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PARTNERS IN PRAYER



*Falkland Faith Mission Centre
Okanagan Valley, BC*

**Experiencing God's Faithfulness
in Canada 🍁**

Timothy & Emma Condy



“And He led them forth by the right way...” (Psalm 107:7)

The above verse was used by God in our lives when we were called back in 2011 to serve with Faith Mission in Hamilton, Ontario. We certainly have proved this, having returned to Ireland and now returning to Canada to take up the mantle from John & Isabel Bennett. The Lord has led us all the way and we have already seen His hand at work as we have transitioned into this new role and ministry. Thank you for praying so faithfully for us during this period especially for the children as they have adjusted and continue to settle into school and ministry life.

We welcomed a little girl, Lydia Jane Condy, into our family on October 19 and we are rejoicing in this precious gift from God. With the 3 other children, this does add to the challenges of family life and ministry, yet we are conscious of people like yourselves standing with us and praying for each of our Mission families.



We want to also acknowledge our deep and sincere appreciation to John and Isabel Bennett for their many years of service to the Lord and Faith Mission Canada. With the help of God they have laid a lasting, godly foundation for us in Faith Mission which is seen today in the wide-stretching impact of their lives and ministry. Having served under John & Isabel, and now taking over from them, we can honestly say that they have been the most influential, wise and godly mentors to us. They have supported us and loved us (as with all the workers) and we have no doubt they will continue to be a tremendous help and encouragement to us in Faith Mission Canada as we begin a new era in the Lord's will.

It is a great privilege for us to be part of the Faith Mission family here in Canada and to serve alongside a team of workers with a heart after God. We are excited for all God has in store for us and look to Him for fresh vision and direction in the days that lie ahead. A verse I recently shared with some of the staff from Joshua 3:5 - **“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”** We therefore covet your prayers and support as we continue, under God, to share an uncompromised Gospel message, to encourage the local church in prayer, and seek God for a genuine spiritual awakening in this vast land of Canada.



We would like to wish all our supporters and friends a very blessed Christmas season, remembering Emmanuel - God with us!

Upcoming Events at Campbellville FM Centre:

February 1-3, Teen Sno' Camp
February 8-10, Junior Sno' Camp
February 22-23, Men's Retreat #1
March 1-2, Men's Retreat #2
March 10-14, Youth Leadership Training



- For further details contact our **Campbellville Head Office.**

Isabel & John Bennett



It is with a heart filled with gratitude to God that we write this our final report for Partners in Prayer. Isabel and I have been privileged to be part of a very precious team within the family of The Faith Mission in Canada for just over 26 years. The foundation laid, and heritage left by those who went before is a testimony of faithful service by a team who committed their whole lives to God and who remained faithful to the end. We have been blessed to serve under a board of godly leaders whose main objective at every board meeting has been the will and glory of God. In twenty six years we have not witnessed a divisive spirit or a heated debate in a board meeting, rather when there was uncertainty they went to prayer seeking the mind of God. We have served with a team of fellow workers who in our humble opinion are second to none. Their commitment, dedication and willingness to go the second mile no matter what the personal cost, so reflects the spirit of Christ. What blessed times of fellowship we have had at staff meetings.

Of course, the Faith Mission in Canada family is so much larger than this. How can we ever express adequately how much we owe to all those faithful praying friends and supporters of the Mission? We remember the words of scripture, ***“We are labourers together.....”*** You have stood with us, encouraged us, supported us, prayed for us, and those who have been able came alongside and helped us. For this we will ever be grateful. Above all, our praise goes to God who has not once failed, He has led and provided every step of the way. When we see all the homes, vehicles and the two camp centres, plus the daily needs of the whole Mission and its staff that He has faithfully provided without any appeal to man for finance, we can only say: ***“This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.”*** When we hear testimonies of people who have been saved and lives changed we know only God could have done this. TO HIM BE ALL THE GLORY!

As Timothy and Emma Condy take on the leadership, a scripture from Haggai 2:9 has impressed itself on my heart: ***“The glory of this latter house will be greater than the former.”*** We believe the best is yet to be and are confident you will encourage and support the team as you supported and encouraged us all these years. We sure ***“Praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that is to come.”***



**Myron & Janet
Hoover**

**Campbellville
Centre**

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Thank you to each one who brings us and the ministry of the Camp Centre before the throne of grace - whether daily or as God brings us to your mind. One day, the result of your prayers will be fully realized. What a joy it is to know that there is a partnership in the work that God has called us to. It is a comfort to know that we are never alone.

The Centre has been a flurry of activity since the last update. We had a busy Fall with many groups of people coming through the Centre doors. We now look ahead to the late Fall/Christmas schedule and again covet your prayers. Whether cooking meals, celebrating the message of Christmas or working with hammers or tools, our prayer is that Christ is seen. May all we do, whether in word or deed, glorify the Father in heaven.

Our anticipated plan is that the 'Lounge' wing of bedrooms will be renovated beginning just after Christmas in the Country finishes (December). Keep Myron in prayer for the work ahead. The goal is to be finished in time for Sno' Camps.

Could you volunteer your time and talents to help with this project at the Campbellville Centre?

If so, contact Myron Hoover for more details.





**Laura-Anne
Drake**



**Jennifer
Armitage**

Thank you for all your faithful prayers. Jen has settled well into Napanee and the District. Currently we are doing some ministry together and still pursuing some things separately. Please continue to pray with Laura-Anne as she is still figuring out ministry with a church north of Napanee. We have recently been invited to bring our teens to a monthly youth event called 'Merge' in Kingston. It is organized by four churches with a few other youth groups that attend the event as well. This event is well organized and attended. It is great to see churches of different denominations working together so well to advance the kingdom of God. This year we as a NACY group (Napanee Area Christian Youth) are attempting to be involved in community events and share the gospel with the people we meet. At one of the clubs there are a few boys who are purposely disrespectful and distracting to the other Children. Please pray that they would have a desire to learn about Jesus and a more respectful attitude.



Picture of Laura-Anne with one of the youth from the NACY



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

Christmas means more than the domestic festivities, the family reunions and the giving of presents. More than the glittering lights, the beautifully decorated Christmas tree; more than the traditional carols and the Christmas crib. The heart of the matter lies not simply in singing and making merry. Christmas is above all else, a time of worshipping, for Christmas confronts us with the inconceivable mystery, the mighty wonder of not just a child in a stable, but with the well-nigh incredible miracle of the incarnation – ***God manifest in the flesh!***

Christ, the eternal Word, the everlasting Father, came in human flesh. The Son of God became the Son of man in order that the sons of men might become sons of God. He was born of Mary after the flesh in order that we might be born of God after the Spirit. He took our human nature in order that we might be partakers of His divine nature. The birth of Jesus is not merely a beautiful human story but has vast theological implications, and as we read the narratives in the spirit of faith and devotion, they will bring us to our knees, lost in wonder love and praise. Thus the Christmas festival is essentially – ***a call to worship!***

On the first Christmas night the angelic choirs burst forth in songs of praise and glorified God. The shepherds followed their example. The wise men ‘fell down and worshipped Him and opening their treasures they presented unto Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh’. While angels and shepherds and magi glorify God, shall we keep silent?

**O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the LORD!**



Dr Colin N Peckham is a former principal of The Faith Mission Bible College in Edinburgh, Scotland. This article was first published in ‘Life Indeed’ (former magazine of Faith Mission) on December 1997

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”
(Psalm 9:1)

Thanksgiving may only be one day a year but as believers in Jesus Christ we have so much to be thankful for every day. We would like to share with you some of the ways that God has blessed us – from our family to the ministry that He has allowed us to be part of.



First of all, thank you for praying with us for the safe arrival of our little girl, Amélie Rose Perron who was born August 30th

weighing 8lbs 7 oz. She came in such a hurry that we didn't have time to make it to the birthing center and the midwife didn't have enough time to make it to our home. Rob, with the help of his mom, helped to deliver our sweet little girl. In light of this, we are incredibly thankful and praise God for her safe arrival! Caleb is such a great big brother and continues to amaze us as we watch him learn and grow in leaps and bounds. We continue to adjust to our new family dynamic which comes with new challenges and greater blessings.



**Robin &
Debra
Perron**



We pray that God would work in the hearts of our children while they are young and that God would give us wisdom as parents. Our desire is that our children would not only hear about God through our words but they would see Him through our lives as well.

This fall we continue to work with two separate youth groups, one in Verdun and the other in the West Island. We are already a few weeks into the program and are excited to see what God is going to do in the lives of these youth. This season the teaching will be geared toward building a foundation for the faith of our teens. In this skeptical generation and with the Bible being constantly under attack, we believe it is important for our youth to have a good solid foundation on which to base their faith. Starting with the book of Genesis, we will be going through the Old Testament, teaching them how to face the secular humanism of this age that they are continually bombarded with. Please pray particularly for Rob, who will be doing most if not all of the youth teaching this year as Debra will not be helping out on Friday nights as it not convenient with two small children.

Robin & Debra con't.:

We also have our Kids Club in Lachute which started on October 30. The kids that come to this are mainly from unchurched homes so we would appreciate prayer for understanding as we share the gospel message with them. We started a few weeks later than usual but trusted that this would not deter children from coming and that God would bring the exact children out that He wants to be there. Our first week we had 20 children – more than we ever start our program with. God is so good! We are partnering with a number of young adults from the Lachute area who will be helping to provide leadership, which is an answer to our prayers. We praise God for His faithfulness!

**Graham & Melodie
Ghent**



"who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age ..." (Gal. 1:4)

Will we ever be able to fully understand why Jesus would give himself up for us? This is certainly a motivation for us as we ask him: 'How may we be spent for you today'?

The work in the public schools in Caledonia is ongoing. In early November we had close to 50 children attend between two schools. Praise God for such an opportunity! We've had teachers approach us saying that no students from their class are attending and were wondering if they were invited. Oh that these students and teachers wouldn't just know that they are invited to come to the clubs but they are invited to know their sins forgiven and heal their relationship with the Living God. We look forward to the Sno' Camps coming up and also the Youth Leadership Training over March Break. We reminisce about last year's group and wonder what God may have in store in 2019. Please be praying that God would get a hold of a generation of youth to spread HIS glory throughout the earth.

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."
Acts 6:4

**Jeff & Jani
Goudy**



God has been so good and proven again what He can do through prayer, fasting and the ministry of His Word! In the past three months, He has saved six people and touched the hearts of many others. We rejoice in this and continue to do follow up with these men and women. One man was powerfully transformed and it is amazing to hear him share about what God has done in his life. Another man from the soccer ministry gave his life to the Lord and his wife did too! They and their children are now attending church and growing in their faith. Another two men were saved at tent meetings that Jeff spoke at in August and it is wonderful to hear reports of how their lives have been changed. We continue to see God at work in the churches as well and can't thank Him enough for the faithful men and women who are praying for revival. The pastor prayer groups are growing slowly and are always an encouragement. The men who come have experienced personal revival and are accountable to one another. They are crying out together for God's Spirit to move and are seeing fruit in their churches. Our weeks are full as God gives opportunities for us to counsel and disciple believers' one on one and in small groups. We are also involved in weekly prayer meetings and Bible Studies. Jani has been blessed to see many women seeking God and getting a burden for prayer and fasting. It seems that through various trials many women are surrendering to God afresh and realizing that prayer is the key and that every answer to prayer is Jesus- He is our Rescuer and the treasure in the trial. We need Him more than anything else. Most recently, it was very sweet to see how God drew over 200 women to a worship night to praise and glorify His name as well as pray for one another. A special prayer request would be for marriages- there are many Christian couples struggling in our area. Thank-you to all who take the time to pray for us, our family and the work here in Alberta - your prayers are being answered.

“Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”
(2 Cor. 3:4-6)



Mark & April Hardwick

It brings us incredible joy as we minister here in the North to see growth and maturity in the lives of those we serve and share God's truth with. We are always mindful of the fact that it truly is the Lord's doing and we have just been given the privilege of working alongside Him as He changes hearts for His glory.

This fall we have had the opportunity to spend more time in intentional discipleship. We are really encouraged by these times with believers in our lives who long to go deeper with the Lord. Thank you so much for praying for Wednesday night ladies bible study over the years. It seems this ministry has come to the end of its season as two of the ladies got new jobs that don't allow them to attend. April still continues to spend a good amount of time with all of the women who were coming, just in a different capacity. She would value prayer for them as they are at such different stages of their faith journeys.

One of the churches that Mark was often filling the pulpit for has found a new pastor and we praise the Lord for this new young family on our area. This is still a matter of prayer for other churches, as it is a struggle to find workers willing to come North. Mid-November we are planning a Pastors' & Wives dinner for the area pastors to come together and be encouraged in the work. We hope this will also be a time to encourage unity and networking among the body of Christ in our district. There have been some challenges in beginning the kids club in Kirkland Lake but we are continuing to pray that God would give direction and timing for this situation.





Cyrus & Sovereignty

By Rev. Glenn Deane



There is an interesting clay cylinder in the British Museum. It is about the size and diameter of a one-litre bottle. It was discovered in 1879 among the ruins of ancient Babylon. Translating the cuneiform script engraved on the outside of the cylinder it tells of a king named Cyrus the Great. Hence, this fragile object has been named “The Cyrus Cylinder”. This discovery historically confirmed the existence of a king that is mentioned in the Bible. Cyrus the Great is the Persian king who conquered Babylon and released Israel (in 539 BC) from the captivity to which Nebuchadnezzar had subjected them.

Isaiah 45:1 reads: ***“Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped”***. It must be noted that at the time of writing those words, Isaiah’s readers would have had no idea who Cyrus was. He had not yet been born. Isaiah wrote about a king who would not come into existence for another 150 years. And he would not be ruling as king for about 200 years. Yet we find God calling this yet unborn pagan king “his anointed”. That is the same word used of the Messiah – God’s Anointed or Chosen One! Through Isaiah, God is essentially declaring that “Two hundred years from now, there will be a king that I am going use to accomplish My purposes”.

Glenn con't:

The text pictures this king as one **“whose right hand I have grasped”**. God is reaching forward through time to take the hand of a yet to be born mighty king, like one might take the hand of a small child to lead him. Unbeknown to Cyrus, God had chosen to accomplish His purposes for freeing Israel, by leading Cyrus to that decision.

Whenever circumstances seem overwhelming, think of this passage. When you find yourself feeling that God is too passive in dealing with your troubled situation, think of this passage. On those dark days when another law is passed that emboldens our society to continue its journey farther from God, think of this passage. For Isaiah 45:1 tells us of a God who has a plan. It tells us of a God who knows the future.

It describes for us a God who will accomplish His purposes and will even use a godless king to do so. God is always ruling over history with a purpose. Further in the text, at the end of verse 6 and 7 we read: **“I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things”**.

God makes no bones about declaring that He allows calamity, using it as a tool, to bring about His good end. He is not declaring responsibility for evil. He remains outside of it. But He reigns in Sovereign control over every situation and circumstance. Remember, **“we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”** (Rom. 8:28)



Glenn Deane is the Teaching Pastor at Pinegrove Fellowship Church in Bracebridge, ON. He, along with his wife Robin and family, served for a number of years with Faith Mission in the Napanee and Mount Forest areas. God has used them both in ministering to others and we are thankful to have their continued fellowship as they also serve on our Faith Mission Board.



Conan & Julana Arndt

This fall we have had the opportunity to begin to get established in the area around the camp out here in Falkland! Julana had a wonderful time getting to know ladies at the ladies retreats where we witnessed God's love and grace to His people as the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of each one! Conan has had the opportunity to get to know many different pastors in the area and has been blessed and encouraged by their ministries. We are excited about the discipleship programs that are being

developed for the future and the way that our students are taking their faith seriously being ready to learn and grow! We are in full swing as we prepare for Snow Camps and start looking for Spring staff for our camps in the summer. It is our desire to see revival in the Okanagan and believe that through the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit, people will come to know Christ! The gospel is powerful enough to save the lost. We ask that you would all join us in prayer as we pray for God to move powerfully among the people of British Columbia.



Kevin & Janice Evans

***“Call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21***



What a joy to share Jesus with those He came to save! We have experienced a wonderful fall season of ministry at the Faith Mission Falkland Centre. Our Ladies Retreats were well attended with each of us being challenged to read God’s Word God-centred rather than me-centred. A highlight was our speaker, Kalee Braun, quoting the entire book of James, teaching us how James relates to the entire Bible and Christ-like living.

Working with Conan and Julana Arndt is a blessing. By the time you’re reading this, they should be in their new home built on the camp property. They have a real passion for sharing the gospel, and vision for new ministry opportunities. In September we hosted a Block Party, inviting neighbours to the camp for supper and camp tour. 12 neighbours came; most had never been on the camp property, nor had met each other! Everyone had a great time. It was a wonderful step in relationship building. We have a number of new Church groups booking the camp for young adult retreats, family camps, and mother/daughter retreat. We have seen God’s provision in wonderful ways in direct answer to prayer. He gives strength, opens doors, provides volunteers and finances, and turns hearts toward Himself. The need for prayer grows greater, and we seek to make that a priority in every ministry. Thank you for praying for us, that we will serve with grace and joy, in accordance with His will.

Upcoming events at Falkland FM Centre:

January 25-27, Teen Snow Camp
February 1-3, Junior Snow Camp
April 5-7, Marriage Enrichment Retreat
April 26-27, Men of Honor Retreat

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