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Although we have a lot of preconceptions about Dandelions and have many bad associations with them, let me take a moment, as a gardener, to tell you why I like them and why they have become the unofficial/official "Convention flower" of the CNBC.

Think about dandelions for a moment! What are some of their attributes?

- They are not native to this land. They were brought to Canada through settlers and were originally from Eurasia.
- They are an extremely hardy and prolific flower.
- They grow in all areas and soil conditions.
- They have a long flowering season and produce many flowers and subsequently, seeds that can be carried far distances.
- They have a taproot which makes them difficult to damage or get rid of.
- Every part of the dandelion is useful from the root to the flower.
- They are probably one of the most recognizable flowers on earth because of these attributes.

Isn't that what we as a church should be like?

First, this world is not our home. But while we are here, we need to flourish in the land that we have been brought to and placed in by our Heavenly Father.

We want to be hardy and reproduce our faith prolifically. We want to be able to endure trials and to work through challenges. We want to be able to reproduce our faith and our churches effectively and efficiently.

Where should we be able to proclaim our faith and plant churches?

Everywhere! We shouldn't wait until soil conditions are "right and favourable." We should share the good news of Jesus Christ and establish churches anywhere, even in the toughest and hardest regions of Canada.

We want our people and churches to be transformed into seed carriers! The efficiency of the dandelion seed is amazing and we want our "seeds" to be equally efficient in reseeding the gospel of Jesus even to far distances.

Our people and churches need a taproot. Sustenance for a plant comes from the root and our taproot needs to be firmly established in Jesus Christ. When it is, we are able to endure and survive trials of every sort.

When we paved the parking lot at our Ministry Centre in Cochrane, the contractor neglected to spray for dandelions before laying the black top.

The result in the spring was dandelions pushing right through the pavement. That is like the power of the church of Jesus Christ which pushes through the hardest grounds and spreads its seed every where.

Imagine the amount of money and energy that is exerted to get rid of

the dandelion with very little success. This is the perfect picture of the church triumphant that gives itself away and sees our Lord mow down the gates of hell and build His church.

We want our people to be useful to the world around them. We want to be people of compassion and transformation to our friends, neighbours and communities. If we all of a sudden packed up and left our communities, would we be missed? Our hope is

that we would be because of the effect we were having on the lives around us.

We want to be unashamedly recognized for the attributes of Jesus.

Look again at the dandelion. It really is quite a pretty little flower that provides a lot of colour to this world. Hopefully next time you see one, you will think a little about how you can be like this exceptional plant (but I won't hold it against you if you still try to keep them from your lawn).



These dandelions pushed right through the pavement ... "like the power of the church of Jesus Christ which pushes through the hardest grounds and spreads its seed every where." —G. Taillon



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Time to register for CNBC Annual Convention

Registration for the July 2014 CNBC Annual Convention is now available online. Each person who will attend the convention needs to register—adults, youth and children. Links to registration forms are at cnbc.ca/articles/2014-ac-reg.

The first 50 adult registrants will receive a gift: David Platt's book *Follow Me*. Platt will be the featured speaker at the "Send North America Experience Tour" on Thursday evening.

Note that there are special events available along with the regular convention meetings. These will all take place at Jarvis Street Baptist Church, 130 Gerrard St East, Toronto:

Wednesday, July 2

- International Dinner: 5:00 pm

Thursday, July 3

- Seminary Alumni Breakfast: 7:30 am
- Luncheon for Ministry Wives and Women in Ministry: 12:30 pm
- Picnic lunch: 12:30 pm
- E-equip for the Kingdom leadership training: 2:00 – 4:30 pm
- SNA EXP Tour with David Platt: 7:00 pm

Also, on the adult registration form, an option is available to request tickets for the Jays vs Brewers baseball game, to be played at 12:37 on July 2 at the Rogers Centre. Please note how many tickets you need and you will be contacted regarding how to pay for and pick up the tickets.

Messenger Pre-registration

Messengers will also pre-register online. In previous years, messengers were required to bring their messenger cards to the registration desk at the

convention meeting. This year, each affiliated CNBC church has been contacted through their pastor or church clerk for a list of messengers (voting delegates) to be sent to the CNBC. The names that we receive back for messengers/delegates will be sent a link to fill in their electronic messenger card.

If you are interested in attending the 2014 Annual Convention as a messenger/voting delegate for your church, please contact your pastor or church clerk on how you may fill this role.



SNA EXP TOUR

FEATURING David Platt

July 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm – during the CNBC Annual Convention Meeting

The Send North America Experience Tour carries the God-sized vision for pushing back lostness in North America. We are challenging the Church to leverage their lives in a way that counts for the kingdom as we awaken and empower them to live life on mission.

Early nominations made for convention officers



Two nominations for CNBC officers are made by Jason Shine, Midwest Baptist Association University Campus Minister and Bright City Lights church start pastor in Edmonton, Alberta.

Benje Bartley is nominated for CNBC

President: Benje has been a member of a CNBC church since 1987, serving alongside his mother and father, from his youth. Not many were surprised when he was called to ministry at a relatively young age. His Christian character and faithfulness is testified to by every aspect of his life:

a loving husband to his wife, Marilyn, for 15 years this summer, a caring father to his three daughters, Cirila 13, Kristin 11, and Kaitlyn 8.

He served as youth pastor at Cambrian Heights Baptist Church starting in 2005.



Benje Bartley

From there he became the associate pastor of Cambrian Heights. After graduating from Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in 2010, he became the lead pastor of Mountainview Baptist Church in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, and has been serving there ever since.

Bob Butt is nominated for CNBC 1st Vice-President:

Bob and his wife, Laura, are both graduates of Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and were married shortly after graduation in 1997. Bob and Laura and

their two daughters, Rachel, 13, and Sarah, 11, live in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. They have also opened their home to a 16-year-old exchange student named Laura. Bob has faithfully served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Moose Jaw since 1998.



Bob Butt

Bob has further distinguished himself as a leader serving as chairman of the Moose Jaw Ministerial, being asked to address the Good Friday service for many of the churches of Moose Jaw—a gathering of almost 1,000—being the moderator of the Northern Lights Baptist Association, and leader of the Associational Family Camp there for several years.

He serves on the local school board and on the planning committee of Cornerstone Christian School. Bob is faithful, diligent, a sincere student of the Word and deeply in love with his Lord. It is my great joy to be able to recommend him for the position.

Note: Other nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Convention business meeting.

CNBC 2014 Annual Convention Agenda



July 2-3, 2014
Jarvis Street Baptist Church
130 Gerrard St East, Toronto, ON

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches" (Matthew 13:31,32).



July 2 Wednesday Evening

- 5:00 International Dinner
- 7:00 Worship
- 7:15 Welcome Gerry Taillon
- 7:25 Local Presentation / Video
- 7:45 SEND Partnerships
- 8:00 Message Gerry Taillon
- 8:20 Worship
- 8:35 President's Message Dwight Huffman

July 3 Thursday morning

Business Session (*Child care begins 30 minutes prior*)

- 7:30 Alumni Breakfast Seminary
- 9:00 Call to Order Dwight Huffman
- Seating of Messengers Credentials Committee
- Seating of New Churches Credentials Committee
- Nominating Committee Report
- Appointment of Committees Dwight Huffman
- 9:15 Election of Officers
- National Leadership Board Report Dwight Huffman
- New Business Dwight Huffman

- 10:15 Lifeway Report
- 10:25 NAMB Report Jeff Christopherson
- 10:40 IMB Report
- 10:55 Missions Mobilization Report Peter Blackaby
- 11:10 Foundation Report Gerry Taillon
- 11:20 CGR Report Abraham Shepherd
- 11:40 Seminary Report Rob Blackaby
- 12:00 Thank You's Gerry Taillon
- 12:10 Adjourn Kathy Morales
- 12:30 Ministry Wives & Women in Ministry Luncheon: . . .
"Refresh ... come to Me"
- 12:30 Picnic for all

July 3 Thursday Afternoon – E-equip Leadership Training

- 2:00 – 3:00 (see schedule p. 24) Session 1
- 3:00 – 3:30Break
- 3:30 – 4:30 (see schedule p. 24) Session 2

July 3 Thursday Evening – SNA EXP Tour

- Welcome Gerry Taillon
- 7:00 – 9:00 **SNA EXP Tour with David Platt**
- Wrap-up Gerry Taillon

Annual Convention registration and information at cnbc.ca

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*Nominating Committee Report

To the CNBC Annual Convention Meeting
in Toronto, Ontario - July 2014

National Leadership Board / CNBC Foundation
(4-year terms)

Name	Year of Term	Province
Gerald Hutchman	4**	BC
John Evans	4	PE
ReJean Cloutier	2	QC
Hugh Morrison	2	NS
Roy Spannagel	2	AB
Debbie McDowell	2	MB
Kim Goodfellow	2	ON
DJ Castilleja	1	SK

**Years spent as an officer do not count toward term

**Trustees of Canadian Southern Baptist
Seminary & College**
(4-year-terms)

Name	Year of Term	Province
Michael Wilson	4	ON
Jim Tranquilla	4	NB
Pearl Tingle	4	BC
Ben Marshall	3	ON
Cathey Chisholm	3	AB
Richard McNeil	2	ON

*More nominations to be presented at the Annual Convention

Nominating Committee:

Linda Jarrett • Gerald Hutchman • Dwight Huffman



Watch for Business and Reports
to be posted at cnbc.ca before
convention meetings

children and youth programs

kids

Register your children for the kids' program at
cnbc.ca —something for all ages:

- Nursery: ages Birth – 2
- Preschool: ages 3 – 4
- School Age: ages 5 – 12

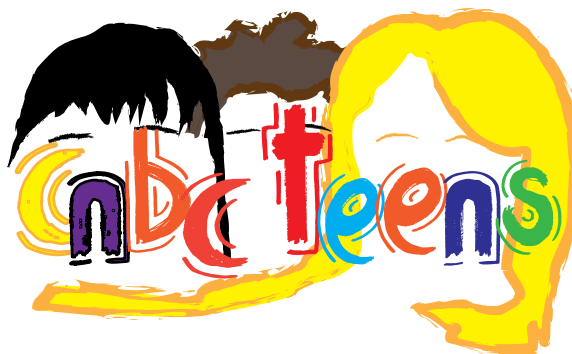
The theme is Amazing Wonders. We'll travel around the world to experience different cultures as well as learn how God loves us all the same.



- Wednesday night will be team building
- Thursday we will travel the world
- Child care is not available during lunch.
- Thursday night will be our closure and party.
- We will have games, activities, prizes, crafts, stories, and more!

teens

Register at cnbc.ca. Come have fun with YOUTH — GRADES 7 THROUGH 12 — from across Canada and learn how you are part of the Kingdom through a dynamic youth program.



Hotel Information for Annual Convention in Toronto - July 2-3, 2014



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BOOK YOUR ROOMS EARLY

A block of rooms has been reserved for those attending the convention. These will be held at the rate of **\$139.00 per night** til June 10.

When reserving a room give the Group Code: **CGCNBC**.

Kingdom Seeds

What's the Plan?

SNA Principles Applied Across Canada

By Peter Blackaby

Canadian Mobilization Director

As you drive through a city or across a province, there are times when the Lord opens your eyes to the great spiritual need. Your response may be, “God, with so much need and so much diversity, where do we begin?” Thanks to Send North America (SNA), we have a strategy that helps us answer that question in large and small communities alike.

At the heart of the SNA Strategy is the gathering of local leaders to pray over a specific geographic area and ask the Lord to reveal “dots on the map” where new churches are required. The dots may represent a residential community, language, or people group.

The final City Plan factors the existing evangelical presence and represents the social, language, cultural, and economic diversity of the city. And finally it reveals priority locations where evangelical church plants are most needed.

This strategy has been effectively piloted in our SNA Cities of Toronto, Montréal, Vancouver, Calgary, and Edmonton. Now, CNBC Church Planting and CNBC Missions Mobilization are working together to apply the principles

of the SNA Strategy in three additional cities: Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Halifax. These cities will not be official “send cities” but their size and influence are significant.

Ottawa-Gatineau – It was exciting to be in the room with local pastors and leaders to pray over their city and begin identifying where the next church plants need to be. At their first meeting this March, the group initially identified where we and other strong evangelical churches are, where we are already active in planting, and some preliminary “dots” where additional churches are needed.

This group will continue to meet over the coming months to pray together, discover additional church plant needs, seek a united vision from the Lord, and intentionally work together to impact the National Capital Region.

Winnipeg – Work has just begun, but Winnipeg’s final City Plan will be added to a larger cooperative effort with Southern Baptist Conventions who neighbour each other along the I-29 corridor as far south as Kansas City. This effort will be fruitful both in developing local synergy and in recruiting new partners who will respond

to a compelling church planting vision ... not just in Winnipeg, but along the entire corridor.

Halifax – An initial city plan has just been completed that identifies the next 12 priority plants in the Halifax Regional Municipality. This informed vision will enable South Carolina and other partners to join efforts in the most strategic locations. Additionally, it helps us all realize that the task is so much larger than any of us can undertake on our own. We must work together and bring others to the table as well.

A local City Plan reveals communities, languages, and people groups that have no church or need additional churches serving them. It helps to answer the question, “With so much need and potential, where do we begin?” And it helps partners see the larger vision for the area and know where and how best to pray, participate, and provide.

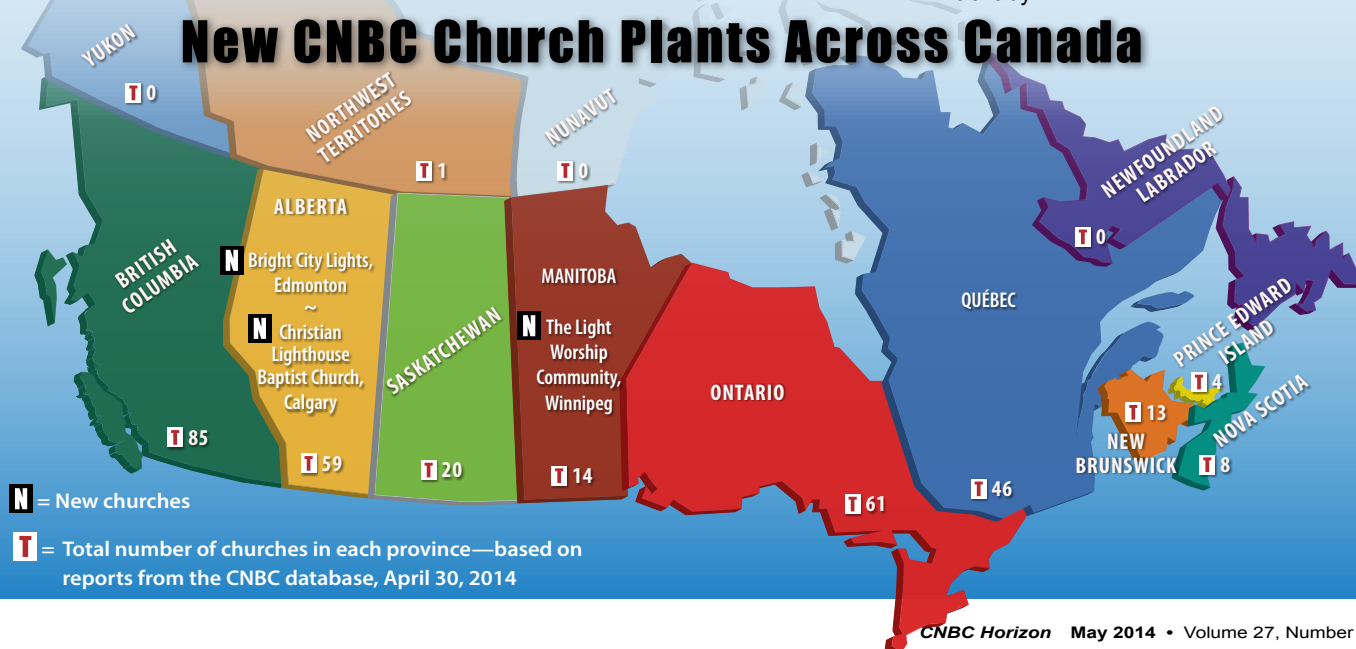
This is encouraging because the SNA City Plan strategy can be duplicated in any geography where local churches are committed to intentionally pray and labour together. For more information on this strategy, contact Dan Morgan or Peter Blackaby.

Dan Morgan

New Churches Team Leader



New CNBC Church Plants Across Canada



Olympics opens doors for church planting in Russia

By Frank Stirk

MOSCOW, RU – When International Mission Board (IMB) missionary Kelly Manire arrived home in Moscow after spending two weeks in February at the Sochi Winter Olympics, he came back with a list of about 20 people he had met and befriended. One of them was Lionel, a young writer who also lives in Moscow.

“We just began to chat, and I was able to find out what he values and cherishes. I was able to talk to him about what I cherish and what’s dear to me, and how Christ makes all the difference,” says Manire.

“Lionel’s sort of like a Russian New Ager—‘There’s got to be something out there to feed our souls, but I’m not sure what that is.’ I’ve met with him here and we’re going to continue to meet together. I think over the course of time, we’ll be able to have some very specific conversations about Christ. That day is coming.”

Manire and his wife, Jeanne, have been ministering in Russia for almost a year. Before that, they had served for 15 years among postsecondary students and young adults across Metro Vancouver and British Columbia, planting several churches in the process.

It was while serving at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics that God began to impress on them a calling to the Sochi Games in 2014. What they did not anticipate was that by then they would actually be living in Russia.

They—along with their son, Matthew—attended the Games as part of an IMB project called Engage Sochi. They joined about 230 Southern Baptist volunteers. “We totally loved every moment of every day that we were there,” says Manire.

Even the tight security laid on by Russian authorities to deter any terrorist attacks could not dampen their enjoyment of the event.

“It was kind of intense,” he says. “But once you got through their security,



Jeanne and Kelly Manire, with their son, Matthew (centre), attend the Olympic Games as part of an IMB project called Engage Sochi.

it was just like in Vancouver. There was freedom to walk around and do what you want.”

The threat of violence plus the cost of traveling to Sochi still persuaded people from many nations not to attend. The IMB had initially expected 400 Americans and Canadians would volunteer. Yet seemingly no one from a CNBC church chose to go, at least not as missionaries.

But the fact that foreigners stayed away meant that the SBC team was successful in their primary goal of forging relationships with Russians and especially the people of Sochi. Unlike the Vancouver Games, where the emphasis was on mass evangelism and hospitality, the emphasis in Sochi was less on the event itself but on church planting. In fact, the IMB’s first church planting couple arrived there three years ago.

“Our target was not necessarily the people who had come from around the world for the Games—although that was a focus—but we really wanted to engage the people of the city with the gospel,” says Engage Sochi co-director Marc Ira Hooks, who is based in Vienna.

That said, volunteers handed out about 17,000 pins designed to start a conversation about Christianity as well

as full-gospel tracts in Russian and English.

“One of the things we tasked our volunteers with,” says Hooks, “was, ‘Don’t just give out a pin and a gospel tract. We want you to have conversations and to go deep enough with people to where they would feel comfortable to give you their contact information.’”

The Manires themselves gave away more than 400 pins. “Just like the More Than Gold pins at the Vancouver Olympics, they worked like a charm,” says Manire.

The net result was volunteers led three people to Christ, while more than 130 indicated a desire to learn more. Hooks is hopeful this is just the beginning.

“We’re going to continue to engage the people of Sochi, meet them where they are, talk to them about the gospel, hopefully make new disciples, and move those disciples into groups of believers that we call churches,” he says.

While Russia remains his mission field, Manire says he would “absolutely love” to go to the next Olympics events—Brazil in 2016 and South Korea in 2018. And if they are allowed to go, he hopes next time it will be as Canadian citizens.

That they may know You

John 17:3

Help transform your community

Kathy Morales

Transforming Communities Team Leader



By Stephanie Morales Beaulieu

Get into the Word: James

New CNBC Online Women's Bible Study Beginning May 19

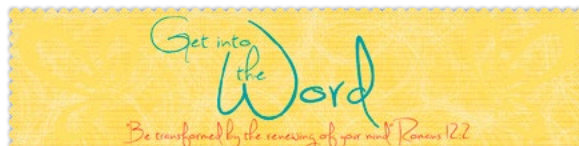
Getting in the Game: I grew up playing basketball. The worst place to be was sidelined. I wanted to be in the action, making the offense unfold, throwing great assists and making great defensive stops. I wanted to be part of the game-changing moments.

I grew up in a pastor's home with a front row seat to many "God-stories." Changed lives, unexplainable provisions and divine appointments make you wonder, where do I sign up for that? I developed a hunger and thirst for my own personal experience with God. Though I loved hearing the stories I didn't want my own faith to rest on second-hand experiences. I desired to know God in the same way as the people who inspired me.

Getting in the Word: God's Word has been the primary way He has revealed Himself to me. Sure, I have attended conferences and retreats, heard great sermons and listened to inspiring songs, but nothing can compare to God speaking to me in the quiet of my time alone with Him. Allowing His truth to penetrate my heart and mind has made the

difference between observing on the spiritual sideline and truly experiencing God in a real and personal way.

I'm thrilled to announce that we are ready to bring a free, on-line women's Bible study to all of you.



Getting Ready: There are six sessions. Each includes a short video teaching segment and a downloadable personal study guide. The study guide is designed to take you through 30-60 minutes of personal study per week. You can participate in it individually, with a friend or with a small group.

To sign up, visit getintotheword.ca before May 19. Subscribing to the site

will ensure that the Bible study materials land in your inbox each week. We're also asking participants to enrol by clicking on "Get In". This will be our virtual way of taking attendance so we know who is joining us on this journey. Pick a day to get started. The day of the week and time are your choice.

My hope and prayer is that God uses this study to thrust us deeper into His Word together. I know that as we expose our lives to His Word, He goes to work leaving nothing untouched. My heart's desire is for women to experience the love of God and His transforming power. You can know Him, not just in theory and not just from second-hand stories. You can know and experience Him for yourself. My mom and I invite you in and look forward to journeying with you into the Word!

Transforming Community through Sport

How to use sports as access to your community and develop strategy for outreach

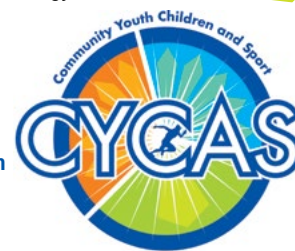
Friday May 30 • 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday May 31 • 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College
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Presenters: **Jeff Wilson** • President TLC Sports Information
Joe Souza • NAMB church planter catalyst Boston MA

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An Invitation to Prayer

Join with others across Canada as we set aside intentional time with God to pray for the lost. For the month of May our CNBC family will read Scripture and pray together. This is a call to prayer for revival.

In view of the abundant harvest, let's ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest field. Pray God would prepare and send workers. The labour supply depends on our prayers.

Collectively, we will ask God to give us a burden for the lost. The key that opens the eyes of those that do not know the gospel or the love of Jesus Christ is prayer.

Think of four people in your circle of influence who do not have a personal relationship with God. Write their names on the "I am praying for..." card.

Stop and Pray

For the month of May pray everyday for the people listed on your card.

Pray at stop signs, stop lights, while waiting in line, in traffic, in waiting rooms, during your time alone with God and with your church.

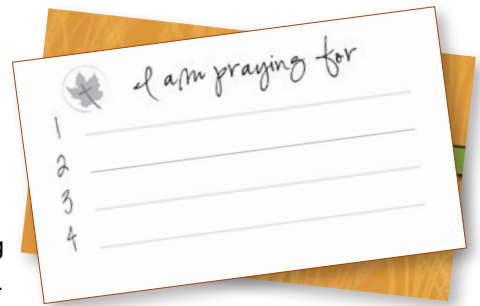
Take Time to Care

Show you care by serving and loving one person on your list each week. Through simple acts of kindness show a practical demonstration of God's love. Encourage someone with a phone call, text or email. Send a card. Invite a friend for coffee. Meet a need. Deliver a treat. Run an errand. Offer help.

Be ready to Share

This month may or may not be the time God opens the heart of the people you are praying for to hear the gospel. Scripture encourages you to be prepared to share. Be ready to tell how Jesus has changed your life.

- This is also a call to corporate prayer. Join us in prayer on Sundays during your worship service and



show weekly **video clips from the CNBC website.**

- Use the **prayer calendar daily** from May 4 to 31.
- Read weekly on-line theme devotions each **Monday.**
- Please see **cnbc.ca** for resources. Click on **Pray for Harvest** banner. Thank you for joining us.

Kathy Morales

Transforming Communities through Prayer

"I'm convinced that God has continued to use us and to expand our churches from sea to sea to sea because we have prayed and we were certain of our utter dependence on him to fulfill the vision of a 1000 healthy, reproducing, cooperating churches by the year 2020. Let me encourage you to take this Pray for the Harvest emphasis more seriously than any other thing you do in ministry in the church." **Gerry Taillon**



Vacation Bible School preparation underway across Canada



Exciting VBS and Kids/Sports Camp training is going on all over Canada during April and May. VBS training workshops are being held in PE, NS, NB, ON, MB, SK, AB and BC. Pray for all the children who will attend VBS and Kids/Sports Camps this summer. Pray that kids and families will come to know Christ!

PHOTO: Melanie Morgan (back centre) leads VBS training at Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof, BC. The church's VBS team is: (L to R) Elizabeth Klassen, Eleanor and Ed Thiessen, Linda DeMoss, Milton and Judy Carr, Frank and Julie Hutchinson and Edith Hall.

God is working in Cuba

Roland and Shirley Shum joined with 13 others from across Canada for a vision trip to Cuba. The Shums share some of their reflections of the trip here. Roland is pastor of Evangel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB.

Shirley Shum's Cuba Reflections

The recent Cuba Vision Trip Pastor Roland and I went on was an eye opening experience for both of us. Within a week's time, we visited seven churches and seven mission fields in Santiago and its vicinity.

We, North American Christians, are living in an affluent world where we have almost everything materially, perhaps much more than we need, but we might still be poor spiritually.

Many of the pastors, missionaries and Christians whom we met in South East Cuba touched our hearts. They are poor materially and yet they seem rich spiritually.

Pastors live on a monthly salary of 20-25 CUC, which is equivalent to US dollars, and missionaries only live on 12 CUC per month. Despite the limited resources they have on hand, their focus is still on planting churches, and setting up more

mission sites so that more people can hear the good news and be disciplined.

They are full of vision, passion and yet, without the adequate resources, it can be challenging for them to put some ministries into action.

If we North American Christians are willing to help them out with more resources, the Kingdom of God can be even more quickly and effectively expanded; more pastors and missionaries will be trained. Their human resources will be focused on evangelizing, discipleship training, mentoring, and doing more mission work rather than problem solving.

Just a few of the needs/challenges are:

- basic needs for their families
- a multi-purpose facility for different training, retreats, and camps of 300 to 500 youth or children
- prizes for children in the AWANA program
- more benches to seat more people
- classrooms for children to meet for Sunday School

Are we willing to take part in the spiritual revival in Cuba by sharing our abundant resources with our Cuban brothers and sisters?

Pastor Roland Shum's Cuba Reflections

My wife, Shirley, and I have been sharing our Cuban experience with different congregations since we returned from our March trip. It might be hard for some to fully understand what it was like until they see it with their own eyes. Obviously, there is no point in comparing Canada and Cuba because they are so different. And yet, I cannot help to reflect more on the spirit and

mentality that may become an inspiration and challenge to what it means to be a church.

Generally speaking, based on our observations, the Christians and churches there have few possessions, so they have not much to lose. They see more of what they receive as gifts from God, so they have a free spirit of giving and sharing—many homes are open for ministry purposes.

To them, prayer is their core ministry and lifestyle. Their mentality is to reach out to the lost and start missions in their neighborhood even when they are so lacking of resources.

There are many laypersons who rise up to be equipped and get trained to further the gospel ministry.

They tend to think of potential ministry opportunities and many of them sacrificially lay down their lives for the Lord.

No wonder the Lord has blessed Cuban churches with great harvest:

Forty percent of the population are Christians in a Communist country and thousands of new churches and missions have been planted in the past two decades!

Let us re-think and reflect on what it means to be a Christ-follower and what it means to be a church. Are we willing to serve, give and participate sacrificially?



Joel Louis Dupont (President of the Baptist Convention of Eastern Cuba), Mike McElroy, Dan Rossworm, Wayne Hoover, Terry and Joanne Branscombe, Yongju Choi, Maurice Tenkink, Jinhyuk Im, Shirley Shum, Cal Fraser, Shinhyun Kim, Cam Macdonald, Max Blazina, Roland Shum



To find out how you and your church can partner in Cuba, contact Mel Cruikshank at cnbc.send.students@telus.net or call 780-487-8577.

En Route!

Help!

Peter Blackaby

Canadian Mobilization Director



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As a young child, my parents bought a travel trailer. But before they could bring it home, we needed to create a parking pad. Digging out and levelling a space for a 7.6 m trailer was no small feat, especially considering we were squeezing this parking stall into a city lot that needed to drop by almost a metre. I remember watching as neighbours from up and down the block would show up with shovels and picks in hand. Without the help of these neighbours, it would have been an insurmountable task. But working hard together, we finally had a place for our new family home on wheels.

The same can be true in the life of a church or church plant. There are certain times when we need to call upon friends and extended family to help. Extra hands may be needed for a one-time outreach event or a week-long summer program. But where do we start in asking for help? The

following are a couple of ideas of how you can share your need and potentially recruit help.

START LOCAL: If we help you, can you help us? Every church probably has a few projects in a year where they require additional help to accomplish. If your church does not have an ongoing partnership with another church, this would be a great opportunity to potentially involve other churches in your immediate area. One approach would be to ask the pastor or a ministry leader in a nearby CNBC church, "If we help you with a project this summer, can you help us with one as well?"

For example, a Calgary area church may approach a sister church and ask, "If we sent 10 volunteers to help with your Canada Day celebration, could you send 10 volunteers to help with our Stampede Barbecue a week later?" Not only does this provide extra hands for a needed task, but it

also helps relationally connect two churches that are already ministering in relative close proximity.

SHARE WITH THE EXTENDED FAMILY: Post the need – A new [website](#) has been created that will allow CNBC churches to post a need or search for one time mission opportunities across the CNBC and amongst our larger Southern Baptist family in the United States.

Go to cnbcpartners.com and click on the "Click Here" link in the first paragraph.

If a church is able to respond to your need, be sure not to miss the potential for an ongoing relationship – encouraging each other throughout the following year through intentional prayer. And, if the task this church helped you accomplish is an annual need, you may have found a great long-term partner with whom you can reciprocate.

Churches helping each other... it is one of the joys of being family.



Cowboy church comes to Coldwater, Ontario

The weekend of April 5-6, 2014, was "sure a barnburner" for Beacon Baptist Church in Coldwater, Ontario.

Pastor Pat Armstrong and his wife, Nadine, invited Mike and Suzann Burns of Songs of Faith Ministries from Cochrane, Alberta to share their distinctive blend of old hymns, Southern Gospel songs, cowboy poetry, and personal testimony.

Saturday morning began with a men's breakfast, where nearly 50 men from

area churches gathered to fellowship and enjoy some cowboy-style gospel music, stories, and poetry.

That evening, over 50 folks from the local community gathered at the Coldwater Curling Club for a cowboy gospel concert. Beacon Baptist Church meets at the Curling Club every Sunday. During the concert, folks listened to familiar melodies and memorable words that challenged them to reflect on their

relationship with the Lord. For many, this was the first time they had ever been to a Beacon Baptist Church event.

The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning cowboy church service followed by a fellowship meal. For the members of Beacon Baptist Church the entire weekend was a step of faith and, without exception, they were enthusiastic about its potential impact on Coldwater and surrounding area.

Church Administration

The Importance of Registering Your Charity

Joan Bruce

Finances Team Leader



With a convention goal of 1000 churches by 2020, we are always excited to get “birth announcements” from our church planting team. It’s not about the number but rather the thought that lives will be changed in communities across Canada because of this church plant and its ministry.

In Canada the federal government allows for churches to register for charitable status for the purpose of advancing religion. In this article we address the question of why our church plants should register for charitable status.

Some reasons for seeking charitable status are:

- Charities are exempt from paying tax.
- Charities can offer donors tax relief by issuing official donation receipts to reduce income tax payable for an individual or corporate donor.
- Charities are considered “qualified donees” and therefore can receive funding from other registered charities.
- Registered charities are more “credible” as they must follow rules and guidelines to maintain their status.
- Charities are exempt from GST/HST on goods and services provided and can claim rebates on GST/HST that they pay.

Each year in Canada there are billions of dollars given to charities and donors receive tax relief for such gifts. For some donors this does not necessarily equate to the reason they give but in all cases the legitimacy of the organization is enhanced with the knowledge that the organization is registered and able to accept these gifts. The official donation receipt issued by the charity is a benefit the charity can offer to the donor.

In order for a church to receive funding from another charitable organization, it must be a registered charity. When the convention receives funding for our church plants, we can only send it along for processing to a church that is also a registered Canadian charity. If the new church is not registered, we must work with the registered sponsoring or mother church to process funding. In the past we used the term “mission church” and some of our churches that birthed churches years ago continue to experience the birth of children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren. The role of the “parent” church is extremely important and will be discussed in a future article.

Our web site, www.cnbc.ca, has information on how to register for charitable status. The application form and additional information is available on the government website, www.cra-arc.gc.ca.

Evangel holds recommitment wedding ceremony

By Shirley Shum

EDMONTON, AB—Evangel Family Centre is an outreach arm of Evangel Baptist Church, Edmonton, to the communities. It provides a variety of services and activities to meet multi-faceted needs of families. One of the goals is to provide holistic nurturing and care for all ages: socially, physically,

intellectually, creatively, emotionally and spiritually (S.P.I.C.E.S.).

Some of the activities offered are: Line Dance class, Tai Chi class, Photo Club, sports events, parenting helps, marriage enrichment and health workshops, Alpha course, Evangel’s Got Talents, and ESL classes. Most activities are incorporated with a spiritual element.

One of the focuses is to strengthen family relationships.

On February 22, Evangel Family Centre organized a recommitment wedding ceremony. Seventeen couples, celebrating different milestones of their marriage, recommitted their wedding vows to their spouses in front of God along with their young or grown up sons and daughters, friends and relatives as witnesses. It was a meaningful ceremony and celebration, especially to the participating couples and their families. The event also served as a collective testimony to the non-Christian community that Christians take marriage seriously and live up to biblical teaching.

Seventeen couples, celebrating different milestones of their marriage, participate in a recommitment wedding ceremony at Evangel Baptist Church.





Students make spiritual Investments

By Dr. Don McNaughton

Seminary Day has just completed for 2014. Fifteen students (and six faculty) spoke in locations ranging from BC to Nova Scotia, to bring greetings from Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College.

We consider it essential for our students to say thank you personally for the prayer support and financial gifts that come to the seminary and college. Part of that thank you is to be of service in some practical way to the pastors and churches who invite us to visit. This is sometimes a tricky proposition—our CNBC pastors and churches themselves possess a service-mindedness. Students often encounter the “No, how can I help you?” response from those they go to serve.

From my standpoint as an organizer, it does my heart good to see this loving competition play out across the country; both students and church leaders working to pour God’s grace into one another’s pockets.

I thank God for the opportunities our students had: to build relationships, to impart God’s word, to appreciate what front-line ministry is like, and to learn from pastors how to take direction and bless people in the name of the Lord Jesus. We sincerely hope that our efforts to connect with our churches were meaningful to those we visited. It is an ambitious plan to hope that a short visit can bring respite, support, or shared appreciation of our God and celebration of His spoken word, but those are our intentions.



Isaac Appiagyei meets new friends from Africa and members of Calvary Baptist Church in Moose Jaw, SK.

Inevitably, the relationships we are investing in have too many dimensions to anticipate all of what might transpire. After the planning is done, circumstances unfold in such a way that there is always an original flavor that emerges from every visit. Let me share a few details from one such visit. The following is excerpted from seminary student Isaac Appiagyei’s report of his visit to pastor Bob and Laura Butt at Calvary Baptist Church in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

I preached from Colossians 1:15-23, 2:6-23 with the theme: ‘The Superior Saviour.’ In attendance were 16 Africans and 16 existing church members. One man (NN) and his family from Sudan joined the church and after the close of the service we were all headed to a potluck dinner.

I spotted five potential leaders among the Africans and I called them to a meeting in the evening at the pastor’s office. All of them attended and (NN) from Sudan gave his life to Christ after a clear and simple presentation of the gospel message. Three other people decided to join the church with their family; (BR) from Ghana and (FK) from Sudan, and (GG) from DRC Congo. Pastor Bob and I prayed for them and we departed. From the meeting,

the African brothers and I went to visit two families from Ghana and they also decided to join the church.

The next morning, before leaving, Pastor Bob and I visited the multicultural center for refugees in Moose Jaw. I interacted with many African brothers and sisters who are known by the pastor’s wife, Laura— she is a teacher at the multicultural center. Several we visited said they would like to join a church. I have been communicating with them ever since I came back to school

I had the chance to experience God’s grace and love for his people in Moose Jaw. God had already been putting pieces together to bring about His purpose in peoples’ lives there. It was a great challenge to me that I could be a blessing to the church and the people in Moose Jaw. I pray that God will show me what He has for me in ministering to my people who are now in Canada.

Many visits can be characterized by relationship-building groundwork. Even at those times, churches and students happen upon special experiences that encourage one another. On this occasion Pastor Bob and Laura’s extensive efforts of visiting and previous building of relationships set the stage for quite a dramatic weekend with Isaac. We praise God for the outcome of this visit.



Church leaders pray for Daniel Kong, who preached at Evansburg Baptist Church, Evansburg, AB.

从无神论者到门徒培训者

杨拜因和吕芬出生在中国的东北，他们俩都是无神论者。杨弟兄的父亲在文革中被迫害致死，当时杨弟兄只有22岁；35岁时他又痛失母亲；48岁时他曾与死亡擦肩而过。他们唯一的孩子18岁时漂洋过海到



Esther Cen baptizes Mrs. Fen Lv.

加拿大留学。整整12年间，每逢佳节，杨弟兄和吕姐妹都倍感孤独。一直以来，杨弟兄总是感到生活不如意，心里充满忿恨，但是却没有办法归结到一个明确的起因，不知道该恨谁、怨谁。

2013年6月，杨弟兄夫妇俩首次到加拿大来探亲，9月份的一天，被推荐到访卫道浸信会。第一次走进教会，第一次手捧圣经，看到大家一起敬拜，喜悦的高唱赞美诗，杨弟兄夫妇心中异常的激动。杨弟兄第一次听道，圣经教导人凡事要谦虚、温柔、忍耐，用爱心互相宽容。他感到非常惊讶，圣经的道理如此地切合生活的实际，难怪在两千多年当中，越来越多的人愿意遵

循圣经的指引。杨弟兄和吕姐妹参加了老人查经组学习圣经，重新认识了人生，对从前的怨恨和痛苦有了新的认识，并决定悔改相信耶稣。

2014年2月22号，他们一起接受洗礼。受洗之后，杨弟兄夫妇一起同工，向邻居传福音，关心和照顾其他来加探亲的老人，也积极参与教会的服侍。现在他们分别在“迎新小组”和“场地布置小组”服侍。他们经常喜乐地告诉别人，“现在我们也是教会的仆人！”最近，老人查经组的组长因其它事情暂时不能召集和带领大家学习，杨弟兄夫妇与另外的同工主动承担起了查经组的组织工作，坚持聚会，学习圣经。

From an atheist to a disciple-maker

In 1954, Mr. Baiyin Yang and his wife Mrs. Fen Lv were born in north-east China. They grew up as atheists. At age 22, Mr. Yang lost his father who was persecuted to death in the Cultural Revolution; at age 35, he lost his mother; at age 48, he miraculously survived a pulmonary embolism. After high school, his only child came to Canada to study. For more than a decade, Mr. Yang and his wife felt very lonely especially during the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year), which like Christmas or Thanksgiving in North America is a holiday of family reunions. Mr. Yang had, through the years, accumulated much bitterness and hatred. Last year, he and his wife came to Canada for the first time to visit their son.

On a Sunday last September, they visited Truth Chinese Baptist Church.

At nearly 60 years of age, it was their first time to attend a worship service and to hold a Bible. As they watched Christians worship together and listened to worship songs, their hearts were deeply touched. The first sermon they heard was a message from Ephesians. They were so amazed that though the Bible has thousands of years of history, it still speaks relevantly to today's life. Soon after, they joined a Bible study group. Through studying the Bible, they became followers of Christ.

On February 22, 2014, they were baptized together. Even before then, they had already begun to share the gospel with neighbours and to care for other seniors who had also come to Canada as visitors. After their baptism, they not only continued to reach out, but they also joined the church cleanup team and the team to welcome new visitors. Now they



Small group leader John Zhang baptizes Mr. Baiyin Yang.

proudly tell others, “We too are servants of the church!” Their small group leader recently indicated a need to take a break. Immediately, Mr. Yang and his wife volunteered to take up the responsibility with a willingness to coordinate the gatherings and to learn to lead Bible discussions. They want to continue to use this group to bless Chinese seniors.

City-wide night of worship draws Richmond-area youth

VANCOUVER, BC—Pastor Garrett Holmes of Towers Baptist Church in Richmond, BC, has a heart for the teenagers in his community. He volunteers as a basketball coach in a local school, and through those connections Holmes has noticed that a few of the kids in the schools go to church, but they do not know each other.

He began to pray about a vision he had to gather three or four local churches and expected to have 30 to 40 teenagers and university students from local youth groups attend. He wanted to get them together for a city-wide night of worship and a chance to connect so they would know they were not alone on their campuses.

Holmes and other local leaders put together the youth event with the help of a mission team from Lake Mead Christian Academy in Henderson (Las Vegas), Nevada. It was their third year in a row to come on their spring break to help Towers Baptist and the Richmond Church Planting Network.

The event was held at Towers Baptist Church on Friday, March 7. By the end of the evening, 123 people, representing 14 churches from the Vancouver Lower Mainland, had gathered. They worshipped through song, prayer, painting, writing and other types of art. Holmes, knowing that many were new to church, passionately shared a gospel message about the cross of Jesus Christ.

"I wanted them to know how excited I was that they were all here together and how blown away I was that this night was

happening." Holmes said. "However, I made it very clear that I am even more excited and more blown away that God loved me and them enough that He would send Jesus to die in my place and in their place too. I pray that they clearly heard how much Jesus loves them and how much we care for them too."

Holmes added, "I usually do not get nervous when I preach, but there was a point I had to go into my office while they were singing and just pray. I was overwhelmed and nervous to preach to that group of students. It was an amazing night."

Also, the group collected many items for homeless ministries. Everyone that registered for the event was entered to win a prize, but if they brought donations they received extra entries. A young unchurched girl won the prize and all stayed around to fellowship and connect around pizza and pop.

The CNBC Youth Team provided a grant to help with this associational youth event.

Ray Woodard, Vancouver Send City coordinator, said "It was good to see the combined work of several churches provide such a great evening for young people to invite friends to hear the gospel." He enjoyed observing



Pastor Garrett Holmes preaches a gospel message to a gathering of youth representing 14 area churches in the Richmond, BC area.

the Christian young people surrounded by their non-Christian friends they had invited.

He shared that his excitement for the night was topped off when he saw a familiar face from several years ago. She was surrounded by her family and eating pizza.

Woodard said, "I walked over to reacquaint myself and ask what brought them that night. She beat me to the punch saying, 'Apparently your grandson is a friend of my daughter and he invited her.' It was a good evening."

Conrad Au, CNBC youth catalyst, said, "When we gather all our youth in our WestCoast Baptist churches together annually for our Rock Solid rally, we desire to empower our pastors, youth pastors and leaders to do the same for their youth and their community. It's awesome to see Garrett at Towers serving God in such way for Richmond."

Holmes concluded, "God has given me a huge burden for the city of Richmond and I know that this generation is going to play a huge part in bringing the gospel to this city. We have to share the gospel with them first, let God work and then disciple and train them. Please pray for our city!"

Garrett Holmes is the lead pastor of Towers Baptist Church and lead planter for the Richmond Church Planting Network. A new work in the Richmond neighbourhood of Steveston is being planted. Follow him on twitter @garrettholmes.



Youth gather at Towers Baptist Church for a city-wide night of worship.

God is blessing Ottawa Good News Community Church

By Dr. Duc Nguyen

We would like to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ, how God has blessed our church, Ottawa Good News Community Church. We are a vibrant Vietnamese community of faith. The mission of our church is to "Love God, Love People, Grow in Christ, and Share the Good News."

Four people, who love and trust God, founded our church two years ago. For the first two months the group met in a home. Then Sequoia Community Church provided a larger place for us to hold worship services in their church's office.

Mrs. and Mr. Qua Pham and church members continued their prayers and asked God to give us a large facility and some larger rooms for the youth and children's ministry. Again, God answered our prayers and we are now able to meet in the building of Greenbank Community Church.

We praise the Lord for helping our church make disciples. So far, we have made disciples of about 50 percent of the believers in our church and we continue to train the new believers and train trainers.

We have baptised 23 people and now have more than fifty members attending.

Our hope is that God will help our church continue to grow and multiply.

Praise the Lord for Pastor Yoon who helped us in T4T evangelism training, Rev. Dr. Tuan Anh Nguyen who helped train our leaders in friendship evangelism and Rev. Dr. Tran Dao who helped us train our church members in making disciples.

Our church's leaders have been interviewed and assessed by Ontario lead catalyst, Rev. Andrew Lamme. We have monthly meetings with Rev. Ryan Dawson, the lead pastor of Sequoia Community Church, who generously supports us in many ways such as helping us with our strategic planning and assisting us in the process of registering our church as a charity organization.

The Baptist Faith and Message says, "It is the job and honor of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to try to make disciples of the people from all nations."¹

Winning the lost world to faith in Jesus Christ depends on all believers. Making disciples is a Christian duty for the person who has already accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and is clearly commanded many times in the teachings of Christ.

Therefore, making disciples for Christ is a "must." We hope that we can share this learning process with our leaders and all believers in our church so that we can make more disciples. Thank God, we are seeing some results from this plan.

A few months ago, on Vietnamese New Years Celebration Day, our leaders and members went in to the community to witness and distribute gospel tracts to unbelievers. Many people heard the gospel of Christ.

This summer, we will work with Sequoia Community Church to bring a movie trailer to the community park to show some Christian movies and introduce Christ to the people.

We seek to proclaim and demonstrate the Good News of Jesus by living by faith and sharing the gospel, as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Praise the Lord.

¹ *The Baptist Faith and Message*: <http://www.sbc.net/bfm/bfm2000.asp>

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Richmond Hill Baptist Church celebrates freedom from bank debt

By David Wyman

CALGARY, AB—On January 26, Richmond Hill Baptist Church symbolically placed their mortgage note in a water pail and burned it into ashes. A service of rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord surrounded the milestone.



Pastor Shane Spannagel introduces Catherine Schmidt.

Catherine Schmidt led the congregation to recall with joy the pilgrimage of the church from its beginnings to the exciting moment of being debt free and enjoying and ministering in their wonderful facility. Dr. Shane Spannagel, senior pastor, called all to commitment to the ministries of today and the future that God has planned for Richmond Hill Baptist Church.

Twenty-nine founding members of the congregation were presented to the church and honoured for their faithfulness to God's will in the life of the church. Former church members traveled to participate in the day's celebrations.

Only God knew from the beginning that the 19-year story of that church would see such remarkable progress by 2014. The small group of 36 dedicated Baptists, the total membership of the church in 1998 who signed off on the multi-million dollar building project that year, surely had little financial ability.

Financial records from 1998 include a comment by an official auditor stating that "this is a small congregation that cannot possibly meet their financial obligations and dreams." Yet they had enormous faith that God would carry the building to completion and the debt fully paid.

None recall believing that they would "burn" their note five years before the actual bank arrangement, thus saving

a great amount of money for ministry in God's Kingdom. However, each year the congregation sets aside a Sunday to focus on the blessing of sacrificial giving. That annual "Miracle Sunday" with its emphasis on serving God with financial and other resources has led the church to rejoice in what God can do when every individual and family does their part.

The church website recalls the 1995 beginnings of a dream of a Baptist church by three Baptist "lay-families" who had already helped plant new churches in other parts of Calgary. They dreamed of a Baptist church which would minister to the rapidly growing Calgary-southwest and located near the new West Hills and Signal Hill shopping centres.

By 1996 they had organized for the task and formed a church partnered with the Baptist Union of Western Canada, purchased two acres of prime property, and drawn architectural plans for a building to accommodate 600 people. However, financing and organizational problems nipped at the dream for two years.

In 1998 the church reorganized and sought membership with the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, now called the CNBC. Several families from CCSB-related churches joined with their small but determined "dream team" in 1998, still meeting in a Catholic elementary school on Richmond Road.

From the school, the church moved into one of the movie theatres in the West Hills cinema complex. The members



Pastor Shane Spannagel prepares to burn the church's mortgage.

at that time still remember that the first worship Sunday was held in the theatre that would, that day, show the movie "Titanic"! The church would finally take possession of their own new building in November, 1999.

On August 1, 1998, the church called Dr. Allen Schmidt as their senior pastor. Schmidt took retirement from his position as the executive director of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists and led the church through their first four-and-a-half years of organizing for evangelism and discipleship, financial planning, and the great task of seeing the building project from a deep "hole in the ground" through to one of the finest and most functional buildings among CNBC-related churches.

In March, 2003, Dr. Schmidt "retired" once again and the church called Dr. Shane Spannagel as pastor. Spannagel has now led the church for 11 years of growth in spiritual maturity, outreach, national and international ministry, and financial progress. The multi-ethnic congregation continues to look toward the future under the Lordship of Christ.



Founding members of Richmond Hill Baptist Church are presented and honoured for their faithfulness to God's will in the life of the church.

*COOPERATIVE GIVING REPORT 2014

	MARCH	YTD 2014	MARCH 2013
BRITISH COLUMBIA			
CONGREGATIONS			
✓ Bethel Romanian Church, Abbotsford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
✓ Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Bridge Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,132.30
✓ Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church on the Mountain, Whistler	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,965.96	\$3,636.17
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$316.27	\$285.77
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
✓ Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Romanian Baptist Church, Port Moody	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$0.00	\$586.00	\$855.33
First East Indian Baptist Church, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Freedom Biker Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$65.25	\$0.00
✓ Gateway Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Gateway Myanmar Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Great Commission Baptist, Aldergrove	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
✓ Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
✓ Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
✓ Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
✓ Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
✓ Living Springs Community Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Logos Baptist Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$0.00	\$1,257.00	\$1,056.39
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
Mosaic Community Church, New Westminster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
✓ Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$731.86	\$2,031.12	\$2,401.73
✓ Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$2,771.83	\$3,807.60
Open Door Community Ministries, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Peace Korean Baptist Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$0.00	\$151.50	\$103.52
✓ Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ RockBridge Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00
✓ Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$93.00	\$317.00	\$270.00
✓ Southside Agape Christian Fellowship, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
✓ Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$463.78	\$871.38
The Bridge, Kitsilano	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ The Church of Loving People, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Joshua House, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$318.48	\$470.68
✓ The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$436.83	\$1,099.06	\$0.00
✓ Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,225.00
✓ Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,493.58
✓ Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$600.00	\$1,600.00	\$3,450.00
Vancouver Nahnum Baptist, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
✓ Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$344.74	\$431.49
✓ Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.41
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$245.42	\$0.00
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$0.00	\$1,115.12	\$1,000.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$436.98	\$144.01
Origin, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$835.58
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$54.71	\$40.50
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$409.83	\$510.00
Zendeh (Living) Church, New Westminster	\$0.00	\$101.54	\$96.85
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
BCTOTALS	\$4,621.69	\$21,936.59	\$37,134.29

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ALBERTA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,395.00
Agape Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Alpine Christian Church, Canmore	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
✓ Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$728.80	\$2,344.65	\$1,222.28
✓ Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$8,913.42	\$15,516.64	\$16,965.50
✓ Bridge International, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,225.93	\$2,487.37
Calgary Korean Global Mission, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
✓ Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$4,453.34	\$4,235.23
✓ Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connection Church, Fort McMurray	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$824.60	\$2,394.24	\$1,668.07
✓ Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,505.10	\$2,742.18
✓ Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$2,500.00
✓ Église Baptiste de la Rédemption, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Evangel Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$0.00	\$2,254.00	\$2,253.10
✓ Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,291.00	\$2,023.00
✓ Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$1,618.06	\$572.02
✓ Ivy Lake Baptist, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,268.00
✓ Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$1,841.36	\$2,405.16
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$399.00	\$2,242.98	\$1,541.75
✓ Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$3,729.48	\$12,878.15	\$12,172.81
✓ Southwinds, Calgary	\$616.00	\$2,348.00	\$2,005.00
Tapestry, Citadel, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$1,719.62	\$1,719.62	\$0.00
✓ The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$952.02	\$1,590.30
✓ Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,917.58	\$5,848.98
✓ Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$4,829.80	\$5,476.88
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
✓ Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,666.71	\$2,690.10
✓ Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$643.91	\$2,440.27	\$2,484.70
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$703.20
Hill Country Reformed Baptist, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.10
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$873.24	\$873.24	\$0.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,054.45
AB TOTALS	\$18,448.07	\$74,762.69	\$80,364.18
SASKATCHEWAN			
CONGREGATIONS			
✓ Allan Baptist, Allan	\$0.00	\$77.00	\$76.81
✓ Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
✓ Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$192.74	\$442.69	\$444.31
✓ Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$1,003.00	\$1,150.86
✓ Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$2,017.98	\$428.30
✓ Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$548.80	\$1,196.30	\$2,796.36
✓ Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$449.02	\$1,834.35	\$1,269.59
✓ Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$152.80	\$155.00
✓ Lakewood Baptist, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$854.00
✓ Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$30.00
✓ Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$550.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,590.00
✓ Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
✓ Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$336.00	\$557.40
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Alberta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gronlid, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SK TOTALS	\$1,955.56	\$9,120.12	\$10,152.63
MANITOBA			
CONGREGATIONS			
✓ Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$1,661.38	\$1,712.55
Joy Fountain Church, East St. Paul	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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	MARCH	YTD 2014	MARCH 2013
√ New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
√ SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
√ Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
City of Refuge, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Family Life Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Renaissance Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
MB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$4,361.38	\$1,712.55

ONTARIO

CONGREGATIONS

All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$390.00
√ Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
√ Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Celebration!, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$1,893.57	\$4,646.95
√ Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Eglise Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Eglise Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$352.75	\$182.87
√ Eglise Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
√ Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Good News Baptist Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
√ Grace Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Greek Gospel Church of Toronto, East York	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
√ Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kingdom Harvest Missional Church, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$252.10	\$210.99
Polish Christian Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Ridgecrest Southern Baptist Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$3,700.00	\$12,900.00	\$9,800.00
The Journey Church, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$244.00	\$1,040.25	\$1,073.00
√ The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$2,458.00	\$6,896.00	\$9,163.70
√ The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,310.86
The Sanctuary, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$216.70	\$1,090.00
√ The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$67.50	\$184.05	\$192.10

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

All Nations Baptist Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$22.50	\$225.25	\$0.00
Fellowship Church, Mississauga	\$348.00	\$1,271.59	\$0.00
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Bikers Church, Hamilton	\$49.25	\$94.65	\$0.00
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,274.00
Mosiac Toronto, Toronto	\$265.26	\$533.74	\$0.00
Ohr L'Goyim Messianic Congregation, Maple	\$22.52	\$365.32	\$0.00
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$155.50	\$2,429.84	\$0.00
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$0.00	\$989.23	\$896.91
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,968.53
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$638.00	\$638.00	\$0.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$199.35	\$1,197.85	\$0.00
Wabaseemoong Gospel Church, Kenora	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER PLANTS

Church Planting Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

ON TOTALS

	\$8,449.88	\$34,310.89	\$35,499.91
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QUEBEC

CONGREGATIONS

Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
√ Assemblée Évangélique bon Samaritain, St. George	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
√ Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$45.00	\$105.00	\$150.00
√ Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$5,167.90	\$5,167.90	\$0.00
√ Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	MARCH	YTD 2014	MARCH 2013
√ Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$100.00
√ Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
√ Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Eglise de L'Amour du Seigneur	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
√ Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$118.00	\$211.00	\$442.00
Eglise Évangélique Baptiste de Manahaim, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$80.75	\$240.24	\$234.26
Eglise Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eglise Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$572.50	\$0.00
First Romanian Baptist Church, Laval	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista El Nuevo Pacto, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ International Christian Community of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
√ On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
√ Providence Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$266.50	\$857.20	\$765.30

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montreal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$432.50	\$775.00	\$0.00
La Chapelle, Montreal	\$0.00	\$9,073.70	\$0.00

QCTOTALS	\$6,965.65	\$19,957.54	\$2,451.56
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NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NL TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW BRUNSWICK

CONGREGATIONS

Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$325.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,075.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,460.00
√ Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,660.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$0.00	\$162.00	\$154.80
Eglise Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129.53
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$180.00

NB TOTALS	\$325.00	\$3,482.00	\$7,659.33
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NOVA SCOTIA

CONGREGATIONS

Baddeck Church Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Gospel Light Baptist Church, Halifax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.59
√ Living Hope Baptist Church, Lower Sackville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Living Hope Community Church, Halifax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
√ Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$333.35

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Christian Community Church - Cheticamp, South West Margaree	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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NS TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$501.94
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CONGREGATIONS

√ Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$0.00	\$2,001.54	\$3,425.24
√ King's Way Christian Fellowship, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Center Point Charlottetown, Cardigan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$351.50	\$351.50	\$413.50

PE TOTALS	\$351.50	\$2,353.04	\$3,838.74
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YUKON & NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CONGREGATIONS

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YT/NT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER GIFTS

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$791.06
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TOTALS

	\$41,117.35	\$170,284.25	\$180,106.19
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√ Denotes those churches that are affiliated (seated) with the CNBC

*This report is not a complete listing of CNBC churches. It includes only those that have contributed to Cooperative Giving in the past three years.

Family's faith grows while launching church in Vancouver

By Keith Collier

VANCOUVER (BP)—Billed as North America's most diversity-dense city, Vancouver, British Columbia, boasts 200 language groups among its population of 2.3 million. Naturally, this Canadian region, which includes nearby Vancouver Island, has become a strategic city for the North American Mission Board's Send North America church planting initiative.

In the shadow of this towering urban melting pot, across the Strait of Georgia, sits the picturesque seaside town of Sidney, a year-round tourist destination known for its fishing and natural scenery.

"Most people here are enamored by the natural beauty of creation but reject the Creator. We are working hard to help people connect the Creator with His creation," says NAMB church planter Matthew Bond.

Less than 2 percent of Vancouver Island claimed Christianity on a 2011 census, and 40 percent claimed "no religion."

Bond and his wife Heather and their two teenage sons Ethan and Joseph landed in Sidney in 2012 to plant Ekklesia Church. In less than a year, they established a thriving congregation and have branched out to planting additional churches across the island, which claims a population of 770,000.

"We have wonderful conversations beginning with God," Bond says, "but when the conversation turns to Jesus the people become defensive and turn away. We are definitely not in the Bible Belt anymore!"

"Another challenge is the beauty of the island and the lifestyle of islanders. It's hard to convince people that they need God when life seems so good."

The Bonds' church planting journey began in their home state of Tennessee, where Bond taught at a local junior high school as well as in a Sunday school class at their church.

"As I grew spiritually," Bond says, "a friend challenged me to open my

Christian worldview to actually include the world. This process led my wife and I to sell everything and move our family to Fort Worth, Texas, to attend Southwestern [Baptist Theological Seminary]."

Soon after, a professor informed Bond of a seminary evangelism course that would take place in Vancouver, so he signed up.

"When I returned from Vancouver," Bond recalls, "I could not stop thinking and talking about Vancouver and the trip."



**Matthew and Heather Bond
with their sons Ethan and Joseph**

Photo: Matt Miller/SWBTS

As he and Heather talked and prayed about God's leading, they decided to take a family trip to explore the region and discuss opportunities with other church planters.

As time passed, the Bonds were convinced God was calling them to Vancouver.

"One important point about our church planting adventure is that our whole family is called to this wonderful adventure with God. This is our family mission calling, not just mine," Bond says.

"My prayer was for God to call us as a family and for each of us to find a special place within God's plan to serve. God affirmed this when Ethan, my 15-year-old, came home and announced he had

signed me up to coach volleyball and soccer at his new school. He understands the value of building relationships through building community with others.

"Another great example is when Joseph, my 13-year-old son, shared the gospel with a kid at school after the kid told Joseph he was going to hell. These are the moments, plus many others, that God affirms our calling, and these are the stories we hold on to when we face spiritual warfare and discouragement. We are here for God's glory and not our own."

From the beginning, Bond says they saw God's hand in planting Ekklesia Church.

"We planted Ekklesia in a very unique way that brought with it different rewards and challenges," Bond says.

A group of about 40 Christians, who had been displaced from a church that closed its doors, contacted a NAMB representative for help in planting a new church. Bond accepted the challenge from NAMB and began planting Ekklesia. It was a challenge they took on "without following any of the church planting models found in the textbooks," Bond says.

"We began meeting with this group of 40, teaching them about church planting, the vision God gave me, the *Baptist Faith and Message*, and our views on doctrine, evangelism, and missions," Bond says. "We spent three and a half months meeting, teaching, worshipping and fellowshiping."

"During this time, we lost some of that original 40, and we gathered new people. In December 2012, we held a commitment service when 37 people chose to commit to being a part of Ekklesia and spreading the gospel in Sidney."

Since then, Ekklesia has grown to a regular attendance of 50-60 people. They added children's Sunday school and an active youth group with about 10 teenagers. They also have six home Bible study groups.

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Alberta students refuel, recharge, refocus

By Jason Shine

A group of young people from our CNBC churches were inspired by experiences they shared with young adults in Cuba. Alicia Chung, Sara Ruiz and Wayne Hoover also recognized an opportunity to raise some funds to support the work that is being done among young people by our brothers and sisters in Cuba. An idea born in the hearts of several last August, in the delightful town square of Bayamo, Cuba, came to fruition on February 14 through 17.

Sixty students from about a dozen CNBC affiliated churches gathered for “RE:” a time to refuel, recharge, refocus. That is, they had a retreat.



Shelley Liu, prepares to climb the 20-foot indoor wall at Crowsnest Lake Bible Camp.



A game of life-sized Dutch Blitz keeps students moving at the “RE:” retreat.

Crowsnest Lake Bible Camp provided affordable and delightful accommodations and food. Calvin Poon handled worship with a team of volunteers and Dr. Glenn Watson from the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary brought us teaching from the Bible on what it is to follow God.

Lives were changed, hearts were touched and friendships strengthened, all of which a retreat ought to bring about.

Students did what students do: they went skiing, they climbed the 20-foot indoor wall, they toured a legendary candy store and bought 4-pound gummy bears, they engaged in snowball fights and

played life-sized Dutch Blitz.

Christians did what Christians do: they sang praises to our God, they devoured the Word, they prayed to our God.

God did what God does; and the people remembered why it is good to be in love with our great God! The overwhelming response from the feedback received was that we ought to do this again and we intend to.

In an offering taken at the camp four-hundred dollars was raised to support outreach to Cuba and several hundred more was contributed to the same goal from the surplus money from camp registration.

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Family's faith grows while launching church in Vancouver

Recently, sparks of revival and awakening have caught fire, Bond says. The congregation has seen three people place their faith in Christ along with “seeing a spiritual awakening among many senior adult Christians in the church, many that are praying aloud and sharing their faith with others for the first time.”

As part of their church planting strategy, Bond challenges church members to give themselves away, noting that they want “to send people out to plant new works where the gospel is not being

proclaimed. We are currently working diligently toward creating a strong core church in order to celebrate the sending of people to reach people with the gospel in communities where truth is not proclaimed.”

The church has started a home discipleship group in a community 20 minutes South of Sidney, where church members who live in the area are building relationships and studying the Bible with non-Christians.

“We are praying that God will take this group and build our first daughter church

in Brentwood Bay,” Bond says, adding, “and then keep moving down the peninsula, planting new groups in communities until we work all the way down and then all the way up the island.”

As their family continues to serve in Vancouver, they remain anchored in the God who called them to this geographically beautiful but spiritually dark region.

“I love church planting because there are no safety nets to catch us,” Matthew says.

“Our dependence, faith, and trust in God has grown exponentially.”

International Connections

Thanks a Million, South Asia!!

By Paul Ingold, Surrey, BC

Canada has been blessed with more than a million people who have come from South Asian nations, primarily India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Especially in our major cities, like Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary, South Asians are our neighbors, fellow-workers and fellow citizens. They contribute in many wonderful ways to make Canada a vibrant, prosperous nation.

While most South Asians here speak English, they also are usually fluent in their own language (like Punjabi or Gujarati) and their national language (Hindi for Indians, Urdu for Pakistanis) as well.

South Asians are often more religious than other Canadians—(only four percent have no religious affinity compared with 17 percent of our general population). Most are Sikhs (35 percent), then Hindus (28 percent), then Muslims (17 percent) then Christian (16 percent).

Another related fact about this group in Canada is that the majority ethnic South Asian groups here (about 35 percent) are “Punjabis.” But in India, Punjabis are actually only three percent of the

population! Likewise, Christians make up only three percent of the population in India, but approximately 16 percent of the South Asians here are Christian. About half of the Christians are Catholic and the other half protestant (including Orthodox and Evangelical/Pentecostals).*

We are thankful in the CNBC to have some of these fantastic South Asians represented in our churches and also in Prabhu Yesu Satsangs (fellowships of the Lord Jesus) throughout Canada. CNBC representatives in Surrey, BC, Paul and Nancy Ingold, met Satish and Rama Kumar several years ago and the couples have worked together to start one “Jeewan Jyoti” (light of life) Punjabi Satsang that meets every Sunday evening at Royal Heights Baptist in neighboring Delta. Satish and Rama, originally from Punjab (and who speak Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu and English) have led the group in communicating the good news



Rama and Satish Kumar at the Jeewan Jyoti Satsang at a Christmas Celebration.

of the Lord Jesus in beautiful ways, and have seen the fruit of many changed lives of South Asians in the Vancouver area, and back in Punjab, as well.

The Kumars, along with other South Asian disciples of the Lord Jesus, have become a great blessing to us in Canada—and part of a discipleship revolution that will continue to spread without limits. Thanks a million!

The Kumars and the Ingolds invite everyone who has South Asian co-workers, friends and church members to become part of their network of disciple-makers in the South Asian community. Please email yeshubhakti@gmail.com to join.

*Statistics taken from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indo-Canadians>

Pray for:

- The South Asians in Canada who don't know Christ to hear about and accept Him
- The South Asian ministries across Canada

Engage Québec

The most unreached people group in North America, the Québécois, is within our own country. What are we as Canadian National Baptists doing about it?

At the 2013 annual CNBC meeting, Engage Québec was launched with prayer needs and practical or financial needs being shared on the Engage Québec display board.



People were encouraged to take one of the “pray for” cards and/or a “provide for and partner with” card. The “provide for and partner with” cards include various needs that Montréal area church plants/church planters have to help advance the Kingdom. Would you pray about what needs God may have you or your church meet? Go to cnbc.ca/articles/engage-quebec to find out more information. You may also contact Ellen at econe@cnbc.ca or 1-888-442-2272 ext 124.

“We are never more aware of the hope of Christ as when we are surrounded by those who don't yet have it.” There are vision tours to Montréal throughout the year. If you are interested in going, contact Chad at cvandiver@namb.net for details. To find out how you can partner in other parts of Québec, contact Jacques at javakian@namb.net.

Learn more about Montréal at namb.net/montreal/overview and namb.net/montreal/videos.



Baptism Celebration

Pastor John Siemens (right), with the assistance of Jake Raven, moderator/deacon, baptizes Donovan Harris on February 16 at First Baptist Church of Grand Forks, BC.



Palm Sunday Baptisms

Dovercourt Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB, celebrated as eight people were baptized on April 13. Another three people came forward seeking membership. Pastor Ralph Griggs said, "Our gracious God added 11 new members in all. God is good!"






The Potter's House Community Church

West Kelowna, BC
Seeking Lead Pastor

TPHCC recently celebrated its 12th anniversary. We are a small church with 50+ members who meet in a local school building. We value church family unity, community outreach, and a strong commitment to God's Kingdom.


We are seeking a Pastor who is **Seminary trained with 5+ years of pastoral experience.** **Leadership strength** and a **strong ability to communicate** are important assets.

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E-quip for the Kingdom

CNBC Annual Convention e-quip breakout sessions

July 3, 2014 • Jarvis St. Baptist Church • Toronto, ON

Kingdom Health

Kingdom Mission

SESSION 1 • 2:00 – 3:00

Church Finance

Help! They Have Me Doing The Books

Joan Bruce

Addressing some of the most common or concerning challenges facing church finances, treasurers and bookkeepers.

Leadership

What Do I Do Next?!

Bob Shelton

A look at leadership issues for those in a church context.

Building Healthy Partnerships

Can Anybody Help Us Over Here?

Peter Blackaby

Practical steps for churches and church plants looking to build, and maintain healthy partnerships with churches across North America.

Working Together

The Kingdom In The City

True City

Developing a Kingdom multi-denominational co-operational network to work together for the good of the city.

Justice/Compassion

Love Mercy, Do Justice, and Walk Humbly

TBA

Explore Justice and Compassion Issues with practitioners from the Downtown Core of Canada's largest city. How can we as a larger church work together to demonstrate God's heart.

Becoming a Sending Church

We Are Too Small To Plant

Brett Porter – Facilitator

A roundtable discussion about becoming a "Sending Church" with a specific focus on how small churches can become involved in church planting.

3:00 - 3:30 break

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SESSION 2 • 3:30 – 4:30

Social Media

Tweet This!

Jason and Kimberley McGibbon

An introduction to the basics of social media focusing on why and how individuals, families or churches can get started engaging for the sake of the Kingdom.

Kingdom Life

Kingdom Matrix for Everyday Life

Jeff Christopherson

Exploring the themes from his book *Kingdom Matrix* with a focus on the everyday lives of individuals or families.

Healthy Kingdom Rhythms

Living Healthy Rhythms

Daniel Yang

How individuals and families can live out healthy Kingdom rhythms in everyday life.

Cross-Culture

Talking to My Muslim Neighbour

Mike Hampton

A practical introduction to cross-cultural Kingdom conversations.

Discipleship App

You Want Me To Disciple Him?

Paul Johnson

An introduction to the "Disciple Makers App," a tool to equip all followers to transition from disciple to disciple maker.

Developing a Personal Mission Strategy

What Do You Mean, We are Missionaries?

Sebastian Vazquez

A practical exploration of how each kingdom citizen or family can think through a specific strategy to join God in His Mission.



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