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I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God  
Just as I am

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**CNBC Vision:** 1,000 healthy, Kingdom-focused churches by the year 2020.

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# Connecting

## Highlights of the New Year and Strategies



**T**he CNBC has had a great year with our churches across Canada. We continue to grow in every region of the country. Last year, we saw 35 new churches join the CNBC family. We now have a church in St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, which means we have churches in every province in Canada. We are also seeing more plants that are growing and actively planning to plant another church early in their church planting process. Multiplication is part of the DNA of CNBC churches, and that DNA is fuelling a movement of church planting in the CNBC across Canada.

I want to thank all of our pastors and churches for their generous sacrificial giving through the Cooperative Program. This year we were able to increase the amount invested in the Kingdom of God by more than \$40,000 nationally and internationally, for a total of \$809,719 given to the national Cooperative Program. We also saw more than \$150,000 invested in our CNBC regions through the regional ministries initiative, for a grand total of \$963,638. This is the highest amount ever given to the Cooperative Program in the history of the CNBC. Financially, the CNBC is on a strong footing, having ended the year with a surplus.

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This is the third year in a row we have had a surplus as a result of the financial generosity of our churches.

Our regionalization restructuring process has added Manitoba and Quebec this year. This means all of our regions—with the exception of British Columbia, which is currently in negotiations—have entered into this restructuring process. We are now coordinating, planning and calendaring together. CNBC national and regional events are sponsored and resourced together. Regional ministry leaders are working in six of our regions to help existing churches and new church plants become healthy, multiplying, cooperating congregations.

### STRATEGIES

We have implemented a new strategy to help pastors and their families prosper in ministry and effectively lead their churches. This strategy focuses on four critical areas.

The first – **Refresh** initiatives, like Oasis. The goal of these events is to help pastors and their families be refreshed with each other and in their relationship with God.

The second – **Equip** initiatives help pastors and key leaders with training in the critical ministries of the church.

The third – **Send** initiatives, where pastors engage in missional projects to help advance the Kingdom of God. These projects can involve partnerships we have with national or international ministries in countries all over the world.

The fourth – **Network** initiatives, where pastors are encouraged to connect on a regular basis with other pastors to offer mutual support and help each other overcome ministry challenges.

We are also expanding our strategies to reach and involve youth and young adults in ministry and evangelism. Under the leadership of our newest team leader, Cesar Parra, we are multiplying the Summer Youth Celebration camps in our CNBC regions. We have developed a special outreach and training for youth and young adults called Live to Live. Young people invite their unbelieving friends to a night of music, fun and sharing the good news which is followed up with a day-long training in evangelism. These events are being planned for four regions so far with the goal of expanding them to every region.

These are only a few of the highlights of the work of God in our CNBC family. I am convinced it is only the beginning of the incredible activity and blessing of God for the CNBC and for His Kingdom.





# Partnership Missions: God's plan is best

By Mike Hand

BGCO Partnership Missions Strategist

On March 1, I began my third year as Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma (BGCO) partnership missions strategist. On my first day in 2016, I was not sure what to expect God would do in the area of Partnership Missions.

Now I am convinced what God has done and continues to do among Oklahoma Baptists is better than anything I could have envisioned.

God has moved us from three missions partnerships (Guerrero, **Edmonton** and Latvia) with nine partnering churches to an exponential explosion of the three partnerships with 75 partnering churches as of the close of 2017.

We are grateful for our BGCO partnering churches, which include 15 in Guerrero, **32 in Edmonton** and 28 in Latvia.

In writing this article, I was reminded that in those early days I learned a valuable lesson. That lesson was this: our thoughts, ideas and plans are not necessarily God's plans.

Here is what I mean. Our partnership in Edmonton launched on March 1, 2016, the same day I began as the new partnership mission strategist. Sam Porter had been serving in this role along with leading our Disaster Relief work.

Sam had scheduled a vision trip for Edmonton in April of that year, and as the new strategist, I would be going with him.

Not long before our team was scheduled to leave for Edmonton, I received a



**Trey Graham, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cache, Oklahoma (far right), stands with members and short-term missionaries Arnold and Margaret Hawthorne.**

phone call from Margaret Hawthorne. Margaret and her husband Arnold, both retired, have been married for 45 years and are lay leaders in their church, [First Baptist Church of Cache, Oklahoma](#) (Cache, First), their home church since 1985.

Arnold has faithfully served as a deacon since 1989. Margaret asked me about the vision trip and said she and Arnold would like to go. As I talked with her, she told me that their church was without a pastor and that they wanted to go to Edmonton and report back to their mission team and see if a partnership would be something that the church would want to be involved in.

"Without a pastor?" I thought to myself. "This will not work." As Margaret continued telling me of what she

believed God was leading her and Arnold to do, "This will not work" kept coming to mind. What if a new pastor comes and does not have a desire to be in Canada? What if his heart is elsewhere and he brings "elsewhere" to his new church and wants to lead the church in that direction? "What if?" I continued to think.

My best "plan" was to suggest to Margaret that they wait to go on the vision trip. This would give time for a new pastor to come and see where his heart would be. It just made sense to me for them to wait. I told Margaret that I had them on my list and looked forward to their going. However, in my heart I thought I had the better plan, and they should wait.

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# Oklahoma couple ministers in Edmonton

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On that vision trip, God worked in the hearts of the Hawthornes. They returned and shared this with their church family.

In June 2016, they returned to Edmonton and assisted in a VBS, all the while asking God to allow them and their church family to be used in taking the Gospel to Edmonton.

This desire to be used for God on the mission field had been growing in Margaret's heart since a mission trip to East Asia in 2012. Now Edmonton was where God would allow her to live out that desire.

In August 2016, Trey Graham was called as pastor to this smaller-in-attendance congregation. Having served previously at Oklahoma City, Quail Springs, Trey and his family came with excitement to see what God was going to do.

It did not take Trey long before he was approached by Arnold and Margaret about the possibilities in Edmonton.

In October 2017, Trey along with 28 other BGCO pastors and DOMs went to Edmonton to see the need and hear how his church could make a difference in Edmonton.

While there, he met church planter Jay Simard, pastor of Whitehall Fellowship, which is located on the east side of Edmonton. Pastor Simard and his small congregation meet in the Whitehall Apartment complex. This new work, planted last August, ministers to the more than 2,500-plus residents in the complex. Little did Jay Simard and Trey Graham know, in August 2017, how God was going to bring these two churches together.

Yet as the late Paul Harvey would say, "And now the rest of the story." On April 23, the Hawthornes loaded their pickup with a camper shell on the bed and headed out on a 1,900-mile trek to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada where they now serve as logistics coordinators among the 11 church plants

with whom our 32 BGCO churches presently partner.

From late April until the end of August, they will be missionary "boots on the ground" for their sending Cache church family.

They will be assisting Oklahoma churches with logistics, conducting Bible studies, participating in the day-to-day operations, loving people and telling people about Jesus.

I recently asked Arnold and Margaret to tell me in one short statement what they would want Oklahoma Baptists to know about this journey they have been on since 2012.

They responded, "**We are called. The Great Commission is not just here (United States) and it is not just there (Canada). It is both. It's not one or the other—it is both.**"

Pastor Trey Graham said, "Don't be satisfied to do nothing for God. If there is a need, commit to go—then figure out how."

Sunday, April 22, Cache, First commissioned, as the sending church, Arnold and Margaret to serve as their missionaries to the people in Edmonton.

Yes, a valuable lesson was learned in that early-on phone call from Margaret. My ideas, thoughts and plans for the Hawthornes was not God's plan. You know, I like His plan a whole lot better than mine.

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**Arnold Hawthorne teaches a Bible study at West Edmonton Fellowship apartment church.**

# Tapestry embraces its community with Easter

By Karen L Willoughby

COCHRANE, AB—With just four weeks of planning, Tapestry Church pulled off an Easter event that brought together both the church family and the 26,000-population community of Cochrane.

The event involved the hands-on commitment of most of the church's members, the willingness of the local sports centre officials to accommodate the church's ideas to make the Easter outreach a success, and even the inclement weather on a holiday weekend that drew people to an indoor family outing.

"Not only was it great for the community, it was great for Tapestry because we all worked together on it," said event coordinator Brenda Peacock. "We wanted to do something to spark community



Glenn Watson reads to children from *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

in a place where everybody's life is so disjointed."

Cochrane, making its mark as the fastest-growing area of Alberta, nonetheless has grown over the years as a bedroom community for Calgary, some 25 minutes west.

Tapestry, birthed a dozen years ago in northwest Calgary, moved to Cochrane last Easter, where it meets on the campus of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College. With the move, under the leadership of Kelly Reid, pastor for the last five years, average attendance increased from 35 to 60.

When the suggestion was made in late February to "do something" to mark the Easter holiday and church's one-year anniversary in Cochrane, the easy answer was an outdoor Easter Egg hunt and related activities. But with the season's uncertain weather, the search turned instead to an indoor venue.

"Tapestry from its inception has wanted to be a presence in the community," Peacock said. "Easter is such a big deal around here, after the winter lull, and people like to get out. God's whole creation is rebirthed in spring, so what better way to invest in the community than to get them with one another?"

The Spray Lake Sawmills Sports Centre "is probably the most widely-used venue in all of Cochrane," Peacock said. Curling, hockey, skating, swimming and other sports take place on the 325,000 square-foot recreation complex built on reclaimed

land. "What better place to involve all of Cochrane," she added, "than to have it in a place where all of Cochrane goes?"

By the end of the two-hour event the day before Easter, at least 1,200 people had participated in Tapestry's Easter outreach that had cost the church less than \$500 to produce.

Church member Herb Seidler built a photo booth which was designed and painted by mom and daughter, Wilmien and Amy Brandt. In the shape of an oversized Easter basket, it was the highlight of the day, Peacock said. People could stand behind it and look as though they were in the basket. Props on hand—such as an Easter bunny's floppy ears—could be worn or held as people took selfies or family photos using their cell phones.

Other activities included a fast-moving line to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt that used 1,200 eggs; three "toss-em" games—small hula hoops over the tops of two-foot-high bunny rabbits; bean bags into Easter baskets; ping pong balls into cups—a guessing game; and a colouring contest suggested by Amy, which shows the benefit of the entire congregation brainstorming ideas for the Easter event, Peacock said.

The most overtly "Christian" activity was story time. Every 15 minutes, someone would read a story from *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Each listener was given a ticket,

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# Easter event helps bring the community together

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**Wilmien and Amy pose in the Easter basket photo booth.**

and at the end of the day, the winning ticket holder received a new copy of the book.

This was the only time during the day that follow-up information was taken, so that the Bible could get to the winner. However, in each goodie bag given to the Easter Egg Hunt participants was a card with information about Tapestry Church, and how to connect with the church. And at the entry point for the Easter Event, the pastor and other volunteers were on hand for people who had questions about the church.

"Each one of these stories points to what He did for us at Easter," Peacock said about The Jesus Storybook Bible. "We all know Easter is not about the Easter bunny, but just like Santa at Christmas, the bunny gives you an inroad to tell the real story."

"Spray Lakes wants us to come back next year," Peacock said. "We're talking already about how we can make this better. We're hoping to create a partnership with them, and help them when they need volunteers from the community. I'm very excited.

"The world needs to see believers following Christ who want to do good and aren't constantly judging," Peacock continued. "As fun as the Easter bunny is, that's not what Easter is about, but we can have fun. It's a way to minister to people without being in-your-face preachy."

Pastor Reid said he was well pleased with the Easter event because it achieved its purpose—helping bring the community closer together—and it involved so many of the church members in planning and accomplishing the ministry.

"The biggest thing I've learned is, our success has more to do with God and has less to do with ourselves," Reid told the Horizon. "We are called to serve faithfully, without regard for outcome or 'success.'"

Kelly Reid, who was 18 when he became part of one of Tapestry's original core groups, has been pastor of Tapestry since August 2013. Despite being a three-quarter-time pastor to have time in his schedule for his PhD studies in missions, he has over the last five years infused the congregation he leads with purpose and direction.

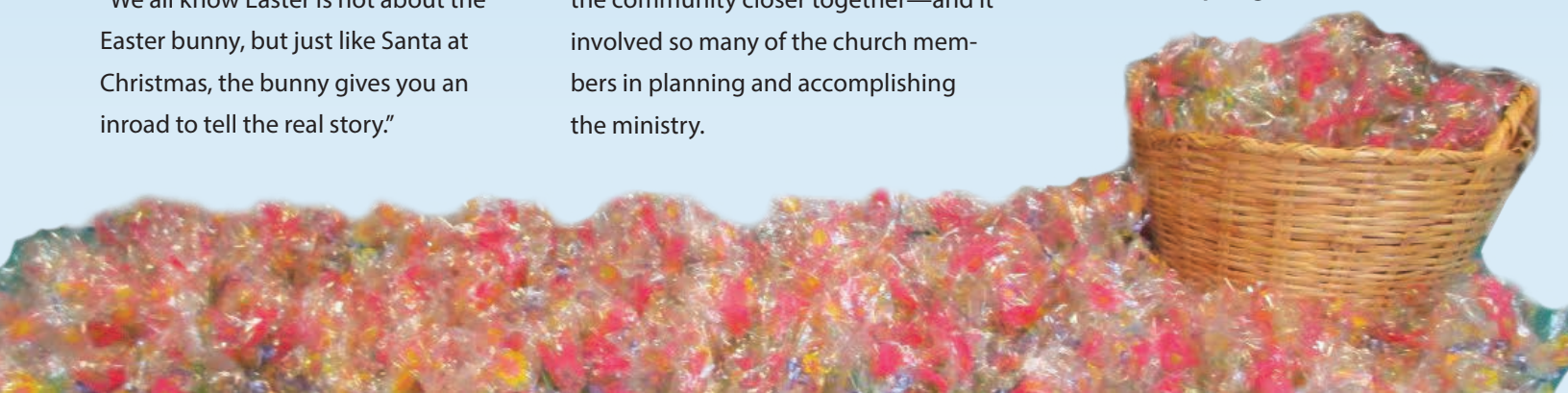
Tapestry Church, according to its website—[tapestrycochrane.ca](http://tapestrycochrane.ca)—is "a Gospel family being transformed by Jesus for the blessing of our city."

Last September, following the move to Cochrane last Easter, Reid announced a four-year plan, to start four churches, plant 10 missional communities, and train at least 40 leaders between Cochrane and downtown Calgary. As of this writing, the church is sponsoring three church plants, started nine missional communities and 18 leaders are in monthly training.

"It's less my skills and more God's doing," Reid told the CNBC's Horizon. "We often undersell God and over the last couple of years I've been asking for more."

He is meeting this month with two men interested in joining the Tapestry Church Planting Network. "I think the vision we had from God last September is already being surpassed as He expands it."

**(below) Hundreds of goody bags are stacked up to give out to the children.**



# Vision trip to Cuba prepares for future help

By Kesavan Balasingham

I am thankful for CNBC actively engaging with the Cuban Eastern Baptist Convention.

This was my first time to take a vision trip to Cuba and it opened my eyes to how helpful it is to partner this way. Eliobin Rodriguez, director of the Biblical

Training Institutes for the Eastern Baptist Convention, and the local pastors are grateful for the partnership. Our team members were Derek Jones, Rod MacDonald and myself, with Mike McElroy as our leader.

I am also grateful that CNBC pastors are encouraged and invited to see firsthand how the Lord is growing the church in Cuba. I went with a desire to learn from them and that I did. Seeing their simple means of living and doing ministry was humbling.

The trip took me from landing in Cayo Coco to Camagüey, Guantanamo and Maisi; then I flew out of Holguin.

Parts of the eastern Island were severely damaged by Hurricane Irma in 2017. Some homes and churches were left without anything standing, while others were left without a roof.

I learned that in the Eastern Baptist Convention alone, they have 600 house churches, but only 200 pastors; in other words, there is a major shortage of pastors. We spent some time praying for the God to raise up godly men to



meet the needs of the local church. It reminded me of what the Apostle Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 1:5).

I also saw a growing number of local missionaries being trained by the Bible Institutes that are supported by the convention. We saw the need to support this necessary work. The longterm fruit of the Bible Institutes will be amazing.

I learned that there are changes taking place in Cuba, including offering Internet and public Wi-Fi in certain places. There is immense pressure for the younger generation to be conformed to the changing culture; pastors are praying and pointing them to the Lord Jesus.

Travelling from place to place can take a long time and depending on the type of transportation, one needs to mentally prepare for a bumpy ride. Due to the embargo, most cars are 50 to 60 years old and the locals are innovative in keeping them going.

Our first three days were in Camagüey, where we spent time at a village church. I was given the honour of

preaching on the Sunday morning, while Eliobin translated. We got to meet all of the students at their Bible Institute. It was encouraging to see so many wanting to be discipled and be sent to live as local missionaries.

We spent the later part of our trip in

Guantanamo where we were hosted by the historic First Baptist Church. I learned that this church was started by an American sailor. Then we travelled to the mountainside in Maisi. While there, we stopped at a number of local churches and met their pastors. Most of the churches were heavily affected by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. One pastor we met walks three hours to the church building. I was humbled to see his faithfulness. Our church gave towards purchasing a horse and cart.

The last event was a gathering of pastors and their families at the mini resort in Maisi. Mel Cruikshank, CNBC Cuba partnership coordinator, had planned a banquet for them. I must say that this was a great idea and a great way to bless them. Some of them said that they had never been treated so well.

Overall, I find that there is much for me to learn from the Cuban church. The Lord is saving people in every corner and there is still much work to be done.

God willing, I can take a group of students in the spring of 2019.



# CNBC Saskatchewan on Mission

By Johanne Zolc

God continues to grow the partnership between [CNBC Saskatchewan](#) (CNBC SK) and [Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists/Flint Hills Association](#). In April, a team of ten travelled to Lawrence, Kansas, to partner with Indian Avenue Baptist Church and assist on the Haskell Indian Nations University campus.

The team was comprised of members of CNBC SK churches from Saskatoon, Allan, Moose Jaw and Regina. We travelled in two vans for the 20-hour drive over two days, using the time to develop relationships and prepare our hearts for God's work.

As the plans for work unfolded, it was evident that God was directing the mission trip. One of the primary work tasks we were given was landscape maintenance: cleaning leaves, trimming bushes and pruning trees. God had called Tony Toews, an arborist

(a professional tree surgeon), to join the team! The Haskell maintenance team was overwhelmed by the blessings and amount of work accomplished. We worked under Tony's leadership providing site maintenance that had been deferred for many years due to lack of staff funding at the university.

We were able to develop great relationships with many people on campus as they saw the team serving outside in the cold every day to make the campus safe and beautiful. As we worked, we always took time to smile and greet students passing by or to share with faculty that often stopped to chat with us. We were happy to let them know God sent us and we were blessed by their gratitude.

We, in turn, blessed the facility's maintenance worker by providing our artistic talents cutting in the edges with paint on the interior walls of one building undergoing upgrading. As the lone painter for the entire campus, Eli enjoyed the assistance and company.

We were also able to bless the [Haskell Cultural Centre](#) by providing needed assistance reviewing and recording lists of items in their archives that had never been recorded. It was interesting to see the unique original art and artifacts that have been in storage, unseen for years.



CNBC SK team partners with Indian Avenue Baptist Church.

We celebrated Easter with Pastor John Gaskin and [Indian Avenue Baptist Church](#) who hosted us for the week. As we participated in the Sunday morning Bible study and listened to the church members introduce themselves, many tribes were represented from different states. They were so proud of their heritage and shared how Jesus has changed them. We felt like we belonged.

John Morris, who does amazing work with [Fellowship of Christian Athletes](#) on campus, provided us an opportunity to join in with their meeting and fellowship time.

We ask for continued prayer for Pastor John Gaskin, John Morris and Indian Avenue Baptist Church. We give thanks to our Lord for the safe travels, the opportunities to share God's Word, the new friendships and for the work God is doing there. Thank you to the CNBC for supporting the team financially and in prayer.

Funds from the [GMO](#) helped make this trip possible.



Helping with landscape maintenance





# Better Together

## Five Ways to Maximize Church Partnerships

**T**hroughout the history of the CNBC, we have been blessed with partners like the North American Mission Board, the International Mission Board, and hundreds of churches across North America. All have the common hope of seeing lives transformed with the power of the Gospel.

Millions of dollars have been invested in Canada through the Cooperative Program and NAMB alone, for which we are eternally grateful. Partnerships are very important to us and vital to the sharing of the Gospel. At their foundational level, partnerships are relational in nature and it's important for us to value these relationships.

The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has been investing in the churches in the Edmonton area recently. We are in the early stages of expanding this partnership with all of Alberta with the hope of ensuring that every pastor and his family has at least one Oklahoma church in relationship with them. This will include praying for the pastor and his family daily, communicating with them on important dates in the life of the family and their church, and bringing the pastor and his

family to Oklahoma yearly for a time of refreshment and equipping.

To maximize the effectiveness of these partnerships, it will be increasingly important that we consider these five areas:

1. **Strong partnerships usually occur between two churches of like culture.** In the SBC and CNBC, churches may have the same theology but not necessarily experience the same culture. Culture is reflected in many ways, including how churches worship, their preferred method of sharing the Gospel, and their priorities for mission trips. For example, worship at a church of primarily 20 to 40-year-olds is often contemporary and active, while worship at another church may be more liturgical in style. Another example might be one church preferring to go door-to-door with a prepared process (i.e. FAITH) for evangelism, while another church may prefer a more relational approach. It is important to identify churches of similar culture as candidates for effective and smooth partnerships.

2. **Partnerships are far more effective when both churches are on the same page** with common purpose, clear financial expectations and defined roles. For example, when going on a mission trip, or when hosting a mission team, which church provides/pays for housing? Is there a person on the field who will coordinate the logistical details of the trip? These are all pieces of a clear, smooth path for a partnership.
3. **Most partnerships need people responsible for the vision-casting and overall purpose of the partnership** (Why are we doing this?) and other people responsible for the fine details of the partnership (How will we get there? How much will it cost?). Enlisting people with different giftings ensures that both the big picture and the fine details are considered.
4. **Partnerships are far more successful and have greater long-term effect when there is a clear and shared follow-up process:** an agreed-upon set of steps for further engaging the people reached

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# Retreat for Pastors and Wives

CNBC Alberta North hosted a retreat for pastors and their wives at Alberta Beach, Sunset Point Christian Camp on the weekend of April 27–29.

With the theme, “In Tension: Thriving Rather Than Surviving in Ministry,” Dwight Huffman and Connie Cavanaugh Taillon spoke to the men and women respectively about creating a healthy life balance between family and ministry.



## Maximizing Church Partnerships

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during a mission trip, event, or other partnership activity. It is very important to ensure, first, that both churches agree that a follow-up process is required, and then what that process looks like (How will they maintain contact with the people met through the mission? What will those people be invited to next?).

This capitalizes on the resources spent on a particular mission trip, event or other partnership activity.

5. **Partners must take time to celebrate**, thank God for what He has done through them, and thank those who worked hard to make it all happen. Taking time to celebrate is a priority! We have the tendency

to cram our mission trips (and other mission endeavours) with activities from start to finish, with no time at the end to reflect and be thankful.

We are eternally grateful for the investment that our partners have made in Canada. It is our hope that future partnerships will be effective and a blessing to all.



# That They May Know You John 17:3

## Overflowing Equipping Event for Women



By Kim Sy

COCHRANE, AB—Overflowing, an equipping event to prepare women to share their faith in their circles of influence, was hosted by [Richmond Hill Baptist Church](#) on March 17. The conference was well attended by women from Calgary and the surrounding area.

The day started with beautiful worship led by Mary Parra and a team from the new church plant, Immanuel, in Cochrane. Impactful teaching from keynote speakers Simone Lake, Arizona Baptist Convention women's ministry leader, and Stephanie Morales-Beaulieu, as well as breakout session leaders, equipped women with practical tools on prayer, discipleship, evangelism and walking deeper with God.

The event was a joyous celebration filled with laughter and learning. More

than that, the women were challenged to take their next step with God by writing their "next yes" on a post-it note. Commitments included: "to love on my mother-in-law", "check out street evangelism", "pray for salvation for my family" and "share the Gospel at work".

At the end of the day, the women received a prayer of blessing and commission to "overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13b).

Sophie tells how much she enjoyed the conference: "I loved everything about it. The speakers were excellent, the vendors were interesting and relevant, the food was fantastic. I could go on and on. I told so many friends about it. I expect that I will be bringing a large group with me next year!"

Even with diverse life experience and various faith journeys, one thing is certain for the women who attended Overflowing: Jesus is calling us all to grow deeper in Him and to always be prepared to share the Gospel. As believers, we are encouraged to draw close and stay connected to the source of living water, Jesus. As we are filled up with Him, He enables us to go, reach out and overflow to others. After all, the real work is when we step out in faith and do whatever God directs us to do. Overflowing challenged us all to take our next yes, whenever, wherever and with whomever.

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*Kim Sy, a student at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, served with the CNBC women's team as part of her third-year leadership practicum. She was the project coordinator for Overflowing.*



# Clara visits the Holy Land

By Clara Evans

In February, I travelled to the Holy Land with my parents. We went with a tour and had an awesome tour guide who would take us to places that weren't on the list if we had extra time. It is impossible to describe Israel in a few paragraphs. I saw the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and Jerusalem.

One of my favourite parts of the trip was Hezekiah's Tunnel where I walked in the dark through waist-deep water carrying a flashlight. It is a very small space and I had a hard time imagining David's men marching into the city through it.

I got to ride a camel, sail in a boat on the Sea of Galilee and float in the Dead Sea. It is so salty that you can hardly stand up and it stings your skin a little bit.

I loved Jerusalem. It is a whole other culture. The outdoor markets are neat because there are different shops with little trinkets and decorations piled up to the tops of the tents.

On Mount Carmel, we saw the place where Elijah preached to the prophets of Baal. It was fun because there were big jets taking off and they sounded like fire coming down from heaven!

There are animals everywhere. If you look out the window of the bus you are bound to see a shepherd with his sheep or goats. One day we were driving past a small neighbourhood in the middle of nowhere and I saw a horse grazing on the shoulder of the



**One of Clara Evans' highlights while visiting the Holy Land with her parents: riding a camel.**

road with no fence or barn nearby. We spent a night on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea and there were cats and their cute kittens everywhere. As we walked to the beach I saw about twenty cats. They freely stroll around the city, catching mice.

Israel has so much history. Everywhere you look there are ruins of Herod's castles or old villages that Jesus visited. When I was wading in the Jordan River I could just picture Jesus standing in the water with crowds of people along the banks waiting to be baptized.

At Capernaum, there was a sycamore tree and I know why Zacchaeus chose to climb one when he was trying to see Jesus. It was fun to climb. All the kids in

our group were hanging in it like monkeys.

Another cool part of the trip was seeing the place where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and also going to a museum to see the actual scrolls. It was amazing to know that these pieces of scrolls have survived for thousands of years and we can still see and read them today. Ever since I got back, the Bible has meant so much more to me. This trip was a life-changing experience!

*Clara's parents, Pastor John and Erin Evans, will be leading a tour of the Holy Land November 1–12, 2019. If you'd like to join them, you can find all the details at [mychurchfamily.ca/israel-tour](http://mychurchfamily.ca/israel-tour)*



# Can 'have it all together' and 'hot mess' generations connect?

By Stephanie Morales-Beaulieu

The weekend of May 5, 50 women from teenagers to 80-somethings from the CNBC Saskatchewan region gathered at the She Walked with Jesus retreat at Bethany College in Hepburn.



The question on our minds was: How do we leave a legacy for our sisters coming behind us in the faith? How does a generation of women who felt they had to have it all together communicate the things of faith to the generation where being a hot mess is the norm? With humility, we can lay down our generational tendencies because we both need Jesus.

Women, young and old and in between, I challenge you to ask God who? Who do you want me to connect with and invest in? This is not an if, it's a who. If you have a story of a



mess-up and meeting Jesus in it, you have something to share with a woman younger than you. When He answers, ask her to go for coffee, even if you don't drink coffee. It sounds cooler than going for water.

Plan to ask and listen. Ask her questions: What has been discouraging to you in your faith journey? What do you wish you could tell your younger self? What has been the most confusing thing as you've followed Christ? Offer your struggles, not your strengths. A woman might be impressed by your

strength, but she will not be inspired by it. In fact, she might even be intimidated by it. Tell her about the mountains, valleys, wrong turns, and deserts on your journey, and then watch and see how God uses it to encourage her in her faith.

*Stephanie Morales-Beaulieu, the retreat speaker, is a lover of God's Word and shares that passion online through [Bible studies](#) and her [blog](#), in her living room and anywhere else God opens a door.*





# Flourish equips women in Atlantic Canada

By Lisa Tranquilla

The third annual CNBC Atlantic Flourish conference took place in Riverview, New Brunswick, on Saturday, April 28. Sixty-five women representing 14 churches from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were blessed by teaching from Julie Woodruff, a LifeWay trainer from Tennessee.

The definition of “flourish” is to grow, to achieve. How important it is in our walk as Christians to grow in the knowledge of God. In Session 1, Julie directed us to the book of Colossians and the importance of hope, faith and sharing the Gospel. She also discussed truth versus false doctrine. How do counterfeit experts know when something is fake? They study what is real, what is true (Colossians 1:5).

Session 2 opened with Colossians 2:6–7. How do we remain rooted, built up in Christ, strengthened in faith? Grow by spending time in the Word and prayer, becoming spiritually mature and feeding on a solid, healthy diet (Hebrews 5:11–14). Practise love

and seek to get along with others. Share: The Gospel was given to us to share with others. Examine your life: What type of foundation are you building on, material things or solid truths in your heart? (1 Corinthians 3:5–16).

After a delicious lunch, fellowship and some shopping at the Parasource book table, Kathy Morales, CNBC women’s ministry leader, met with several pastors’ wives for a refreshing time of encouragement and prayer (Psalm 92:12–13).

A special seed was planted at Flourish 2 with a desire to have a session for teen girls. That seed definitely flourished. Three moms from last year brought their daughters this year and encouraged other moms to do the same. [Jaquelle Crowe](#) led a breakout session with nine



Speakers and worship leaders for the retreat

The rest of the ladies took the opportunity to pray for our pastors, their families, our churches and our teens. Julie wrapped up the day with an interactive session on the MARCS Disciplemaking Assessment.

Our day would not have been complete without being led in worship by three talented teens: Josie, Casidhe and Berea. They led us in song at various times throughout the day and we were all blessed. Thank you, ladies, for your willingness to share.

We left the day filled to overflowing and are excited for next year’s event; the ideas are already swirling in our heads. The Flourish team welcomes your ideas. Please email [jltarris@gmail.com](mailto:jltarris@gmail.com) or [lisa.tranquilla@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.tranquilla@gmail.com). Keep Flourishing!

The Flourish team would like to thank Kathy Morales, CNBC, LifeWay Women and CNBC Atlantic for supporting Flourish, an annual highlight in equipping Christian women in Atlantic Canada.



Jaquelle Crowe (second from right) with teen girls

teenaged girls. Jaquelle, author of *This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years*, is a 20-year-old writer and speaker from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



## Mom and daughter teaching duo lead Fairview retreat

FAIRVIEW, AB—Melanie Morgan and her daughter, Dana Thorsell, co-led at the CNBC Alberta North women's retreat, on the weekend of May 5, hosted by [Fairview Cornerstone Baptist Church](#). The theme was The Ties That Bind.

The ladies had an amazing time of fellowship and great teaching. Through God's Word, women were encouraged

to identify lies they need to untie from their lives and to form truth ties with God and others to build up their faith and walk with God.

*Dana and her husband Kevin serve in San Diego, California, in campus ministry. Melanie is administrative assistant for CNBC women's ministry.*

**Melanie Morgan with her daughter, Dana and granddaughter Madeline**



**Women gather in Fairview, Alberta for a time of fellowship and great teaching.**

## Worsley GA's earn money for missions

By Maia Rossworm

Our [Worsley Baptist Church](#) GA club was learning about the Annie Armstrong Easter offering in the month of March. We were trying to raise money for this offering. Some of the girls in my group were having a hard time making money, so we decided to do a GA bake sale.

At our bake sale we sold different goodies such as cakes, cookies, cupcakes, Rice Krispie squares, buns, bread and doughnuts.

Our GA bake sale earned a total of \$253.50 dollars! It turned out to be a huge success, and we were happy to be able to give money to mission work.

*The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is given through the Global Mission Offering in Canada. AAEO funds go to North American missions.*



**Angela Koop buys homemade goodies at the GA bake sale at Worsley Baptist Church, Alberta.**





Calgary women gather for the first Women's Heart-Engaging Network hosted by the CNBC and Power to Change.

## Women's Heart-Engaging Network in Calgary

By Jeanne Manire

On April 21, [Power to Change](#) and the [Canadian National Baptist Convention](#) (CNBC) partnered together to host our first WHEN (Women's Heart-Engaging Network) event in Calgary. It was also our first event partnering with local churches and the CNBC.

As many of you know, Kelly and I have worked with the CNBC for many years with church planting and campus ministry. For the past two and a half years, I have had the privilege of working with Power to Change. Their mission aligns with my heart and the heart of the CNBC—to help people know Jesus and experience His power to change the world. I praise God for how He has brought two organizations I love dearly together for His Glory.

WHEN is focused on connecting women to Jesus Christ and the local

church. The ladies from the local churches in Calgary who partnered on this event invited their friends, families and coworkers to come hear the story of a woman and her journey to Canada. Along that journey, she met Jesus! The 120 women who attended the event could relate—most were from other countries. All have come to Canada looking for a better life for themselves and their families. That evening, 10 women indicated that they would like to begin a relationship with Jesus and 19 others recommitted their lives to Him. Now begins the process of following up with all of these ladies and helping them connect to a church.

This past Saturday, we hosted another event in Vancouver—this time in Spanish. Latino women came from all over the Vancouver area, again to hear the story of a woman whose life had

been forever changed by Jesus. She asked the question, "What has been the most difficult thing for you as you begin your new life in Canada?" The answers came pouring out—beginning new jobs (many times in a profession considered much lower in their home country), reinventing themselves, language, communication, raising their kids in a new culture and loneliness.

This is WHY we do WHEN. Bringing women together, in their own language, and sharing with them the hope that only Jesus can give. We are also helping these ladies connect to a church that will welcome them and help them grow in their faith.

We are actively looking for churches to partner with. If you would like to chat more about this, please contact me, [jeanne@whennetwork.ca](mailto:jeanne@whennetwork.ca).





# Kingdom Seeds

## Meet the first five new CNBC churches of 2018

As of the date of this Horizon publication the CNBC has added six new churches/plants to our family of churches. We would like to introduce you to the first five new CNBC churches of 2018.

Please take this opportunity to get to know about these churches and their leaders and remember to pray for them.

### 1. Calvary Baptist Church, St Johns Newfoundland/Labrador

A number of years ago, faithful members of CNBC churches were praying that we would become a Canadian Convention with churches in every province. In April of this year God answered that prayer. [Calvary Baptist Church](#) in St John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, voted and agreed to affiliate with the CNBC.



Elders and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church



Rick Martin leads music at Rabbit Lake Cowboy Church.

The pastor of Calvary, Stephen Bray, is a native of Newfoundland and Labrador. Three years ago, God laid it upon his heart to return to his home province. Pastor Stephen has a huge heart and passion to reach the province as there are so many who have never heard of the good news of Jesus or of their need for a personal relationship with Him. Many people whose families have been

there for generations would say they are Christian, but they have no idea what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ.

Stephen is embarking on a church planting endeavour called Mile 1 Mission dedicated to planting churches and seeing indigenous Newfoundlanders raised up to reach Canada's easternmost province. It is huge vision but God has already begun to see that vision move forward.

The [Gospel Coalition](#) reports that "Mile 1 Mission is a grassroots, uniquely Newfoundland church planting mission with a plan to reach the city of St John's and the major population areas of Newfoundland and Labrador. The goal is to raise up Newfoundlanders to plant and pastor five new congregations in Newfoundland by 2025." Mile 1 is the eastern starting point of Highway 1, which goes all across Canada.

On Sunday, April 22, a partnership between Living Waters Baptist Church in Longs, South Carolina, and Calvary

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Baptist was signed as they made an official covenant with one another. Living Waters has agreed to walk alongside Mile 1 Mission through prayer, people and finances. The people of Calvary are amazed at how God is moving in their church and in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Let's give thanks for those who have been praying faithfully for so many years and for what God is going to do in Newfoundland and Labrador.

To hear more of the vision for Mile 1 Mission, [click here](#) to watch the video.



**Good Friday service with Connect Goderich Church**

## 2. Rabbit Lake Cowboy Church, Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan

In the fall of 2017, a monthly Gospel and Country Western event spurred the beginning of a cowboy church in Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan. Rick Martin, a pastor from Spiritwood Cowboy Church (north of Rabbit Lake) and his friend, Gary, were playing and singing at the event. Local horse trainers, Jim and Elaine Tomkins, had organized the night and wanted to have a cowboy church in Rabbit Lake. That evening they asked Rick, "Can you please put on a sample cowboy church for us Saturday morning?"

They all agreed to go ahead with the plan and the Tompkins helped organize the cowboy church service the following Saturday, looking forward to seeing some interest from the community. Pastor Rick brought the message and he and Gary led the music. Those who

attended enjoyed the message, music and fellowship.

A few weeks after this sample service, Rick asked Jim what the community wanted to do. Should they have more cowboy church services or not? Jim said, "Yes, we want to."

Rick's response was, "Well, there were not too many people there Saturday morning, so why?"

"Actually, there were more than you would think, since the people cleaning up from the night before were all keenly listening," Jim replied.

After some discussion, the community asked for church to be held the first Friday evening of each month, starting in November 2017. In January 2018, they began meeting every first and third Fridays.

Only 113 people live in Rabbit Lake, so when over 50 attended the first regular service all were excited about

how God gathered the people and met their need for a church in this small Saskatchewan town.

Please pray for this cowboy church and others worshipping in north central Saskatchewan. Pray they get a vision to keep planting more churches in rural Saskatchewan communities. The cowboy church has proven to be a great venue for getting people to consider their church heritage and then Christ personally.

## 3. Connect, Goderich, Ontario

**What if church were different?** What if anyone from any background felt like they could come and learn about Jesus at their own pace without judgement?

[Connect](#) is just that. It's a safe place for anyone to come and kick the tires of faith. We meet every other Friday night

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**Connect Goderich Church builds crosses for their Good Friday service.**

in a remodelled train station located in Goderich, Ontario. A typical Friday night includes snacks, funny videos, a relevant message from one of our pastors, and some time to discuss what we have heard, believed and question about that message.

We have an exciting kids' program teaching the same subject the adults are discussing. Our purpose is to evoke



**Connect Goderich youth event**

family conversations all week long, to help people grow and put into practice these relevant biblical principles. We want to create passionate followers of Jesus who are in the community, showing His love to everyone.

For the past year, Connect has been meeting as a Life Group every other Friday night. There we stress community, coming together with the people we know and those we don't.

I'm Rob McMichael. In August 2016, my family and I moved from Missouri to Goderich, Ontario. I am married to Cortney, a southern lady from Texas. Together we have four daughters, Madison (18), Trinity (15), Teagan (10) and Hope (7).

Through our year and a half of living in Huron County, our hearts have been turned towards the student population here. In our 30-kilometre radius, there are over 1,500 high school students

who need a better option than partying, drugs and alcohol. Our vision as a church is to establish student centres, safe places for high school students to come hang out, hear about Jesus in a non-abrasive way and just be teenagers without the stresses of the outside world.

[C1 Student Centre](#) is opening in Clinton, Ontario, the heart of Huron County (high school student population 1,000) in the spring of 2018. Our mission is to empower this next generation to greater things by learning about the life of Jesus.

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**Rachats De Dieu's pastor, Rosland Dossous and wife Myriam with their three children**



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At Connect, we believe the Gospel is simple. We want to provide a safe place for people to come and learn what it means to be a Jesus follower, and what the purpose of the church should be, in a biblical manner.

### 4. Rachats De Dieu – Montréal, Québec

During a time of transition and uncertainty in their personal and spiritual life, Rosland Dossous and his wife Myriam began seeking the Lord for guidance and direction.

During those times of personal prayer they felt led by God to begin a prayer meeting and a Bible study in their home. They began inviting individual people to come pray and study the Bible together. In the following months, the group grew in number and a core group with a desire to see how they could reach the community began to form. The group started evangelizing in their community. They met many people with repentant hearts who were churchless, desiring to know and walk with God.

Rosland saw how great the needs were, so he began praying, asking God what the next step would be. He and Myriam felt called by the Lord to plant a church. They shared what they had heard from God and the core group wanted to see the vision of many souls coming to Christ become a reality. They all began praying in November 2017 for a location where they could gather on Sundays.



**L'Église La Mission meets for weekly worship services.**

On January 1, 2018, their prayers were answered and the group, composed of 17 active members, began meeting for weekly services, with all the equipment included in the rent. After four months of meetings, they have 34 active members and many new visitors coming every Sunday.

They are thankful and give all the glory to God for His great and mighty deeds.

### 5. L'Église La Mission in Montréal, Québec

L'Église La Mission was designed to be an alternative to a modern church. The church is centred on Jesus Christ, in order to reach the unreached and the churchless. The Lord gave



**L'Église La Mission**

Bertholi Gaspard and his wife, Cynthia, a strong conviction to plant this new community.

At first, they started by faith in their home with their children. Through prayer, the Lord began calling some individuals to join them, which resulted in a core group. Home Bible studies became the main vehicle for training the core group. They began with disciplines such as prayer, studying to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Word of God and having communion together around a good meal to build relationships.

They teach that a disciple is the one who learns because he is a follower of a particular message, namely, the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The congregation has grown slowly and the Lord has allowed them to rent a room to begin weekly worship services and teaching.

L'Église La Mission's vision statement is to be a missional church that is centred on Jesus Christ to teach its members to serve God, His church and the urban community.



# Be My Witnesses!

## The YET movement begins!



**W**hat would happen if we were to start an evangelism youth movement across Canada? What if all the youth in every church were trained and sent out to be a part of an evangelistic vision? What if we were to no longer meet just to entertain our youth and young adults once a week, but instead to challenge them to make evangelism a way of life for 52 weeks of the year?

If we invest in our youth, they will bring an evangelism movement to all our CNBC churches. When you give youth a challenge, they own it! They don't ask questions about traditions, budgets and calendars, or expect to only use their way of doing things.

What if we let them lead and gave them freedom to plan their events with their young and new ideas? What would happen?

This year, God has led me to invest in the next generation. I have been praying and watching our youth in all contexts and I noticed that we need to challenge them with dreams beyond their own capacity and strength. They need a vision that comes from God and is empowered by the Holy Spirit. As I have been praying since we returned from Spain in April of 2017, God has been working.

It started with Thureos, a team of five youth led by Frank Aular at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toronto. Frank challenged them to say "yes" to whatever challenge God called them to.

God first called these youth to plant churches. They did set up, led worship, served people and proclaimed the Gospel. Then they went on mission to the Dominican Republic to serve at an orphanage. It was here that God spoke to them and gave them a vision to reach lostness at all costs, to serve God full-time in whatever area He asked them to.

After returning to Toronto, Jose Urribarri, Gelvi Urribarri, Sara Urribarri, Veronica Carrera and Nathan Aular felt called to our seminary in Cochrane, Alberta. They drove across Canada in two days to visit the seminary, attending classes and confirming that this was the place God wanted them to be for the next four years. It was done! They all felt the calling and registered at our Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College.

One month into their first semester, they were part of the first Hispanic CNBC church plant in Cochrane. Again they helped set up, reach people and lead the worship every Sunday.

**As I watched these youth serve to reach lostness, God placed a vision in my heart. YET!: a Youth Evangelism Team in every region, planning evangelism events where all youth bring lost friends to a high energy concert with games and drama.** The Gospel is preached in a dynamic, clear way with an invitation to repent and pray to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Our slogan is "Not Finished Yet!" ... until everyone has heard and had an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. We are not finished yet!

Our verse is Isaiah 49:6b, "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

The first YET—Youth Evangelism Team—was born in Alberta. It consists of youth from our churches and five students from our Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College.

### Live2Live in Alberta

On April 11–12 we had our first Live2Live event. The theme was "What are you living for?" A group of young men and women filled the sanctuary at Bow Valley Baptist Church. Many brought their lost friends.

Jose Urribari got the crowd going with his music, then Nico brought the house down with some break dancing moves as Sydney Fisher flipped five times across the stage and yelled, "Let the celebration begin!"

Daniel Spelliscy and David Ong sparked the atmosphere with encouragement and games. Jake York and his rock worship band got everyone on their feet to worship.

Next, a drama provoked the question, "What are you living for: to die or to live?"



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# The YET movement across Canada

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The message followed and in the end the Gospel was proclaimed as a young man in the band sang “Just As I Am.” Seven youth repented and came forward to receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Eight committed their lives to serve God and others came forward to ask God to use them for missions and ministry.

After a movie and pizza, the girls went to the seminary to sleep and the boys slept at Bow Valley.

Saturday followed the theme with evangelism training. Rusty Ford, an IMB missionary in Spain, spoke about relational evangelism. Mike Blackaby was creative in his seminar, “The Art of Pre-Evangelism in Apologetics.” Dr Susan Booth, from our seminary, led a seminar on how to share the Gospel story. Paul Johnson spoke on telling your story effectively in less than five minutes.

I shared the evangelistic vision of D52, that youth will devote their lives to God’s Word, praying for the lost, directing their lives to lost people, developing relationships, declaring the Gospel and discipling the new believers. All the youth committed to live this for 52 weeks until the next Live2Live.

## Live2Live British Columbia

The second Live2Live event was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on May 11–12. Five of our YET team from Alberta drove to Vancouver to help their team.

Almost 100 youth attended Live2Live Vancouver and three accepted Christ!



The YET team in Vancouver

Some came forward to commit to missions and others spoke to David Ong about going to our seminary in Cochrane.

After Live2Live, the Alberta YET team helped with WestCoast Baptist Association’s “Make Jesus Famous” event. Daniel Spelliscy led training for youth leaders on Saturday. David Ong and Jose Urribarri did a wonderful job serving and promoting our seminary. Rebecca Parra and David Ong brought the sketch before the sermon. Our team also visited and preached at churches on Sunday.

## YET Movement

The movement has begun! We now have a YET team to promote and organize outreach events and evangelism training for our youth. We will continue with the goal that every region will have a YET team established to develop young leaders with a missional heart.

Our next stop is Saskatchewan in September and Winnipeg in the fall

of 2018. In 2019, the plan is to reach Montréal. In 2020, at the Toronto CNBC Annual Convention, we will bring in all the YET teams and their youth to have our first national Live2Live event. The youth will come together to reach the city for Christ by helping the churches with outreach events.



We have a dream that God will start a movement across Canada, with our youth and young adults, to impact Canada and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that God can truly say to us: “I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6).

Pray for our team and the future of our CNBC.

**This is the vision: “Not Finished Yet!”  
... until everyone across Canada and  
the world has heard the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ!”**



# En Route

## Are you ready to receive mission teams?

**T**he days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. Long weekends have begun. As we flip the calendar to June, the last day of school is now within sight. Summer is coming!

July and August are often busy months as our churches seize opportunities afforded by pleasant weather and less rigid schedules. Many churches and church plants will have partner churches send mission teams to help them in this season. If that is true for you, I hope that the following series of questions will assist you to maximize the team's effectiveness and host them well.

**Are you ready?** A very basic but important question. What is the team's schedule each day? It does not need to be packed without margin, but it does need to be intentional. I learned a principle from a partner church leader many years ago that applies in most situations (but especially when hosting a mission team): *The more you plan, the more flexible you can be!* It is far easier to alter plans along the way than it is to come up with new plans at the last minute.

The members of the mission team are using their personal holidays, have paid their own expenses, and have often travelled a long distance to serve alongside you. Demonstrate your gratitude and appreciation by being ready for them.

### How will you measure success?

Activity is not fulfilling in and of itself. There must be a purpose and a meaning for the time and resources being invested. Be clear with your partner church about what "success" or "wins" will look like this week. Be intentional to share why you are doing what you are doing and what you hope to see as results this week, this year, and in the years to come. This will help guide everyone's prayers, set expectations, and create natural celebration moments along the way.

**When will you meet together with the team?** Whether you are the pastor or the designated host for this team, it is important to schedule regular time with the team and their leader throughout the week. At the very least, you should plan a Team Orientation, a daily Team Leader Debrief, and an end of week Team Debrief.

**Team Orientation** should happen within the first 12 hours of the team arriving and include an appreciation of them coming to help, an overview of the local cultural and spiritual context, an introduction to your church's vision and ministry, an outline of the schedule, and an articulation of what you are praying to see happen this week (see above). It may also be helpful

to hear what various team members are most looking forward to. Be sure to end this time praying together over the week ahead.

**Daily Team Leader Debrief** should include questions such as: What went well today? What challenges did we have and what do we need to change tomorrow? What are our priorities for the next 24 hours? What questions do you have or what issues do we need to address? The very last debrief should also ask the question: Where do we go from here?

**End of Week Team Debrief** should include questions such as: What did you see God do this week? What surprised you this week? How will you sum up your experience here this week to your family and friends at home? Briefly ask: What went well and what could be done better next time? Be sure to answer these questions yourself so that they can be affirmed about how their efforts have benefited the local ministry. Be sure to pray together, thanking God for His faithfulness this week.

Partnerships are encouraging and mission teams are a valuable resource. With some intentionality, we can make the experience a mutual blessing for both you and your partner church!



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The group also handed out snack bags to students. Many who received the bags were grateful and asked why they were doing it. Some even mentioned that it had made their day and how badly they needed a pick-me-up.

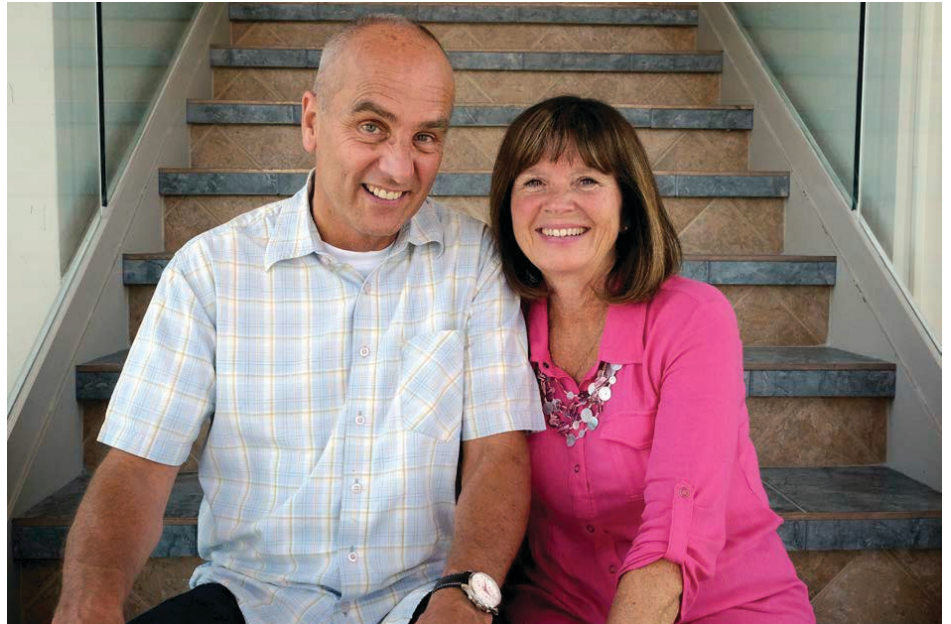


# PLANT Southwest Hosted by The Gathering Windsor

*By The Gathering Church staff*

WINDSOR, ON—PLANT Southwest is an attempt by one of our Canadian church planters to raise awareness of the need for more Gospel-centred churches, in southwest Ontario in general but in Windsor-Essex in particular. This is where Garth and Patty Leno live and this is where God has called them to evangelize. This is also where their burden for church planting took shape. They are asking Jesus to use them to expand His church in this city and this country for the glory of God (1 Chronicles 16:35; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Corinthians 4:15; Philippians 2:11).

The first PLANT Southwest hosted by [The Gathering](#) in Windsor took place on Saturday morning, May 12. It was a half-day meeting of people who are interested in Kingdom expansion through church planting. In an attempt to engage the hearts and minds of pastors, leaders and anyone interested



**Garth and Patty Leno**

in living on mission for God, Leno invited 185 area churches and pastors to participate. Moody Theological Seminary, Heritage College and Seminary, Acts 29, SEND Network, Vertical Church Network and a local Christian radio station were also featured at this event.

Pastor Leno has a keen desire to advance the Gospel in this region. In the future, the plan is for PLANT Southwest gatherings to feature three primary values: connect, learn and pray. People will come together to connect with one another and build relationships for the glory of God, to learn about Kingdom expansion and church planting, and to pray for one another, the churches and possibilities for the glory of God.

The Gathering was planted in 2014, with help from NAMB and the CNBC, by Garth and Patty Leno and a core of dedicated believers. The church now averages 230 people on a Sunday morning.

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*Garth Leno is pastor of The Gathering Windsor, in Ontario. Read [church planting articles by Garth Leno](#) on the Send Network Church Planting Blog.*



**Baptism of a new believer at The Gathering Windsor**



# Hopelink Church celebrates baptisms

By Herwyn Tagle

[Hopelink Church](#), Airdrie, Alberta, celebrated the baptisms of seven new believers—six children and one adult—on March 25.

The children all attend Hopelink and made their profession of faith in Jesus as their Saviour during their attendance at the church. Their parents and the church are continuing to disciple the children.

One lady (Nitz) among the group was invited to the annual couples night

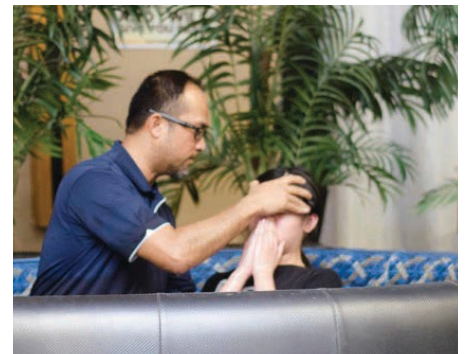
event in February, which the church has hosted every year for the past three years. She was the first person from that event to come to know Christ after attending several Sunday services at Hopelink.

Hopelink Church appreciates the prayers and help from the CNBC, especially the friendship established with brothers and sisters within the CNBC family.

**(below) Hopelink Church celebrates the baptisms of Mateo, Elijah, Nitz, Jewel, Teri, Avi, Keanna.**



**Herwyn Tagle is the pastor of Hopelink Church in Airdrie, AB.**





# Musical mission team goes to Cuba

By Melanie Morgan

A team of eight from [Bow Valley Baptist Church](#), Cochrane, and [Grace Baptist Church](#), Airdrie, Alberta, recently returned from a Cuba music mission trip. We put on some concerts in churches, and one very special concert in a public space. 400 people gathered in a movie theatre, many of whom were non-believers. At the end of the concert, the Gospel was presented, so many heard the Gospel perhaps for the first time.

Before we left, our team prepared, prayed, rehearsed and gathered items to take as humanitarian gifts. We raised money, trusted God and saw Him provide for each of us, making it possible for the group to go. We believed God would use us to bring the message of the Gospel to people in Cuba, through our music and through our lives. And God did use us in a big way. But I want



The Cuba music mission team

to focus on how He used the trip to Cuba and the people there to bless us.

The main thing to remember on a mission trip is to be flexible. Well, God taught us this in a huge way. He provided the opportunity for us to step out of our comfort zone and go into homes to share the Gospel. Our first blessing came as we experienced the warm hearts and hospitality of the people. As we approached each home, we were invited in and treated kindly. We had

the opportunity to share the Gospel in many homes and were very blessed to witness several people pray to receive Christ.

The Christians in the churches display such joy in their salvation! We were blessed by seeing how they worship with all of their being. We were there to sing for them, but their worship blessed us tremendously. Though they have so little, they are so grateful for all that they have in Christ.



Kids are excited to get balloon animals, flowers and swords created by the mission team.

We arrived at one of the churches to rehearse for our concert to find that the power was off in that area of town. All of our instruments and music equipment required electricity, and we had only a short time until the concert was to begin. We prayed. We toured the church and went up on the roof to pray for God's provision of a second floor for the building. And we

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prayed again. We came down the stairs, flipped on a light switch and the power was on! We were blessed to see God provide, just in time, through His power.

We were blessed by 90 kids arriving after school, ready for some fun. We quickly put together a program of games, songs, pantomime and balloons. The kids were eager and receptive, and we were able to share about Christ with them. We were stretched again, as we had to think on our feet to keep the fun going for so many kids. They each got to leave with a balloon animal, flower or sword.

We were blessed as some of the Cuban pastors and convention leaders shared with us their vision and dreams for the ministry in Cuba. One youth leader took us on a hike up to a point that overlooked the entire city. We had the privilege of hearing his heart for the



**Cubans worship during the concert provided by the mission team.**

young people of Cuba. We now have the privilege of praying with him for a youth centre and equipment and of asking God to allow us to partner in helping see this vision become a reality.

We arrived back home in Canada changed from our experience with the people of Cuba. We made many new friendships, saw how God can use us even in a stretching new experience, sacrificed some sweat and sleep—and can't wait to go back!

## **A memory from one of the team members, Bill Cheetham:**

One of the things that impressed me was how God uses us to bless individuals. From the start, I had taken things to Cuba with the intention of leaving as much as possible there. One of these items was a bicycle seat I had modified to use as a stool while playing bass guitar. On our last meeting with one of our interpreters I gave him a tool set. I then asked him if he knew anyone who needed a bicycle seat.

He then told me that he had been looking for a seat for his bike. He also told me that he had asked his dad to bring him some tools if he ever returned from the US. God knew exactly what was required and I felt privileged to be the messenger.



**Pray for Cuban youth to know Jesus.**

# Living a Life of Legacy

## Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College Graduation: May 2018

By Elaine Phillips

COCHRANE, AB—[Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College](#) conferred eleven degrees and four certificates at its twenty-ninth graduation ceremony on May 5. The commencement address was given by Jeff Christopherson, alumnus of the school and member of the first graduating class of 1990. Jeff serves as vice president of the Send network for the North American Mission Board ([NAMB](#)).

The speaker began his address by sharing memories of the seminary's earliest days when the current guest housing units were the maintenance building, and preaching class took place behind a garage door with a garbage can turned upside down serving as a pulpit for young preachers in training.

On this day of commencement, he expressed his fervent desire for the

graduands to remain faithful to the very end. Using as introduction his dying father's last word on earth—"heaven"—Jeff focused on what a ministry faithful to the end could look like, along with potential pitfalls along the way. He began with a few verses highlighting the life of Demas, friend to both Dr Luke and the Apostle Paul (Col 4:14). Although Demas is mentioned only three times in Scripture, there is much we can learn from him.

First, **stay connected**. "This is a key to experiencing victory in the Christian life," said Jeff, adding that Demas gave us a good example by surrounding himself with unselfish believers. We first find Demas paired up with two famous figures in Scripture: Luke, physician and historian, and Paul, also an educated man. Both gave up much to follow

Christ. Early on we see Demas surrounding himself with unselfish believers. According to 1 Cor 15:33, we are not to be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." In Phil 3:17 Paul exhorts believers to "Join with others" in following his example ... and to "take note of those who live according to the pattern" given of a God-centred life. Demas was to observe them, learn from them and imitate them. This was his great strength: he built strong relationships with unselfish believers.

Second, **stay serving**. In the second reference to Demas, in Philemon 23–24, Paul describes his Kingdom colleagues as co-labourers, teammates, fellow servants:

"Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. And so do

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2018 graduates  
(left–right, front  
row to back):

Madison Rush,  
CCS; Carol Lian,  
SCCS; Miranda Ong, CCS; Chris  
Kong, SCCS; Matthew Burks, MDiv,  
with thesis\*; Trevor Scott, MCM;  
Airenakhue Aimievbo, MCS; Andrew  
Davis, BCM\*; Greg McGraw, MCS;  
James Cho, MCM; Patrick Henry,  
BCM; Carson Maier, MBS.

\*With distinction (cumulative grade  
point average of 3.8 or higher)

Photo by Alicia Hein





## Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College Graduation

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**Jeff Christopherson, alumnus of the school, addresses the graduating class of 2018.** *Photo by Alicia Hein*

Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers" (Philemon 23-24, NIV). For Paul to call Demas his "fellow labourer," he must have been busy serving. In his letter to Corinth, the Apostle writes: "Each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him" (1 Cor 7:17). James warns that "The double-minded man can never keep a steady course" (James 1:8). Jeff exhorted listeners to "Serve wholeheartedly because God has personally called you to it" and "You will never accomplish anything significant apart from it."

Next, Jeff encouraged the graduating class to **stay focused**. Using the third reference to Demas as an important warning to all, he said, "You never get over the temptation of the world; you never become immune ..." Paul writes to Timothy: "Do your best to come to

me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world ..." (2 Tim 4:9-10).

Paul's friend and fellow labourer had lost his zeal, his joy, his wholehearted willingness to serve his Saviour. Perhaps it was the rumblings of persecution, or maybe he was tired of fighting, of sacrificing ... but his life was no longer focused on being a servant of his King.

"Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life" (Prov 4:23, TLB). For Demas, his affections were unguarded, and it influenced everything. "What happened to Demas?" asks Jeff. "How did it happen?" The same way it can with us. Somehow, our comforts became more important than Christ ... until "the fire in his belly was gone, and he was simply going through the motions."

In conclusion, Jeff urges listeners to **stay at it**, and not to quit. Jeff imagines Paul saying to Demas upon learning of his desertion to the cause: "After being with Christ as you have these past years, learning to walk in His light, the very radiance of eternity, nothing on earth is ever going to satisfy you again." But Demas left. "Paul that night, his eyes dimmed with tears, took

up his pen and wrote: 'Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me ...' Demas looked back, not forward."

At the end of our lives, how will we answer this question: "Did you spend a lifetime investing what I have given you?" If so, we will hear our Lord's reply: "Well done."

Jeff concluded his address by quoting Paul: "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me ..." (Phil 3:13-14).

### **Fifteen graduates:**

In addition to four certificates—two Samuel program certificates and two seminary certificates of Christian studies—the CSBS&C conferred eleven degrees this year, namely two bachelor of Christian ministries (BCM), one master of biblical studies (MBS), four master of Christian studies (MCS), two master of Christian ministries, and two master of divinity degrees (MDiv).



**Graduands at the 29th graduation of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College commencement ceremony** *Photo by Alicia Hein*

# Longing for Home: Susan Booth's New Book

COCHRANE, AB—*Longing for Home* is a beautifully told story that answers the heartfelt yearning for home. Author Susan Booth, professor of evangelism and missions at [Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College](#), conveys God's invitation, extended to all, to make Him one's home and find the love, security, and purpose that He affords.



Dr Susan Booth

Astonishingly, it also declares that God desires to make His home in us—right now! *Longing for Home* invites you to trace this path that winds across the pages of the grand narrative of Scripture. Who knows, it may even lead you home.

*Longing for Home* contains

several unique features:

- Engaging narratives that retell key biblical stories
- Meditational readings for personal reflection
- Experiential learning activities

- Small-group discussion questions
- A leader's guide for twelve sessions

You may read *Longing for Home* on your own, or better yet, take a friend along for the journey.

Who might want to join you?

- Curious seekers who want to hear the compelling story of the Bible
- New believers who want to grow in their understanding of God and His Word
- Mature believers who want to experience God's story in a fresh way
- Small groups
- Basically, anyone who longs for home!



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New Book

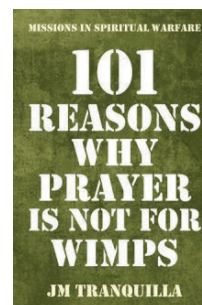
## New book focuses on extreme living for the Kingdom of God

"Prayer Warrior, it's time to start extreme living for the Kingdom of God," says Dr Jim Tranquilla in his new book, *101 Reasons Why Prayer Is Not for Wimps*. "When you hear the devil's crowd telling you to quiet down, you get louder. When they tell you to pull back, you leap ahead. When they call out to you to hold something back, you reach down and give it up for God," writes Tranquilla.

This book brings home the everyday reality and consequences of spiritual warfare, shows how to recognize and

combat the works of the enemy against Jesus' church and equips us with practical tools with which to engage the enemy through prayer as individuals and churches, says the [WestBow Press](#) overview.

Tranquilla brings together his professional calling as an engineer with his passion as a parent, teacher, mentor, Christian disciple and disciple maker. In this book, he draws on his firsthand knowledge of technology, history,



biblical truths and personal encounters to shed light on the important subject of spiritual warfare, why it is so important today, and how to do it effectively.

*Jim Tranquilla and his wife Lisa are members of Hope Community*

*Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where he serves as a teacher and part of the leadership team. Jim also serves as moderator for the CNBC Atlantic Region and is the regional coordinator for discipleship training.*



# Prospective students visit seminary campus for Preview Day

COCHRANE, AB—Twenty-two prospective students, with church leaders and parents, were welcomed to the [Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College](#) (CSBS&C) campus on Saturday, March 24, for a Preview Day Open House.

David Ong, director of admissions, who organized and emceed the event, was thrilled by the number and quality of those in attendance, who are seeking further equipping for ministry or to deepen their Christian faith.

CSBS&C president, Dr Rob Blackaby, gave an inspiring devotion at the beginning of the day for the potential students and a worship team of current students from Toronto led in meaningful worship. Student ambassadors Lee Janzen and Sam Augustin shared their stories of how God led them to study at the school and what He is teaching

them currently. Their stories were heartfelt and resonated well with the spirit of the event.

The day also included a tour of the campus and the student housing, with information sessions explaining the college and seminary programs and ministry opportunities.

The prospective students, who came from as far as Saskatoon and as close as Cochrane, learned about the passion of the professors and staff for “training God-called men and women for 21st century leadership in tough places” (the CSBS&C vision). The warm and



**Sherri Watson, director of student services, and Sue Smith, students services coordinator, answer questions about student life at the school.**

supportive community life was also showcased. One attendee stated, “I like how the president worded ‘seminary’—to dig deeper. Out of all my explanations for what I’m looking for, it comes down to that: I’d like to dig deeper and learn more!”

Ong gave special thanks to CNBC Alberta for providing the meal and prizes for the open house, and also to the whole CSBS&C faculty and staff team for making the day a success.

For more information about the next Preview Day Open House, scheduling a campus tour or attending the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College, please contact the director of admissions, David Ong, at [admissions@csbs.ca](mailto:admissions@csbs.ca) or 403-932-6622 extension 251.



**Barry Nelson, director of development (back left), gives prospective students a tour of the seminary's Keith C Wills Library.**

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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING\*



	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>			
<b>CONGREGATIONS</b>			
Bethel Romanian Church, Abbotsford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$2,171.63	\$1,749.99
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$54.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$0.00	\$593.81	\$961.03
Gateway Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Great Commission Baptist, Aldergrove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Joe-Un Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$368.50	\$1,440.45	\$2,788.83
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$455.85	\$2,192.98	\$1,843.74
Peace Korean Baptist Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Royal Heights Baptist Church, Delta	\$6,970.00	\$6,970.00	\$0.00
Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$0.00	\$530.00	\$346.00
Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$315.48	\$905.67	\$620.19
The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$419.95	\$3,267.38	\$1,775.40
Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$1,350.00	\$4,050.00	\$1,050.00
Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vancouver Joyful Fellowship Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$381.18	\$995.42	\$814.05

	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$399.53	\$1,976.89	\$7,852.07
Yangmoori Baptist Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>NEW CHURCH PLANTS</b>			
Burnaby Born Again, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$2,540.94	\$6,408.00	\$4,491.93
Church on the Rock Albion, Maple Ridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$481.38	\$1,100.23	\$950.21
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Han Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Way Generation Korean Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$168.60	\$1,369.38
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$745.33	\$1,646.23	\$1,303.48
NextGen Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.96
Origin, Vancouver	\$1,017.39	\$2,426.07	\$1,689.76
South Asian Community Church, Surrey	\$148.10	\$247.82	\$0.00
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$306.00	\$354.00	\$243.88
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
uVillage Korean Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$239.17	\$59.00
Zende (Living) Church, New WestMinster	\$139.31	\$266.91	\$316.24
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>OTHER PLANTS</b>			
Cornerstone Church, White Rock	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$0.00
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movement Church, Abbotsford	\$57.00	\$84.00	\$10.00
Providence Church, North Vancouver	\$75.48	\$117.48	\$24.00
River Community Church, Richmond	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$460.00
Transformation City Church, Vancouver	\$241.50	\$563.50	\$612.85
<b>BCTOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,770.92</b>	<b>\$43,660.24</b>	<b>\$37,690.99</b>

**ALBERTA**

<b>CONGREGATIONS</b>			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agape Chinese Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$838.40	\$3,818.33	\$2,395.00
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$4,783.01	\$24,322.25	\$19,937.68
Bridge International, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,093.19	\$1,121.50
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,435.44	\$2,487.02
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$1,520.70	\$6,033.47	\$6,726.24
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$548.55	\$2,839.65	\$2,823.65
Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,285.95	\$5,497.74	\$4,438.51

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	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$497.75	\$2,019.53	\$3,026.78
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$19,327.12
Grace Baptist Church, Airdrie	\$505.00	\$2,020.00	\$0.00
Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Hopelink Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$2,038.95	\$3,640.10	\$5,901.95
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$500.00	\$1,600.00	\$470.00
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$4,269.43	\$22,402.17	\$19,162.46
Southwinds, Calgary	\$4,271.74	\$12,383.98	\$9,710.65
Springbank Chinese Baptist Church, Calgary	\$822.00	\$3,358.00	\$2,693.20
Tapestry Church, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$5,681.23	\$1,582.65
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$200.00
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$4,215.00	\$8,955.00	\$4,802.00
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$7,793.09	\$4,689.38
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$4,709.40	\$11,547.16	\$10,904.47
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$576.00	\$1,889.50	\$1,319.45
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$2,026.89	\$8,928.68	6772.26
<b>NEW CHURCH PLANTS</b>			
Central Community Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$490.00
Christ In You Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church in the Valley, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,585.00
Connect Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$4,692.10	\$2,928.68
Disciples' Way Christian Church, Devon	\$0.00	\$227.18	\$0.00
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kingdom Minded Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$3,658.72	\$1,018.75
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$331.00	\$858.92	\$1,195.50
Nanton Baptist Church, Nanton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nepalese Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Lethbridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Red Deer Disciple Church, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
The Junction Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,643.38	\$305.40
True Love Arabic Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$907.07	\$907.99
U of A Christian Fellowship, Edmonton	\$324.44	\$1,429.61	\$0.00
West Edmonton Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,351.32	\$632.00
<b>OTHER PLANTS</b>			
Agape Vietnamese Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$226.38	\$0.00

	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
Bethel Life Reformation Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$118.50	\$0.00
Rehoboth Church International (Congolese), Edmonton	\$0.00	\$855.97	\$0.00
Trinity Mandarin Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>AB TOTALS</b>	<b>\$34,064.21</b>	<b>\$162,597.66</b>	<b>\$169,380.29</b>

**SASKATCHEWAN****CONGREGATIONS**

Allan Baptist, Allan	\$153.14	\$566.13	\$429.50
Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$316.00	\$1,448.71
Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$202.27	\$1,693.48	\$1,574.49
Cochin Baptist, Cochin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$1,804.61	\$2,762.74
Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$1,832.32	\$3,665.64	\$2,583.34
Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$1,225.55	\$3,902.75
Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$120.00
Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church in the Valley, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Cowboy Church Rostern, Waldheim	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross-Trainers Baptist Church, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Gronlid Community Church, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saskatoon Vision Korean Church, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Gathering, Prince Albert	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

**OTHER PLANTS**

Tapwewin Christian Assembly, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SK TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,687.73</b>	<b>\$11,761.41</b>	<b>\$24,671.53</b>

**MANITOBA****CONGREGATIONS**

Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$4,025.79	\$3,998.60
Joy Fountain Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$811.33	\$0.00
New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$297.34	\$297.34	\$0.00
Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Vision Korean Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

People's Bible Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Punjabi Fellowship, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

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	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
The Light Worship Community, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$152.00
<b>OTHER PLANTS</b>			
City Light Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>MB TOTALS</b>	<b>\$297.34</b>	<b>\$7,634.46</b>	<b>\$6,750.60</b>

**ONTARIO****CONGREGATIONS**

All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$550.00
Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Celebration! Church Ottawa, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$4,030.20	\$2,034.15
Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste de la Sainteté, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Good Shepherd Arabic Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Baptist Church (Mississauga), Mississauga	\$0.00	\$635.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00
Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Move Church, Carleton Place	\$232.38	\$947.70	\$537.97
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,177.89
Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$4,630.00	\$19,787.50	\$17,378.00
Thames Christian Fellowship, Chatham	\$590.00	\$2,459.00	\$2,284.24
The Gathering-Windsor, Windsor **	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,150.00
The Journey Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$645.50	\$6,371.00
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$0.00	\$3,291.00	\$324.00
The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$7,200.00	\$20,957.00	\$6,397.00
The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

A Better City Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$235.51	\$175.80
Christ Connetions Church, North York	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Elevation Church Canada, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church East, Ajax	\$277.48	\$868.91	\$437.17
Emmanuel Baptist Church North, North York	\$120.56	\$441.56	\$611.14
Fellowship Church GTA, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$426.84
Fellowship Oshawa, Oshawa	\$0.00	\$2,180.00	\$0.00

	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
Fellowship Pickering, Pickering	\$2,850.00	\$8,212.00	\$6,028.61
Fellowship Church Rouge Park, Pickering	\$630.00	\$4,575.00	\$1,922.56
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Baptist Church of Shalom, Hamilton	\$45.00	\$132.60	\$272.10
Heaven Sent Community Fellowship, Mississauga	\$161.00	\$404.02	\$876.97
Jesus the Lord Almighty City Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jesus the Lord Almighty City Church - London, London	\$375.00	\$920.00	\$0.00
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$265.00	\$1,448.79	\$2,364.05
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$126.15
Restoration Church, Nepean	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Restoration Hamilton, Hamilton	\$32.90	\$174.59	\$499.90
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,828.00
The VINE 153 Church. Woodbridge	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,156.19
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$750.00

**OTHER PLANTS**

Emmanuel Baptist Church West-Oakville-Mississauga, Oakville	\$0.00	\$258.90	\$50.50
Evergreen Chapel, Smith Falls	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Greenhills Christian Fellowship - Durham, Ajax	\$0.00	\$263.40	\$796.32
House of Prayer International Church Milton, Oakville	\$0.00	\$28.80	\$0.00
Journey Church City Centre, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Giver Church, Windsor	\$0.00	\$109.18	\$0.00
Milton Church Plant, Brampton	\$0.00	\$432.30	\$0.00
Ruach Ha Emet Messianic Synagogue, Mapes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Bridge, Oakville	\$0.00	\$173.11	\$378.00
The Bridge Gathering, Forest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The King's Church, Mississauga	\$77.10	\$213.11	\$45.00
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wadi Church, Mississauga	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<b>ON TOTALS</b>	<b>\$18,186.42</b>	<b>\$79,828.68</b>	<b>\$67,849.55</b>

**QUEBEC****CONGREGATIONS**

Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$120.00	\$210.00	\$303.77
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING\*



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	APRIL	YTD 2018	APRIL 2017
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$165.00
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$822.70	\$1,671.20	\$1,586.96
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$4,318.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur, Pierrefonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$87.57	\$346.86	\$176.20
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$321.00
Église Renaissance Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$400.00	\$4,213.05	\$0.00
First Romanian Baptist Church, Laval	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
La Chapelle Rosemond, Montréal	\$12,530.12	\$28,294.81	\$20,648.52
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$318.68	\$1,410.16	\$1,517.24
<b>NEW CHURCH PLANTS</b>			
Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centre Tapickotc de Wemotaci, La Croche	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ComJesus, Mont-Saint-Hilaire	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$160.00	\$320.00	\$150.00
Église Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église du Mont-Bellvue, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$1,083.10	\$816.70
Église le Contact, Repentigny	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00
Église le Refuge, Pincoût	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$2,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,250.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
l'Assemblé (Eglise Evangelique Lumière des Nations), Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$287.54	\$0.00
La Chapelle Ahuntsic, Montreal	\$4,467.86	\$8,607.13	\$0.00
La Chapelle Mile-End, Montreal	\$2,329.17	\$5,378.78	\$0.00
Renaissance Church (Montreal), Montreal	\$0.00	\$2,163.97	\$867.50
<b>QC TOTALS</b>	<b>\$23,486.10</b>	<b>\$62,286.60</b>	<b>\$37,315.89</b>

**NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR****NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>NFL TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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**NEW BRUNSWICK****CONGREGATIONS**

Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$0.00	\$2,398.71	\$967.19
Église Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$400.00
Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$1,725.07	\$2,901.39	\$2,558.73
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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**OTHER PLANTS**

River Church Fredericton, Fredericton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
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<b>NB TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,725.07</b>	<b>\$6,400.10</b>	<b>\$6,185.92</b>
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**NOVA SCOTIA****CONGREGATIONS**

Baddeck Community Baptist Church, Baddeck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$400.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,495.00
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

Christian Community Church of Cheticamp, SW Margaree	\$165.00	\$340.00	\$175.00
Inverness Community Church, Inverness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>NS TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,065.00</b>	<b>\$3,140.00</b>	<b>\$2,170.00</b>
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**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND****CONGREGATIONS**

Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$1,378.61	\$5,885.54	\$4,951.39
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**NEW CHURCH PLANTS**

Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>PEI TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,378.61</b>	<b>\$5,885.54</b>	<b>\$4,951.39</b>
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**YUKON/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES****CONGREGATIONS**

Tli-Cho Baptist Church, Behchoko	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Y/NWT TOTALS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>OTHER GIFTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>	<b>\$660.00</b>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$101,661.40</b>	<b>\$383,674.69</b>	<b>\$357,626.16</b>
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\*Listing of Churches who have given in the last 3 years



## CNBC Church Plants & Affiliations 2018

### 3 Connect Goderich [website](#)

Goderich, ON

Rob & Courtney McMichael

### 4 Rachats de Dieu

Montréal-Nord, QC

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### 5 Eglise La Mission

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