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the Kingdom...



# PARTNERS IN PRAYER



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Faithfulness in Canada 🍁

## Timothy & Emma Condy



“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you with my eye upon you” (Psalm 32:8)

As we began this year and thought about the immense task ahead of us and our inadequacy for the task, the Lord was gracious and reminded us of the above verse. We could be confident in knowing that the great I AM, who was and is the covenant keeping God, was the same God who said I WILL. He has promised to Instruct, Teach and Guide us in the way we should go. Our responsibility is now to let Him do that as we seek, under God, to lead the work of the Mission here in Canada. Two things we are so thankful for in these days (though there are many) have been: 1. The team of workers the Lord has sent to labour with us in the Mission. Each one of them, and their families, are precious to us and as we begin to work more closely with them and sense their heart for God, we are blessed to have such dedicated staff who spend and are spent for the Gospel. We trust that as you take time to read their reports you also will be blessed, encouraged and challenged by the work God has called them to. 2. Secondly, we are thankful for you! Letters, emails, phone calls etc. have reminded us over recent days that so many of you continue to “*hold up our hands*” in the battle and stand with us in prayer. I often say, but make no apology for repeating myself, that we could not do what we are doing if it were not for people like yourselves supporting and praying for us. As the name says, you truly ‘partner in prayer’ with us. Thank you! Both Emma and I will value your prayers as we continue to ‘learn the ropes’ but at the same time seeking God for vision and direction as we move forward in His Will. As well as preaching, meeting with Pastors etc. we are looking forward to visiting the different areas of the work in the coming months and seeing first-hand what God is doing.

I (Timothy) look forward to spending a week in early April with the workers in Alberta and BC and sharing at some meetings there. At the Campbellville Centre we have our Men’s & Ladies Retreats coming up over the coming months. Pastor Daniel Winter from Toronto is our Men’s Retreat speaker and we look forward to his messages on the

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Mrs Heather Holdsworth will be our Ladies Retreat speaker who is coming from Edinburgh, Scotland to share God's Word. Heather's mother Mary Peckham (nee Morrison) was converted in the Hebrides Revival and her father Colin was the principal of The Faith Mission Bible College in Scotland. God has given Heather a gift to teach and communicate the Word in a relevant way. (See page 9)

You will read in this edition of Partners in Prayer the news of Graham & Melodie Ghent who will be leaving us at the end of March. It is never easy to share this news and we never want to lose any workers, yet we know God has been leading them on and into a new avenue of service. They have served the Lord faithfully in the Southern Ontario District and put a tremendous amount of work into our camp ministry. We will very much miss them and their children, but we know they will continue to keep links with the Mission as we will follow with interest and prayer their ministry in Walkerton. Pray also for the Board as together we seek the Lord for workers to serve in the Southern District in the coming months. May God raise up many more labourers in this great harvest field of Canada!

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### **Upcoming Events at Campbellville FM Centre:**

**February 22-23, Men's Retreat #1 (Pastor Daniel Winter)**

**March 1-2, Men's Retreat #2 (Pastor Daniel Winter)**

**March 10-14, Youth Leadership Training**

**April 5-7, 20s/30s Retreat**

**April 17, Hymn Sing**

**May 24-26, Ladies Retreat #1 (Heather Holdsworth)**

**May 31- June 2, Ladies Retreat #2 (Heather Holdsworth)**

**June 21-23, Thirsting for God (Pastor Jacques Nadeau)**

- Register today **ONLINE** or contact us at the **Campbellville Head Office** for more details



**A Thank You from John & Isabel Bennett:**

'We want to express appreciation to the many friends who gathered in Faith Baptist Church in Oakville to celebrate our retirement. Your generosity and kind words and many cards will not be forgotten. It has been such a privilege to serve in The Mission for the past 26 years. We commend Tim & Emma to your prayers and feel confident the glory of this latter house will be greater than the former.'

Some 200 people gathered on January 26 to give thanks to God for the faithful service of John & Isabel Bennett. We praise God for the rich legacy they have left us in the Mission. Here are some pictures from their Appreciation Service...

*Happy Retirement*



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## **Mark & April Hardwick**

***“Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it”***

**1 Corinthians 12:27**



It's incredible to know that although our Christian community up here may be small, there is a wider body across Canada and the world supporting us and keeping us in prayer. We have had several reminders of that recently, and it is always an encouragement. The next few months will see us on the road quite a bit. As you may know, travelling in Northern Ontario can be precarious, so we especially value prayer for those times. We are thankful that our kids are all wonderful and well-seasoned travellers, an 8 or 9-hour trip is made much easier when it is joyful! In March we will return to Quebec for Youth Leadership Training with Robin and Debra. We also hope to visit a few supporters while we are there. The first weekend of April we are again planning a 20's and 30's Retreat at Campbellville with Laura-Anne. Last year was an excellent start to this ministry. We trust that this year will continue to be an encouragement to this age group who can often feel left out of 'church life'. If you or someone you know are thinking about coming let us encourage you to make it a priority! As well April will travel to Campbellville for the ladies retreat at the end of May.

As far as life and ministry here in the North we continue to walk alongside church families who are struggling to find workers, filling gaps where we can. Another church in Kirkland Lake is now without a Pastor, and Mark's Sunday schedule fills quickly with preaching engagements. It is always inspiring to see how God really does order our days and weeks. Often Mark will have a string of Sundays that haven't been booked, and suddenly, a church will call with a need for just those dates. April has also begun to plan for summer ministry (although with the amount of snow we have right now that seems very far away!) and would covet prayer for that.



**Laura-Anne Drake**



**Jennifer Armitage**

Thank you for continuing to pray for the East! We have had an influx of children at one of our clubs. One family is attending because the one child is asking questions and the parents feel they are not equipped to answer them as they are not a faith-based family. They desire their children to be educated so that they can chose a faith system for themselves. Another family would rather come to kids club as opposed to attend an organized sport and it's because their unsaved friends have invited them. We have had to split the 20 children into three different classes so everyone can learn at their grade level.

Laura-Anne has recently started helping with a youth group in Verona while they search for an associate pastor who can take on the leading of it. The church would appreciate your prayers as they seek to fill this position. Most of these teens do not attend church. Laura-Anne is also talking with a church that wants to strengthen their ties with the Mission and one of these ways being a possible VBS program in the summer. Please pray that we will have summer helpers to walk alongside us this summer.



## **Graham & Melodie Ghent**

It is with "bittersweet" feelings that we announce that we are transitioning out of the Faith Mission. It is sweet because there is a peace at being in the center of God's will, but it is bitter because we will sincerely miss the staff and supporters of the Faith Mission. We want to thank each of you who invested in our family. We have felt loved and supported. Over the last year the Lord has slowly been directing us to accept a pastoral role with a church-planting church in the Walkerton area. We will be leaving the Mission at the end of March. Irish Nite (March 23) will be our final event and farewell, so we'd love to see you there if you can make it. Thank you for your continued prayers for the Key Bible Clubs in Caledonia. They have been running very well with lots of keen interest in the Bible. We've given out more Bibles than ever. So nice to see



these children marching down the hallway at nutrition break with Bibles in hand and even taking them out during classroom reading times. Please pray for the Youth Leadership Training (March Break) week. We are still enjoying the fruits of what God did last year and we are trusting Him for more. Thank you for your prayers. If you have any correspondence or ministry inquiries for the Southern Ontario District please contact Tim Condy at the Head Office.



**Ghent family**



by  
Randy  
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1. Prayer isn't passive, it's active. It's really doing something. Prayer isn't the least we can do, it's the most.

2. Prayer is supernatural. It's reaching out of the visible world into the unseen world, and tapping into powers beyond this dimension. (Prayer picks fights with demons—and empowers righteous angels to win those fights.)

*“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Eph. 6:12).*

3. Prayer is never secondary, it's always primary. It's not the last recourse, when options run out; it's the first and best recourse. Prayer is the central work which causes all other work to bear fruit. (No prayer, no power.)

*“Therefore put on the whole armour of God...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the gospel...Pray that I may declare it fearlessly” (Eph. 6:13, 17-20).*

4. God's greatest works, accomplished through prayer, are often invisible to us for now. (What's visible to us, except in rare moments of clarity, are not God's greatest works.)

5. We pray now in faith, believing our prayers are making an eternal difference; we anticipate Heaven, where we'll learn God's breath-taking answers to our prayers, including many that seemed unheard and ignored.

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6. There is no greater ministry, no higher calling, no better investment than prayer. (It's not just right, it's smart.)

7. Prayer is trusting God that He can accomplish more when I'm on my knees than I can accomplish on my feet.

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*Here is a little introduction to **Heather Holdsworth** who will be the speaker at the Campbellville (Ontario) Ladies Retreats this Spring...*

Heather is a Bible teacher and part time artist. Her interest is in the subject of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship for people of all ages. After graduating with a degree in education, she taught in a socially deprived area of Edinburgh, Scotland (1994-99). She was then seconded to teach in 'Special Education' in a school for emotionally and behaviourally disordered young people. There she implemented a fresh, whole school approach to discipline with a focus on enabling wholeness and growth in restricted lives. She has a keen interest in how people work and has run and consulted for numerous children and youth clubs over the years.

She has been married to Adrian since 1997. Whilst living in Cambridge, England with Adrian's Physics career, the leadership of their local church strongly exhorted them to make ministry their full-time occupation. They completed a 2-year diploma in Practical Theology at The Faith Mission Bible College, Edinburgh; a year of evangelism and church support in Derbyshire and three transformational years in Chicago at Moody Theological Seminary. Heather teaches on the subject of Spiritual Formation, Discipleship and Children & Youth Ministry. The theme Heather will be speaking on at the Ladies Retreat this year is: *'Learning to Trespass - Gutsy Guidance from the Book of Exodus'*.

## Myron & Janet Hoover

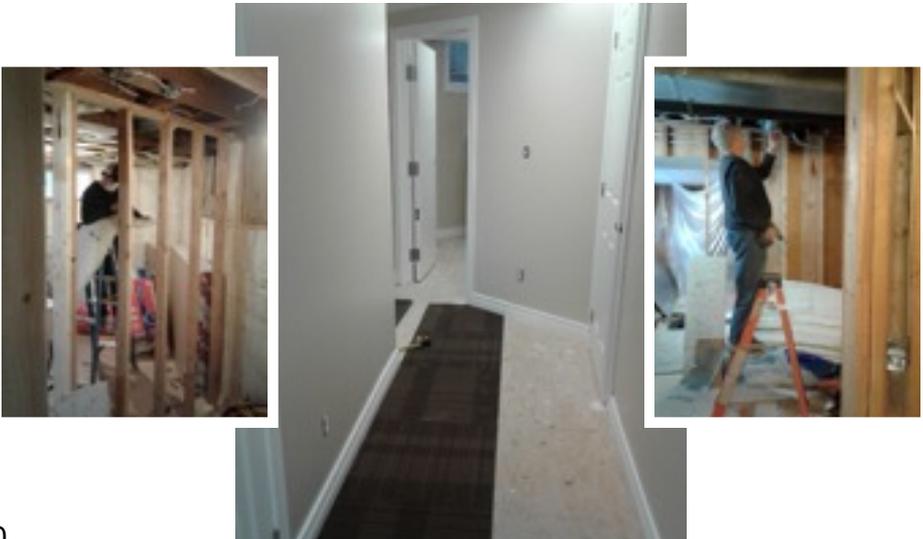
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The Campbellville Camp Centre has been changing its look again! The last basement wing of bedrooms has been renovated over December and January and is ready now for the beginning of 2019 camps, bookings and retreats. A big 'Thank You' to all who came alongside and volunteered their time and energy to bring this to completion.

Please keep us in prayer as we look ahead to the many events of the new year. Our heart is that the Centre will always be a place where people of all ages meet with God. We value your partnership in prayer! By the time you read this Sno Camps will be over and Men's Retreats will be fast approaching, followed by Leadership Camp and Young Adults Retreat. In between these events the Centre is rented out. We hope you will mark your calendar for the Spring Hymn Sing on Wednesday, April 17. Contact us for more details.

*Basement Renos @ Campbellville Centre...*



## Jeff & Jani Goudy

***"That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*** Romans 15:6



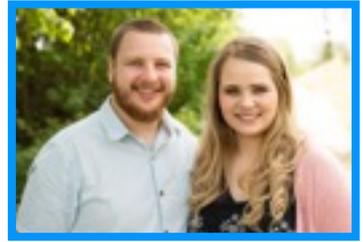
We want to thank the Lord for the way He is working in His people in our area. In the prayer groups we are seeing an increased burden for personal and corporate revival as well as a heart and burden for evangelism. This is clearly a work of the Lord. At a recent prayer meeting, the topic of fasting came up and the men are excited to learn more and grow in that area. They are sensing that it is what God is calling for in order to see more power and clearer direction, especially in the area of evangelism. Many of the women who are meeting in the area continue to fast and pray for revival and are continually ministering to the hearts of the hurting through prayer as God opens doors. Overall we see that God is drawing people to Himself and that there is increased passion for a right relationship with Him. It's so beautiful to see the fruits of repentance and trust in God- healing and freedom in so many lives. It is really wonderful that as people are seeing changed lives, they too are desiring that same forgiveness, freedom and peace.

We were surprised to get a message a few months ago from someone who was asking for prayer because they said that they did not have anyone else in their life whom they knew of who prayed. It is a sad and sobering thought to think that, here in Canada, a person could make a statement like that. And to think how often we take for granted the abundance we have as Christians to know many people to call upon to pray for us and who do so without us even knowing at times. We are truly rich! We prayed for our friend and God was so gracious to do a miracle in that situation and we believe that He is gently drawing this soul to Himself. It is also a reminder that we, as believers, need to be real and authentic and unafraid to talk about the power of the Gospel. So many are searching and Jesus is the answer to every prayer. As we clearly see God moving, we also see the enemy working and we ask prayer for this push back. A verse that God has put on our hearts for 2019 is 1 Corinthians 4:20 "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." Many are dissatisfied with empty words and lives and we are praying with David to "see thy power and thy glory". We are so thankful to be having Charles Price coming to Red Deer at the end of May, beginning of June, for a Thirsting for God Conference and are gathering/inviting more people to join together to pray/fast in preparation for this time. Please pray for God to go before these meetings and continue preparing hearts to receive His Word. Thank-you for faithfully praying for us!

# Snow Camps @ Falkland BC



## Conan & Julana Arndt



***"Trust in the Lord with all with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*** Proverbs 3:5-6

God is faithful in every way. As we go about serving God in ministry we recognize just how weak we truly are. Total dependency on the Holy Spirit is the only way that we can move forward in a way that is pleasing to God. We were able to finally move into our house on Christmas Eve and the girls are so excited to be in their new home! We are so thankful for God's provision. We had the opportunity to go out to Saskatchewan for most of January to visit family and friends, but also to share in Conan's home church and at Millar College of the Bible for chapel and Missions Conference. What an encouraging trip!

Snow Camps came up faster than we would have thought but they went so well and many kids are growing in their relationship with God through the Snow Camp ministry. It was great to catch up with all of our staff again. Conan has had opportunity to meet with many Pastors and enter into ministry with them which has been so rewarding. Unfortunately, while all of this has been going on, Julana has been suffering from 11 gall bladder attacks! We trust in the Lord that He is good and pray for surgery to take place as soon as possible. The 'Men of Honour Retreat' and Summer Camps are on the horizon and many new and exciting things are beginning to take shape as God leads us in the ministries that He desires for us to be a part of. We greatly appreciate your prayers as we need them very much!



## **Robin & Debra Perron**

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*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" Philippians 1:3-5*



We are so thankful for God's people and are continually being blessed as we hear how people are praying with us on a regular basis. Through prayer you are partnering with us in this ministry in the most vital of ways!

God is working and we are being privileged to see His hand amongst the youth of our area. During weekly youth groups the young people have so many questions that they are willing to forego the game time. Please pray that these young people would continue to hunger after the truth of God's Word – but mostly that they would hunger after God, Himself.

As we consider our work with youth we also have an upcoming Youth Leadership Training for the youth of Quebec. This will be our fourth year hosting this discipleship and ministry training event. We are praying that God would prepare the hearts of the youth and that God would be working in our lives and the lives of those who will be teaching with us – our prayer is that God would show us what He wants us to teach so that the youth would hear only what God is wanting to say to them. We would appreciate prayer as such an event takes much preparation but we know God is faithful and will help us do the work He has called us to do. The training will take place the first week of March and we are looking ahead to what God will do throughout the week.



## Kevin & Janice Evans



*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9*

Seasons. There are so many seasons in life and in ministry. There are times of sowing, times of waiting, times of harvest. We see joyful times of growth in our campers and staff, and we see discouraging times of stumbling and drifting away. How totally wonderful to trust our unchanging, timeless God through each day and season! As we celebrated our 35th Anniversary by renewing our vows with our children and grandchildren as witnesses, we have reflected on God’s faithfulness and goodness. In seasons of dry valleys, we learn to wait on God and grow closer to Him. The joy of the Lord truly is our strength. And as we count our blessings, our hearts overflow with gratitude. Please join us in prayer for the many youth who put their trust in Him at camp, determined to give Him first place in their lives, yet struggle when times get tough.

We are thrilled at the growing interest in many couples attending our Marriage Enrichment Retreat, April 5-7. Please pray with us that God will do an amazing work to build strong marriages and families. We also appreciate prayer as we continue to build relationships with a few neighbours; some who hope to enrol grandkids in camp this summer. Thank you for encouraging us by praying for us.

### Upcoming Events at Falkland FM Centre:

April 5-7, Marriage Enrichment Retreat  
April 26-27, Men of Honour Retreat  
June 5-7, Haven 55+ Retreat

- Contact the Interior BC Office for more details



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