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As we will soon be leaving the Fall season behind, we are reminded that with each season comes change but also the opportunity to refocus and reflect on what God has been doing. We were blessed to have a wonderful time at our Fall Hymn Sing and the Ladies Retreat in October. Both these events were times of 'refreshing from the presence of the Lord' and many testified of how God drew near to them and met with them. Tatiana Nadeau brought practical and powerful ministry to the ladies on 'Forgiveness' which was a timely message for everyone. (You can listen to these messages on our website under 'Resources'). It has also been great to join with other workers for events in their areas and to meet faithful supporters again who have stood with us in prayer for many years. We could not do this work without them!

By the time you are reading this we will be in the middle of our Christmas Banquets here at Campbellville and also in Falkland. These are tremendous opportunities to share Christ with families and neighbours who do not normally attend church or have heard the Gospel! Pray that the seeds sown will bring forth a harvest of souls who have trusted Christ as Saviour! After the Banquets we look forward to our Ontario and Quebec staff coming together for a few days of fellowship and prayer at the end of November. We are planning (God-will-

ing) to gather all our FM staff from across Canada at our Falkland Centre (BC) in April of 2023. Pray for the logistics of getting everyone there and provision for this need. Continue to pray for the Macfarlane's as they settle into their first year as Camp Managers' and for future projects they are planning here at the Campbellville Centre. If you would like to assist with a future project, please do get in touch with them.

As we prepare to go into the winter season and a new year, we look forward to a number of events planned and opportunities for service. Will you pray with us that God will provide what is needed to fulfil this work and that many lives will be changed as a result!

STAFF NEWS

In this news we would also like to share with you a change that is coming for some of our workers! For some time now the Board have been in discussion and prayer about the possibility of opening up the Western Ontario District and placing workers in this area. We would now like to share with you that Mark & April Hardwick (and their family) have prayerfully accepted this position to relocate from Northern Ontario in the Spring of 2023. There are still many details to work through and a home to

find, but we are trusting God that He will lead us and them in the way we should go. More will be said in our next Partners in Prayer but for now we will covet your prayers for the next months ahead.

FUTURE EVENTS

Day of Prayer: Jan 14

Teen Sno' Camp: Jan 27-29

Junior Sno' Camp: Feb 3-4

Men's Retreats: Feb 17-18 & 24-25

March Break YLT: Mar 12-15

For all events RSVP to the head office or online under 'Ontario Events'.

On behalf of all our Faith Mission staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Christmas season as you consider Christ, the Saviour of the World! And thank you again for standing with us over another year both financially and in the place of prayer. God bless you richly!

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Fall Ladies Retreat



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*So shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it
shall accomplish that which I purpose, and
shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
Isaiah 55:11*

In our last update we shared a little bit about summer ministry. We also spoke of running a VBS in our area, which we were anticipating when we were writing our update. We realize we're now well into the Fall, but we would like to share with you some details of what took place at that VBS. There were many reasons we were excited for this week. To begin with, we became aware of the fact that the town of Saint-Jérôme, which has a population of over 80 000 people, had no children's ministry throughout the summer despite having several evangelical churches. And while there are a couple of Christian camps within a few hours distance, parents are not always able to afford sending their kids there. Since our day camps have no cost, it makes it more accessible to families, especially those that are struggling financially. Another reason we were excited for this week is that it gave us the opportunity to spread the gospel of Christ in our own community. Since Covid hit shortly after we moved to this area, things

progressed very slowly and being able to run a VBS in our area was such a huge encouragement. We were really looking forward to partnering with various churches to offer this VBS program. We had about 25 kids in attendance each day and most of them came from a church background. While we would have loved to have a number who had never heard the gospel, it is no less a privilege to teach God's Word to those children who sit in church every Sunday! I, Debra, was a church kid who came to Christ at a VBS so I know firsthand that God uses His Word to work in the hearts of church kids.

The week went extremely well. The children were very attentive, and their parents were appreciative. Many expressed a willingness to serve next year should there be another VBS. We are certainly planning for future summer ministry, should the Lord allow it, and we're exploring the possibility of running a special day program over the March break. One of the helpers, a lady from our church, shared with us weeks later that serving at that VBS brought her much joy. Being able to serve and watch the kids learning from God's Word touched her heart. Also, in recent days, we've heard from a dad who had helped to run our game time for a few days. It was through the VBS that God spoke to him about partnering with other churches to run a youth group in St-Jérôme. This is an answer

to prayer since our desire is to see more churches working together in our area for the sake of the gospel and we both sensed there was a desperate need for youth ministry in our community as well. We are planning to support this ministry as the Lord leads. In the meantime, we praise God for His faithfulness. As God's Word goes forth, may His name alone be glorified and lifted high!

Right: Rob at VBS

Below: Rob & Debra at Camp in Quebec





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Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?

Isaiah 40:12

In overwhelming moments it's so amazing to remember that the God we serve has every little detail already taken care of! We can rest knowing that He is working all things together for our good and His glory. We began the kids club at Good Shepherd Church in Englehart in September, and we weren't sure what to expect - the church let us know that they don't have kids in regular weekly attendance but wished to reach out to young families. We have over 20 kids who have come, and they are all so eager to learn their verses and hear the Bible story each week. We leave every week encouraged by what the Lord is doing in their young lives. Please especially keep the older kids in your prayers, in particular one little girl who is so enthusiastic and comes from a non-Christian home. We know her family is open to the things of the Lord, and we'd love to see the whole family come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Thursday night youth group also continues to see high numbers of Teens in attendance, and we will be taking some of the

kids down to Mississauga in early November for a youth retreat. This group loves to be together and socialize. Still, we would really love prayer for open hearts! There are a few older Teen boys in particular who we can see God working through the messages, but they seem to continue to have a wall up that we know only God can break through. In December, we will be returning to Blind River for a few days. Mark will be preaching at Immanuel Baptist Church on Sunday, December 11th. We are looking forward to reconnecting in person with the church there, as he has only been able to speak there virtually since 2020. **For another update from us, see the General Director's news.*



In the Kitchen at the Ladies Retreat



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*Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called:
I am He; I am the First, and I am the Last. My
hand also has laid the foundations of the earth,
and My right hand has spanned the heavens;
when I call to them, they stand up together.
Isaiah 48:12-13*

What a majestic God - that His awesome creation worships Him! Yet He also sees fit and desires for our hearts to worship Him too. Isn't the Lord wonderfully gracious? We have seen God's hand over us these past few months preserving us and strengthening us. We have had lots of catered weekend church retreats this Fall. Our family has been very helpful in watching Zach or jumping in with the kitchen for various weekends. We are settling into the groove of catering, and enjoy cooking for large groups. The Hymn Sing early October went really well. It was a delight to sing with everyone! We were very sad to miss the Ladies Fall Retreat because we were unwell but we trust the Lord was honored and that the ladies enjoyed their time away. We want to thank John Bennett and some others for stepping in to cook for us! We look forward to the Christmas in The Country banquets and hope to see many of you there!



Fall Hymn Sing



THE CHRISTMAS INVITATION!

It was the biggest night of the year in a little town called Cornwall. It was the night of the annual Christmas pageant. Since there are no nearby malls or cities to compete with, the pageant is pretty much packed out every year. It's an especially big deal for the children in town. They get to try out for the roles in the Christmas story, and everybody wants a part.

Which leads us to the problem of Harold. See, Harold wanted to be in the play, too, but he was...well, he was kind of a slow and simple kid. The directors were ambivalent, I mean, they knew Harold would be crushed if he didn't have a part, but they were afraid he might mess up the town's magic moment if he did. Finally, they decided to cast Harold as the innkeeper-the one who turns Mary and Joseph away the night Jesus is to be born. He only has one line: "I'm sorry, we have no room." Well, no one could imagine what that one line was going to do to everyone's Christmas.

The night of the pageant the church was packed, as usual. I mean, the set was in place, and there was an entire wall with scenes of Bethlehem painted on it, including the door of the inn where Harold would greet-and then turn away-the young Jewish travelers.

Backstage, the angels were playing Frisbee with their halos, and the shepherds were waiting 'till the last minute to put on their annually laundered bathrobes, and Harold was being personally

coached by the nervous directors. "Now remember, Harold, when Joseph says, 'Do you have a room for the night?' you say...you say..." Hesitantly, Harold said, "I'm sorry. We... We have no room." The directors looked at each other somewhat hopefully. They'd done all they could.

Well, the Christmas story unfolded according to plan-angels singing, Joseph's dream, the trip to Bethlehem. Finally, Joseph and Mary arrived at the door of the Bethlehem Inn, looking appropriately tired, discussing whether the baby might come tonight. Joseph knocked on the inn door. Backstage, the directors were just out of sight, coaching Harold to open the door now. And wouldn't you know it-the door was stuck! The whole set shook; Harold tried to get that door open. When he finally did, Joseph asked his question on cue: "Do you have a room for the night?"

Harold froze. From backstage, a loud whisper: "I'm sorry. We have no room." And Harold mumbled, "I'm sorry. We have no room." And, with a little coaching, he shut the door. Well, the directors heaved a sigh of relief-prematurely. As Mary and Joseph disappeared into the night, the set suddenly started shaking again, and the door opened. Harold was back! And then, in an unrehearsed moment that folks would never forget, Harold went running after the young couple, shouting as loud as he could, "Wait! Wait! You can have my room!"

I think little Harold may have understood the real issue of Christmas better than anyone there that night. How can you leave Jesus outside? You have to make room for Jesus. And that may be the is-

sue for you this Christmas season. What will you do with this Son of God who came to earth to find you? This One who trades a throne room for a stable, angel praise for human mockery, this Creator who gives Himself on a cross? The Bible gives us the only appropriate response in Galatians 2:20, our word for today from the Word of God, "The life I now live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me." You look at what Jesus did to pay for your sin on that cross, and you say those life-changing words—"For me."

Jesus is at your door this Christmas. Maybe He's been knocking for a long time and maybe He won't keep knocking much longer. All your life, even in the events of the last few months, it's been to prepare you for this crossroads moment with Jesus your Saviour. Don't leave Him outside any longer. Open the door this Christmas season. "Jesus, I cannot keep You out any longer. Come on in. You can have my room. You can have my life."

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*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there
be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.*

Revelation 21:4

The exclamation of our summer ministry was followed by a sober pause due to bouts of sickness for the month of August. We regret missing the warm summer outdoor break but God was kind to send us relief after two canceled vacation attempts through a friend who offered their cottage for a refreshing week away. A little time to play and pray as a family prepared us for the solemn news that awaited us the moment our feet touched the driveway. One of Nicholette's brothers was tragically murdered just two days before we returned home. Still trying to process it all, we're grateful for the Mission, our church and the body of Christ who sympathized with us. Like Nehemiah, we pray and grieve with hope that the Lord will build strong walls of protection around their souls and their lives. As we wait, the Lord had taken liberty to answer other prayers by providing for our needs and those of the Mission. During an extended week of prayer, God sharp-

ened Sam's focus for the future with two words, "integrity" and "legacy." What is your life? What legacy are you leaving?

Ministry-wise, we are happy to fully resume all in-person ministry. Recently, Sam preached on Psalms 116 & 102 and delivered an evangelism message on Matthew 11:28 at a clothing and food bank ministry breakfast in October. On Friday Oct 28, we had a Fall dessert night and Rally at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Simcoe. We sang, shared reports, and Tim gave a short message. It was a precious time together, and a great opportunity for us to explore God's goodness in each other's lives. We continue to prioritize God's help through the Prayer Unions in Simcoe and Beamsville. Nicholette had a lovely time assisting with the Campbellville Ladies Fall Retreat. In later October, Nicholette and the children brought the message that "Perfect love casts out fear" to the neighbourhood through our annual pre-Halloween door-to-door outreach. The children had a blast decorating boxes and packaging the Truth Goodies - candies and chocolates- with their friends. This year Nicholette created a gospel letter to shed more light on the 1 John 4:18 passage. Oct 28, Sam and Juliette began working with the Key Bible Club in a school in Caledonia. Sam and the group had been praying for the schools

and children for the past year and a half as they waited for the schools to reopen. It's a joy to see it running again. We trust we will see the fruit of our prayers. Concerning future ministry, the Lord has opened up some nursing homes near us starting in November to sing and share the Word. A church has also contacted us to train them in evangelism in the new year. We are look forward to seeing and serving you in the near future!



Simcoe Fall Rally



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*Trust in the Lord with all of your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him and he
will make your path straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

We are overjoyed to see ministry thriving and growing! We have just over 50 kids attending youth group in our small community of Falkland. Kids Club and Bible study are going strong and our monthly gatherings will hopefully soon turn into weekly Sunday morning services. We have been focusing more on discipleship this year which involves opportunities for both youth and adults to study God's Word and pray together. We had the opportunity to take some of our camp staff to a youth conference at Millar College of the Bible in Saskatchewan this Fall and it was again a blessing to watch them dive into God's Word and desire to be closer to Him. We are thankful that God has been faithful in provision and in encouragement. We praise God that Julana has been able to be much more involved with ministry this year as the kids get a bit older! She is loving being a youth leader. We thank you all for your prayers and support. We desperately ask that you continue to pray as we very much recognize how incapable we are to do this without leaning and depending on the Lord!



Kids Club at Falkland



With the Youth



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*... O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the
years, in the midst of the years make known;
in wrath remember mercy.
Hab. 3:2b*

In the past few months, it has been wonderful to see many people from the revival prayer meetings experiencing personal revival. There are many new people coming to pray at both the men's and women's groups, and many who have been going through deep trials. They have shared that there is a new peace and joy in their lives and that they have a great concern for those who don't know Christ. There continues to be a growing desire to share the gospel and it is encouraging to hear of how the Lord is opening doors of opportunity as believers step out in faith believing that God is working in hearts. One man in particular has been filled with the joy of the Lord, His neighbour was going through a very hard time over the past year but saw the joy and love of the Lord in this man. As they talked about many things our friend invited his neighbour to church, he started coming and just two weeks ago he gave his heart to Christ! He now comes to one of the men's prayer meetings and has been a huge blessing to all of us! At the women's prayer meeting, it has been beautiful to see women praying for one another, growing in faith, and asking God to pour out His Spirit in these days. They are a

steadfast group. And it is always so encouraging to hear the testimonies of how God is at work along with some glorious salvation stories as well as answered prayers. Our God is faithful! As a couple, we continue to seek God each week for wisdom as we continue serving through leading various groups, one to one Biblical discipleship, home visitations, and preaching/teaching. Jeff has had opportunity to preach in several churches and is always thankful for that. The Word of God is central in all that we do and we seek to glorify Him by proclaiming His Word and standing on His promises. We are so grateful for all who take the time to support us through friendship, prayer and giving. Your partnership with us as individuals and churches in all these ways is such a strength and a blessing.



Visit from John Bennett & His Brother David



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Thank you all for your faithful prayers! It has been a great start to the school year with the start-up of Wilton Kids Club. There has been consistent numbers of 10-12 children each week, with one new family of two children in attendance! Last year we started a campaign I called “change for chicks” where we raised money to buy chicks through a Christian charity overseas for less fortunate families. The kids have been extremely generous with their allowances, tooth money and doing chores for their parents. We have over \$90 already raised! Their generosity has been amazing to see! St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Youth “The Heard Youth” has started well with 3-4 teens in the older group and 3-6 in the younger group. Each week in the older group we spend time in prayer for each other. It has been amazing to see God clearly answer some of the prayer requests in a very tangible way. Verona Junior Youth is set to start the first week of November. It has been amazing to see the new principal of the school be supportive of our endeavors and be willing to help in what way she can. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to reach the community for Christ. Kingston Youth Network is continuing to grow with new youth leaders showing interest in joining. We held our first joint event at the end of September. We had 5 churches in

attendance for colour wars! Please pray for us as we plan our Christmas event and continue to be an example of Unity amongst the body of Christ. I also look forward to sharing and assisting with the Christmas in the Country banquets at Campbellville.



Colour Wars



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*I will bless the LORD at all times.
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Psalm 34:1*

We have much to praise God for. His grace and mercy in sending Jesus to rescue and redeem us is the unfathomable gift!! It is from the gratitude of our hearts that we joyfully serve Him, and share His hope with others. What an amazing year of ministry to look back on!! God has provided gifted staff and volunteers who have reached into the lives of many with the love of Jesus. Camps were full. 10 church groups held retreats or camps here, as well as family reunions. It was thrilling to see the property full and buzzing with activity. As costs of food and other services & supplies have risen substantially, we found ourselves in some very challenging financial situations. At times it felt like we were praying week after week with nothing but a growing stack of bills. And then... God began to provide ... abundantly!!! Thank you to those of you who have blessed us with the provisions we needed. Many funds have been received since the beginning of October. New regular supporters have joined us. To God be the glory!

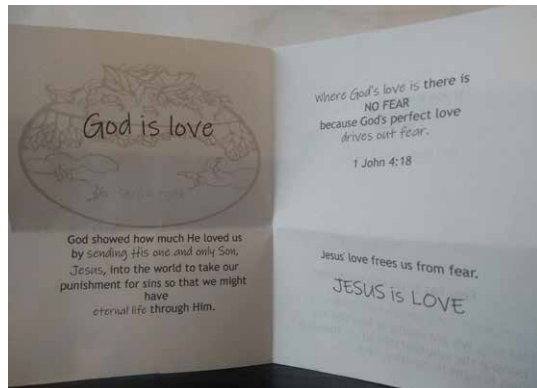
We have also been blessed with many new bookings for retreats throughout the Fall and Winter. After facing numerous cancellations August to October, bookings have picked up tremendously, and we are thrilled. We praise God for a growing ministry in Falkland with kid's club, youth, Bible study, and a church plant starting soon. Please continue to pray that lives will be changed, marriages strengthened, and families will grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus as we seek to share Christ with all who come through our gates. Most of all, the peace that surpasses all human understanding guards our hearts in these dark and changing days, as we continue to trust our loving, faithful Father, the blessed controller of all things. To God be the glory, great things He has done. Merry Christmas, and may you know the Presence of The King of Kings in your life and home this season.



Jeff Preaching



Handouts for Sam & Nicolette's Halloween Door-to-Door Outreach



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