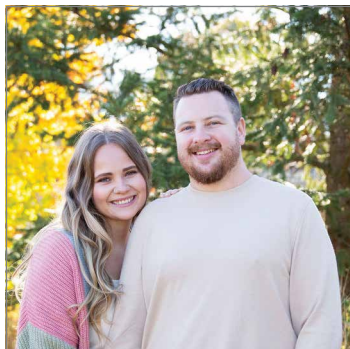
By the time you read this update it will be the fall season, but we are currently only halfway through the summer with our busiest weeks yet to come as we write this. We thank God for the opportunities we've had to share the gospel so far and we're looking forward to even more. We've had the privilege to minister to many who are unchurched, as well as those who attend church with their families on a regular basis. Each year we teach a Bible story and a missionary story as part of our vacation Bible camps. For the missionary story this year, we shared the life of Brother Andrew and we spoke about the persecuted church. One girl at the French camp in St-Jérôme shared that she learned something new that week. Through the teaching she learned the importance of being thankful for the many things we often take for granted since the freedom we enjoy is not a reality for many people throughout the world. It seems like such a simple thing, but God was working in her heart and it was such a beautiful thing to see. May the Lord continue to draw children to His truth and His ways. We were reminded once again this summer that Bible camp ministry is not only for children, but for pastors and ministry leaders who are helping throughout the week as well. We have had so many opportunities already to minister to those who are struggling, facing discouragement, or seeking the Lord's will. Since we're not members of the churches we minister to, people tend to feel comfortable sharing their struggles with us without fear of judgment. We can often

be a listening ear and offer counsel when the opportunity arises. It really is a pleasure to serve the church and to love those who are facing trials of many kinds.

As we look ahead, we would ask for prayer for wisdom. Throughout the spring, we have come to the realization that certain things are not going according to our expectations. We are seeking the Lord's will for us as a family in ministry because we believe He has called us here for a specific purpose and we have a sincere desire to follow the path He has laid out for us. We continue to be involved with the ministries we have been doing, but we are willing to switch things up should the Lord reveal that He wants us to be involved in something else. We simply want to be faithful to His leading as we seek to serve Him in the area where He has planted us. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and peace as we wait on Him. Thank you for your faithfulness in partnering with us – knowing you are standing with us is such a great encouragement to us!

French Week





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It has been a great summer! We have seen people surrender their lives before Jesus and grow in their relationships with Him! We are grateful for faithful volunteers and dependable staff who have served well. This has been our biggest summer yet with Extreme Camp set to have 90 kids! We are praying that God would continue to grow His ministry and that the eternal outcome would be great for His glory! We look to the Fall and begin to plan for the ministry that will take place, trusting in the Lord to lead and guide as we strive to live in obedience to Him! Thank you to all who pray for us throughout each year and for all who support us so well. We are grateful to the Lord and to you all for partnering with us in His work!



*Conan teaching at the Falkland
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*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness."
2 Corinthians 12:9*

We praise God for another wonderful summer of camp ministry. We are especially grateful for our volunteers who helped in the kitchen and around the property. Not only did they serve with such joy and efficiency, but they were such great friends to us. We shared such incredible conversations while working together, praying, laughing, and encouraging one another. So many times, they lifted our spirits and filled many gaps. THANK YOU!!

This summer, we heard so many missionary stories which challenged us as much as they did the campers. Each speaker shared the life and surrender of a different missionary, and Janice actually had opportunity to share the stories of 5 different heroes of the Faith. Many of their moments of dependence on God continue to resonate in our minds.

It's always a challenge to transition into Fall ministry which is full and busy right after a busy summer, but we rely on Him for strength and help. Registrations are coming in for our Ladies Retreat

Sept 25-27. Carey Stephens is our speaker on the theme Anchored. Our next Marriage Enrichment Retreat is scheduled for November 27-29. We have a number of new church groups inquiring about retreats here for the first time, so our calendar is quickly filling. We appreciate your prayers and support.

FUTURE FALKLAND EVENTS

Ladies Retreat: Sep 25-27
Christmas in the Valley Banquets: Nov 18,19
Marriage Enrichment Retreat: Nov 27-29
Winter Camp: Feb 5-7
Marriage Enrichment Retreat: Feb 26-28

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