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*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His Word I hope
Psalm 130:5*

We have been encouraged by recent retreats and outreach that has taken place, not only here at our Campbellville location, but across the work of the Mission. The Men's Retreats in February were powerful times in the Word with relevant and challenging ministry from Pastors Rich Agnew and Harold Peasley. We believe that men had dealings with God and the reports we received indicated this. Do remember that you can listen to these messages, and past messages, on our website: www.faithmissioncanada.org/resources/sermons. The March Break YLT was also a wonderful time with the youth and you can read more of this in the Hardwick's news. As the Spring arrived, so did the increase of travel and visiting with our workers in other locations. I (Tim) along with Peter Weber from our Board were able to visit the FM staff in Falkland and to see what God is doing through the outreach at the Falkland satellite church, which Conan is part of. We then traveled to Alberta to visit the Goudy's and to share at a Revival Focus meeting in Red Deer. God is at work

in these areas and we believe this is also in direct answer to prayer! Many of our readers will remember with fondness Raymond Thompson who served with FM for almost 20 years and then for 24 years on our Board (see previous article from the Fall 2023). On March 4, Raymond went to be with the Lord whom he had loved and served. His funeral service brought much glory to God for a life well lived and we believe his legacy will remain for many more years to come. We continue to uphold his wife Sandra and the family in prayer as they mourn his passing. He has now heard the 'well done' of God!

STAFFING NEWS

We are excited to announce that we will have a Summer Intern working in Ontario. Libby Hardwick has been involved with Faith Mission (through her parents) most of her life. She has also served as summer staff for 2 years also. We are delighted that she will be serving with us from early May until late August. This will involve working alongside FM workers in their regular ministries, assisting at the Camp Centre, co-ordinating the Games/Program at summer camps and assisting churches in VBS outreach. Do pray for Libby that this summer will be a growing time for her in her walk with God and developing as a leader.

Both Emma and I would value prayer for strength and supply over these next busy months of travel and ministry. Most Sundays I am preaching in different churches across the province and taking various meetings in connection with FM. If you would like to know our specific ministry schedule, do reach out to us. The Spring Ladies Retreats (May 24-26 & May 31 – June 2) are now both full and Emma is excited to see what God will do in the lives of the ladies who attend. We then look forward to our Ontario & Quebec staff coming together for meetings (June 18-20) and then our annual Thirsting for God Conference (June 21-23) with Dr Rick Reed as the speaker. Please make this known in your churches and plan to attend this weekend – you will not want to miss it!! We very much value the prayers of God's people as we approach this summer and all God has in store for us.

FUTURE EVENTS

Pastors Luncheon: Jun 6

Summer Training Day: Jun 9

Thirsting for God Conference: Jun 21-23

Tween Camp: Jul 8-12

Discovery Camp: Jul 15-19

Teen Camp: Jul 22-26

Albion Hills VBS: Aug 19-23

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Libby Hardwick, Summer Intern



Mens Retreat at Campbellville





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It is hard to believe winter is over and spring is here! As we watch the last of the snow melt away and trees begin to bud, we are reminded of God's salvation. Only our great God can bring life to those who are dead in their sins. We continue with regular ministry. Rob has opportunities to preach and teach at different churches and at the weekly youth group as well. Debra has monthly ministry - teaching Sunday school and leading a small ladies Bible study. This study will finish at the beginning of June. Please pray for these ladies who are not walking with the Lord that God would really take hold of their hearts. We continue to be involved with youth ministry in Saint-Jérôme. We see in some of these young people a desire to walk with God and we pray He will protect them from the many distractions that could keep them from following Him. This world seeks to pull them in so many directions, but only God can truly satisfy their hunger. Pray that God would help us to build relationships with these young people, and that our living testimonies would serve to be an encouragement to them.

We are looking forward to taking part in upcoming events at the Faith Mission centre. Debra will be participating and leading the music at the second ladies retreat at the beginning of June. Later that month we will be together with our fellow staff for the Thirsting for God conference before the start of summer ministry. Please pray that God would go before us as we prepare the program for this summer and that

He would prepare the hearts of the children we will be serving to receive His Word. Many doors have opened for Rob to disciple men. He continues to be involved with prison ministry and he was recently certified to be an official volunteer within the federal prison system. He has witnessed firsthand the many lives touched by the gospel of Christ in penitentiaries and is encouraged to see the devotion of some of these men who have come to the end of themselves. He will soon be serving once a month in two different prisons not far from where we reside. Below is our schedule for the summer at this point in mid-April:

FUTURE EVENTS

Camp des Iles English Kids Camp,
Lachute, QC: Jul 15-19

Greenwood Baptist VBS, North Bay, ON: Jul 22-26

Community VBS, Saint-Jérôme, QC
(to be confirmed): Aug 5-9

Calvary Baptist VBS, Chateauguay, QC:
Aug 19-23 (A.M.)

Village Church VBS, Ormstown, QC:
Aug 19-23 (P.M.)

Thank you for praying with us, and in so doing, partnering with us in this ministry God has called us to.



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It's hard to believe that we are at this time again writing another report. The time is flying by and we trust God is being glorified as we follow his leading and obey Him.

Our Spring Hymn Sing in April was a rich time with each one who came. There were around 60 people in attendance. We have had a few rental groups this Spring and enjoyed connecting with a few of our guests and getting to know some new people. Looking ahead we have our Ladies Retreats the last two weekends of May. There will be more Christian rental groups in the following weeks. The first few rental groups this summer will be self catered. That will enable us to prepare for our own events such as the Thirsting for God Conference at the end of June, and three weeks of kid's summer camp in July. We will cater meals for more rental groups in the late summer and early fall after our busy summer of Faith Mission events. We will also be celebrating Allan's first birthday at the end of June. God has been so faithful and we are so grateful for all the help we have had this past year while adjusting to another delightful family addition.



Zachery and Allan Helping Shop for the Groups



Spring Hymn Sing



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But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

Jude 20-21

As we reflect back over the past few months and look forward to the coming summer opportunities, we are constantly aware and thankful for the prayers of so many! We know that none of what we do would be possible without all of you who invest in our family in so many ways. We were so encouraged to be joined by 22 young people for Youth Leadership Training this year. Our focus for the week was personal holiness and it was wonderful to see so many of them with a genuine desire to grow in this area. April's intention had been to run Thursday lunch club in Grand Bend from Christmas until Easter, she didn't anticipate being able to keep attendance up with the nicer weather drawing the kids to be outside. The boys that have been coming out regularly surprised her when they were really disappointed to hear that it would be stopping and asked her to continue! Of course, she said she would! Please pray for the group of boys that come every week and listen to the message very attentively. We know that one of them is a believer from a Christian home, but the rest have no church background.

Mark continues to reach out to new Pastors in the area and has been really thankful to make some new contacts recently. He continues to extend his support to pastors who may be facing discouragement in their own journeys. He is blessed to be able to offer them empathy and understanding and to remind them of the importance of their work. Please continue to pray that he would have godly wisdom in these situations. Pray also that he would not become discouraged himself as the conversations are sometimes challenging.

As the days warm up and we are in full summer planning mode we are excited for the many weeks of camp and VBS ahead. Please pray for the many kids we will be working with this year; our desire is to see whole families impacted by the gospel. As these kids begin or deepen their relationship with God our hope is that the change that starts with camp or VBS would have a chance to flourish in a home that seeks the Lord together.

April and the older teens have been partnering with Youth Unlimited in Wingham on Friday nights at their Senior and Junior High drop-in programs. At the end of August, they have been asked to join in taking a group of invested teens to Western New York to camp. The majority of these kids do not come from a Christian home or any kind of church background but have been coming to drop-

in as well as a lunchtime Bible study for some time. We are excited to see what God is continuing to do through these different opportunities!

FUTURE EVENTS

Tween Camp, Campbellville: Jul 8-12

Discovery Camp, Campbellville: Jul 15-19

Teen Camp, Campbellville: Jul 22-26

Day Camp, Wingham: Aug 5-9

VBS Exeter Bible Chapel: Aug 12-16

Camp with Youth Unlimited

in Western New York: Aug 18-22



*Top: Youth Leadership Training
Bottom Left: Youth Leadership Training
Bottom Right: Mark and Kids Singing at a Long Term Care Home*

THE PROVISION OF GOD

By Dr. Murray Downey

*"Give us this day our daily bread".
Matthew 6:11*

Few realize their dependence on God for daily bread. This portrait of our heavenly Father attending to the need for the supply of daily bread for His children world-wide, is intriguing. Is bread all they want? Is bread all they need? Why the same request daily? Why not weekly, monthly, annually? Are other needs not more urgent? Did our Lord imply a need for spiritual as well as literal bread, meaning food?

After Jesus fed the multitudes, He said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). speaking metaphorically. He was the bread that had come down from heaven to provide life, that is, eternal life, for a perishing world. When His hearers failed to bridge the gap between physical and spiritual bread, of course they wanted bread to be fed and thereby assured of daily sustenance. But the human body only houses the soul, that is, the person. Mankind, created in the image of God, is fundamentally a spiritual being. Therefore, Jesus added to His statement that He was the bread of life, "he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). The whole man, body soul and spirit (1 Thess. 5:23), needs Jesus, "For in him we live, and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). But though our outward man, the body, is in a state of decay, our inward man, the soul, needs daily

renewal (2 Cor. 4:16). So, whether recognized or not, man is not an animal but a human being created in the likeness and image of God, a creature quite distinct from the animal world, and assigned dominion over them (Gen. 1:26-28).

However, the prayer to God for daily bread, may include literal bread inasmuch as our heavenly Father has promised to care for all such temporal needs on the assurance that His children continue to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33).

I lived and trained for Christian service during the depression, in "the dirty thirties". At the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, students unable to pay, were asked to leave. Three of us, all in the same boat, met to pray at noon that God would provide - leaning heavily on the promise in Philippians 4:19 that God would supply all our need. At Wheaton College, no one was allowed to sit for final exams if any money was owing at the accounting department. Such austerity was imperative in those days of crop failures, bank failures, and even many heart failures. But I shall never cease to praise God for seeing me through those days, often right in the nick of time. It was not unusual in those days to suspend classes to spend days and nights in prayer. Some may regard those times as days of adversity. Many of us will never cease to thank God for enrolling us in the school of prayer to learn that our heavenly Father really loves and cares for His children.

But His provision for daily bread includes much more than bread for the body. When the devil tempted Christ to convert stones into bread after He had fasted for forty days, Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). The soul exists on a different diet to the body. The soul is nourished on the Word of God. The prophet Jeremiah said, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts” (Jer. 15:16). In dark days of captivity, apostasy, and bitter persecution, the weeping prophet rejoiced in making God’s words to be his main dish. On our farm south of Maple, Ontario, we had very few books. But I had a small Bible with small print that I read at night in lamplight, in the morning before chores, in the field when resting the horses, and at the noon hour after dinner. Nobody told me, not even a Faith Mission Pilgrim, that I HAD to read the Bible and pray. I was hungry and did not have to be told that I had to eat. Let me bear witness to the glory of God alone, that it was not too many months before I was teaching, preaching, witnessing and winning others to Christ, more than a year before the Lord called me to leave the plough to officially train to serve Him. A motto in one of my Bibles read: “Either sin will keep you from this book or this book will keep you from sin”. Any one caring enough to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God must take time to meditate and feed on the Word of God (Psalm 1). Our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word (John 1:14) lived on the written Word available in His times. He quoted from the written

Word in His bout with Satan (Matt. 4:1-11). He used the scriptures to silence the Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead (that is why they were ‘sad-u-cee’!) as recorded in Matthew 22:23-33). He asked the Jews to search the Scriptures if they wanted to find eternal life (John 5:39). What abundant provision for His children! Let the living BREAD satisfy you daily.

Dr. Downey was one of the early converts of FM in Canada and then went on to spend a lifetime in Christian ministry. He taught for 31 years at the Alliance College and authored 16 books. This article was first published in 1992 (the year he passed away) in ‘Life Indeed’, the FM magazine.



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*O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together*
Psalm 34:3

These past few months have been a real blessing! We thank God for the opportunities that he has given us to share the gospel with many people. Some were very open and some were not, some we will probably never see again and some we will see often. But our prayer is that God will touch each of their hearts and draw them to Himself. We continue to hear from faithful pastors in Red Deer and area of people being baptized and the churches are encouraged. There were at least 50 that we know of in the past few months. Many of the pastors share how their churches are growing and that new people and families are coming and meeting with God. What a joy to see God answering prayer and working in this way. He is able! Please pray for pastors and their families as they serve the Lord and His people day by day. The prayer groups, both men and women continue to meet weekly and are praying for revival and for people to fall in love with Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Pray with us that full families will come to faith in Christ. Jani had the privilege of speaking

at a women's retreat in March and God was faithful. The women were wonderful. We were invited to travel to the UK where we got to see and reconnect with dear friends and meet many more new friends. At the Bible College we loved getting to know the students and staff. We thank God for what He is doing there. Please pray that more students will register for the new school year. In Ireland, at the Bangor Convention Jeff was asked to share in a Saturday morning seminar which went well and then over in Scotland for the Faith Mission United Members Meetings in Edinburgh. We met and spent time with so many amazing people. And God really touched our hearts and many others during these times together in His Word and through the worship and prayer times as well and the testimonies. We also heard reports from workers and missionaries serving in all areas of Scotland, Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Our hearts were challenged and blessed! We want to thank you all again for always praying for us and with us for revival in Canada and the nations. In the coming months we look forward to settling in to our regular schedules of prayer groups, discipleship and evangelism/outreach. Jeff is preaching most Sundays. God is good! "... and to the faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ." Eph.1:1b-2



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*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness"
2 Corinthians 12:9*

That is how ministry has felt for us since January. We have been going non-stop and have experienced the Lord's strength working through our weakness. Thankfully during Easter, we enjoyed a much-needed respite. Sam continues to preach regularly for churches without pastors. He has been slowly working through the Parables, concluded a short series on prayer, along with various stand-alone sermons over Easter, and is now working through a series on fasting. He hopes to launch into a series on the Lord's Prayer in the near future. During March break, we helped at our annual Youth Leadership Training at the Campbellville site. This year's theme was on 'Aiming for Holiness.' The enthusiasm and attentiveness of the youth made for many intentional conversations about what they were learning from day-to-day. During Easter, we had a chance as a family to do an Easter music program for the nursing home in Hagersville. A full group attended to hear the story of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension through readings from

Scripture and Hymns. The group mentioned how much they loved it and eagerly anticipates the next one. We spoke to one man afterward who was 97 years old, he shared that he was Catholic yet expressed how much he enjoyed the program. Sam communicated the gospel to him and he joyfully agreed that his hope was in Christ alone who gives true rest. We hope to be with them again in June to read passages of Scripture and sing old and new hymns together. We also hope to connect with some more nursing homes who would need such a ministry. The Key Bible Club recess group at River Hights Public School in Caledonia is going well. We continue to experience favor with the school and have had two more kids join, bringing the regular attendance to 7 kids. The word of God has been having an impact on them as some parents have mentioned their children coming home and sharing what they have learned and pressing them about their belief in God. Nicholette is looking forward to serving the ladies at the Ladies Retreat in May. We look forward to serving you at the Thirsting for God conference in June and serving kids throughout the summer at the Faith Mission Summer prayers Camps. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and your continued financial support.



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*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23*

We praise God for His unending love and faithfulness! The snow is melted and the weather is warm which means we get right to work preparing the grounds and the programs. We have added a brand-new week of camp this year (Junior High) and they are still all filling up! We are so thankful! Our Spring staff arrive at the beginning of May and will get right to work. We continue working with Emmanuel Baptist through the satellite plant in Falkland! It has been such a joy grow as a church family over this past year. Kids Club has wrapped up and Youth Group will be done at the end of May - with a lot of them coming to camp! Our camp staff team for the summer is shaping up very well! We are so thankful for our staff who love our camp and who desire to share the gospel with the kids. Thank you for your prayers and support and look forward to seeing many of you attending events and retreats at the camp throughout this season!



Falkland Camp



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*Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up
Galatians 6:9*

Thank you all for praying for me so faithfully. Pastor Dave and I seem to finally be finding our stride for Verona Junior Youth. We are having consistent numbers of teens coming. The teens have responded well to looking up Scripture as we are going through Alpha Junior High book. They are learning how to use the Bible for themselves! The majority of these teens have never opened one before. Some of the teens are asking good questions about faith, God and the Bible. One of the young ladies has started reading the Bible for herself and even showed up on her own at church one Sunday! We are praising God for working in the hearts of the teens.

I am also looking forward to partnering with Verona Free Methodist church for Vacation Bible School this summer. This is a new undertaking for Pastor Dave. We would appreciate prayer as we work together and for great community involvement as a Vacation Bible school has not happened in a while. I am also excited to have Libby Hardwick

joining me that week and taking on the teaching role so I can concentrate on the smooth running of VBS and coordinating volunteers etc.

The summer is shaping up well with a few new opportunities. I will be teaching the evening Junior Church at all three weeks of Family Camp at Wesley Acres, a local Free Methodist camp. I will also be teaching Junior Church at six Sunday morning church services held at the camp. They have also asked me to put together a 16-week Junior Church curriculum for the camp to use for each Sunday morning of services held at the camp. I am thankful for new and different opportunities.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jr Church at Wesley Acres: Jun 30-Jul 4 & Jul 7
Tween Camp, Campbellville: Jul 8-12
Jr Church at Wesley Acres: Jul 14-18 & 21
Day Camp on Wheels Westdale Park Free Methodist Church: Jul 15-19
Teen Camp, Campbellville: Jul 22-26
Jr Church at Wesley Acres: Aug 4-8 & 11
VBS Verona Free Methodist Church : Aug 12-15



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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
Colossians 3:12

We have been reminded over and over again lately to grow in love, kindness, and compassion for others. As we have large church groups in almost every weekend, it's so easy to get tired, irritable, and critical, yet we desire to serve with grace and joy, and reflect God's love. What an answer to prayer when people comment how graciously we've served them. It is only God working in and through us. We were thrilled to host 2 large Ladies Retreats and 2 Men's Retreats from local churches this Spring, as well as multiple church family camps. What a joy to watch them growing closer to one another as they grow closer to God.

As summer camps are upon us, and they've been filling up quickly, we are in awe of how God is providing an abundance of excellent volunteers, both in the kitchen, and help for Kevin with projects. This spring/summer we are preparing an irrigated soccer playing field as well as preparing the site for a large dining shelter. The outdoor

chapel requires substantial work as some log seating is deteriorating, and 2 major trees have fallen in the area. We also need to bring electrical down there as well. We've had to remove A LOT OF TREES with root rot – huge trees that could have caused a lot of damage. Once again, we are planning our Ladies Retreat for Sept 27-29. Our theme is SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS, and our speaker will be Emma Condy, wife of our General Director. It's going to be a wonderful time in the Word while being pampered with food, fun, & fellowship. Register to attend the full weekend or the ONE DAY complete retreat.

Thank you for your continued prayers & support, especially during our busy summer of ministry.

FALKLAND EVENTS

Staff Training: Jul 3-7

Teen Camp: Jul 7-12

Junior 1: Jul 14-19

Junior 2: Jul 21-26

NEW Junior High Camp: Jul 28-Aug 2

Squirt Camp: Aug 12

Extreme Camp: Aug 14-17

Ladies Retreat: Sept 27-29



*Church Group Retreats
Held at the Falkland Centre*



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