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the Kingdom...



Fall 2019

PARTNERS IN PRAYER



Summer Camps 2019

Experiencing God's
Faithfulness in Canada 🍁

Timothy & Emma Condy

“Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind” Psalm 31:19



How good is the God we adore! As we reflect over recent months and all that has transpired (from Ladies Retreats, Thirsting for God, Camps etc.) we have much to praise God for. His abundant goodness has been apparent in so many ways even in the challenges of ministry that we face. We know there is a very real enemy seeking to ‘devour’ and ‘destroy’ lives, even those in Christian service. That is why we must constantly be on our guard against his schemes and seek daily to ‘fear the Lord’ and ‘take refuge’ in Him. As Mission workers we know that we do not stand alone in this battle; ultimately Christ is with us, but also you as our ‘Partners in Prayer’ who uphold us before the throne and support us in this work. Your prayers have been so appreciated by us all and again we say Thank You for standing with us.

The ministry from Pastor Jacques Nadeau at our Thirsting for God Conference back in June was very much appreciated and a real blessing to us all. We were especially thrilled to have over 50 pastors/leaders attend the luncheon and seminar when Pastor Jacques challenged them to ‘Preach the Word’. What a timely reminder it was! It was then into preparation for our Summer Camps here at Campbellville. We had a great team of staff this year who served so faithfully and gave of themselves fully to the task. At all the camps we were reminded of the tremendous need among many of these young people. Quite a number who attended were not familiar to Bible teaching or any Christian influence at all. As the weeks progressed it was so encouraging to see ‘light dawn’ and not only ask questions but those who responded to it.

Timothy & Emma con't.

In particular around the camp fire we heard kids share how God had worked in their lives and those who had trusted Him. At one of our camps we had two Chinese girls who came but did not know much English. As the week went on they entered into the program and by the end they had memorized all their Bible verses in English! The power of the Word of God!

We are now in preparation for the Fall ministries as they commence and we know all the workers will value prayer as they seek the Lord for His direction and help in this new season of service. In particular we covet your prayers for the Southern Ontario District (Mount Hope) that God will raise up 'His' workers for this area. We look forward to the various Rallies, Ladies Retreat and other ministry opportunities that are ahead of us. During this year I plan to visit some of the Bible schools in Canada and share about the work. September 24-26 I look forward to sharing at New Brunswick Bible Institute (NBBI) and will be joined by Pastor Raymond Thompson, one of our Board members. May in the coming months we see the 'abundance' of God's blessing in souls saved, God's people revived and more workers being thrust into the towns and rural communities of Canada.

Fall Events:

- Sept. 28, Toronto Rally & Dinner @ Calvary Church Pape Ave.
- Oct. 2, Kitchener Rally @ Benton St. Baptist
- Oct. 6, Mount Forest Rally @ Faith Baptist
- Oct. 9, Wasaga Beach Pot-Luck & Rally @ Faith Evang. Missionary

- Oct. 25-27, Fall Ladies Retreat (Tatiana Nadeau)
@ Campbellville FM Centre

- Nov. 2, Regional Men's Conference (Glenn Deane)
@ Bethel Baptist, Fergus

- Nov. 8, Annual Fall Banquet @ Calvary Gospel, Beamsville

- Nov. 22-23, 26-27 & 29-30, Christmas in the Country Banquets
@ Campbellville



Mark & April Hardwick

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn” (Isaiah 51:1)



Recent events in the global Christian community have caused us to long afresh for God to move in a mighty way among His people in revival. In these times when we can be distressed and discouraged by so called ‘leaders’ in our faith apostatizing, we praise the LORD that He is not caught off guard or shocked. Friends, let us be faithful in studying God’s word for ourselves and remembering that God is still on His throne. As Matthew Henry puts it in the beginning of his commentary on Isaiah 51: ‘Whenever the church of God is in distress her friends and well-wishers may comfort themselves and one another with these words- That God, who raised his church at first out of nothing, will take care that it shall not perish’. It comforts our hearts to remember the promises of verses 7-8: *“Hear me, you who know what is right, you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults. For the moth will eat them up like a garment; the worm will devour them like wool. But my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations.”*



Mark & April Hardwick con't.

Our summer began with a similar reminder at Thirsting for God where we were truly blessed by the ministry of Jaques Nadeau. With renewed enthusiasm we began summer ministry at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Englehart. We had a record numbers of kids this year and were overjoyed at how attentive and eager to learn they were. Mark spent a great week at Teen camp in Campbellville and then we were able to return as family for Discovery Camp. We trust that God's word will accomplish that which He purposes! In early summer, April began to meet with several local women at the park for prayer time. They have been praying specifically for revival among the believers in our area. A good number of ladies have turned out to pray, from a variety of denominations. It is a blessing to see the unity they have with each other in prayer. Mark has been booking for the Fall for some time now, he continues to book preaching dates quickly. The high school breakfast program will continue this year, he goes once a week to serve breakfast to the kids. Please pray that this will open doors for conversation about spiritual things to take place. As Fall tends to be a time of fresh starts for different area of ministry we are currently praying through a few opportunities that have come our way. We would really value your prayers for discernment as to which the Lord would have us take on, particularly in the area of kids ministry.





Laura-Anne Drake

Thank you for your faithful prayers. Wilton kids and youth ended well with many expressing the desire to come back again next year. We bought all the youth Action Bibles which they were very excited about it and started reading them to each other! Verona youth also ended on a good note with one teen expressing their thanks for teaching them about the Bible. This was especially encouraging to me as they were the one who did not appear to be listening most of the time! The summer has been going well with many children attending VBS who do not have a church background. Please pray for me as I continue the work of The Faith Mission in Eastern Ontario on my own and make decisions regarding Fall ministry. Below are two reports from some of summer staff who have assisted at camps and with me for VBS:

Yssamae Abdon:

For three weeks this summer, I was counselling or co-counselling a cabin. At first, I was nervous because it was my first time counselling ever! But it was a blast! I had more opportunities getting to know and connect with my campers. However, as the weeks went by, I noticed that I felt calm and comfortable. I no longer felt the worry or anxiousness that I had before. I wasn't sure why. It could have been that I have developed a closer relationship with the campers. Or the amazing staff workers who inspire, challenge and encourage me in my walk with Christ. Regardless, God has given me more confidence to share his truth and the work he has done in my life. I am so grateful to have been surrounded by others who love God. And I cannot thank Him enough for the amazing and unforgettable experiences I've had at the mission.



Laura-Anne Drake con't.

Levenie Abdon:

Working at Faith Mission camp for three weeks was a great experience because I got to know people that love the Lord and are willing to share His word. I learned to be patient when it comes to kids and also for what God wants me to do.

I understand what patience means and to wait for God's plan. I learned to follow God's will instead of my own decisions which also helped me to trust in Him more deeply.



(Levenie and Yssamae are on the front step in the middle)





Part 2 of 2

You may remember that all through His life, Jesus rather discouraged the publication of His Messiahship. So distorted were the Jewish views of the Coming One, that to claim, it would have caused political trouble and complication in which He had no desire to be involved. But when the day came in which He stood before His infuriated judges, obviously on the verge of His doom, the time had come to speak plainly. Challenged as to whether He was the Christ, the Son of the Blessed, He boldly answered in the affirmative: *“Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”* (Matt. 26:64)

The Cross to which they were assigning Him was the immediate step to the place of all power and the furthest future also was His. In Mark 16:19 we read: *“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God”*. How did they know this? He had not ascended far from them before: ‘a cloud received Him out of their sight’: their vision did not extend to the infinite distance and witness His welcome to God’s right hand. But it was a reasoning of faith based upon three premises: 1.) Their ancient Scriptures had predicted it, in such passages as Psalm 2 and 110. 2.) The night before His betrayal, Jesus had told them that such was His destination. 3.) The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, according to the promises He had then made, confirmed the fact. All power was indeed His, both in heaven and on earth. It was a fact apprehended by faith, not by outward vision. The writer to the Hebrews affirmed confidently that, after making purification of sins, He *“sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”* (Heb. 1:3). It was the successful completing of His redeeming work that entitled Him to this place: it was “because of the suffering of death” that He was “crowned with glory and honour” (Heb. 2:9). He was thereby authorized to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. The heaven rent at His Baptism, and remaining open throughout His life, stands open still today. The Divine communication with man which He introduced is not suspended.

We may note that Paul also declared that, when God raised His Son from the dead, He *“set Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”* (Eph. 1:20-21) In view of these passages it is surely a serious error to postpone the enthronement of our Saviour entirely to a future age, and to look for no great manifestation of His sovereign power through His church today. Stephen, the martyr, in his final hour, had not merely the faith-vision of the opened heaven, but the actual beholding of it. *“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God”* (Acts 7:55). It was the assertion of this fact, which Jesus had predicted, that so maddened his judges that they stopped their ears, rushed upon him and stoned him.

Some have remarked upon the position here held by the ascended Jesus - “standing”, instead of the usual ‘sitting’ - as if it were exceptional, in appearing to the first of His martyred saints. Doubtless there is some point to this; but we can never think of the enthroned Jesus in constant inactivity. The passage quoted from Mark, which tells of His exultation, says: *“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs”* (Mark 16:20). This corresponds well with Luke’s description of the earthly ministry as merely the beginning of the working and teaching of Jesus (Acts 1:1), and prepares us to recognize His continued operation through His church throughout the Acts of the Apostles. And that is obviously an unfinished book: the ‘acts’ have continued throughout the centuries, wherever He has found a people through whom He can operate.

The opened heavens means, of course, the establishment of association and intimacy between man and God. And the mediator of this is the Holy Spirit. When the clouds were torn apart at our Lord’s baptism, it was for the descent of the Holy Spirit. Ascended to God’s right hand, through the opened heaven He sends down the Holy Spirit. The heavens stand open: the Holy Spirit, blessed third person of the Holy Trinity, is available. It is not for us to ask God painfully the He would rend the heavens and come down. The heavens are permanently open: the Holy Spirit is proceeding forth from the Father and the Son. New Testament saints are not called to batter wildly at closed doors in sore uncertainty of answer. The prayer - *“Arm of the Lord, awake”* finds itself met by - *“Awake, O Zion, put on your beautiful garments”*. *“Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”* (John 11:40).

And yet the believing has more in it than is generally reckoned. It has decided moral force. It involves the surrendered will, the renunciation of evil, the consecration of the life as a whole and in all its parts. It does involve, as Malachi said, the bringing of the whole tithe into the storehouses as the necessary condition of the outpoured blessing. You may remember how a prophet of the Old Testament had a vision of the opened heaven, and saw the temple there - the heavenly sanctuary, which the Lord pitched, and not man - the Lord enthroned in high state. The heavenly attendants were veiling their faces in His presence and crying: "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts*". In view of it, Isaiah felt himself utterly unclean, until the cleansing fire was applied to him. From that vision he carried forward a new title for the Most High: "*The Holy One of Israel*". John tells us in 12:41 that the One whom he saw thus exalted was the pre-incarnate Christ. And we, seeing Him restored - after His suffering of death for us - to the glory which He had with the Father before the world was (John 17:5), cannot but recognize Him as the all-holy one. With whom we cannot lightly claim fellowship. The Holy Spirit, whom He gives us, is not to be lightly received. Unless our hearts are willing to be adjusted for His incoming, we cannot have Him dwell in us effectually.

But, if the conditions be sincerely met, let us not seek or pray as those who beat the air. Let us have confidence that the heaven is opened, that the flood-gates are uplifted, that the Father's heart is toward us, more ready to bestow His Spirit upon us than the kindest earthly father is to give good things to his children. Let us make this prayer our own:

O thou exalted Son of God, High seated on Thy Father's throne, Thy Gift, the purchase of Thy blood, To us Thy waiting saints make known!

Fill every chamber of the soul: Fill all our thoughts, our passions fill, Till under Thy supreme control, Submissive rests our cheerful will.

Come, Holy Ghost, all-sacred Fire! Come, fill Thy earthly temples now, Emptied of every base desire; Reign Thou within, and only Thou.

Robin & Debra Perron

Luke 24:45 - Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.



Sometimes the battle for people's hearts begins with their minds. It says in **2 Corinthians 4:4** that *"the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."*

During one of our VBS's we had a small group in attendance, all of whom attend church on a regular basis. When asked about the basics of the gospel, we were saddened by the lack of response. The children, some of whom are past VBS age, simply did not know the answer. Not every group of kids is like that, but we were reminded that minds have been closed so they cannot understand. Children's minds are being filled with lies from every wind of teaching. Even many who are able to answer all the questions do not truly understand the truths they have been taught. We are so thankful that we have a God who opens minds and softens hearts so people can come to understand the truth of the gospel. We press on to share the good news of forgiveness, freedom and hope in Christ knowing God has promised to use His Word as it goes forth.

We are so privileged to be able to serve God through VBS ministry and we appreciate the opportunity to pour into children's lives by teaching them God's Word. We have had the opportunity to minister to those who have shared some of their life questions and struggles with us. One week we even had an 18 year old join us and sit in on all the activities. This young man grew up attending VBS and chose to spend his morning with us when he could have been doing many other things. What an encouragement and to God be the glory!

Summer helpers



Rob doing a Quiz

Jeff & Jani Goudy



"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

Thank-you for praying for the Thirsting for God Conference with Charles Price here in Red Deer. We are so grateful to God for answered prayer. It was wonderful to see so many believers from various churches in Central Alberta come together seeking God for personal revival and for an outpouring of His Spirit on our communities. Between three and four hundred people came out each night to Deer Park Alliance Church on Friday and Saturday. Both nights were so good and on Saturday night many people came forward and met with God. It was beautiful to watch as people came forward in obedience and surrender to God, filling both the altar and the aisles. On Saturday morning, he shared with 55 ministry leaders. God spoke through the message and there were many tears. Lives and ministries were touched deeply. On Sunday, Pastor Price preached at CrossRoads Church to around 3000 people and God blessed again. We continue to hear from people who were greatly impacted during that time.

We know that it is just a start and ask you to please keep on praying for Red Deer and area. It was also a joy for us to have John Bennett here during the meetings, he helped so much in practical ways and also encouraged our hearts greatly. The local pastors, our committee and many others, along with you all were the best team that we could have hoped for as these meetings were covered in prayer. This summer it was great to be able to be at the camp in Falkland and to pray and see God at work in so many hearts. Always so good to spend time with the counsellors and the rest of the staff/volunteers there. For the fall we have many plans and ask that you would pray for us as we prepare our hearts and seek God's clear direction. We will continue to establish prayer groups, disciple believers, preach and teach as well as seek to humbly share Christ in our community. His presence and His power is our constant prayer.

Conan & Julana Arndt

Wow, what an amazing summer! God worked in many ways this summer and by the power of the Holy Spirit many kids came to know Christ! Our staff dedicated their hearts and minds each day and it was obvious how much each of them grew in their relationships with God. We praise God for the growth and Julana and I are so thankful for each of them. We look forward to this coming Fall when we begin a new Jr. Youth Group in Falkland. We will run each week with some Sr. Youth helping out as leaders. We are praying for revival in the Falkland area and we believe that this is a great first step. We will continue to help out with different churches as Conan begins to preach a lot more in these coming months. Conan will be taking a group of youth down to Millar College of the Bible for Youth Edge this October as Julana takes part in the Women of Strength Retreats here at the Camp.



We would appreciate your prayers as we continue to minister to our staff throughout the year and meet and pray with Pastor's and Christian Leaders in the Okanagan.

Please join us in praying for a revival both in the church and among the lost! Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."*



Myron & Janet Hoover



Here we are at the end of our children's camp and again how quickly time goes. This last quarter was typically busy but with blessing as well. How grateful to sometimes see or hear of God at work at the Women's Retreats, or Thirsting for God and now the summer camps. We are trusting for eternal results for the glory of our King and the privilege to be a part of it. There has not been many physical changes happening around the Centre over these few months but there is always much to do in maintaining and we are grateful for the resources God has provided in those who have come and helped and those who gave in other ways. For those who knew Janet's parents were living with us and praying thanks so much. Janet's mom has now found a place for full care and her dad is currently living with Janet's brother as we wait for a placement for him.

This next quarter we have some rental groups that will be using the Centre, some catered and other self-catered. Myron has begun the deck and there are some men who will be coming to help him in hopes of it being completed sometime in the fall. Our fall Woman's Retreat in Oct and our Christmas in the Country Dinners in Nov. Please be in prayer for these and for us as we step into the fall and His plan.

Date for your Diary:

Sept 25, Fall Hymn Sing @ Campbellville FM Centre
(Contact Hoovers)



Kevin & Janice Evans

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.”
(Colossians 1:13)



Recently after spending a few days at the Falkland Faith Mission Camp, someone commented, “PEOPLE ARE RESCUED HERE!” What a beautiful picture of what God is doing, redeeming men, women, youth, and children. It is a joy and a privilege to be used by Him to reach into the lives of so many with the rescuing love of Jesus! We’ve had a wonderful season of camps where the Gospel was communicated clearly and lovingly by speakers and cabin leaders who modelled Christ-like living.

And the Holy Spirit was moving. It’s a blessing to watch God at work in young lives and to see marked spiritual growth from year to year. It’s also messy sometimes, to get down in the trenches with teens struggling with temptation and difficult home situations, and marriages on the brink of disaster, and the lost who need rescuing but don’t realize it yet. Please continue to pray as we seek to be obedient to The RESCUER!!

This Fall, our schedule is filling up. Please pray for our Ladies Retreats Oct 18-20 and 25-27. Also our Marriage Enrichment Retreat Nov. 8-10. We host our next Block Party with our neighbours in September. There has been a little interest in starting a beginners Bible Study with some neighbours. Please pray for this. We are also humbly following God’s leading into a long term mentoring relationship with one of our young staff. Please continue to pray for His wisdom and strength. Together, let’s throw the Lifeline to the lost by pointing them to the Light of Jesus, The Rescuer.

Fall Events @ Falkland:

Oct. 18-20, 25-27, Fall Ladies Retreats
Nov. 8-10, Marriage Enrichment Retreat
Nov 20-22, Christmas in the Valley Banquets



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