

**Seek first  
the Kingdom...**

**Spring  
2020**



# PARTNERS IN PRAYER

**“As for God, His way is perfect ... “  
Psalm 18:30**



**Experiencing God's  
Faithfulness in Canada 🇨🇦**

## Timothy & Emma Condry



It was wonderful to be able to begin the year with all our fellow staff being together for fellowship and encouragement. We truly have a wonderful FM family who serve tirelessly in their labours for the Lord, sometimes in difficult situations and with little encouragement. But to hear what God has been doing in the various districts of the work and how He has been answering prayer continues to 'knit' us together and drive us to your knees in seeking God for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. We do appreciate all your prayers and support for us! We have been encouraged by our recent Sno' Camps and the work among the young people. At one of the camps, a teen who had never been to a Christian camp before or exposed to the Gospel, came along with a friend and was 'drinking in' the Word. She even memorized the Bible verses over the weekend! We know God's Word will not return empty and we would hear that she (and many others) would come to know Christ. Both Emma and I continue to have opportunities to share in church services, seniors' meetings, Bible studies, prayer meetings etc. and also to spend time visiting our fellow workers during the year. By the time you read this we will be getting ready for our 2 Men's Retreats at Campbellville (Feb 21-22 & 28-29) with speaker Rev. Joe Barnard, Louisiana.

Thank you so much for praying for the need of workers in the Southern Ontario District (Mount Hope). We are pleased to share with you that God has answered prayer and we welcome into the family of The Faith Mission (in Canada), **Sam & Nicholette Beaulieu** and their children (Juliette, Aaliyah and Eason). Please cover them in prayer as they move to the Hamilton area in late February and begin ministry there. We are excited to see what God will do as they serve Him in the Southern Ontario area. Here they share with us their testimony and call:

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Sam - I was raised in a Christian home by a mother of vibrant faith. Though God's hand was upon my life from birth, I did not come to a personal saving faith in Christ until I was 20 years old. From the age of 12 to 20, I lived in darkness and aimlessly went about life. I became a drug addict and immoral. I found myself homeless and lost. Though I can see now God was drawing me all along the way, it wasn't until I was invited to church that God touched my heart. God provided me with a job and He sovereignly led a lady to pursue me with the gospel. I gave my life to Christ. The drug addiction was immediately broken and I knew that I was forgiven and loved by God. I loved Jesus, the Bible and the local church. The direction of my life was changed. True hope and purpose now marked me in Christ.

Nicholette - I was born in Jamaica and with that came a cultural familiarity with Christianity. We attended church regularly but genuine Christian witness in reality was absent from our home. Upon coming to Canada, I found myself in the foster care system. Along with the tough life changes, I found myself inoculating my pain and loss of worth with fleshly desires, the world, and all that's in it. I thought I had respect for God by not directly taking his name in vain but in reality my life did just that. I became overcome with the fear of the dark and night terrors. When I saw a cross or dark clouds in the sky, I would think about the coming of Christ and the judgement. I knew my soul wasn't right to meet God. Not long after, my memory of the gospel returned. Upon believing in Christ, God delivered me. He saved me from my darkness and fears. The trajectory of my life changed as I followed my Saviour and found a home among the family of God.

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## Our Call

Since salvation we both felt called to gospel ministry. During college and seminary our home became a hospitality and refreshment hub. I (Sam) had been doing street evangelism and open-air preaching, and ministering in local churches. In 2019 God burdened me with a heart for my pastor brothers and the local church, regarding revival and awakening. We came together monthly to pray. A brother inquired if we would be interested in Faith Mission as we fit their ethos. We inquired and after many meetings and fellowship (and providential acts of God!) we knew that God was calling us to labor with the Mission. Our heart is to be a 'Barnabas' to the local church, see the gospel advanced, and for genuine revival and awakening in our country. Among other things we are specifically praying for an open door among the First Nations from Hamilton to Simcoe. Thank you so much for your ardent prayers and support.

*"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" -Psalm 27:13*



### Campbellville Centre - Upcoming Events:

Mar 15-19, Youth Leadership Training

Mar 23, Irish Nite (Hamilton)

Apr 18, Men's Spring Conference (Grassie)

Apr 24-26, 20s/30s Retreat

May 22-24 & 29-31, Ladies Retreats

**\*Save the Date...**June 12-14...Thirsting for God  
(Campbellville) with Dr Erwin Lutzer



## Laura-Anne Drake

Thank you for your continued prayers for me here in Eastern Ontario! Last time I wrote providing devotionals for both the teens and kids in Wilton. Three of the kids have really taken to it and completed their devotionals! One member of the youth group has completed a portion of his Quite Time book. Continue to pray that the kids and teens would have a desire for God's Word.

I continue to go to Verona Free Methodist Church each week for youth. It continues to have its challenges, but both the youth Pastor and I have been encouraged as we have seen improvement in their behaviour since September. Many are still hard towards the Gospel. However, there have definitely been moments in the Sr. Teens when I see some

of them really pay attention during Bible time. Please pray that this group would be soft towards the Gospel and we would see whole families coming to know Christ. This year NACY (Napanee Area Christian Youth) are planning the Greater Napanee Walk of the Cross. It is an outreach event where anyone who wants to can Journey with us around town as we follow someone carrying a cross and hear reflections on different parts of the Easter Story. We are hoping to have some youth and families from different churches in the area participate at each station. We have also incorporated some activities for the kids including an Egg Hunt and an Easter Passport they can get stamped at each stop. Please pray for us as we finalize details and that many from the community would come out and hear the Gospel.





Fifty years ago Tozer wrote, "The idea that this world is a playground instead of a battleground has now been accepted in practice by the vast majority of Christians." The statement is truer today than when the ink first dried. Civilization and culture have united to convince mankind that the greatest evil in life is missing out. On the one hand, civilization has - for us in the West - removed the grievances of the premodern world. On a typical Saturday, severe illness, famine, and war feel no more of a threat than iron chariots and longbows. On the other, pop culture repeatedly tells us that the highest aims of life are experiencing thrills, making memories, and having fun. Put ingredient one and ingredient two together and the world does not feel like a dangerous warzone, as depicted in the New Testament, but like a trip to Disney World. And every child knows that there are only three rules at Disney: have fun, be safe, and respect others.

A host of problems emerge from this illusion. First, with civilization keeping us safe and prosperous, and pop culture directing our passions and lifestyle, the need for 'god' (regardless of who you think he is) is reduced to that of a therapist and a life insurance policy. All we need from religion is something to boost our spirits when depressed and something to unlock the pearly gates after we die. Otherwise, 'god' does not factor into the life plan.

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But, second, this playground mentality eliminates the need for earnest spiritual training. Rare is the child who prepares himself for the playground. Little boys do not do pull-ups in order to improve on the monkey bars. Little girls do not enrol in CrossFit to go faster on the Merry-Go-Round. The idea of rigorously training for the playground is every bit as ridiculous as the thought of getting a good night sleep before eating Chinese food. The goal of the playground is not to perform well, but to maximize fun before time runs out - before the teacher whistles or dad says, 'let's go!'.

The application of this ought to be clear. The more people succumb to the illusion that life is a quest for fun, the less they need God, and the more apathetic they are regarding temptation. The words of Peter begin to sound a little extreme, even paranoid: ***'Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul'*** (2:11). Like the disciples in Gethsemane, men begin to sleep when they are supposed to be keeping watch. They forget about the prowling lion who is ready to pounce in the bush. This, I fear, is the condition of many Christians today.

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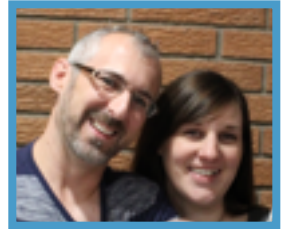
This article is used by the authors permission and is taken from his new book 'The Way Forward - A roadmap of Spiritual Growth for men'. Joe lives in Louisiana (his hometown) with his wife and 4 children and is the Executive Director of Cross Training Ministries, a men's discipleship ministry. He also pastored a church in Scotland for 8 years. Joe will be the speaker at our Men's Retreats in Campbellville this February.



Pastor Joe Barnard

## **Robin & Debra Perron**

*“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.” (Psalm 143:8)*



Thank you for continuing to partner with us in prayer! We know that God works as His people pray. In our last update we shared about the Bible Explorer’s ministry and had asked you to pray for our Christmas program. The program went well & Debra shared a gospel message with the parents and children in attendance. After the program Debra was approached by one of the moms. This mom attends church with her son, but the church has a reputation of not being the most biblically sound. We don’t know where she stands with the Lord, but she shared, almost in tears, how she was touched by the message and challenged to think of the baby in the manger in a new way. Another boy who attended the program this fall has not returned. While we can’t be 100% sure we are fairly certain that his mom was uncomfortable with the boldness of what was shared at the Christmas program. We are reminded again that there is a spiritual battle going on for the hearts and souls of individuals. While we are saddened by the boy not returning, we are both reminded of the responsibility we have to those that are there every week. We also know that God’s Word has gone forth and He will use it to accomplish His purposes - in the lives of these kids and those that have attended through the years. God is faithful and we are called to be faithful to Him and faithful in sharing His Word - the rest we leave with Him!

We continue to make contacts in our new area. Rob has a number of opportunities to meet church leaders through various men’s meeting and monthly men’s breakfasts. There have not been doors swinging wide open for ministry but we knew that it would be a slow process and we continue to trust God to lead and guide us in His way and at His time. These meetings have given Rob many contacts which has opened a door for him to preach at a local church. This will be Rob’s first time preaching in French which is both a little nerve wracking and exciting. Even in this we know that God will be our ever-present help. May God be glorified and His kingdom increased in our lives,  
8 our home, our churches and His work.



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## Mark & April Hardwick

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*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various form” (1 Peter 4:10)*

We are so thankful for your continued prayers for our ministry and the work of the Mission. There are times we are so aware that others are lifting us in prayer and your support does not go unnoticed! It has been great to spend some more time at the centre in Campbellville helping out where we are able to. We feel very blessed by our mission co-workers and we always love spending time with them. We are also rejoicing over several new ministry couples that the Lord has brought to our district and we thank you for praying for the churches who were searching. It is exciting to see how he has filled pulpits here and we are eager to work and pray alongside these new couples. As we write this we are preparing to head to the **Blind River** area for a week. The Lord has opened up a door there for us to meet with several churches that have never had contact with the mission.

**May 2**, Northern Men’s  
Conference (Englehart) -  
Pastor Jacques Nadeau



Mark will be preaching 2 Sundays at a church right in Blind River. We have had several Pastors from areas in the surrounding towns reach out to have a time of prayer with us and learn more about the mission. We are praying that we can be an encouragement as one ministry leader has already expressed loneliness and a lack of unity even for a prayer time. This Spring we have quite a bit to look forward to. Mark has been planning the first-ever Northern Men’s conference and we will welcome Pastor Jacques Nadeau from Newcastle Baptist Church on May 2nd. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this event and we value your prayers as the details are worked out and God leads men to attend. April has been asked to come alongside a new ministry at the Salvation Army in Kirkland Lake. Families are being provided with a slow-cooker and then will attend a 6 week class on cost-effective meals to make in it. There will be a devotional time and our older kids will be providing child care. We will also soon begin to prepare for summer work (although that always seems unreal in the midst of our snow!) and we always value prayer for that. Thank you for your faithfulness!

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## Myron & Janet Hoover

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*"Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God"*

Isaiah chapter 40 has been a source of strength and assurance over these last few months. Many have heard of Janet's dad going home to be with Jesus on Jan. 15. We are very grateful for the final days that we were able to spend with him and have been encouraged by the legacy that he left in the lives of so many. Thank you, again, for those who have prayed for us as well as for your words of encouragement and sympathy. These things touched our hearts. Myron's health seems stable at the moment and he has been able to eat regularly although some issues remain. Please continue to keep him in your prayers...that God will provide the strength needed for each task.

Here at the Centre we have already begun the winter programming with Sno Camps and rentals. Catered and self-catered rental groups, FM Men's Retreats, YLT, Hymn Sing (April 22), Young Adult's Retreat and Work Bee (May 9) will round out the calendar into the early Spring. Our heart's desire is that the work we do now will one day receive the high praise of "well done, good and faithful servant".

**Contact Myron or Janet if you wish to attend the Hymn Sing or Work Bee.**



## Building for the Future

As I watched them tear a building down  
A gang of men in a busy town  
With a ho-heave-ho, and a lusty yell  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,  
And the men you'd hire if you wanted to build?"  
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed,  
Just common labour is all I need."

"I can easily wreck in a day or two,  
What builders have taken years to do."  
And I thought to myself, as I went my way  
Which of these roles have I tried to play.

Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by rule and square?  
Am I shaping my work to a well-made plan  
Patiently doing the best I can.

Or am I a wrecker who walks to town  
Content with the labour of tearing down?  
"O Lord let my life and my labours be  
That which will build for eternity!"

Author Charles Franklin Benvegar, originally published in 1967

*\*This poem was kept in the Bible of Eldon Fretz, Janet's father.*



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## Jeff & Jani Goudy

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*"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them. I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water... That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it." Is. 41:17-18; 20.*

What a promise from the Lord! God is bringing together the "poor and needy" in this "dry land" to cry out to Him for "rivers" from heaven and "fountains in the midst of the valleys" so that people may see and glorify our Father in heaven. We are so thankful for the men and women who have been praying and for the burden that God continues to put on many hearts in this area for revival and crying out to Him together for an outpouring of His Spirit. We are experiencing His presence as we come together, and we are seeing "mercy drops" falling "but for the showers we plead!" We are planning a Prayer Rally in March/April where Jeff will be speaking. And Harold Peasley has agreed to come and speak at our second Thirsting for God Conference on May 15-17. We feel very blessed to have him coming and that he is so willing to serve in this way and that he will be bringing his wife Antoinette with him.

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Many people were encouraged last year when Charles Price and John Bennett came and there is an anticipation as people are praying for that weekend. On February 29th we will be having a Faith Mission Women's event called 'Entrusted'. It is a one-day workshop on how to minister to one another using God's Word and Verna Verity will be our speaker/teacher. Please pray for these times when we come together, that God would pour out His Spirit upon us and spark a revival in Central Alberta and across our nation. We are also planning to have a day camp for middle schoolers in the summer and ask you to pray as we will need some help and a gym to have it in. We are grateful for the many ways that God has been answering prayer and for His faithfulness. We thank Him for each of you who partner with us through prayer and in other ways, knowing you are there holding us up and the work here means so much to us and we love hearing from you.

**\*Save the Date:** Red Deer Thirsting for God, May 15-17.

Speaker: Pastor Harold Peasley

**Teaching  
Session  
at Falkland  
Camp  
Centre**



**Falkland Centre - Upcoming Events:**  
Feb 28 Youth Leadership Training  
April 3-5 Marriage Enrichment Retreat  
April 17 Youth Leadership Training  
April 24-25 Men of Honour Retreat  
April 30-May 8 Spring Banquets  
July/Aug Staff Training and Camps

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## Conan & Julana Arndt

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God is so faithful. We have been dedicated to praying for the community of Falkland and are seeing the fruit of His work! We currently have 19 kids regularly attending Jr. Youth Group in Falkland and have started a Sr. Youth group in Falkland as well that we expect will grow! We thank God that Snow Camp went well and that registrations are flooding in for Summer Camps! We look ahead to the Men's Retreat that Conan will be speaking at and we are praying that there would be a revival in the hearts of the men that come. We continue to work with the youth pastor's in Vernon and desire to be an encouragement to them as well as a help! This summer we have 14 staff members that will be graduated high school - normally only 3 or 4! We praise God for a spiritually mature staff and look ahead to what God will do through them! We are thankful that Julana has had a good pregnancy and are excited to welcome our baby boy at the end of March! Conan has been leading a few Bible Studies each week, one with our male staff and one at the Vernon Christian School and lunch hour. We are so thankful for the desire that these students have to study God's Word! James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." We truly believe that by studying God's Word we grow closer to God! Julana continues to meet with our female staff each week and is enjoying getting to know them better and walk through life with them. We continue to pray for Falkland and desire to become more of a presence in the community in the effort to build relationships with them! We desire so strongly for them to hear the gospel and surrender their hearts to God! Please pray for Falkland and for the youth groups, for the Men's Retreat as Conan speaks, and for the Bible Studies. Please pray for our summer camps and that kids would bow before the Lord in surrender!

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## Kevin & Janice Evans

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*“From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.” Isaiah 64:4*



Recently, we were asked to share a session on ANSWERED PRAYER at a prayer conference for our camp staff. What a wonderful experience to reflect on past answered prayer in our lives! It reminded us afresh of the great God we serve, who hears and answers prayer as we wait on Him. And it drew others to Him in awe and worship to hear of His marvellous works. Prayers for provision, protection, guidance, and salvation of friends and neighbours have been answered in amazing ways, and our faith is strengthened to trust Him more. In Bible times God’s people were told to retell the stories of God’s faithfulness over and over to their children, so that they too, would learn to love and trust Him. It’s important for us, too, to speak of the goodness of God.

Just 2 stories of answered prayer we will share here: We prayed for 3 weeks for a specific financial need, when one day we received a call from someone who had a dream the night before that they were writing us a cheque for that exact amount. They followed through in obedience to God’s prompting to give, and God blessed and provided in answer to prayer.

As we walked and prayed regularly for our neighbours whom we had never met, God began causing us to “run into them.” As we look back on the past 2 years, we marvel at the many ways God has caused relationships to grow. And we continue to pray for their relationship with our Saviour. Our encouragement to you would be to reflect on God’s answers to prayer in your own lives, giving Him glory for His provision and guidance. A great idea is to keep a prayer journal or “Ebenezer” book to record and remember “thus far the Lord has brought us.” Pray about everything and praise and glorify Him for His answers.

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