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*The LORD has done great things for us
and we are glad
Psalm 126:3*

We have been most encouraged over recent days at how faithful our God is in allowing us to be part of His work here in Canada and seeing lives changed to the glory of God! Since we last wrote, our Youth Leadership Training over March Break took place with a great group of youth desiring to grow in their faith! It was great to see them eager to learn and serve and 'develop' as future leaders. Back in early April, we had the most wonderful time at our Spring Hymn Sing with over 70 people attending. It was a rich time of worship as we lifted our hearts in praise to our great God! One lady who attended said afterwards it was the best Hymn Sing she had ever attended in over 60 years!! These times we do not take for granted and we are seeking other opportunities to host a larger event like this outside the camp. Another highlight this Spring was our United Staff Meetings in Falkland, BC. All of our FM Canada staff and families came together for 3 days of prayer, fellowship, fun, planning, vision casting etc. and everyone indicated how precious and powerful these days were. We cannot overstate how important it is for our workers to come together to be encouraged and refreshed at these

staff meetings. They truly are like water to the soul and help embolden each of us to keep seeking First the Kingdom of God. The Mission has been going in Canada for over 95 years and as staff we were reminded that we still have a calling and the work of Faith Mission was raised up for 'such a time as this'. Thank you for remembering us in our time together, God answered prayer!

We are now gearing up for a busy summer ministry of camps, VBS and outreach which we are looking to God for His strength and help as we reach out with the Gospel. This summer we look forward to having a Summer Intern to serve with us from mid-June until August. They will work with our FM staff and assist with the program as well as gaining valuable ministry experience. Please also pray for the needed Camp Counselors to be in place so we can run our weeks of camp and reach many young people this summer with the Gospel. Our 'Thirsting for God Conference' (June 23-25) will be held again on the grounds of the FM Campbellville Centre with the speaker this year being Pastor Glenn Deane. We are looking forward to this event and we encourage you to join us and your family for a time of spiritual refreshing and renewing in the Word.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us in the place of prayer and for supporting the work of

Faith Mission Canada. We continue to have many needs to keep this ministry sustained, but we trust in the provision of God working through His people to provide what is needed and keep us faithful to the calling of God upon us. If you would like us to come and share about the work in your local church or fellowship, please do not hesitate to reach out and we would love to come share what God is doing and to encourage you also.

FUTURE EVENTS

Camp Training Day: June 11

Thirsting for God Conference: June 23-25

Tween Camp: Jul 10-14 (11-13 yrs)

Discovery Camp: Jul 17-21 (9-11 yrs)

Teen Camp: Jul 24-28 (13-16 yrs)

Camp-for-a-Day: Aug 2 (7-8 yrs)

Toronto Rally: Sept 30

*Full details online under 'Ontario Events'
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*Right: HIM Mission Reps
Meeting at Campbellville*

Below: April Hymn Sing





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

God is faithful and as we continue to seek His will for us in Québec, He continues to lead us in His ways. Rob continues to serve on the board at Camp des Iles. The camp directors resigned at the end of 2022 and there were many questions about what would happen this summer and whether the camp would stay open. But God...I love those words...called a couple to stand in the gap and there will be 4 weeks of day camps taking place this summer, two in English followed by two in French. We are planning to teach during the chapel times for the first English week and we are looking forward to what God has in store. A new door that God has opened for Rob and a few others from our church, is to serve alongside our pastor, who is a chaplain at a maximum-security prison. This has been such an encouragement as there are many inmates who have come to Christ in prison and many others who are seeking and sensitive to the gospel. He is also planning to start a Bible study with a young man who formerly attended one of our youth groups and has recently moved a few minutes from where we

are now living. Please pray for this young man. He made a profession of faith years ago and still believes, but he is not currently walking with the Lord and is finding it hard to commit his life to Him. We need the Lord to do a work in his heart that only He can do!

God has opened up a new door of service for Debra as well. She has the privilege of mentoring one of our former youths. She is currently living with us, while she is enrolled in full-time French studies to learn the language. She is a real blessing and is a missionary in her school. Many people have been asking her questions and they are wanting to know more and are willing to come to a Bible study, which is planned to commence in early May. There are 3 ladies that are planning to attend, each in a different season of life ranging from early 20s to late 40s. We are praying that God would soften their hearts to be sensitive to His truths. During this new season, Debra is currently organizing our summer program which is already filled up for the summer. We are praying that God would guide the preparations, but that He would also be preparing hearts – that this would be a summer marked by God's visible grace seen in the transforming of lives!

Thank you again for your prayers on our behalf!

SUMMER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Camp des Iles English Kids Camp: Jul 3-7

**Rob preaching at Greenwood Baptist,
North Bay: Jul 16**

Greenwood Baptist VBS, North Bay: Jul 17-21

Teen Camp, Campbellville, ON: Jul 24-28

Calvary Bpt VBS, Chateauguay, QC:

Aug 7-11 A.M.

Village Church VBS, Ormstown, QC:

Aug 7-11 P.M.

French VBS, St-Jérôme, QC: Aug 14-18 (TBC)



United Staff Meetings in Falkland, BC



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We can hardly believe that summer is just around the corner. But what is easy to believe is that God's faithfulness hasn't wavered! We can look back and see how God had been working and providing for our every need. We have come through an exciting season of events and were able to enjoy some rest as well. Our Men's Retreats at the Campbellville Centre went really well and the men had a good time together. There were a couple of rental groups this spring and we are so blessed to serve different local churches in this way. We also had our Spring Hymn Sing in early April. God was definitely made big and His presence was felt. Many people commented after how they enjoyed their time and were deeply touched. We had such a large crowd that some had to sit in extra seating in a different room for lunch. That was a wonderful 'problem' and we look forward to seeing many of you out for our future Hymn Sings! It was lovely to meet with believers at each event and to give and receive encouragement.

All of the Faith Mission staff in Canada went to BC for joint staff meetings in April. It was lovely to see all the Ontario and Quebec staff again, and to meet all the West staff for the first time! The West staff immediately felt like family and we loved getting to know them. We spent a lot of time seeking God in personal refreshment and revival, and for our dif-

ferent areas of ministry. We left feeling closer to God, but hungry to be even closer. Those few days were busy and tiring but they went by too quickly. The fellowship was so sweet. We can't wait to see everyone again!

Looking forward now we have another couple of rental groups booked. We finish Spring off with our Ladies Retreats May 26-28, and June 2-4. We are excited to see what God has in store for those weekends, and expect great things to be done. After Ladies Retreats, we flow directly into summer preparations for our Thirsting for God Conference and Summer Camp. Our second baby boy is also due for the end of June, so we know this summer will be very busy but we are so excited to meet our new little family member. Thank you for joining in the work here at the Faith Mission through your prayers!

Susan Leading a Memory Verse





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It has been a wonderful couple of months. Last we shared Sam was anticipating serving at the Men's Retreat in Campbellville. The centre was at capacity! Many men shared how God touched their hearts through the messages from Daniel and 1 Corinthians. You can listen to them on the Faith Mission website. March 12-15, we taught during the Youth Leadership Training. The theme was Develop: Disciples-making-Disciples. We had a great group of young people who were not only teachable and hungry for the Word but also very musical, using their own creativity to commit Scripture to their memory. It was beautiful serving alongside each other, and seeing them put feet to what they were learning during a visit to a street mission in Brantford. April 15, we joined a day of prayer at Caledonia Congregational Church. The presence of the Lord was thick as we worshipped in song and cried out for our country and this generation.

As you know, Sam and Juliette have been serving once a week with the Key Bible Club in Caledonia. Unfortunately, the club was disbanded until September due to lack of interest. Having a Christian club in the public school system is becoming more of a challenge. We did leave with encouragement though, as the new vice principal came in and asked how they can do a better job at making the club known. Please pray for the Key Bible Club and for its

renewal and advancement in September. We very much enjoyed being at our United Staff Meetings in B.C. It was a glorious time beholding the beauty of God in the mountains and valleys, and in our time together in fellowship, worship, and prayer. Being with members of the Faith Mission family that we haven't seen in years was so special, we truly heard each others' heart and from the Lord together. A word that was especially impressed upon our hearts was not to look at the giants but to look to the God of Promise who is for us (Numbers 14:9).

As we look toward spring-summer ministry, we are anticipating weekly prayer walks in Mount Hope and Hagersville. We also see the Lord potentially bringing together a men's Bible study in Mount Hope, please keep that in prayer! Nicholette is looking forward to serving you ladies at the Campbellville Ladies Retreat (May 26-28 & June 2-4), and we look forward to serving your kids this summer at Discovery Camp (July 16-22).

EVANGELISM & REVIVAL: IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

By Rev. Laurie Hudson

These days there is a word being thrown around which is causing much confusion in regard to its content. There are so many different ideas around this word that it is sometimes used totally out of context. The word is - Revival! Please allow me to throw some light on this word, and what it is not!

Firstly, evangelism has unfortunately been linked to the word Revival. My friends, evangelism is not Revival. Many good intentioned churches have joined these two ministries together with a hope of a great outreach. Unfortunately, it has in some cases caused and inflicted damage to genuine 'Prayer for Revival' ministries.

Our dear friend Billy Graham preached to thousands in evangelistic crusades but however effective the results were, it was not a Revival.

Let me try to explain it this way. Church evangelism is the expression brought about by the cooperation of both a human and divine effort. However, Revival is an absolute and total movement of God. It is a powerful, spiritual atmosphere created among His own people. This is a God thing! Something only God does and only God can. One Pastor said it this way, "Evangelism is the work His people do for God, but Revival is the work God does for His people".

This word Revival wears many hats and has many different definitions according to our own ideas. One illustration I really like is David trying to stand up and walk in Saul's armor, it just didn't fit - it wasn't being used for its intended purpose! (1 Samuel 17:38-39) My friends, the basic idea contained in this word, Revival, is the return of something to its true purpose.

G. Campbell Morgan said it this way, "Revival is the re-animation of the life of the believer - not the unregenerate person - as they are dead in sin." My friends, there can only be revival where there is life to revive. So, revival then is for the Christian. (Ephesians 2:1-3) My friends, sinners don't need revival, they need a new heart, they need salvation! (Romans 10:9-11)

Revival then is the Christian church turning back, again, to their God given norm. And what is that? Nothing less than a Holy Spirit of Pentecost again!

In the book of Acts 3:19-29 Peter made it clear that when people repented of their sin this would be followed by something wonderful. That there would be times of refreshing that shall come from the presence of the Lord. My friends, is this not what we want?! A spiritual refreshing from the presence and power of the Lord! A true revival where Christ's powerful presence is manifested amongst us! That's a picture of Pentecost!

Just try to imagine Acts 3. Except for the ministry of Jesus, no prophet had spoken to the nation of Israel for 400 years! Spiri-



FM Staff with Pastor Hudson

usually speaking I would think they were at an all time low, destitute, depressed, broken, given up. But then the Holy Spirit came! Pentecost was birthed. Thousands were brought into a new relationship with God. It was a time of refreshing from the Lord, my friends. Every revival contains some features of the day of Pentecost, because Pentecost is God's plan of blessing His church. It brought with it a glorious, powerful, spiritual shaking and awakening for both the church and the unchurched. O, Lord, do it again – yes do it again!

In closing, please don't be intimidated by those who tell us that Pentecost was just a one time event. There will always be present in

revivals the ingredients of Pentecost. Always the conviction of sin, pride, selfishness and self guilt. But always aiming for great joy, freedom, healings and the amazing supernatural presence of God.

I wonder if the next revival will contain all of the glorious ingredients that Pentecost experienced... I hope so, don't you? (2 Chronicles 7:11-16)

This article was written by Pastor Lawrence Hudson. Originally from England, now living in Salmon Arm, BC and serving as Adult Ministries Pastor for Shuswap Community Church. He has a real heart for Revival and shared with our FM staff recently on this subject.



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*I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations, open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

Isaiah 42:6-7

As we sit down to write this, our time in BC with fellow staff has come to a close, and we have returned home to Clinton. We were so blessed to share in this beautiful time of fellowship, and we pray that the words that God spoke to our hearts during our time together will not be quickly forgotten. We are bolstered by the fact that as we follow Christ's example to be a light to the nations here in Southwestern Ontario, God promises not to leave us to do the work alone. We know that His guiding presence is there to support us and provide us with everything we need continually. We praise Him that our move from the north went smoothly and we are all adjusting well. Although we are just beginning to get a taste of what ministry here will look like, our calendar has filled up fast, and we would value your prayers for wisdom as to what the Lord would have us say yes to. Mark has already been booked to preach many Sundays,

and our summer weeks have been booked for a few months now! As our kids get bigger it is a joy to have many of them serving alongside us. Jack, Elie and Libby have begun singing together and can now accompany Mark when he goes to speak to share in special music or lead a few songs. It is so encouraging to us to see their desire to grow in the gifts that God has given them and watch them use them for His glory.



Youth Leadership Training





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*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Praise God we have started regular church in Falkland! We are so thankful that after three years of prayer and planning, we have been able to begin church in our community on May 7th! The purpose of the Faith Mission is to come alongside the local church and be available to serve in the areas of prayer, evangelism and discipleship - what a better way than to pastor a new church in our own community! Throughout the year we have been running youth group, kids club, bible study, men's prayer meeting and monthly worship services. Conan is coaching soccer in Falkland this Spring and it is such a great way to build relationships in the community! Julana has been volunteering at the Falkland school as the hot lunch coordinator and it has been incredible to see what doors have opened for ministry through something like this! We are thrilled that the camp season is upon us and we are ready for all of the campers to arrive and hear the gospel! Please pray for our staff and that their hearts would be fully surrendered to

God that the gospel would go forth richly! Please pray for the community of Falkland and this new church, for this camp season and that in both situations many would turn from wickedness and turn to the Lord our Saviour!

(See Evans news for Falkland Events)

United Staff Meetings in Falkland, BC





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*Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that
thou wouldst come down, that the mountains
might flow down at the presence
Is. 64:1*

This has been our prayer and the prayer of many others- that God would open up the heavens and come down in His manifest presence of power to touch and transform lives and families. There are many churches in our area that are very soft towards God and seeking Him for revival. There have been many highlights over the past several months in our lives and ministry. One of those was the opportunity that Jeff had the opportunity to go to Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky where there was an awakening taking place. He was invited to go by a really good friend and they, along with another pastor, had a very encouraging trip. It was so wonderful to see and experience what God was doing there and to hear testimonies of how the Holy Spirit was both convicting and comforting hearts. The peace of His presence was incredible. But it was also encouraging to recognize that the same God is doing amazing things here in Red Deer and surrounding areas as well- in

smaller numbers- but He is so good. He is working and stirring in hearts all over the world and we continue to pray along with others for a great awakening. Jeff has had the privilege to preach in several churches in the last few months about prayer and revival. In these services we are thankful to see God move in hearts and to see people respond to His Word and to the prompting of the Spirit in surrender to Him. The prayer meetings continue to be a great blessing as we see many answers to prayer and also, as we experience His presence together in these wonderful set apart times. We praise God that we have seen two people come to Christ in this quarter. Our days and weeks continue to be full and we count it a privilege to serve the Lord as He leads and opens doors of opportunity. We are also ever, always grateful for each of you who prays for us, our family and the work here. May we be found faithful.



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Thank you all for your faithful prayers. I am glad to report Verona youth group is going very well! Since the beginning of September, we consistently had two teens attend and in February we had 12 teens show up! Since then, we have been consistently seeing 12-14 Students regularly attending. Most of these teens are from the community with little to no church background. They are respectful during Bible time and listen well. It has been amazing to see God work in this way and answer the churches, and your prayers!

Kingston youth network is still going strong. We held a joint youth event over the March break. There were 7 different churches and Para Church organizations represented. 75 Students from grade 6-12 joined us. It was great to see some teens from a new church in the area join us! Please pray for the leadership team as we continue to reach out to other youth workers in the area inviting them to join our network. We really want to encourage and build up youth workers so they can serve and disciple their students well. Some ways we seek to accomplish this are through training, sharing about what going on in our youth ministries and most importantly praying with and for each other. I will appreciate prayer for this summer ministry.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2023

Teaching at Tween Camp Campbellville, ON:

July 10-14

**VBS on Wheels, Westdale Park Free Methodist
Napanee, ON:** July 17-21

Teen Camp Campbellville, ON: July 24-18

Marlbank Community VBS: August 21-25



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*Oh, that we might know the Lord!
Let us press on to know him. He will respond
to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or
the coming of rains in early spring.
Hosea 6:3*

Waiting!! It feels like we've been in a long season of waiting!! Spring was been slow to arrive. Winter was long!! At times it felt like the snow would never disappear and the warm weather would never come. Waiting isn't easy!! We've been waiting for a long time for a church to begin weekly in Falkland. Finally, on May 7, Emmanuel Baptist Church in Vernon officially started Falkland Church!! And we couldn't be more thrilled to have a regular place to meet to worship, and a Light in the community.

Waiting, however, is not a waste of time. God has many purposes and plans in the waiting. One of those purposes is for us to rely on Him, trust Him, spending time REALLY getting to know Him more. In these days, more than ever, as we await His return, we desire to know Him more. And to know Him more, is also our prayer and desire for everyone who sets foot on the Falkland Camp

property. We have had steady church groups most weekends the past number of months, and though it was cold outside, the warmth of the Word of God taking root and flourishing in lives of men, women, and youth has been very rewarding. And now, with staff in place and trained for service, we head into the summer months with great anticipation for what God will do in the lives of many children and youth as they grow to know Him more!

Please pray with us that we wouldn't waste a moment or opportunity to share Jesus with others, both at the camp and in our community. And pray that we would guard our precious time alone with God, getting to know Him more!!

FUTURE EVENTS - FALKLAND

Staff Training: July 5-9

Teen Camp: July 9-14

Junior 1: July 16-21

Junior 2: July 23-28

Squirt Camp: Aug 8

Extreme Camp: Aug 9-12

Ladies Retreat (with Sept 30 One Day Ladies Retreat Option): Sept 29-Oct 1

Marriage Enrichment Retreat : Oct 27-29



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