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PARTNERS IN PRAYER



Teaching Kids at Day Camp

Experiencing God's Faithfulness in Canada



Timothy & Emma Condy



"All may change, but Jesus never, glory to His name"

This is a line from a familiar hymn 'Oh how sweet the glorious message' and over recent days we have been reminded of the relevance of this especially in the period we are presently in. So much has changed for us even in our daily lives and in the ministry of Faith Mission. But what comfort to know that we hold to a changeless, faithful Saviour who has not and will not fail us! We have seen how faithful He is to us in the work of the Mission providing, strengthening and equipping us as we endeavour to serve Him in an ever-changing world! We thank you for continuing to stand with us in what has been (and continues to be) some of the most challenging days for the work we may well have seen. But no matter how bleak it seems to be, we have hope and we are so encouraged to see the opportunities God is giving us to serve and how the workers are continuing to reach out with the message of the Gospel. As you read the reports in this edition of the Partners in Prayer we hope you will be challenged and also encouraged as you read what God is doing through each of the workers of the Mission. Continue to uphold each one and their families in prayer!

Over recent months you will know that most of our events (either at the camp centre or in other venues) had to be cancelled. But with our online platforms of Facebook and YouTube, we were able to host: Thirsting for God, Ladies Retreat and also a Virtual VBS for churches and families to use. The response so far has been totally overwhelming and positive and many have shared how God has used this in their own lives. We also continue with the weekly Friday Fellowship LIVE on Facebook with an average of 500 viewers each week, sometimes reaching over 1000!

This has been so encouraging to see and we never know just how far reaching the impact of this all will be. (PS. If you do not have access online to any of the conferences etc., please contact the Head Office and we will endeavour to have a DVD copy available for you at a small cost). We were also pleased to be able to host 2 weeks of Day Camp at the Campbellville Centre and we trust that God will have worked in young hearts as a result of this outreach.

Both Emma, myself, the Board and all the workers will value much prayer as we seek the Lord for the days ahead and what ministry will look like even over the next 12 months. We have 'tentatively' planned some events for the Fall (see below) but again this is subject to what we will be allowed to run under the circumstances. Contact the office or online before you register to find out what is happening. We appreciate your understanding in all this and above all PRAY that God would be pleased to work out His purposes for the salvation of souls and the reviving of His church.

Tentative Events for the Fall (Ontario):

Sept. 20, Drive-in Service (Campbellville),

Speaker: Harold Peasley

Oct. 3, Men's Conference (Fergus),

Speaker: Charles Price

Oct. 11, Zoom Fall Rallies (Online) contact office for link

Oct 24, Ladies Day Retreat (Campbellville),

Speaker: April Hardwick

Nov. 20-21, 24-25, 27-28,

Christmas in the Country (Campbellville)



Sam & Nicholette Beaulieu

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15)



"Your heart is not the compass that God steers by" - Samuel Rutherford

We have used these months well to settle in at Mount Hope and find a reminiscent rhythm of life. Nicholette and the children have made friends with a few of the neighbours which has slowly materialized into play dates and dog walks. Juliette, our eldest daughter, has taken the opportunity, ever since we arrived, to share stories of Jesus through the fence with other kids. Now that things have opened and more families are outside, Juliette can be heard sharing about Jesus in her own words and recommending Christian resources with those she meets. This surely warms our hearts.

Throughout the pandemic, Sam continues to pray with men weekly, preaches to a congregation via pre-recorded sermons, and teaches a Sunday school class via Zoom. He continues his sermon series on Matthew 5 (the Beatitudes) and will be preaching September 20th on verse 6. His teaching series has been on, "The Importance of Theology." Sam also had the opportunity to teach at the Teen Day Camp at Campbellville in August.

As we have prayed during this season for how the Lord would have us minister, we were led with an idea to put together a "gospel care package" that we could take door-to-door from Hamilton to Simcoe. The sealable package would contain: A Gospel of John, a tract, a booklet, and a short letter. The Lord quickly brought together the resources and financial support for this ambitious endeavour to get off the ground. Sam and Juliette assembled the first 300 packages.

We launched in June in one of Hamilton's poorest communities. Since the first day, the Lord has blessed us with a small band of faithful labourers who come week in and week out. Since June, we have finished two major demographic communities in Hamilton and have almost completed Mount Hope. In the next two weeks, every door in Mount Hope will have been knocked on with the offer of Jesus Christ. To date, around 200 packages have been personally received, and that by Muslims, agnostics, Jews, Christadelphians, Hindus, Buddhists, nominal Christians, and Christians. The interactions, conversations, and prayers have been varied and outstanding. Every home is prayed over and a tract is left regardless of accepting or rejecting a package. It has been our joy to see Juliette labouring with Sam in Mount Hope. She came home the first day exhausted, nevertheless she joyfully anticipates every outreach. We also want to personally say thank you to Jeff and Linda who have come out, since day one, with tireless dedication. Despite the world being on lockdown, our God and His Word continues unbound. Next, we set our sights on Caledonia. Please pray for salvation, revival and awakening, labourers, and pray also for our protection and health.







Conan & Julana Arndt

"Surely God is my help, the Lord is the one who sustains me." (Psalm 54:4)



We are so grateful to look back on these last few months and recognize God's abundant grace and faithfulness to advancing His kingdom! We were able to 5 weeks of day camps this summer with all ages and we were full for all 5 weeks! We are so thankful that God made everything work so smooth. We trust that as kids heard the gospel seeds were sown and that fruit will show! We were able to run our Sr. and Jr. Youth Groups in Falkland each week throughout the summer as well! How amazing to see their desire to know God! Even those who oppose the Bible's teachings continue to come and listen which is a blessing. We are so thankful for the staff that we have had here this summer at the camp and know that we could not have operated without them! All of them came with willing hearts to serve God and love those we are ministering to. We look ahead to the Fall and beyond with hopeful hearts that God will continue to open doors as He has! Our hearts burn for the people of Falkland to know the Gospel and trust in God. Please join us in praying for revival in this small community!



Myron & Janet Hoover

"Normal."

This has become an interesting word as we attempt to interpret these times we are living through. What is "normal"? We could say that these days are "not



normal" because things have changed from what they were or we could say that we are now experiencing a "new normal" as we go forward. The important thing to remember is that God hasn't been taken by surprise nor will He be surprised with what may be coming. Even if we never "return to normal" we can take refuge in the comforting fact that God is fully aware and He is in control of today and the days that are ahead.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3)

We are thankful that, although the Centre has not been able to have the usual three weeks of overnight camp, Day Camp became the new ministry option. We have also been thankful for the lighter work load on Myron with his 'new normal' health changes. We are also thankful for the many ways that God opened up opportunities to help others during this time.

We are currently trying to navigate and understand the new requirements of "Stage 3". We hope that this will allow us to re-open the Camp Centre with a reduced capacity and again welcome in guests for Faith Mission functions as well as rental groups. We await further directive and approval from the region's Health Department. Please keep this matter in prayer. We are hopeful that, should a re-opening be allowed, we will be able to have some form of Women's Retreat in October as well as offer a revised version of the Christmas in the Country dinners in November. Our prayer is that God would be the one directing every decision, choice and plan. Although all the changes can feel like an interference in what was our "normal" life -even, at times, an annoyance, we will be able to look back and trace God's hand in everything. Please pray that we don't miss any opportunity to be about our Father's Kingdom work. See new deck, page 8. 7





Laura-Anne Drake

Thank you for praying for me. Things have continued to look quite different for me over this last Quarter. Both online youth for Wilton Church and Verona Free Methodist Church coming to an



end. Also, the Mission decided to put together a virtual VBS. I spent time organizing VBS activities for the churches to make "grab bags" for participants. I also recorded the Bible Stories for three of the days and the welcome segments for each day. It was definitely a different experience! The VBS videos can be found on the Faith Mission Canada YouTube channel. With some of the restrictions being lifted, I am speaking once at each of the two youth day camps at Roblin Christian Camp.

I am also teaching at Faith Mission Discovery Day Camp from August 11-13. I am also helping Westdale Park Free Methodist church as they run our Virtual VBS via zoom from August 17-21. I know some or all of these events may have come to an end before you receive this PIP but please pray for God to move the hearts of all who will attend/have attended these events. Please pray for Verona Free Methodist as they brainstorm what youth group could look like in the fall, and Wilton Church as we explore possibilities for both Youth group and kids club. I would like to ask you to pray for me personally as I navigate theses strange times and for a co-worker to help me here in the East.

"Perhaps the coronavirus might function as a huge loudspeaker, reminding us of the ultimate statistic: that one out of every one of us dies. If this induces us to look to the God we may have ignored for years, but who wore a crown of thorns in order to bring us back into relationship with Him and into a new, un-fractured world beyond death, then the coronavirus, in spite of the havoc it has wreaked, will have served a very healthy purpose." (John Lennox)



Mark & April Hardwick



Mr Lennox is the author of "Where is God in a Coronavirus World?" one of the books we have given away after our Friday Fellowship broadcasts. It has been tempting during these unprecedented days to just feel like we are in a time of waiting. Waiting for the real "work" of ministry to be able to begin again. Proverbs 19:21 tells us, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." While this summer certainly looked nothing like we had planned when we envisioned ministry in 2020, we are so thankful that the LORD is sovereign, and He knew exactly what we would be doing. For some time, the Pastor of Riverside Community church had been planning a sabbatical for this summer. With our regular summer schedule, Mark was unsure how much he would be able to help out. However, because of the inability to do camps or VBS, we have been home, and he was able to take on the entire sabbatical. He will be continuing to preach over Facebook Live until mid-September. This has also let him be able to take on a few in-person services, which has meant he has been preaching twice some Sundays. As well as this, April has been working with some of the women from Riverside to put out a weekly Sunday School video. The provision of food through "Homefront Missions" and Good Shepherd Church has continued, and most weeks Mark heads to Englehart to pick up what is available and redistribute it in our area. We have been able to build relationships through this and continue to pray for opportunities to share the truth of God's love with the recipients of this food. What will the rest of August and the Fall look like for us? We do hope to run two very small backyard camps before school starts up again, and the Pastor at Living Faith is eager to see some sort of outreach and youth work happen. April is to be the speaker at the ladies retreat in Campbellville, providing we are able to meet.

So as we look to the Fall and the rest of this summer with the anticipation of "real ministry" beginning again, we are praying that God would give us eyes to see the people around us who as John Lennox says are "being induced to look to the God they may have ignored for years."



Robin & Debra Perron

"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long". (Psalm 25:4-5)



This summer was certainly a strange one as we were not able to run Vacation Bible Camps in churches. However, we were able to be involved in a virtual VBS put together by the Faith Mission staff and some churches in Québec expressed interest in using it. We trust that God used this tool to get His Word into the hearts of children and in their homes as well. The confinement was difficult in that we recently moved to the area where we now live and we were unable to make interpersonal connections with churches and ministry leaders in our area. Yet we know that God led us where we are fully knowing what was about to take place. Even though we don't fully understand His timing, we know He brought us here for such a time as this. Our hearts are filled with confidence and peace knowing that God is accomplishing His plans and purposes through all of this and nothing slips through His fingers! Even though we felt very limited in terms of ministry, we praise God for bringing opportunities for us to serve Him even in the midst of isolation. One example of this is that Rob has had several opportunities to help believers in practical ways with repairs and renovations and has made a few connections with pastors in the process.

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We have continued to maintain contact with a number of the youth we ministered to for a number of years prior to changing areas and we are encouraged with what God is doing in their hearts. While we are not planning to continue with this ministry in the fall since we want to focus more on ministry in the area where we now live, we are hoping to continue to maintain contact with the youth who are now transitioning into their adult years. Rob has had a few opportunities now to preach in French, two of which have been at our home church. He recently preached from the pulpit while our pastor was on holidays with his family and it was extremely refreshing for him when compared to preaching online through video!

This Fall we are hoping to continue with the Bible Explorers program in Lachute. This will largely depend on how the provincial government and school board decide to reopen the schools and whether extra-curricular activities will be allowed. Since Bible Explorers is promoted through an elementary school, it is considered an after-school program. Another variable is whether the parents of the kids who come to Bible Explorers will decide to let their children return to school in the Fall. All this said, we are trusting God with the details. If the Bible Explorers ministry will be running in the fall, we are praying for sufficient helpers since Debra is pregnant and the baby is due to arrive at the end of November. Our involvement will be quite limited, but we are trusting God in all of this. If it is God's will for this program to run this Fall, He will fully provide what is needed.

We are hoping to visit more churches and make new contacts with pastors and church leaders to get a better sense of what the needs are in our area. At this time churches are limiting places for their regular members but we hope the restrictions will continue to be lifted so that we will have more liberty to visit churches. We really want to take time in these days to seek God for a clear direction for ministry where we now live. We trust God will make things clear and open the right doors in His perfect timing.



Jeff & Jani Goudy

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7)

What a beautiful promise in His Word! That if we walk in the light before God and before one another we have true fellowship with Him and with each other, and He cleanses us from our sin. What a blessed place to be with "nothing between my soul and my Saviour, so that His blessed face may be seen, nothing preventing the least of His favour, keep the way clear, let nothing between." We are so encouraged to see people living in this blessedness as they step into "the light" and are being truly set free. Also, to see how that is affecting their families, churches and workplaces. The Holy Spirit is convicting and comforting and people are getting honest and are getting their hearts right with God and with others, God is being glorified and there is a new humility and true fellowship is being experienced. We are so thankful for the prayer groups here and everywhere who have been praying for revival and for an outpouring of the Spirit of God in Alberta and all across our nation. We have seen many new prayer groups start up during the past several months and our prayer is that there will be many more in the months to come. "Prayer does not equip us for greater works, prayer is the greater work." -Oswald Chambers. We continue to look to God in these days of uncertainty and to labour together with others in prayer for our nation to turn back to God. As we look to the fall- prayer, evangelism and revival continue to be our focus as we seek God daily for His clear leading and guiding. Our days continue to be full as we minister to others and with others. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Jn 13:35. We wanted to close with Jesus' prayer in John 17:21-23. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as though hast loved me."

By the time you read this we will have run our first Summer Art/Basketball Camp in August reaching neighbourhood children with the Gospel.

Kevin & Janice Evans

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)



What a joy it's been to have Day Camps this summer!! Though all camps, retreats, and rental groups were cancelled for the entire spring and summer, we were overjoyed to make all the necessary adjustments to at least run Day Camps. With numbers at about 1/3 of normal, and a week of camp consisting of 3 days 9:30-5 daily, it was wonderful to see kids on the property enjoying games, chapel, skills, and the pool. Our staff have been amazing, serving so faithfully at reduced pay.

As we look to the Fall, not much has changed. It looks like all remaining 2020 bookings will be cancelled. We are hopeful that, by following guidelines set out for restaurants, we might be able to run 1-day Ladies Retreats, and much smaller Christmas banquets. Please continue to pray for wisdom, God's guidance, and His provision in these difficult times.

If we are allowed, this is our Fall Schedule (Falkland Camp Centre):

Oct. 17, 9 am - 7 pm Extravagant Love, Ladies Mini - Retreat. Speaker: Lauren Iseli

Oct. 24, 9 am - 7 pm Extravagant Love, Ladies Mini - Retreat. Speaker: Lauren Iseli

Nov. 18-22, Christmas in the Valley Banquets





Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" (Judges 6:14)

In the days of the Judges, God called an unexpected man named Gideon to deliver Israel. Gideon was a man who didn't want the job and didn't think he was worthy of the job. Gideon wrestled back and forth with God, seeking more and more confirmation that he was the one to do this great work of leading the resistance against the Midianites. At some point in it all, the Angel of the LORD spoke to Gideon and told him, Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites.

Given the circumstances, it was strange thing to say: **Go in this might of yours**. Though it didn't look like it to many, Gideon was already mighty in many ways.

Gideon had the **might** of the *humble*. When the LORD came to Gideon, he was threshing wheat on the winepress floor. This was both difficult and humiliating. Wheat was threshed in open spaces, typically on a hill-top so the breeze could blow away the chaff. Wheat was not normally threshed in a sunken place like a winepress. In this *humble* place, Gideon was mighty.

Gideon had the **might** of the *caring*, because he cared about the low place of Israel. When the LORD came to Gideon, he wanted to know *why* Israel was in a low place. Gideon *cared* about the low place of Israel and was interested in doing something about it. In this *caring* place, Gideon was mighty.

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Gideon had the **might** of the *spiritually hungry* because he wanted to see God to great works again. Gideon asked the LORD, "We heard of these great things in the past, but we want to see God's greatness among us *now*." This hunger for more of what God could do was a trigger for future action. In this *hungry* place, Gideon was mighty.

Gideon had the **might** of the *teachable*, because he listened to what the LORD said. After this conversation, Gideon set about doing the will of God. This showed he really was teachable. In this *teachable* place, Gideon was mighty.

More than anything, Gideon had the **might** of the *weak*, and God's strength is perfected in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). He knew he was weak, and this made him wise enough to trust the strength of God. In this *weak* place, Gideon was mighty.

Looking at it with the eye of man, Gideon was weak and God's message was sarcastic. But looking at it through God's wisdom, we see that Gideon really could go forth in might - because it was the might of the weak relying on the strength of God.

Dear Christian, go forth in this might of yours - just make certain that it is really the strength of your mighty God.

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