

**Seek first
the Kingdom...**


**Winter
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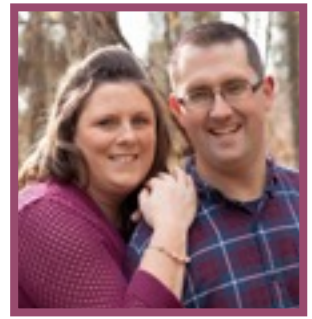
PARTNERS IN PRAYER

"JESUS CHRIST - THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER"
~ HEBREWS 13:8 ~



**Experiencing God's
Faithfulness in Canada** 

Timothy & Emma Condy



*“O God, our help in ages past, our hope
for years to come, our shelter from the
stormy blast, and our eternal
home”* (Hymn - Isaac Watts)

This familiar hymn can be commonly heard at Remembrance Day services across the country and has been sung by choirs and even Bing Crosby on his popular Hymns album. However, this hymn not only causes us to remember what God has done in the past, it gives us HOPE in what God is able to do for us now and in the years to come! We have proven that especially over these challenging days we have been in. As our workers have continued to share the HOPE of the Gospel in their various districts, it has been encouraging to hear what God has been doing. Back in late August, we heard the news that a young girl who attended our Day Camp in Campbellville gave her life to Christ after camp was over! Praise the Lord! This was such wonderful news to hear and we believe God is working in her family also as a result. We thank God for the opportunities we have had over this Fall season such as Drive-In services and the Ladies Retreat Day at the camp.

As we write we are glad we can host the ‘Christmas in the Country’ banquets even with COVID restrictions and limited numbers. We very much value prayer as we seek the Lord for what the New Year will look like concerning Sno’ Camps, Retreats etc. We remain confident that ‘our God’ is going before us and will open the way for the work to continue. And of course without your continued prayers and support, we know that would not be possible either! So we thank you from our hearts for ‘shouldering the burden’ in prayer and remembering us in this work. We appreciate you all.

Staff News

Back in the summer, Myron & Janet Hoover indicated to us that after much prayer and heart-searching, they would be stepping down from their role as Camp Managers at our Campbellville Centre. This is due to the ongoing health challenges Myron has been battling with over this past year. They intend to stay on until September 2021 if their health permits and/or until a suitable replacement is found. This has not been an easy decision for them and they will value your prayers for the days that lie ahead. We are thankful for their dedicated service and fellowship in the Mission over these years. Also pray for the Board as they pray and consider the future of the Centre and who God will send to us to serve in this capacity.

We welcome to the FM Canada family Dawna Weber, who has commenced with us in the capacity of Office Administrator at the Head Office. You can read Dawna's testimony and call to the Mission on page 14 and 15 and we know you will uphold her in prayer as she undertakes this vital ministry.

Future Events for your Diary:

Sno' Camp Days - Jan 30 & Feb 6

Men's Retreat - Feb 20 & Feb 27

On behalf of all our FM Canada workers, we want to wish our friends and supporters a most blessed Christmas season as you reflect and rejoice in the Saviour.



Sam & Nicholette Beaulieu

“Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession”
(Ps 2:8)



Hello friends, we are so thankful for you, your constant prayers, and your faithful support; you are Aaron and Hur to us as we are upheld by your prayers (Ex. 17:8-15). Ministry for Southern Ontario has begun! Since June, we have been engaged in door-to-door evangelism. We completed two major demographics in Hamilton, all of Mount Hope, and half of Caledonia. Hundreds of gospel packages and tracts have been received. Remember, we knock on every door, and personally pray for every home as we go.

Before we began Caledonia, we walked and prayed over the communities and we did so again in light of the territorial conflicts during the past weeks. We continue to labour on Saturdays from 10-2pm. Outreach on Thanksgiving weekend was particularly fruitful as 39 men and women were willing to consider God’s truth further by accepting the gospel packages. Using Thanksgiving as the theme, we preached the gospel with great clarity and power. The outreach has been highly informative as well. We are getting a real sense of the spiritual landscape. What we know so far: nominal religion, pseudo-spirituality, and cults seems to have a particular hold on Southern Ontario. Where genuine Christianity is found, it is either vibrant and encouraging or apathetic. Confusion abounds regarding the gospel, fundamental Christian doctrines, and what constitutes the Christian life. There appears to be a big disconnect between information, understanding, and the application of truth. This is not said in an elitist way. It is good to know this information since it helps all of us to pray and serve with understanding and truth. It is a privilege to be an encouragement to believers.

For instance, it was a joy to have a professing believer, over a month ago, follow up with us to request help connecting with a church. Being able to connect her with a family and a local church is only a sliver of what we hope God will do in the days ahead. Likewise, it is a privilege to sow the seed of the gospel in the lives and homes of those who have never heard; those who are adverse to, or have misunderstandings about Christianity. Whether strong faith, weak faith or misplaced faith, the Lord's word will not return void (Isa 55:11).

We know nothing happens apart from prayer. It's wonderful to attend the many growing prayer meetings, like the once a month Simcoe and Beamsville meeting, the 5am weekday meetings for revival and awakening in Burgessville and Tillsonburg, and the Thursday 10am meeting in Caledonia. Prayer meetings are materializing as God is touching hearts. Another way the Lord is working is directly in our community as our relationships with neighbours have been growing stronger. From outings, park playdates, and walks, friendships are being formed and conversations about the gospel and life interspersed. Genuine care and enjoyment of each other's company is developing as we open our hearts to one another.

As we look forward to ministry in the coming months and new year, we are excited to announce a **Thirsting For God Conference** (Southern Ontario) in February 2021. We hope to host this in two locations to serve two different areas. The first will be at Heritage Reformed Church Burgessville. We are also planning new men's and women's day conferences for 2021, so be on the lookout for all of these! We began with Psalm 2:8, please continue to join us in prayer for Christ to receive from this generation the inheritance for which He died.



Conan & Julana Arndt



What an interesting season of life! God has shown us that even though people are staying in their homes and distancing from one another, the gospel is always needed! We are very fortunate here in BC that the restrictions have not hindered us from being able to do ministry in the same ways we were before the pandemic. Things look differently, but we are still able to run both of our Junior and Senior Youth Groups and we started a Kids Club all in Falkland. We are amazed at the way God continues to draw kids to these events. In the past two weeks we went from ministering to a potential 40 kids per week to 60! We are so excited to have had one of these kids surrender their heart to God after coming to youth group for just two weeks. The gospel is powerful and our God is gracious! It is amazing to have conversations with many of these kids about the Lord and their desire to live for Him, but the difficulty of making that decision to follow through. Please pray for them! There is a desperate need for a church in Falkland. We are partnering with others in the community to begin having monthly services on Saturday evenings and we are very excited about the response! We are excited about what is happening in Falkland, but also with the Bible Study we are able to have with around 20 of our staff from camp in the summer. We are beginning to study the book of Hebrews and how amazing even just in the first chapter to understand who Jesus is in deity and humanity! A God with infinite wisdom and power came and made himself lowly in order to die and pay for our sins. What love! We continue to search for new ways to minister to the community and our campers from all around as a camp. Though we have decided to not pursue Snow Camp or anything to replace it, we realize and understand that God will continue to bring and send us to people who need the gospel. Please join us in praying for revival in Falkland and in the Okanagan! Please pray for us that we would have health and energy to serve with humility and love!

Sr. Youth - Monday Evenings

Jr. Youth - Tuesday Evenings

Kids Club - Thursday Afternoons

Bible Study - Every 2nd Thursday Evening

Falkland Gathering Services - Every 3rd Saturday Evening
of the month

Myron & Janet Hoover



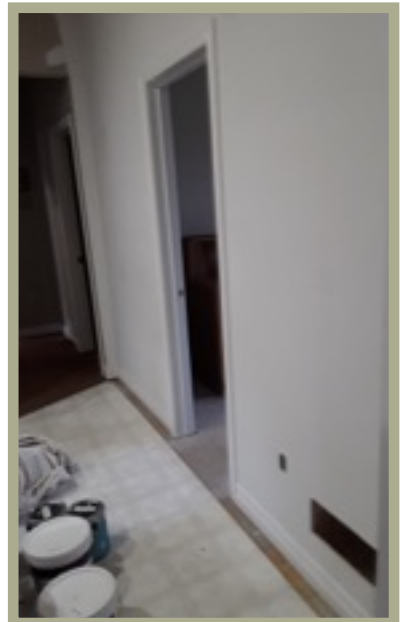
As we look ahead at the coming winter season and continue to walk in this “New Normal” with its restrictions and regulations we are going to trust that God will lead us in His plan. We are already thinking about what the usual snow camps and men’s retreat would look if the current restrictions remain. Pray that we will have wisdom and creativity as we think about new ways that the camp could be utilized so that effective Kingdom work continues.

Myron has been working on the cottage renovation. One room has been completed and work has begun on the new office area with hopes of finishing it in a timely manner.

We continue to covet your prayer as Myron has received word of some new physical challenges but we remain confident that God is over all and will provide strength for what is ahead.



Cambellville Cottage Renovations



Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16



**Mark & April
Hardwick**

We are so blessed to have a better High Priest in Jesus. While we eagerly wait for Him to make all things new, we don't want to take for granted the great privilege of being included in His plan. Our work continues to look different, while our goals and purpose haven't changed! We long to see hearts changed through revival here and across Canada. As we write this we've just finished a week of prayer as a mission, specifically seeking the Lord's intervention for our country. This will continue to be our prayer as we finish off 2020, that God would move in a mighty way among His people and the world would see the light of Christ shine through them.

Mark continues to preach every Sunday at Riverside, with the hope that Pastor Peter Naylor will be able to return soon! It has been a blessing to him, and to our family to have the consistency of one church during a time when everything else is so different. April was beyond blessed to be able to travel to Campbellville this Fall and speak at the Fall ladies retreat. Just to be back with the other staff for a few days was such an encouragement. She has also been able to fill in for Tim here and there for the "Friday Fellowship Live" programs and has really enjoyed that. Monday nights she has started a small ladies Bible study on the book of James at our house, as well she is meeting with a group of women from a number of different churches in the area on Sunday nights for prayer and study. It has been good to get together, even if the groups are smaller. We were excited to be contacted recently by one of the youth who used to attend the Apex youth group here. She and her fiance have been occasionally attending a church in Englehart and he has been going to hockey with the Christian men's group on Saturday nights in Englehart with Mark. We would love prayer for the two of them as we get to know him better and continue to build that bridge. Thank you all so much for your continued support and encouragement for our family and for the work of the Mission. We really can't tell you how much we appreciate it!

Kirkland Lake Church Service



Laura-Anne Drake



Thank you for your continued prayers! It has been nice to hear of churches and individuals making use of the Virtual VBS packages and/or using the Teaching Videos. The VBS teaching is still available on our YouTube page “Faith Mission Canada”, under the playlist tab. Westdale Park Free Methodist Church in Napanee have asked me to join their team in conducting a virtual kids club. We have decided to stay online for now and reevaluate things at a later date. We want to be wise and able to adhere to the proper health and safety guidelines. We have three families attending. My church is planning a month of prayer for December. I have been asked to write 6 days of scripture passages and prayer points. Please pray that God would give us as a church a burden to seek His face and be His hands and feet. Please pray for the families that they would all come to know Jesus. Please pray for direction and wisdom for me as I navigate these times.

Robin & Debra Perron

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3



First of all we want to thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf! Our hearts are filled with such peace knowing that God is in control of all things, and that nothing happens that He hasn't allowed. Even with this second wave of Covid there is so much to be thankful for and we see God's grace in the midst.

We had been hoping to run the Bible Explorer's program again this fall but the school was not allowing any extracurricular activities. We could have chosen to go ahead and run the program anyway since we do not run the program through the school. However, we work closely with the administration and felt that it would be wise not to proceed. While we were saddened that this decision had to be made we trust that God knows best and our confidence is in Him.

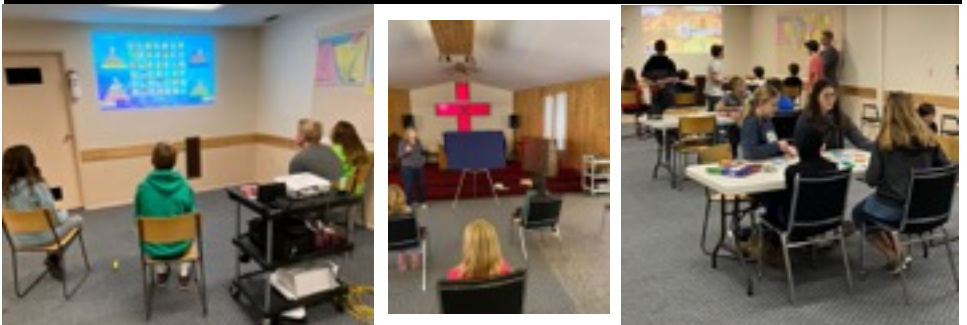
This is our first year in many years without having regular youth ministry. We are no longer working with the Anglican church, after 7 years, as the youth are now college age and another pastor has come to serve with that age group. However, we maintain in close contact with the group. Rob is discipling one of the young men from the group while I (Debra) am discipling one of the young women. These young people continue to be a source of great encouragement. They surprised us recently with an online group chat where they were all wearing shirts with the youth group name and the signatures of everyone in the group and proceeded to thank us and share with us how God had used us in their lives. God is so good and we praise Him for how He is working in their lives! All glory to Him!!

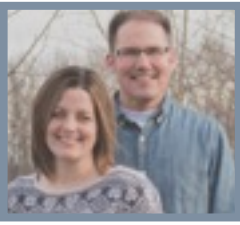
Currently, despite Québec having the harshest restrictions due to Covid, Rob is able to continue to help with many practical needs, Most of the work is outside and allows for social distancing and for him to continue to bless others. We are praising God that our church is able to continue to meet when many others are no longer able to meet due to the fact that there are fewer than 25 people on a Sunday morning. This has been a blessing for us and Rob is teaching the Sunday school class once a month. He has also had opportunities to preach at our church and a few other church that are very small in number, We find these smaller churches are so appreciative as they have so few resources and pray that God might give us opportunities to serve.

Finally, we look forward to the arrival of our third child at the end of November. As we write this we are less than 3 weeks away but perhaps by the time you read this we will have our little one with us. We look forward to sharing with you in the next prayer letter of our news. Until then, we continue to take the opportunities as the Lord opens the doors. We hope to make some cookies and leave them with a Scripture at our neighbours' homes before Christmas, praying that God would use this small gesture of love and His Word to remind people of who He is.

We look to Him and our hearts are filled with peace. May God use us to share this peace with a world who is in desperate need of the Prince of Peace and the peace that He alone can bring!

Falkland Youth and Kids Klub





Jeff & Jani Goudy

"And let us not grow weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."
Gal. 6:9.

We wanted to share how thankful we are for God's incredible faithfulness and unfailing love, especially during these strange and difficult months. Over these past six years in Red Deer many groups have faithfully prayed for an outpouring of the Spirit of God and we continue to see Him answering those prayers.

Not only has God revived the hearts of those of us who have been praying, but other Christians have been revived as well. Trials and uncertainty have drawn many hearts to support one another in prayer and to seek the Lord. We have been praying for souls to be saved and, over the years, it has been so wonderful to watch God at work, drawing people to Himself. It's a privilege to walk along with so many people as they grow in their faith. What a joy to see the power of the Word of God at work in hearts and lives. As we share and teach the Bible week after week in discipleship, Bible Studies, kids ministry and prayer meetings, we are blessed to see the power of God's Spirit transforming hearts and lives. Along with the many encouragements, there are also times of weariness and discouragement as we encounter sin and brokenness, but this beautiful promise in Galatians along with your prayers for us give us renewed strength and hope. We

choose to believe what God's Word says, that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Thank you for supporting us through your love and prayers. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58). In the months to come we will continue, by His grace, to seek to "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Rom. 12:12) as we follow God's leading day by day.



Kevin & Janice Evans

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." Isaiah 41:13



In the midst of Covid closures and restrictions, we are thrilled with the many ministry opportunities God brought our way in the Fall. We had 3 one-day ladies retreats with 40 attending each, with the theme EXTRAVAGANT LOVE. Our speaker, Lauren Iseli, encouraged and challenged the ladies with God's loving Gospel message of hope, with a contagious passion for the Word. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the food, fellowship, and especially the spiritual food.

We were thrilled when given permission to run our Marriage Enrichment Retreat in November. Again, in the midst of a pandemic, when little is happening, and there is great strain on marriages, it was so good to come together for our first overnight retreat since March. With 11 couples eager to study the Word and work on their relationships, it was a very rewarding weekend. Some individual counselling has resulted. We have begun Kids Klub in Falkland once again after an absence for a few years. It is exciting to share the Truth with children who have never seen a Bible yet are so eager to learn about the God who made and loves them. Please pray for the many families who do not know Jesus as their Saviour.

As we look ahead to 2021, there are many unknowns yet we continue to pray for opportunities to share Christ with lost and needy around us. We hope the camp will open up for retreats and ministry, but we trust our Father who is in control.

Merry Christmas to all, and God's peace, joy,
and Presence in 2021.



Welcome

Dawna Weber



I was raised in a loving, Christian home and accepted Christ into my heart at a young age. Although I always followed Christ I had trouble being consistent in my devotional life and because of that I didn't have much growth in my spiritual life. I started

to work at a Credit Union when I was 19 and it was such a blessing to work for a company that had Christian values. The Lord continued to bless me with promotions within the organization and I continued to grow in my financial literacy. While I loved what I was doing I felt like the Lord must have more for my life. I was interested in short term missions trips from a young age. And when I had been working at the Credit Union for 6 years I had the opportunity to go on a missions trip to Haiti. That trip started to soften my heart to see those around the world whose lives were lost and the hopelessness they lived in. I started to pray about the future and ask the Lord what He wanted me to do with my life. I started having an unsettling in my heart and felt like the Lord was preparing me for a change.

It was at that time that I decided to go to Ellerslie Mission Society to go through a 100 day discipleship training program in Windsor Colorado. I felt the need to spend some time being discipled and to grow my relationship and understanding of the Lord. The Lord so greatly changed my life as I went through the training. I realized that I was living my life for me, but knew now that I wanted to live my life serving Him.

I came back home and continued to work, but again felt the Lord stirring my heart. I had a desire and hunger to learn more. So I went back to Ellerslie for their advanced training. Through the time I spent there I had a lot of time to pray and seek direction from the Lord. After returning I chose to go back to Ellerslie and serve the ministry for 3 months. When I came home at Christmas it became so clear to me that I needed to make more changes in my life. I decided to quit my job and volunteer with the ministry full time. I have been volunteering there for the last 9 months.

I knew that working in the US was going to be short term, but knew that I still wanted to work in Missions. About that time I had started to pray about serving a ministry in a way that would combine my past financial experience as well as my desire to serve the Lord. I was in contact with Tim and heard that they were going to have a new position in the office. After much prayer I felt the Lord's confirmation in pursuing this position with The Faith Mission! I have been so amazed at how the Lord has led me through this journey over the years! He is so good and so faithful! I am expectant and excited to see what the Lord will do and how he will continue to grow me as I join the Mission.



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