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**FALL**  
**2018**

# PARTNERS IN PRAYER



**Experiencing God's Faithfulness  
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## **Timothy and Emma Condry**

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### **NEW DIRECTOR –**

### **TIMOTHY CONDY**



In the last edition of Partners in Prayer we reported the good news that Timothy Condry and his wife Emma with their three children Grace, Josiah and Isaac would be returning to Canada. We are anticipating their arrival on August 25<sup>th</sup>. After a period of transition Timothy will assume full responsibility as General Director of The Faith Mission (in Canada). Converted as a young boy, Timothy grew up in a godly home and in a church where he was faithfully instructed in the word of God. During his final year in university, where he earned a Business degree, he was led to a place of full surrender of his life to God, soon after he heard God's clear call to ministry. The following year found him in The Faith Mission Bible College in Edinburgh, Scotland. After graduating from The Faith Mission college he did further studies in the CEF training institute in Switzerland and also obtained a degree in Biblical Theology from the Wales Evangelical School of Theology. He served for one year on the staff of his home church gaining valuable experience in local church ministry. For the past ten years he has been an evangelist with The Faith Mission four years in Canada and six in the UK. Emma is also a graduate of The Faith Mission Bible College. She has been in fulltime ministry with The Faith Mission for fourteen years, five in the UK and nine in Canada. We are very excited about their arrival and believe God has been preparing them to be channels of much blessing in Canada.



On **Saturday September 29th** there will be a special dinner and rally at Calvary Church, Pape Avenue, Toronto, welcoming the Condry family back to Canada. Timothy will be the guest speaker. We hope if you are within travelling distance you will plan to join us. To reserve a place at the banquet please call or e-mail John or Isabel Bennett. If you can't make it to Toronto perhaps you can join us at rallies in Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, October 3, Faith Evangelical Missionary Church, Wasaga Beach, October 17 or Faith Baptist Church, Mount Forest, date to be determined. Timothy will preach at all of these. Your prayers will be especially appreciated at this time of transition as John and Timothy work together and as Timothy discerns God's vision for his leadership of The Faith Mission in Canada. Keep Emma also in prayer as she awaits the arrival of their forth child later in the fall and helps Grace and Josiah settle into a new school.



## Isabel & John Bennett

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As reported above we are very much looking forward to teaming up with Timothy and Emma Condry during this transition period. Serving in The Faith Mission has been one of the greatest privileges afforded to us during the past 50 years for John and 46 for Isabel. Meeting with so many faithful supporters and prayer warriors is always such a blessing. We know you will take the Condry family on your heart and pray regularly for them. We are excited to see how God is going to use them.

The Thirsting for God conference in June with Charles Price speaking was a highlight experience for many. Numerous testimonies were shared of blessing received. What a blessing to be part of a group of nineteen people from Canada who went on the Scottish tour and attended the Faith Mission Edinburgh convention. The weather and ministry were excellent. John was privileged to share in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend of Thornloe Baptist church in July. A minute from the early 1950s was read indicating The Faith Mission's involvement even before the church was formed and also the churches financial support of the mission even then. This mutual involvement and support has continued to this day for which we are so thankful. We were not involved in camps this summer leaving this to a much younger generation, however every weekend we had opportunity to speak in churches throughout Ontario. People seem to appreciate the simple straightforward preaching of the Gospel. We look forward to meeting many of you at the fall rallies. In order to give Emma time to settle Isabel has once again taken on the leadership of the Fall Ladies retreat. October 19 – 21. Katie Bennett is the guest speaker. Most Sundays will be filled with doing pulpit supply and of course there are the Christmas in the Country banquets the last two weeks of November.



## **Myron & Janet Hoover**



We have made it through another busy but blessed spring/summer season. Spring ladies retreats, Thirsting for God, three weeks of camps as well as rental groups we are thankful for God's hand in each.

Coming into fall we are looking forward to seeing Tim, Emma and kids faces here around the Centre as they begin their new role in Canada. Our rental calendar is very steady with both catered and non-catered groups that will be using the Centre. Our fall ladies retreat in October and before we know it we will be serving turkey and stuffing balls at our Christmas in the Country dinners in November. In December we hope to begin renovating the last three bedrooms in the basement. I have not put together a schedule yet but I would love to have help. If anyone is interested please send me an email and I will let you know the plan once I have it completed.

Our prayer request for the next quarter is that we would continue to run the race with endurance and with our eyes fixed on Jesus.



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### **Campbellville Centre**

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#### **Our New Gaga Pit**

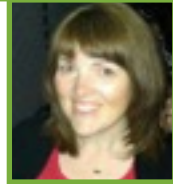
Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

## Laura-Anne Drake



Thank you all for praying for the River Alive outreach in Napanee. It went well with about 130 teens and adults joining us. Many people heard the message and several Bibles were taken! It has been encouraging to hear from one church how VBS has been a blessing, encouragement challenge to them as a church body. It has stretched them as a church and helped them see that even though they are an aging congregation they can still reach the community and be a part of Building the kingdom of God. Many of the Children are not from Church backgrounds. It has been neat for me to watch over several years how much the church has rallied behind this ministry and given to it in so many different ways. It is evident in how this VBS has almost tripled in size since it began and how many of the participants asked to come back even though they were too old! The church made them junior helpers and even held an event only for them one afternoon! In another community one of the kids went around and invited their friends who came as a direct result of their invitation! Fall is soon approaching please pray for me as I gear up for fall programs. Please pray with me as I talk with a church in the area about stating up a kids club with them also for Jen Armitage who is returning to Napanee.

## Jennifer Armitage



Another summer has gone by pretty quickly. It has had some great moments and it has been encouraging to work alongside camp staff and see their love for the kids and their enthusiasm. One of the girls I worked with this summer is Lyndyl Smith, I asked her if she would share her thoughts on this summer.  
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I move back to Napanee soon and would ask prayer as Laura-Anne and I work out our fall schedule.

(As Jen returns to Napanee we want to express our appreciation for all her work in the office during the past three years. Her skills on the computer and leadership of the Ladies Retreats have been greatly appreciated. We are thrilled she is getting this opportunity to get back to the work she is passionate about - sharing the gospel. A big thank you Jen for helping us out in our time of need it was a privilege to work alongside you.)

Is not my word like as a  
fire? saith the LORD; and  
like a hammer that  
breaks the rock in  
pieces?" Jer. 23:29



We never cease to be amazed at the power of God's Word and how His Holy Spirit can use it like a fire to melt cold hearts or like a hammer to break hard hearts, or like a sword to cut into hearts convicting of sin. In Bible Studies, preaching, discipleship, prayer times, counselling and witnessing we see lives being transformed through the teaching of his Word. In a few of these groups we have been working our way through various books of the Bible verse by verse. It's been wonderful to hear testimonies of how God has used His Word to change people and watching the fire of His Word igniting a fire in their hearts. At camp in B.C. this year we also saw His Word challenge, convict and comfort the hearts of counsellors, staff and campers. Whether it is in our own hearts, family devotions, Bible Studies or preaching- God's Word gives us everything we need for life and godliness and it has the power to save. Please pray as we continue to distribute His precious Word to newcomers and others here in Canada. On August 24-26 Jeff has been asked to speak to a group of businessmen and their wives on prayer and revival. We will be going to minister as a couple to this group and are excited to see what God has in store as they are hungry for more of Him. It gives us great faith to faithfully proclaim His Word, even to hard hearts, because we know that we are sowing seeds that God will water and will bring forth lasting fruit. It is a continual strength and encouragement for us knowing that we are being prayed for and, though we are miles apart, we share the same heart and labour together for the gospel.



## **Ontario Summer Worker, Lyndyl Smith writes:**

This past summer has been a great unexpected adventure. I fell in love with the Faith Mission ever since I went to YLT (Youth Leadership Training) sometime around March last year. There's just something about it, maybe it has to do with being surrounded with individuals who are very dedicated to the Lord and are mature in their faith, but I love to spend my time there. I signed up to help at the centre for the summer camp as the person in charge of taking photos... At least that's what I thought at first.

That was until Graham asked me to do an elective during tween and teen camp about the topic of Identity. I was hesitant at first because I didn't have the confidence to speak in front of kids just a couple years younger than me. Eventually, I said yes. I am so thankful for Graham because he really helped and coached me throughout the whole thing. It also lessened the shock of finding out I'm also going to be co-counselling.

It was around that time when Jen asked me to help her at a VBS in Brussels. I was also just as nervous because I had an even bigger job of being at the front. It turns out I had no reason to worry because by the end of the week, I never wanted to leave. The Packers, our host for the week were so welcoming and even took me out on a couple adventures. I learned a lot from them, and I am so grateful I met them. On top of that, the kids from the VBS were so easy to love and even though it was a bit rough during my first time going up and teaching about the memory verse, I got more confident as the week went by. I also got to meet a lot of great kids, and talking with them helped my nervousness to go away. I learned a lot from watching Jen interact with the kids and was amazed at how she had all the kids' attention while she was telling the Bible stories and Reggie & Lina. She even got me eating out the palm of her hands. Looking back, the week in Brussels prepared me and gave me the confidence to speak during camp.



## Lyndyl continues ....

I didn't know what to expect for my first week at camp. It felt weird teaching these kids about Identity when I felt like I didn't even know my own identity at some point. But God is so so good. Things just fell into place, from our staff devotions in the morning with Graham unpacking the book of Galatians, and having our chapel times with Graeme Kirk in the afternoon, it all connected with my elective. God was equipping me with words to tell these kids. Each week was different from the other, with the age group and the roles I have been assigned. At teen camp, I was a co-counsellor and it was quite a rollercoaster since it was my first time. The next week, I got the job of being the photographer during tween camp and was in charge of the slideshow and the electives. It felt weird not being in charge of campers. Although it gave me more opportunity to talk to all the kids. Discovery camp was a mix of both the previous camp, I was co-counselling and doing the slideshow. It was just as amazing as the last two weeks.

I've learned a lot from this summer, teaching the electives taught me just as much (maybe even more) as I taught the kids. This summer showed me how much God will use someone as long as you continue to rely on Him and seek Him through everything. I've also been blessed with meeting fantastic people and built new friendships with the staff. Friendships that I know will last for years to come with people who are zealous for the Word of God and love God with all their hearts. Most of all, I loved seeing the kids know more about our awesome Father. There were many conversations throughout the weeks and seeing their eagerness to open the Bible and find verses made me feel so joyful and excited for what God has in store for them.



## Graham & Melodie Ghent

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Thank you, reader, for your care and concern for the Faith Mission. After a busy summer of lots of unknowns, it is only by the grace of God and lots of prayer that we can find success. Summer camp was truly remarkable with many campers hearing the clear gospel and a tremendous amount of growth in our summer staff. We were so pleased with each of our summer volunteers and we are indebted to them. This fall our children are back to school. Abbie starts grade 8, Seth grade 7, Silas 6, Shaphan 4 and Gideon 2. Mount Hope Public will have their hands full of Ghents. We are grateful for this school and the staff.

We anticipate having all the same three schools open for Key Bible Clubs this fall in Caledonia. Lord willing we will commence in October. Melodie will be busy in September preparing the curriculum and your prayers are appreciated. Graham has a very full preaching schedule until the end of 2018 and the Ghents will be leading the same Evangelism Seminar Training at at least one church in the fall. Work continues at Stone Ridge in helping lead the small group ministry. It is hoped that deep prayer and a burden for the lost will continue to develop in these groups. We look forward to our Fall Banquet, November 2, at the Mountain Citadel Salvation Army in Hamilton.



## Mark & April Hardwick



What a whirlwind this summer has been. As always this season feels much too short for our liking. With so many things to cram in to only a few months of warm weather we truly do make the most of it! We kicked off VBS season with a week in Englehart at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It is always a joy to see these kids grow from year to year and we know that for some it is the only church contact they have. They are incredibly eager to learn their verses and a joy to teach. Next we were given the opportunity to head to the Ottawa Valley to a small village there to help run their day camp. Although the week presented some challenges we were blessed to be able to share God's word with 48 kids. Out of this group there were maybe 10 kids who had any church affiliation. We would ask for prayer for one little girl in particular from that week. This was her first time hearing anything about God, she wrote a letter at the end of the week to say that she believed He was real. Our return to the North saw us working with Living Faith Assembly in Kirkland Lake to run their VBS. This was our 2nd year and last year we only had 5 kids for the week. We were thrilled to have

14 this year, 2 who had no prior knowledge of God or the Bible. These 2 girls worked very hard to learn all their verses by heart and shared prayer requests with us. It was wonderful to tell them all about how God loves them and wants a relationship with them. This fall Living Faith would like us to help them with a kids club and we are praying the enthusiasm from VBS will spill over into that. Mark has already booked up most of his Sundays into the fall with pulpit supply. It is good to be able to walk alongside churches as they look at perspective candidates and pray with and encourage them in the search. We continue to pray for the Lord to raise up workers for the North.



## **Robin and Debra Perron**



It is hard to believe that summer is already coming to a close and fall is right around the corner. This summer was a less busy summer than usual as we felt it wise to take off the last 2 weeks of the summer which are always full with ministry. Those final 2 weeks are the 2 weeks before the next little Perron is scheduled to arrive. That said, we so appreciated the few weeks spent partnering with local churches to run their Vacation Bible Camps. One VBC in particular stands out as the majority of children that came were from the community with no church background. We have no idea how God will use His Word as it went forth but we claim His promise found in Isaiah 55.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
V.10-11

Who knows what the Lord has already done and will continue to do with His Word in these young lives.

### **Upcoming Fall Ministry**

In our last update we mentioned that fall will be quite different, particularly for Debra as she steps back at least for a few months to adjust to life with the new baby. Rob will still be helping on Friday nights at Onward youth group and we are planning to continue our involvement in the Anglican youth group as well. We would appreciate prayer for the Bible Explorer's program in Lachute. We are still sorting through details and seeing if we have enough helpers to carry on without us at least until after Christmas holidays.

## **Debra and Robin con't.:**

One of the main challenges is finding someone to teach as people are not comfortable in this area. Rob has a course starting at the end of this month which will be finished before Christmas and will bring his schooling to a near end.

We are still uncertain about open doors in new communities but are praying that God would guide us and show us where and towards what He is leading us. In so many ways we are uncertain of what these next months will look like, but our confidence is in the One who holds the future.

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## **Kevin & Janice Evans**



We praise God for a great summer of work and ministry at the Falkland Camp. Conan & Julana have settled easily into camp life, leading the staff so well, training them in so many areas. Their godly example and maturity have been a huge influence on staff. It's been encouraging to hear so many rental groups comment on the peaceful, loving atmosphere at the Centre. Our summer students have been so amazing, working so hard, whether they were caring for children, doing dishes, or any other chores we required of them. We are grateful for many helping hands in constructing the house for Conan & Julana. It's already proven to be a wonderful idea to have them living on the camp property. Occupancy will hopefully be by early November. We continue to stand in awe of God's provision, for funds, prayer support, volunteers, and strength for each day.

Upcoming retreats:

Oct 12-14 Women of Strength Retreat

Oct 19-21 Women of Strength Retreat

Nov 9-11 Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Nov 21-23 Christmas in the Valley Banquets

## Conan & Julana Arndt

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“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3 ESV).

This is the attitude that we strive to exemplify as we teach our staff to have the same attitude as they live their lives for God. We are at the end of a busy and rewarding camp season and can rejoice because of the three children who gave their lives to God this summer! We felt the Holy Spirit working amongst the kids and especially amongst the staff as they show us their spiritual growth as they live out the attitude presented in Phillipians 2. We are excited about the ministry that God has in store for us throughout the rest of the year, although it is not always clear what that looks like! Please pray for us as we patiently allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the way that we should go and for our family as we let God guide us through our first year of ministry with the Faith Mission! Please pray for our staff as they put into practice what they have learned this summer while they are at home and in their schools. Also, please pray that there would be a revival in this area and that God would be glorified through people coming to Christ!

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Julana  
and  
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## **Maddy Pool** – summer helper in BC

Hello, my name is Maddy and I am 15 years old. For the past 5 years of my life I have been connected with the Faith Mission Bible Camp in Falkland British Columbia from being a camper to crew and now counselling. I was blessed in such a personal way by being connected with the Faith Mission and staff, not only from being a camper and having the seeds of the Gospel planted; but by joining a family we call staff. This family has helped me grow throughout the years and continues to be an encouragement to me. This past summer at Faith Mission I was able to join the summer staff to serve. This position provided an opportunity for me to grow the servant-heart and humility as Jesus has perfectly displayed for us. Throughout the weeks of camp I continue to fall on the word 'steadfast'. God's love holds strong and there is no stronger place we can fall on. The Faith Mission is a place that I find comfort as I work throughout the weeks of summer camp.

I was also able to help lead on the worship team which has reminded me to have God's mindset in everything, not just in the bigger things such as worship but with intentionality that brings glory to God in everything I do. Each summer is a new adventure but this summer especially has been a time of growth through testing and trials. I am so thankful for the impact this mission has had on me and cannot wait to see how it continues to spread throughout the community.

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