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Connecting

- Annual Convention Reflections

Gerry Taillon
CNBC National Ministry Leader



The Annual Convention celebration was a wonderful time this year. The spirit and enthusiasm is reflective of the way God has blessed our family of churches.

This was the first year for us to meet in a downtown venue in Toronto, the largest city in Canada. People were able to experience an inner city location and became more familiar with Toronto, its people and its culture.

This year we had a record attendance in all of our meetings. People came from all over Canada with increased representation from the host province, Ontario, and the neighbouring province of Quebec.

This was the first year for our condensed time format. For two days we packed in worship, preaching, equipping sessions, a business and reporting session, picnics, an international dinner and a special missions celebration. Our participants loved the new format and it has become the new way of doing convention for years to come.

Never before have we seen so much local participation. This convention celebration was planned from start to finish by a local planning committee made up of leaders from most of our churches in the Toronto area. They creatively and effectively chose venues and planned every activity for the benefit of our attendees. The consensus: It was a wonderful success!

This team was effectively lead by Kimberley McGibbon who has raised the bar for all other conventions in subsequent years. The committee organized picnics, games, children's activities, a

complete youth program, an international dinner, a seminary alumni breakfast, and a multitude of arrangements that made this annual celebration an inspiration and encouragement for all in attendance.

This year we partnered with The North American Mission Board to launch a challenge to give ourselves away and see Canada impacted with the gospel. The Send North America Experience special presentation was attended by more than a 1,000 people. Our people came but so did many from other denominations. The evening was full of lively music, exciting testimonies, and an especially challenging dynamic sermon by David Platt.

As I reflect on the Annual Convention celebration I am filled with gratitude to God for all he has done among us. There was a time when we had only a couple of churches east of Winnipeg. Today, evidenced by the success of our convention in Toronto, God is doing a wonderful work in Central and Eastern Canada. Churches are being planted and existing churches are reaching more and more people.

One of the distinct impressions I had at this year's convention was that the age of the participants is getting younger and younger. All over the auditorium it was evident that the majority of the participants were under 35 and there was an energy and enthusiasm that assures me that our family of churches has a vibrant and exciting future."

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■ The Church of Generation for Christ - Edmonton, AB ■ All Nations Southern Baptist Church of Toronto - North York, ON ■ Assemblée Chretienne de la Grace - Granby, QC

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Cover: Making a sandwich to share with someone in the park at the Annual Convention picnic. Photo: Alan Johnston



The choir from Bethany Village Baptist Church provides music for the opening session of the Annual Convention. Photo: Alan Johnston

'Beware of Homeless People'

The Convention picnic and why we did it differently



Photo: Alan Johnston

Participants at the convention picnic kick a soccer ball to knock down a cardboard box castle as one of The Gauntlet challenges.

By C. Scott Rourk

"I always like to relax and/or walk around this downtown Toronto park. It is well kept and maintained. Just be warned about the countless homeless people that this place attracts during the daytime! They will approach you for money but will leave you alone when you don't pay any attention to them." (bob55russell Trip Advisor Review of Allan Gardens Conservatory)

It is well known that the urban core of a city is full of broken and marginalized people. So when I was asked to plan a picnic in Allan Gardens for the CNBC Annual Convention, I knew it would have to be something greater than a group of Baptists eating fried chicken and sipping lemonade while the people who frequented the park were even more marginalized by our very presence.

I hadn't attended previous conventions, thinking it would take my time away from ministering in my community. But this year, what if we brought the convention to the community and unconditionally loved our neighbourhood? The ultimate credit goes to the convention planning team who overwhelmingly decided on a downtown Toronto location. Also, three mission teams from Arkansas—Second Baptist Russellville, First Baptist, London, and Lifestone Church, Russellville—helped Rendezvous run things at the picnic as well as the international dinner on Wednesday evening.

The solution, as to what to do at the picnic, evolved as The Gauntlet, an interactive Amazing Race type experience designed to get churches working together for the gospel of the Kingdom. Families were teamed together to complete seven Kingdom challenges before earning their meal tickets. Challenges like making a sandwich for someone in the park and the blind piggyback obstacle were just some of the tasks designed to help teach more about God's Kingdom and hopefully themselves. Upon completing each task, groups received a

letter which when combined would spell out the word Kingdom.

As I walked through the park, I saw a pastor in his suit loosen his tie, rear back and kick a soccer ball to knock down a cardboard box castle. He briefly smiled at me as he looked for another ball to bomb at the target. I'd like to think we made a connection as he defended the kingdom and realized that being part of the kingdom has its challenges but is also fun and rewarding.

One of the hardest challenges to complete involved overcoming our own fears and giving a Bible to someone in the park. Two participants were led to give a Bible and share the gospel with a homeless man who then prayed to receive Christ.

As the challenge wrapped up and people were eating BBQ sliders and cole slaw, a woman and her husband approached me. Very frankly she told me at first she was not too impressed that she had to run around the park and work all these tasks for her lunch. But as she made a sandwich and took it to a homeless lady who scarfed it down like she hadn't eaten in weeks, it deeply affected her. She went on to say her children had done mission work like this, but this was the first time she and her husband had. "Thank you" she said, "this meant a lot to me. God has taught me something here. I'm blown away by the experience."

As a convention, we can impact the host community and engage them with the gospel of the Kingdom. Afterwards we leave the community in better shape than when we arrived. All we need to do is pay attention and love our neighbour. And who knows, maybe we will be changed in the process.

Scott Rourk lives in Midtown Toronto working to plant 10 churches in 10 years. His house church network is called Rendezvous Toronto and he has started planting his fifth location. www.rendezvouschurch.com



A group listens to instructions for The Gauntlet blind piggyback obstacle challenge.

Photo: Debbie Shelton

Kingdom Seeds

-New Alberta Catalytic Missionary

Dan Morgan
New Churches Team Leader



The New Churches Team is happy to announce the addition of Stan and Karen Felder to our team. Stan has arrived in Edmonton as the new Alberta catalytic missionary, replacing Roger Ferrell, who has taken a position as Director of Missions at the Broad River Baptist Association in South Carolina.

Stan has worked in church planting for Southern Baptists since 1986, working in both urban and rural settings. He



has served in various roles, including church

planter, church planting catalyst, and Director of Missions. His fields of service include Texas, Colorado and Utah. He and Karen will be living in Edmonton as he seeks to catalyze new plants throughout Alberta, but especially in Edmonton and Calgary. Moving here they leave behind five daughters. Two are married and the other three are in university. Stan and Karen have two grandchildren.

Four-month-old church baptizes 22

By Stan Felder

Even though Mosaic Church, in Lloydminster, Alberta, is still considered by most to be in its infancy, it is already impacting its community in a huge way. It was started by Jon Las, a young single Filipino man who was the worship leader at the largest Baptist church in Lloydminster.

The pastor of the established Baptist church realized that they were not reaching a large segment of their community which included thousands of newly arriving immigrants from other nations. His vision was to utilize (or donate) his worship leader to begin a new church to reach those unchurched. That vision became a reality in April 2014, when Jon Las, along with several families from that church, teamed up with the CNBC and launched a new church plant geared to reach the younger population and the second culture community.

The result: Four months later Mosaic has a weekly attendance of over 250 and held their first baptism at a community lake in July 2014. They baptized 22 new believers, including a 74 year old woman, an 11 year old boy, married couples and a host of vibrant young people eager to serve the Lord in their

new found church. They already have several more on the waiting list for their next baptismal service.

Mosaic Church rents a theatre at the local community college, but since it only seats 125 they now have two Sunday morning services to accommodate everyone. Lead pastor, Jon Las, and teaching pastor, Ta Mutu, have teamed up taking turns bringing the Word each week. Their facility isn't conducive for small groups so they have begun 16 weekly home Bible study groups to disciple their new members. Currently one of their layman oversees these groups.

Both pastors Jon and Ta also have a desire to see Mosaic reach out to even more communities. They are already working with First Nations people in Onion Lake and have plans to see new churches planted in other communities.



Mosaic Church holds their first baptism service at a community lake in Lloydminster, AB.

CNBC church planting momentum builds

By Frank Stirk

TORONTO—The strategy adopted a few years ago that requires every worship gathering to have led at least one person to Christ before it can affiliate with the CNBC is starting to pay off.

"Last year we had a record number of 34 new churches started," NAMB Regional Vice-President for Canada Jeff Christopherson said in his report to this year's Convention in Toronto. "That's over 10 percent growth in one year, which is incredible, very exciting."

At the end of 2013, the total number of churches and church plants that were part of the CNBC stood at 316. That figure is now around 320.

In addition to having had someone make a profession of faith, these groups must have been worshiping together for at least six Sundays, and have an acknowledged leader.

"We're trying to make sure that they're not just a Bible study," says New Churches team leader Dan Morgan.

Christopherson says the wisdom of that approach is simple. "If we want to see multiplication, a church has to be thinking like that right from the start because it's not going to begin thinking like that sometime later."

And even though many of the new starts are happening currently in Quebec, Morgan points out good things are happening throughout the CNBC.

"We've had new churches registered from all across the Convention," he says. "All of the church planting catalysts are working equally hard to get something on the books."

Morgan says their goal is to see 40 more churches planted in 2014. Given the rigorous criteria and the ample supports now in place, he is hopeful they can reach that target.

"We have continued to tighten up our assessment processes and coaching and

training," he says. "The planters we're putting in the field, I think, are better trained than they've ever been. And I think we're continuing to surface some top quality guys."

National Ministry Leader Gerry Taillon shares Morgan's optimism—and not just for 2014. "We're better placed than we've ever been to grow," he says. "We're about to see a momentum that we've never seen before."

Taillon credits the North American Mission Board's Send City strategy for a lot of that momentum. He calls it "really very powerful."

"We began to focus on 32 cities in North America that had 80



Photo: Alan Johnston

percent of the population but the least access to the gospel," says Christopherson. "Strategically and missiologically it made no sense. But now three years down the road we're beginning to see some incredible things happen."

Five of the Send cities are in Canada—Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and more recently Calgary and Edmonton.

"We're seeing major things happen in our urban centres," says Taillon. "It's about church planting, but it's also about partnerships with large churches in the United States that have lots of resources and manpower, and that are really passionate about helping us."

Now the CNBC itself is beginning to apply that same Send strategy to church planting in other Canadian cities, specifically Winnipeg, Halifax and the Ottawa Capital Region.

Nor is this growth limited to new plants. In 2013, average Sunday worship attendance in CNBC churches rose by eight percent—led by about 1,000 more worshipers in Quebec compared to a year earlier—and a nine percent increase in Bible study attendance.

Yet one area that did not grow during 2013 was baptisms. As New Believers team leader Paul Johnson reported, 856 people were baptized last year, virtually unchanged from the previous year.

Quebec alone accounted for 82 baptisms—a 50 percent increase over 2012—70 of which took place at La Chapelle alone. The only other province to report an increase was Ontario with 23 baptisms or 16 percent more than in 2012.

Just over half of all CNBC congregations had no baptisms at all in 2013.

Taillon thinks there could well be more people coming to Christ through the ministries of CNBC churches than these numbers would reflect, and that people are choosing for any number of reasons not to be baptized at this time.

"My attitude," he says, "is to be patient, to love people, to walk with them, to disciple them, and to bring them to the point where they freely decide to obey the command of God and be baptized."

Photo: Debbie Shelton



Jeff Christopherson reports on church planting.

Quebec church plants grow and multiply



David Chouinard is shown here baptizing two of the eight who were baptized on one Sunday at Église Urbaine 180°



By Frank Stirk

TORONTO—God continues to show incredible favour to the growing number of CNBC church plants in Quebec.

On Easter Sunday, four new church plants baptized 70 people. Just two years ago, it took all the CNBC churches in Quebec combined an entire year to reach that same number.

In one day, La Chapelle in Montreal counted 1,100 worshipers and baptized 27. Église Urbaine Axe21 in Sherbrooke had almost 600 people show up as they baptized 20. Église le Contact in Repentigny drew about 200 people and 15 were baptized. And

Église Urbaine 180° in Quebec City had about 160 look on as eight were baptized.

"I remember in November 2012," Send Montreal coordinator Chad Vandiver recalls, "someone said to me, 'You couldn't plant a church of more than 40 people in Quebec.' And look at what God is doing now. It's phenomenal. Things are just exploding."

"I have the opportunity to see what God is doing right across North America," NAMB Vice-President for Canada Jeff Christopherson told this year's CNBC Convention in Toronto, "and there is no better good news story than what's going on in Quebec."

"God is just opening works all over the place," says Jacques Avakian, the lead church planting catalyst in Quebec for both NAMB and the CNBC. New plants now underway include one in Magog and another in Montreal's South Shore.

And already the overall vision of these planters is to start multiple churches. "All our new plants are thinking multiplication," says Avakian. "By the end of the year we're hoping to have established at least 10 church-multiplying centres or churches that are multiplying."

David Pothier, the lead pastor of La Chapelle, says their "worst case scenario" is to begin a new work by 2016. The church was only launched in April of last year.

The vast majority of the hundreds of Québécois being reached by these churches are millennials, those born in 1980 or later.

"This generation is curious about Christ, and He has called out planters within this generation to redefine 'church' for their peers," says Vandiver. "And they're doing that in ways I've never seen before in terms of the genuineness of their faith. It's beautiful."

Avakian adds, "Millennials are fed up with everything. They never went to church because Quebec separated from the Church in the sixties. And immigrants are coming and saying, 'We've never heard this message of Jesus.' So they find hope, more reason for living."

The downside for these plants is trying to keep pace with such rapid growth.

"We lack everything," says Pothier, whose church averages over 700 people per Sunday. "We have leaders, but we lack leaders with experience. We have a huge volunteer staff who make a huge sacrifice, but we're really lacking paid staff. It's overwhelming."

"Above all, we need more of the favour of the grace of God, because I think it will always be overwhelming, it will always be above what we can manage."

Under the Send City strategy, churches across the Southern Baptist Convention are stepping up with the human and financial resources to come alongside church plants like La Chapelle. The First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Virginia, is one of those.

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Two of 27 baptisms in one day at La Chapelle

Convention sets a new attendance record

By Frank Stirk

TORONTO—No Convention in the history of the CNBC attracted more people than this year's gathering in Toronto in early July.

"This really was the biggest attendance we've ever had," says National Ministry Leader Gerry Taillon. "I'm sure there were more than 1,000 people there to hear David Platt. Even the evening before, I think we had more than 500."

Officially, 492 people registered for the Convention. But Taillon believes there were some others in attendance who did not register.

- During the business session, four budgets were adopted without debate for the coming year: \$2,545,691.00 for the CNBC (down 0.7 percent from 2014); \$591,383.00 for International Missions (down 5.1 percent from 2014); \$1,891,123.00 for the CSBS&C in 2014-15 (down 1.09 percent from the actual budget for 2013); and \$30,000 for the CNBC Foundation (up 11.6 percent from 2014).

Taillon says the slight decrease in the CNBC's 2015 budget marks the beginning of a strategic shift in priorities.

"You're going to see us more and more," he says, "doing



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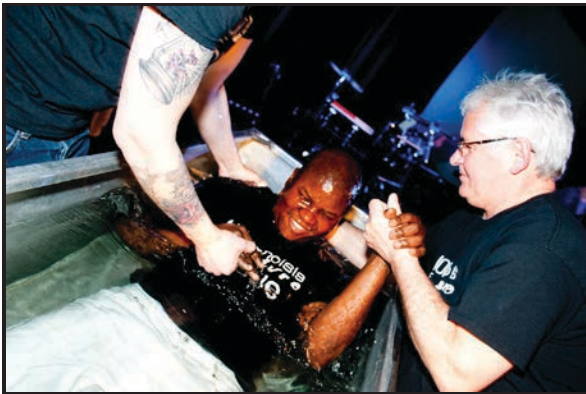
everything we can to be 'lean and mean' in regards to operations and administration, and investing more and more of our time, energy, and funding in church planting, reaching people, and discipleship."

- By acclamation, messengers elected John Evans, senior pastor of Community Baptist Church, in Charlottetown, PEI, as CNBC president. Also elected were Benje Bartley, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Salmon Arm, BC, as first vice-president, and Gerald Hutchman, pastor of Salmo Baptist Church, in Salmo, BC, as second vice-president.

Next year's CNBC Annual Convention will be held in Cochrane, Alberta, from July 1 to 2.

Quebec church plants grow and multiply

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Église le Contact celebrates 15 baptisms in one day. Left - Pastor Luc Radermaker baptizes Toussaint Ecclesiaste. Right - Michael, who was saved and freed from drug addiction two years ago and baptized last Easter, helps with his mother Marie-Josée's baptism. His sister, Melanie, was also baptized that day.

"It's exciting for our church," says senior pastor Eric Thomas. "We're very mission-oriented. We have a lot of mission partnerships around the world and in the States, but this one is very, very special, because of what God has done at La Chapelle."

Thomas says they "really have a passion for the city," given that 99.5 percent of the people still have no personal relationship with Christ.

"Our goal is to develop individuals in our church who would be on mission there," he says. "We're looking at graduating seniors. With all the universities there, we might help fund their college education if they would come up and work with you guys."

Vandiver says Quebec has an ongoing need for more supporting churches and prayer partners, whether from Canada or the US, especially as these plants grow and multiply.

"Really the best way for them to learn about Montreal is to do a vision tour. We have one coming up October 27 through 29," he says. "CNBC churches would benefit because they would get training that they could then apply to their community. They could take the lessons learned and at the same time partner with our churches."

"Because it's not just for Montreal, it's for all of Canada."

Churches can register for a vision tour at: ctv.namb.net/locations/montreal-quebec.

Church Administration

- Could the Government Dissolve your Church? -

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By Brad Klink

Could the government dissolve your church?

Unfortunately, the answer could be "yes." Recent changes in government legislation mean that this could happen as early as this fall if your church is incorporated and is unaware of the new requirements imposed upon them. This article will outline these recent changes, help you determine if these changes affect you and provide some resources to help you know how to proceed.

What are these new changes?

Is your church incorporated under the laws of Canada? If so, then this applies to you.

The "Canada Corporation Act" (CCA), which governs federally incorporated entities, was not originally written considering the unique needs of not-for-profit groups and has not been updated since 1917. Thus, a new piece of legislation has recently been passed, called the "Canada Not-for-Profit Corporation Act" (CNCA). In short, the CNCA seeks to increase the level of accountability for not-for-profits by legislating some mandatory governance practices.

The CNCA has sought to increase accountability in two ways: a) by increasing the rights and authority of the membership, and b) by mandating certain processes and limitations. Specifically, the CNCA makes some of the following changes:

- Instituting default voting rights of members
- Defining a default process to terminate membership
- Setting a minimum approval to make changes to bylaws or articles
- Placing limitations on how directors are appointed or elected.
- Instituting a default process for terminating membership
- Mandating specific timing and content of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

More detailed information on these changes is outlined on the website resources provided below.

It is necessary for all federally incorporated churches to comply with these new changes. The three-year "grace period" for compliance with this legislation ends on October 17, 2014. Failure to act before this deadline may result in the dissolution of your corporation.

Do these new changes affect my church?

These changes do not affect every church, but they may affect yours. In order to determine if you are affected consider the following questions:

1. **Is your church incorporated?** If not, then breathe a sign of relief and stop reading this article. None of this applies to you.

2. **Is your church incorporated under the**

laws of your Province? If so, then the above information does not directly apply to you, but something very similar may. Some provinces, most notably Ontario, have followed suit and passed similar legislation to govern those who are incorporated provincially. For details, contact the provincial body through whom you were incorporated.

For ONTARIO Incorporations only: Ontario parliament has passed the "Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations" Act (ONCA), but it has not yet received its final governmental approvals to become law. Nothing needs to be done until this final approval is received (expected in 2016).

3. **Is your church incorporated under the laws of Canada?** If so, then this applies to you. You will need to take action or risk being dissolved as a corporation. See the next section for instructions and resources to help.

What should my church do now?

You should act immediately. By October 17, 2014, you must have all your constituting documents aligned with the CNCA and file a "continuance," indicating that your corporation wishes to continue under the CNCA. This may require action from your Board or membership, so the sooner you start the better.

Below is a summary of what should happen next:

1. Collect all your governing documents (bylaws, articles of incorporation, letters patent, constitution, amendments to these documents, etc.)
2. Review these documents to see if they reflect the way you want to function. As these documents might need changing anyway, consider what updates might be desired irrespective of the CNCA.
3. Review the requirements of the CNCA. Use the resources listed below, or consult a lawyer to help with this. If possible, consult with a lawyer familiar with this legislation.
4. Make changes to your governing documents, and have these approved by your board or membership.
5. Submit "Articles of Continuance" (Form 4011) from the Industry Canada website, along with your modified governing documents.

Should this process not be completed by October 17, 2014, Industry Canada will provide notification that the corporation will be dissolved if it does not file the continuance within 120 days. Corporate dissolution may also cause the loss of the church's charitable status.

For more detailed information on the CNCA, and the process of filing a continuance, see extensive information at www.carters.ca, www.cccc.org, or www.ic.gc.ca.

Platt: 'Live out what it really means to follow Jesus'

By Frank Stirk

TORONTO—Guest preacher David Platt told about 1,000 worshipers at the close of this year's CNBC Convention in Toronto that there are only two ways to respond to Christ's command to follow Him. "It's either turn and run or bow and worship," he said.

The problem, said Platt, the lead pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Alabama, is that many believers and churches do neither, and have instead "mutated it into a comfortable call for Christians to come, be baptized, and sit in one location."

The Convention's close coincided with the Toronto stop on NAMB's 2014 Send North America Experience tour. Platt and other speakers and worship bands are visiting cities across North America calling on Southern Baptist and CNBC churches to "live life on mission."

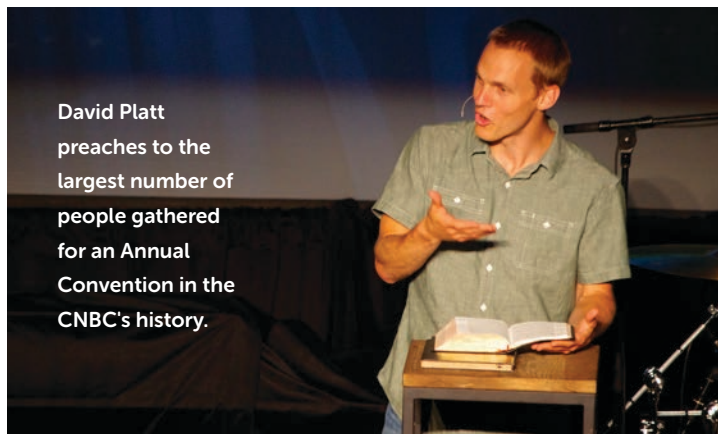
Platt said the "me" in Jesus' command to "follow me" points to One who "is worthy of far more than nominal adherence and casual

association. Jesus is worthy of total abandonment and supreme adoration," he said.

"We're talking about the Saviour-King of the universe and the Righteous Judge of the nations, God in the flesh, coming to you and coming to me, and saying, 'Follow me.' There's no potential casual response here. It's either turn and run or bow and worship."

The implication for true Jesus-followers, said Platt, is that they be willing to "lose their life as they know it."

"To follow Jesus," he said, "is to hold loosely to everything in this world—our comforts, our careers, our possessions, our positions, our families, friends,



David Platt preaches to the largest number of people gathered for an Annual Convention in the CNBC's history.

Photo: Debbie Shelton

safety, ourselves—and cling tightly to the Person of Christ and the mission of His Kingdom."

"David's challenge to not live a nominal Christianity, but be radically committed to Jesus and His mission for our lives—deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him—rang very, very clearly," says National Ministry Leader Gerry Taillon.

"It really follows along with our whole thrust to challenge our people and our churches to give themselves away for the Kingdom of God."

"His enthusiasm and passion for reaching out and making disciples I thought was very positive," adds New Churches team leader Dan Morgan.

"I'm always surprised at how many young adult Baptists know and admire him, and see him as one of the guys that they look to, to lead us into the future."

Part of the reason for the capacity crowd—probably the largest ever at a Convention event—was that some of those present were from outside the CNBC. "That was intentional," says Taillon.

"We wanted it to be a broader audience than just our people. We feel like we can make a contribution to the evangelical community, especially in regards to church planting and our vision for 1,000 churches, and we want to share that," he says.

"My hope is, because we can't do this job on our own, that we can be an influence and an encouragement to other denominations to try to plant new churches and impact Canada."

PLATT ELECTED IMB PRESIDENT

David Platt, one of the most passionate and influential voices for missions among evangelicals, was elected president of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board August 27 by board trustees. Platt, 36, pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Alabama, will take office effective immediately as president of the 169-year-old organization, the largest denominational missionary-sending body among American evangelicals. He succeeds Tom Elliff, 70, who has served as IMB president since March 2011. Elliff asked the agency's trustees earlier this year to begin an active search for his successor.

Record numbers attend the CNBC Annual Convention at Jarvis St. Baptist Church in Toronto.



Photo: Erick Monterroza

That they may know You ^{John 17:3}

— Transforming Communities Through Women's Ministry —

By Melanie Morgan

Encouraging! Sharing the gospel! Connecting! Justice! Making disciples! All of these have been happening during the spring and summer throughout Canada. From the west coast to the east coast, women's retreats, outreach dinners and seminars have ministered to ladies of all ages and from many different ethnicities.

Social justice and human trafficking have been the focus at several Women's events. We are building awareness and calling women to pray and show love to women who have been victims of abuse, enslaved in human trafficking or marginalized.

Your church is invited to pray for women around the world and participate with women from 137 countries in the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, November 3, 2014.



(Front L to R) Shelby, Arlene, Connie, Cindy, Tanya, and Laura, enjoy fellowship at "Break Out."

In British Columbia—Cityview Baptist Church in Vancouver held a ladies "Break Out" in June. There were 45 ladies in attendance, of which 24 were unchurched. During the invitation one lady responded to invite Christ into her life! The men cooked and served a delicious meal. Westlynn Baptist in North Vancouver held an afternoon women's tea including prayer, worship, fellowship and inspiration.



A mission team from Texas— Virginia Haynes, Melanie Morgan (CNBC), Kathy Morales, Amy McCoy and Pam Walker —led the Alberta retreats.

Kathy Morales
Transforming
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Team Leader



In Alberta—

A wonderful team of three ladies travelled from Texas to speak to women from 15 churches in the Midwest Association and to minister in the Edmonton Institute for women. Two retreats were held in Edmonton and Calgary. Women were challenged to love women of all nations.

In Manitoba—This spring Garden Park Baptist Church held a two-day women's outreach event; over 70 women attended.

Kathy Morales spoke and many heard the good news of Jesus for the first time. Many left feeling strengthened in their walk with the Lord and others have become curious about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



Amanda shows her craft at the Edmonton Women's Retreat.



Megan, Tesha and Danielle lead worship at women's outreach, Winnipeg, MB.

In Ontario—Women in ministry and pastors' wives were loved and encouraged at a luncheon at the CNBC annual convention in Toronto. Women were inspired through "Recipes for Refreshment" and challenged to get involved and increase awareness as they viewed video clips on human trafficking.

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Ariane and Martine enjoy women's lunch at the CNBC Convention.

En Route!

— Everyone can pray —

For many churches and leaders, even the word “partnership” can be intimidating. But take heart! Partnership merely implies purposefully walking together. And if your church can pray, you can partner!

Every individual and every church can be an incredible support when they commit to pray regularly and intelligently for a specific church plant.

MAKE IT INTENTIONAL - Can your church or small group commit to deliberately pray for a church plant once a month? Then you can partner! What would this look like? Once per month, you would contact the church planter and ask for specific items to pray for and hear about recent answers to prayer. Then, your church would take time during Sunday worship to pray intentionally for this church plant. The five minutes that this may take in a worship service will multiply as small groups and even families continue praying for their planter throughout the week.

MAKE IT PERSONAL - Each time you guide your church in prayer, you could have a photo of the church planter on the screen. If you are a life group leader, have a photo on an iPad so that individuals become familiar with the faces of those for whom they are praying. Even families can put a church

Peter Blackaby
Canadian Mobilization Director



planter's photo on their fridge door. If the planter is able to send you a photo of a recent event, even better. Then you can display this on the screen and say, “Praise God for answering our prayers for last month's event.” Then begin praying for the coming month's prayer needs.

MAKE IT CENTRAL – Even if your church is already partnering with a church plant in different ways ... make sure to keep prayer at the centre. Providing resources and sending volunteers are invaluable to a church planter. But all this activity must be built on, and not be to the neglect of, a foundation of committed and focussed prayer. We plan for trips and we budget for resources. Let's equally map out how we will intentionally support through prayer.

What an honour it would be for a church planter to write as Paul did, “On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many” 2 Cor 1:10b-11 (NIV).

If your church would like to take this first step of partnering in church planting, please contact myself (905-829-5244 or pblackaby@cnbc.ca) or anyone on the CNBC Mobilization Team (cnbcPARTNERS.com).



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Transforming Communities Through Women's Ministry Continued from page 10

In the Maritimes—In September a women's mission team from the South Carolina Baptist Convention will be on the east coast for one week. They will minister in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. At the ECBA family camp, September 26-27, the team will lead women's ministry training breakout sessions and host a lunch for ministry wives.

Tess and Deen Deen and a team from Filipino International Baptist Church led worship at the Edmonton "A Woman for All Nations" retreat at Jasper Place Baptist Church.



(L-R) Roseline, Marie Josee, Kerline, Mondy and Marie make a craft after serving a delicious Haitian meal to the women at the Calgary retreat.

If you would like more information about women's ministry contact Melanie Morgan, CNBC Women's Ministry: mmorgan@cnbc.ca

Turn short-term mission trips into long-term ministries



The Z People are very hospitable.
We can expect dinner invitations.



A local believer
shares the gospel
with a LY woman
as they work
together.

By Alan Au

SURREY BRITISH COLUMBIA—In 2004 our church, Surrey Chinese Baptist, adopted a Minority People group (Z) as our “ends of the world” missionary focus (Acts 1:8). Since 2006 a total of 62 people—some have gone repeated times—have been deployed to reach the Z people.

First only those who can speak the national language of Mandarin of our church went. Recently our English-only speaking people have started to cultivate new cross-cultural mission opportunities, expanding to another minority people (H). We are praying to reach especially those UUPG’s (unreached unengaged people groups) because they have never had the chance to hear the gospel.

Our primary strategy is to disciple our adopted Z People, until their gathering becomes regular services. Our vision is to

encourage them to reach other minorities as their missionary focus, in some ways imitating the Antioch Church through our example. The reason we adopted the Z People is because they have been a peaceful people throughout history, cohabiting territories with other people groups. This promises a friendlier outreach to neighbouring villages.

Our sustainability approach is to “save up” a financial resource for missions, instead of haphazardly raising funds for each mission effort. We established a Mission Fund from the start for this purpose. Praise God that there are many devout believers who could not physically go but can contribute to this fund. We have trusted them not to redirect their donation from the operating fund of our church. This Mission Fund has been like the oil jar of the widow at Zarephath who fed Elijah (1 Kg. 17:7-15) and a living testimony of Jehovah Jireh.

Let me share briefly our experience on our mission trip last November. We first stopped by the town (PG) for a few days where we have done work for the last six years. We visited our groups and encouraged them to strive on. We relieved their leaders from having to preach in their Sunday service and we also gave special talks to help develop them.

In the past, we have helped visit their prospective believers and shut-ins, shared the gospel, visited the senior’s homes, administered Lord’s Supper, baptisms, and once held the very first Easter service in the history of that town. However, it is sad that, due to lack of co-workers and regular ministerial support, and the interferences from cults, their growth has been slow. But we believe that God will look after His church.

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The team and others visit with a
young LY couple (3rd and 4th from
right) who accepted the Lord.

Long-term ministries

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We then went on to the next city (LY) for two days before we went further into the mountainous areas to reach the UUPG. On our way to visit the NN People (our target UUPG), by God's grace we met a LY woman who is expecting a baby and her mother; they were in town for her medical checkup.

We were invited to visit them in a mountain village (JB). We went in the early morning. The place was high up in the mountains and the village was shrouded in thick fog adding to the mystery of these people hidden in the mountains for centuries, avoiding conflicts with the Majority People. We shared the gospel and offered the blessings of Christ to them. The young couple accepted Jesus. We felt God had affirmed us and that we should continue on in this direction. On the next visit, we must remember to bring a baby gift for the young mother.

We turned to another city to the west (TL) and through local contacts we visited a nearby village (WH)—also a LY community. We shared the Good News and an older woman accepted Jesus. God again affirmed our work. On the way back to the city, we met another young woman who urged us to visit her. We did very briefly, but we had to leave for our transportation pick up. God has sent several persons of peace our way. During this period we met one NN woman who is a teacher. We know we should return later this year. We know we must follow the guidance of the Spirit.

The local brothers and sisters suggested that an entry strategy to these mountainous communities would be to help them with some minor repairs of their schools which are in dire state. Since



The young generation meets for a house church service.

these places are far from the key cities, they do not get the support as do other influential cities. This can become the focus of our next trip.

We went because we were commanded to go disciple the nations (Matthew 28:19). We/you must look beyond our/your immediate community and imagine how far God is going to send our/your church.

There is much to do:

- Directly and boldly share the salvation gospel of Christ.
- Contribute financially to help those who are much more under-privileged than us.
- Use mission trips to experience God's blessings as you obey to go.
- Think long term, and turn short term mission trips to long term ministries.
- Cautiously engage in fierce spiritual warfare; make prayer real and alive.

Pray for our church as we learn the lessons of obedience. May more churches go and disciple the nations to the ends of the earth as we have been commanded.



(L-R) Alan, Margaret, Peggy, Sam, and Albert prayerwalk the Legislature.



Margaret (left) and Sam (far right) enjoy a local meal in the village.



Heart language article in Spanish

Every man, woman and child has the right to hear the wonderful news about Jesus in their heart language. Each weekend the CNBC has worship services in approximately 26 different languages. It is our prayer that God will be able to use this article in the churches who worship in Spanish each week.

Pastor y esposa viajan a España para ministrar con su hija y familia

Francisco Aular, pastor de la Iglesia Bautista Emanuel en Etobicoke, Ontario, y su esposa, Mary, recibieron una beca de ministros, de la Ofrenda de Canadienses en Misiones, para participar de un viaje misionero internacional. Su hija, Mary Ruth Parra, y familia son trabajadores internacionales nombrados por CNBC.



(D a I) Francisco y Mary Aular cantando con su hija Mary.

(R to L) Francisco and Mary Aular sing with their daughter Mary.

Por Francisco y Mary Aular

"Estoy pensando viajar a España. Cuando lo haga, me detendré en Roma, y luego de disfrutar de la compañía de ustedes por un breve tiempo, podrán ayudarme con lo necesario para mi viaje." (Romanos 15:28)

¿Estuvo el Apóstol Pablo en España? Es una pregunta que lleva dos mil años, sin poder probarlo, excepto la tradición. Sin embargo, nosotros, sí, estuvimos en España, en Diciembre 2013, y todavía damos gracias al Señor por haber pensado ir, fuimos, y somos testigos de lo que contaremos en estos momentos.

¿Qué vimos en España? Vimos una iglesia sana, viva y crecientemente en Bormujos, Sevilla. Cuando César y Mary Ruth Parra llegaron a finales del año 2012, ya se había iniciado la iglesia, por un grupo de misioneros. Así que les correspondió a los Parra continuar y consolidar el trabajo iniciado.

¿Qué vimos en España? Vimos en la vida de la misionera Mary, un sueño hecho realidad. Cuando ella era una niña de seis años, su mamá le pidió que dibujara lo que ella quisiera ser cuando fuese adulta. Mary dibujó a una mujer, con el plato de las ofrendas en sus manos y con letras grandes, escribió: "Misionera"... Hoy está allá en España, cumpliendo su sueño, en compañía de su esposo e hijos, llevar a cabo la pasión misionera. ¡Nunca será demasiado temprano para enseñar a nuestros niños sobre la acción misionera!

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Pastor and wife travel to Spain to minister with daughter's family

Francisco Aular, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Etobicoke, Ontario, and his wife, Mary, received a minister's grant, from the Canadians on Mission Offering, to go on an international mission trip. Their daughter, Mary Ruth Parra, and family are CNBC appointed international workers.



Mary Aular (centro) disfruta pasar tiempo con sus nietos David y Rebecca y hija Mary.

Mary Aular (centre) enjoys spending time with her grandchildren David and Rebecca and daughter Mary.

By Francisco and Mary Aular

"So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way" (Romans 15:28).

Did the apostle Paul ever make it to Spain? This is a question that's been asked for more than two thousand years, without any factual answers other than what tradition says. However, we did make it to Spain in December 2013, and we are still thanking God for having been able to go and for what we witnessed there.

What did we see in Spain? We saw a healthy church, lively and growing in Bormujos, Seville. When Cesar and Mary Ruth Parra arrived there at the end of 2012, this church had already been planted by a group of missionaries. It was the Parras' mission to continue the work that had begun.

What did we see in Spain? We saw in the life of Mary a dream come true. When she was six years old, her mother asked her to make a drawing of what she wanted to be when she grew up. Mary drew a girl with an offering plate in her hands and in big letters wrote: "MISSIONARY"... Today she is in Spain, along side her husband and children, fulfilling her dream, the passion for missions. It is never too early to teach our children about missions!

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Ministerio en España

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¿Qué vimos en España? Vimos a personas llegar a Cristo, siendo discipulados, y luego asumiendo la responsabilidad para entrenarse y llevar el Mensaje del Evangelio a otras personas. César ha llegado con el evangelio a muchos hombres a través del deporte y la música; y Mary a través de actividades propias de las mujeres. Hasta sus hijos: Rebecca y David, hacen trabajo de evangelización con sus amiguitos de la escuela. ¡En verdad Dios está haciendo grandes cosas en España, con los Parra y el equipo misionero que los acompaña!

¿Qué vimos en España? Mientras estuvimos allí dimos un adiestramiento especial sobre como evangelizar y cómo discipular. Hicimos visitas con los misioneros, ayudamos a la edificación de los nuevos creyentes y hicimos contacto con personas en varios lugares. Nutrimos espiritualmente a la congregación mediante la consejería pastoral y la enseñanza de la Palabra de Dios. Tuvimos tiempos de oración y también de compañerismo. Regresamos con mucha gratitud al Señor que estuviéramos allí, en la iglesia bautista La Comunidad, en Sevilla, España.

¿Qué vimos en España? Vimos que valió la pena enviar como misioneros a esta pareja hispana que tienen la ventaja del idioma y la cultura. César y Mary Parra, fueron evangelizados y discipulados con materiales en español, y también presenciaron, los valores denominacionales que han distinguido a los bautistas del sur desde hace muchos años. Ellos crecieron oyendo decir que misiones es orar por los misioneros, es dar respaldo financiero para sostener a los obreros a través de la ofrenda Navideña Lottie Moon (Ofrenda Misionera Internacional) y el Programa Cooperativo y orar para que Dios envíe obreros a su mies.

Ministry in Spain

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Hay muchas calles angostas en Sevilla, España.

There are many narrow, winding streets in Sevilla, Spain.

What did we see in Spain? We saw new believers being discipled, trained and witnessing to others. Cesar has reached many men with the gospel through sports and music; Mary through activities targeting women. Even their children, Rebecca and David, participate by telling their friends about Jesus. God is truly doing great things in Spain with the Parras and the missionary team that accompanies them!

What did we see in Spain? While there, we conducted a special training on how to evangelize and disciple. We visited missionary families, led people to Christ, helped disciple new believers, and made connections with people in several locations. We spiritually nourished the local church through pastoral counselling, teaching God's Word, times of fellowship and prayer. We returned thanking God for the opportunity to be there, in the

Baptist Church La Comunidad, in Sevilla, Spain.

What did we see in Spain? We saw that it was worth all the effort to send out this Hispanic couple who had the advantage of knowing the language and culture. Cesar and Mary were evangelized and discipled with materials in Spanish and they were also witnesses of the denominational values that have distinguished the Southern Baptists for years. They grew up hearing that missions is about: praying for missionaries, supporting them financially through Cooperative Giving and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (International Mission Offering) and praying that God will send more workers to the fields.



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Seminary offers more online training



By Frank Stirk

COCHRANE, AB—The Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College continues to move further in the direction of offering degree programs to students who literally never set foot on campus.

First introduced in 2011, the Master of Biblical Studies has been revised to become fully online. One of the changes was to cut the number of required credit-hours from 60 to 48. And this fall, the seminary is unveiling the recently accredited Master of Christian Studies degree, which will also be fully online. It too will require that students complete only 48 credit-hours to graduate.

The MBS focuses on Old and New Testament surveys, focused Bible book studies, as well as Hebrew or Greek. The MCS is similar, but is geared more towards general biblical and theological studies and does not include the languages.

Seminary president Rob Blackaby says both degrees are partly in response to the needs of a growing number of lay leaders in CNBC churches who are “really wanting to brush up or go deeper into their studies” without having to quit their jobs or move their families.

“Fairly common across all the seminaries in Canada is this growing church member Kingdom professional who wants to get more training,” he says. “They don’t feel called to be pastors, but they want to be the best Bible study teachers they can possibly be.”

That includes a growing demand to learn the original languages of the Bible. “Ten years ago I would not have expected that,” Blackaby adds.

By contrast, the Master of Divinity requires 92 credit-hours—which could take four to six years to complete part-time

as a distance student. It requires some on-campus studies. Yet Blackaby insists the 48 credit-hours required for the MCS will not result in a less meaningful learning experience.

“The faculty has spent a long time scrutinizing the courses that would make up that degree,” he says. “So I don’t fear that it’s going to be watered down. I do feel that it’s going to be targeted.”

The seminary is also moving towards allowing students living anywhere in Canada or even the world to participate in live, real-time courses via the Internet.

“This past year we pilot tested this with a student in Winnipeg who participated fully in our on-campus apologetics course. Both he and we were very pleased with the results,” academic dean Steve Booth wrote in an email.

“We are upgrading one of our classrooms into a ‘smart room’ which should make it even more convenient to deliver real time courses in this format.”

Meanwhile, this past academic year saw the launch of the groundbreaking four-year Bachelor of Christian Studies in tandem with a one-year Certificate of Christian Studies and a two-year Diploma of Christian Studies. These are designed for older teens straight out of high school. Three students enrolled in the BCS, two in the DCS, and four in the CCS.

Blackaby is confident those numbers will grow over the next two academic years.

“We envision,” he says, “seeing our masters students having a peer relationship role with some of these young bachelors students in addition to what’s happening with their professors. That’s all under development.”

Mike Sharkey: new seminary director of admissions

By Elaine Phillips

COCHRANE, AB—Rob Blackaby, seminary president, is excited to welcome Mike Sharkey as new director of admissions. “Mike’s role will be vital to the growth of our school in the coming months and years,” says Dr. Blackaby. “He brings with him a rich and diverse history that includes work in Christian education and youth training initiatives. Future students will find a friend in him as they discover and pursue God’s activity in their lives.”

Mike was born in Two Hills, Alberta, but grew up in Fort Saskatchewan, 15 minutes north of Edmonton. His family attended Fort Saskatchewan Baptist Church. He worked as a youth pastor while attending Bible College at North American Baptist College. He was an annual summer camp staffer at Gull Lake, Camp Caroline and Pioneer Ranch. Mike has been on missions in Bolivia and



Mike Sharkey

Malawi. He first came to study at the seminary in 2001 and then—after a “short break” which included marriage, a couple of different continents and three kids—he and Celeste returned to study in 2011.

Mike has a background in sales, marketing and business development. Immediately prior to his family moving back to the seminary he managed a private career college in Ontario.

His primary roles will be relationship development with potential students, as well as with organizations that have the potential of being sources of students. He hopes to be able to generate a greater awareness for the school within its own constituency, with “close cousin” denominations as well as evangelical Christian camps throughout the region. Ultimately his hope is for the school to serve an ever greater student population.

Joyful Sunday at Community Baptist Church

By Christina Lehmann

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—It was with great rejoicing that Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown, joined together with their “daughter” church, Providence Evangelical International (PEI) Church, for a joint baptism service on July 20.

The PEI church shares Community’s building and has weekly, bilingual, English-Mandarin services, reaching the growing Chinese community in Charlottetown.

What a joy and privilege it was for all to witness as five new believers went through the waters of baptism, each one sharing their testimony with the church family. We are so grateful and give praise to God for those He is adding to His Body!



Wendy Tsai (top, middle right and below) baptizes new believers from Providence Evangelical International Church. A father (bottom left) baptizes his son.

John Evans (bottom right) baptizes Lily, a new believer at Community Baptist Church.



Photos: Christina Lehmann



Photo: Naomi Bondt

SALT Community of Believers: first baptisms

By Edee Frank

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA—On Resurrection Sunday, April 20, 2014 SALT Community of Believers held their first baptismal service since the church’s beginning in September 2010. Three people were baptized by Rev. Wally Frank: De’Van Hixt, Crystal Hixt, and Glendon Frank.

In 2013 the baptistry at SALT was refurbished by Amy Denton and Sheridan Keeling of the Missouri to Manitoba Mission Team from the Crossroads Baptist Association.

Three baptismal candidates Crystal Hixt, De’Van Hixt, and Glendon Frank share testimonies before their baptisms at SALT Community of Believers church.



Photo: Lesley Bailey

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	JULY	YTD 2014	JULY 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	\$2,861.30	\$2,861.30	\$3,559.76
✓ 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	\$6,911.12
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$1,391.29	\$889.95
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
✓ Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
✓ 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	\$518.87	\$1,569.31	\$855.33
First East Indian Baptist Church, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$300.00
✓ Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$350.00
✓ Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
✓ Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
✓ Laoian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$800.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00
✓ Living Springs Community Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
✓ Logos Baptist Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$0.00	\$1,257.00	\$2,097.31
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Mosaic Community Church, New WestMinster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
✓ Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$836.00	\$5,267.42	\$5,728.65
✓ Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$2,771.83	\$5,026.10
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	\$284.00	\$220.55
✓ Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
✓ Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
✓ RockBridge Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	\$0.00
✓ Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$104.00	\$917.00	\$691.00
Solid Rock Biker Chruch, Surrey	\$0.00	\$65.25	\$95.91
✓ Southside Agape Christian Fellowship, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
✓ Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$463.78	\$1,315.66
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	\$620.29	\$1,189.06
✓ The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$405.89	\$2,500.31	\$3,911.07
✓ Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$1,050.00	\$2,100.00	\$3,337.50
✓ Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$275.99	\$6,990.25
✓ Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,050.00
Vancouver Nahnum Baptist, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
✓ Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.20
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$687.24	\$1,286.49
✓ Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$451.71	\$1,822.73	\$2,847.33
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$506.60	\$0.00
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$0.00	\$2,025.22	\$2,788.71
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$753.43	\$801.95
Origin, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,711.70	\$2,618.64
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$101.43	\$68.13
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$944.83	\$1,701.67
Zendeh (Living) Church, New WestMinster	\$0.00	\$213.50	\$262.41
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$900.00
BC TOTALS	\$11,727.77	\$53,177.41	\$82,270.75

	JULY	YTD 2014	JULY 2013
ALBERTA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,860.00
Agape Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Alpine Christian Church, Canmore	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
✓ Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$448.56	\$5,642.79	\$3,272.56
✓ Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$7,216.94	\$33,100.97	\$30,957.50
✓ Bridge International, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,210.00	\$0.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$2,134.44	\$6,114.38	\$4,174.92
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	\$10,146.20	\$10,944.24
✓ Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connection Church, Fort McMurray	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$3,761.55	\$3,741.20
✓ Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$2,730.42	\$7,110.44	\$7,289.31
✓ Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$2,500.00
✓ Église Baptiste de la Rédemption, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
✓ Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$2,121.00	\$7,173.00	\$4,914.60
✓ Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$4,863.35	\$6,382.00
✓ Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$2,813.89	\$822.02
✓ Ivy Lake Baptist, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,268.00
✓ Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,803.38	\$6,377.81	\$6,599.11
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,639.14	\$1,541.75
✓ Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$32,485.06	\$29,368.13
✓ Southwinds, Calgary	\$1,199.00	\$5,135.00	\$5,199.00
Tapestry, Citadel, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$4,198.55	\$7,955.65	\$0.00
✓ The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,765.99	\$4,870.04
✓ Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$1,577.02	\$10,904.93	\$9,308.61
✓ Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$9,808.92	\$13,690.48
✓ Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,491.50	\$1,000.00
✓ Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,666.71	\$2,690.10
✓ Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$1,237.00	\$6,455.59	\$5,035.05
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$703.20
Hill Country Reformed Baptist, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$427.51
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$873.24	\$0.00
Missional Life Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,100.00
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$702.00	\$1,700.16
AB TOTALS	\$24,666.31	\$181,848.11	\$163,759.49
SASKATCHEWAN			
CONGREGATIONS			
✓ Allan Baptist, Allan	\$0.00	\$165.75	\$225.67
✓ Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
✓ Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$0.00	\$1,093.31	\$737.96
✓ Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$754.93	\$2,725.89	\$3,569.20
✓ Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$1,731.36	\$4,792.29	\$2,886.08
✓ Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$798.70	\$4,957.75	\$5,547.29
✓ Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$430.19	\$3,952.31	\$3,055.64
✓ Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$152.80	\$155.00
✓ Lakewood Baptist, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$2,029.71
✓ Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$15.00	\$105.00	\$70.00
✓ Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$550.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,790.00
✓ Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
✓ Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$974.20	\$1,066.73
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$0.00
Gronlid, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
SK TOTALS	\$5,000.18	\$24,654.30	\$25,333.28
MANITOBA			
CONGREGATIONS			
✓ Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$5,328.71	\$6,602.35

✓ Denotes those churches that are affiliated (seated) with the CNBC

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	JULY	YTD 2014	JULY 2013
Joy Fountain Church, East St. Paul	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
✓ SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$675.00
✓ St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
✓ Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$600.00
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	\$450.00
MB TOTALS	\$300.00	\$9,378.71	\$8,327.35

ONTARIO

CONGREGATIONS

All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$80.00	\$400.00	\$840.00
✓ Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$205.00	\$405.00	\$0.00
✓ Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
✓ Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Celebration!, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$1,893.57	\$6,143.00
✓ Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Eglise Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Eglise Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$1,096.19	\$1,253.15
✓ Eglise Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,500.00
✓ Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$350.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
✓ Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$347.70	\$599.80	\$436.82
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	\$6,900.00	\$27,200.00	\$24,600.00
The Journey Church, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$424.00	\$2,587.25	\$3,038.50
✓ The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$2,935.00	\$15,823.00	\$19,107.70
✓ The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,310.86
The Sanctuary, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,069.76	\$1,090.00
✓ The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$76.65	\$505.20	\$450.65

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

✓ All Nations Southern Baptist Church of Toronto, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$0.00	\$255.25	\$513.00
Fellowship Church, Mississauga	\$1,413.00	\$4,172.54	\$0.00
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Ark Church, Hamilton	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Bikers Church, Hamilton	\$144.00	\$304.65	\$127.00
✓ Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,274.00
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$545.00	\$545.00	\$0.00
Mosiac Toronto, Toronto	\$161.00	\$1,515.24	\$390.20
Ohr L'Goyim Messianic Congregation, Maple	\$97.00	\$964.52	\$93.00
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$367.50	\$3,389.54	\$0.00
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$1,354.24	\$3,223.28	\$2,422.49
Refuel Church, East York	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$17.10	\$46.00
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,277.08
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$402.00	\$2,266.00	\$0.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$340.60	\$2,739.45	\$0.00
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Wabaseemoong Gospel Church, Kenora	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00

OTHER PLANTS

Church Planting Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$857.53
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
ON TOTALS	\$16,442.69	\$78,078.34	\$73,350.98

QUEBEC

CONGREGATIONS

Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
✓ Assemblée Évangélique bon Samaritain, St. George	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00

	JULY	YTD 2014	JULY 2013
✓ Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$30.00	\$240.00	\$455.00
✓ Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$0.00	\$5,167.90	\$5,000.00
✓ Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$600.00
✓ Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$100.00
✓ Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
✓ Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
✓ Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$0.00	\$876.00	\$970.00
Église Évangélique Baptiste de Manahaim, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
✓ Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$80.75	\$482.49	\$549.22
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$473.00	\$1,672.50	\$1,142.50
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	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$50.00
✓ Providence Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
✓ Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$306.50	\$2,313.82	\$1,857.58

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montréal	\$109.00	\$196.00	\$304.00
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montreal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eglise le Contact, Repentigny	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Eglise Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,340.00	\$0.00
La Chapelle, Montreal	\$0.00	\$9,073.70	\$2,671.38
The Village Church, Brigham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
QC TOTALS	\$999.25	\$26,967.41	\$14,849.68

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

NFL TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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NEW BRUNSWICK

CONGREGATIONS

Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
✓ Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$350.00	\$2,726.00	\$2,355.50
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$1,225.00	\$5,220.00
✓ Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,839.03

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$260.00	\$422.00	\$677.30
Eglise Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$757.03
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$520.00	\$760.00

NB TOTALS	\$610.00	\$5,393.00	\$16,108.86
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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	\$325.00	\$666.70

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Christian Community Church - Cheticamp, South West Margaree	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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OTHER PLANTS

Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$261.60	\$261.60	\$0.00
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NS TOTALS	\$261.60	\$586.60	\$835.29
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CONGREGATIONS

✓ Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$1,180.85	\$12,606.23	\$6,939.94
✓ King's Way Christian Fellowship, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$168.50	\$1,164.50	\$614.40

PEI TOTALS	\$2,149.35	\$17,570.73	\$10,554.34
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YUKON/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Y/NWT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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OTHER GIFTS

TOTALS	\$62,157.15	\$397,854.61	\$400,121.08
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*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.

More Glimpses

– Seminary grads 'heed the call of the Father' –

By Elaine Phillips

The Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College invited Dr. Frank Page, president and CEO of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, to give the commencement address at the seminary's twenty-fifth graduation on May 3. Taking his text from 1 Samuel 3—"Speak, LORD, for thy servant heareth"—Dr. Page exhorted the 11 graduands and their guests to pay attention to life's "irrecoverable moments" and to heed the call of the Father. "Hear the call and heed the demand of God that we follow Him fully, as Samuel did," Page urged his listeners. His closing prayer asked God for "hearts that would listen, hearts that are receptive, ready to follow that call, heed that command."

The seminary conferred 11 degrees this year, namely three certificates of Christian studies (CCSt), one bachelor of Christian ministry degree (BCMin), two master of Christian ministry (MCMIn), one master of biblical studies (MBS), and four master of divinity degrees (MDiv).

Bachelor of Christian Ministry

After being out of school for 30 years, Clayton Davis came to the college from Richmond, BC. During his studies he has been involved with the Celebrating Life Discipling program, leading Sunday school, and a coffee shop outreach ministry. Clayton was a recipient of the Jesse Morales Evangelism Award. After graduation he plans on continuing his ministry of discipleship with marginalized and recovering people.

"This school has built a foundation for my faith. Titus 3:3 says, 'Once you were foolish, disobedient and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures....' God can redeem people you would not think would have a chance. If He can do that with me then He can change anyone!"

Master of Biblical Studies

Raised and educated in the city of Hong Kong, Grace Kwan was a high school teacher when God called her into full-time ministry. After she received her diploma in theology at a seminary in Hong Kong, Grace began serving side-by-side in ministry with her husband, Albert. In 2012, Grace became the Cantonese pastor of the Chinese Evangelical Free Church of Calgary. She was chosen by the faculty to receive this year's Blackaby Spiritual Leadership Award.

Masters of Christian Ministry

Daniel Kong, also from Hong Kong, has served as a Bible teacher at Westside Calgary Chinese Alliance Church, as a chaplain at the Bowden (Correctional) Institution in Innisfail, Alberta, and as a spiritual caregiver in the Calgary Health Region. Currently he also volunteers as vice-chairman in the Calgary Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Association.

"Praise the Lord! God gives opportunity to me for a lifetime of learning," says Daniel.

Sara Ruiz has been actively involved in ministry through youth, worship and administrative duties. She is also the lead administrator for Canadian Global Response—the Canadian National Baptist Convention's partner for disaster relief, community development, and alleviation of poverty.

Sara is the 2014 recipient of the Cunningham Christian Service Award. After graduation she would like to pursue a Masters in Counselling and possibly a PhD down the road, as well as take more international mission trips.



Photo: Brenda Peacock

2014 graduates (back row to front, L-R): Jay Maynard, MDiv (with distinction); Binyam Asress, MDiv; Clayton Robert Louie Davis, BCMin; Wenyou Tao, MDiv; Grace Kwan, MBS (with distinction); Sara Ruiz, MCMIn; Daniel Kong, MCMIn; Paige Stevens, CCSt; Kennedy Seidler, CCSt; Tyler Graftaas, MDiv; Joel McGraw, CCSt

Sara says, "I learned that training to do ministry in the tough places is tough, but if we let go of the wheel and let God take control He can help ease the journey. I came to a deeper understanding, love and appreciation for God's Word; I have a newfound enjoyment in reading the Bible and in being reminded daily of the amazing gift God has given us."

Masters of Divinity

Binyam Asress hails from Kamloops, BC, and came to seminary single. Now he has a wife, two kids and one on the way. During his studies Binyam was busier than a one-armed wallpaper hanger, to use his phrase, always holding down multiple jobs. These included driving school bus and serving as a high school community representative. Additionally he has taught Sunday school and served as team leader for children's ministry at Tapestry Church in Calgary. In 2013 Binyam received the Cunningham Christian Service Award. After graduation Binyam and family moved to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, where he now serves as senior pastor of Scarborough Baptist Church.

"I used to have a pretty black and white perspective about my theological convictions," Binyam admits. "But sitting under the influence of the professors I have been tempered so that I am more concerned about communicating the essentials of the gospel rather than propagating my theological position. I am more passionate about Christ and Him crucified than the various '-isms' that can sap the life out of evangelistic opportunities."

Born and raised in Calgary, **Tyler Graftaas** was on the pastoral team at GoodTree Christian Fellowship while attending seminary and is now on staff as a full-time pastor. He was the recipient of the Blackaby Leadership Award in 2013. In 2014 he received the LifeWay Pastoral Leadership Award.

"My appreciation for the time and energy required to understand foreign literature and culture has grown exponentially," says Tyler. "I no longer look at the Bible, my non-Calgarian neighbour, or a news story

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International Connections

-A letter from international workers

Greetings CNBC Family!

International Missions! Have you ever thought about going overseas for a mission trip for one week or two, or even longer?

We had our first six-week short-term international mission trip 22 years ago. Since then, we have had short-term mission trips in Canada, to the States, and overseas. In 2009 we became career "international workers" and were commissioned by our home church and CNBC to serve overseas. We are so thankful to you for your faithful partnership in giving and prayer that we, as CNBC international workers, could serve our Lord abroad.

During our time on the mission field, we have served in a region where Christians are still facing persecution and "international workers" are not allowed to be there. We thank God for giving our team the opportunity to establish training to offer Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Theology degree programs to train believers from "underground" churches to become pastors, missionaries and church leaders.

God gave us joy in teaching students, seeing them grow spiritually, and visiting with them after class, although J had heatstroke a couple of times while teaching in a basement with all windows covered by plywood and blankets. They were in a small room with all windows closed during the summer.

After having served overseas for 4½ years, we returned to Canada for home assignment in June 2013. Currently, R is having health challenges. He must be better in order to receive clearance to return to the field. Nevertheless, the joy of serving God is more precious than anything. We look forward to having our first graduating MDiv and BTh classes in 2015.

During our time in Canada, for the past 14 months, we have had the privilege of visiting some of you and your churches, from Vancouver Island to Prince Edward Island. We gave reports on our work, preached in Sunday worship services, met with pastors,

Pray for:

- Pray for R's health and as they wait to return overseas
- Pray for the students J&R teach as they prepare for ministry



J & R visit with a Chinese group, brought together by Pastor Rob Giesbrecht in Winnipeg, July 2013.

church leaders and mission committee members, and had joyful times of fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea, or a meal, and chatting. We enjoyed visiting with you and your churches. We were well treated and received by you. We are truly blessed by you! Thank you!

Some churches have expressed interest in expanding your international work. Some of you are interested in exploring opportunities for short-term mission trips overseas. We are excited to see what God is doing among our CNBC churches!

So, please don't wait! Start planning mission trips for 2015 for yourself, your family or your church. If we can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to send us an email through Ellen Cone: econe@cnbc.ca. We would love to receive email from you and see you on the mission field. We are praying for you.

Blessings, J & R

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Seminary Grads

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from around the world as something or someone that can be understood by gathering enough information. Rather, there is an entire lived experience that helps us understand what is not our own. For my neighbour that might mean sharing meals together or working in the yard together. When it comes to the Bible it means stepping out in faith and living in the ways of Jesus, no matter how counter-cultural it might be."

Jay Maynard is currently living and serving in Toronto, where he completed his degree by distance. In 2012 Jay received the Mountain View Christian Fellowship Academic Merit Award for the highest grade point average the previous fall. However, the most memorable piece of advice he received was from Dr. Peacock, "If you get an 'A' in my class and a 'D' in family, you fail!" It reminded Jay that believers need to keep

the first priorities in their lives in the proper place.

Jay and his family look forward to serving the Lord in the Niagara Falls region of Ontario. He has accepted a position as senior pastor at Calvary Gospel Church in Beamsville, Ontario, beginning in September.

Wenyou Tao, born in China, now claims Calgary as his home. He has several degrees in engineering, and completed the master of Christian ministry degree last year, returning this year to upgrade his degree to the MDiv. Wenyou's life was greatly impacted by his professors: "I saw the role models of God's faithful servants in the professors at CSBS. I appreciate their faithful teaching by personal example and verbal instruction." After graduation he has continued his teaching and preaching ministry at Blessed Christian Church in Calgary.



Surrey Chinese Baptist Church, Surrey, BC, welcomes their new English pastor, **Rob Buntain**, his wife **Jessica** and their daughter **Ava Grace**. Rob started working at Surrey Chinese on April 1, 2014. He is a December 2013 MDiv graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY.

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Scarborough Baptist Church, Prince Albert, SK, welcomes their new senior pastor, **Binyam Asress**, his wife **Genine** and their two children **Isaiah** and **Hadassah**. Binyam started working at Scarborough Baptist on June 1, 2014. He is a 2014 MDiv graduate of Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College, Cochrane, AB.



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The Potters House Community Church
West Kelowna, BC
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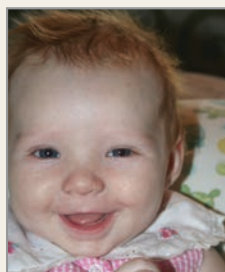
 **Ed and Lana Allen** announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Mercy Alleen Allen**,



born December 31, 2013, in Bonnyville, AB. Mercy's parents are the Allens' son and wife, Morgan and Joelle Allen, from Bonnyville. Ed is Facilities


Manager for the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College and also for the CNBC.

 **Maurice and Nancy Tenkink** announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Evelyn**



Mari Ann Tenkink, born April 12, 2014, in Langley, BC. Evelyn's parents are the Tenkinks' son and wife, Byron and Mikaela Tenkink. Maurice is Church Planting

Catalyst for Manitoba/Saskatchewan.

 **Dwight and Judy Huffman** announce the birth of their grandson, **Ryker James**

Jakel, born April 25, 2014, in Calgary, AB. Ryker's parents are the Huffmans' daughter and husband, Ashley and Tim Jakel from Airdrie, AB. Dwight is Senior Pastor of Bow Valley Baptist Church, Cochrane, AB.



 **Jason and Carrie Byers** announce the birth of their daughter, **Canaan**

Rose Byers, born May 6, 2014, in Ottawa, ON. Jason is Pastor of Celebration! Church, Ottawa.



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David and Connie

Travis from Cochrane, AB announce the marriage of their son, **Ryan Travis**, to **Katelyn Burns** on June 29, 2014 at J.B. Hunt Memorial Chapel in Rogers, Arkansas. The newlyweds have returned to live in the Middle East to work in that region with the organization For All Mankind Movement (FAMM).

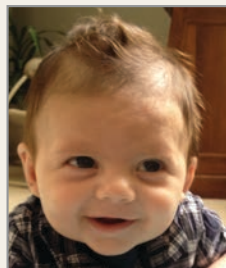
David and Connie Travis serve as Logistics Coordinator/Missionaries for IMB in Canada.


The parents of the bride are Matt and Lori Burns from Fayetteville, AR.



 **Bo and Rachel Neal** announce the birth of their son,

Theron Wayne Neal, born May 9, 2014, in Calgary, AB. Bo is Lead Pastor of Southwinds Church, Calgary.



 **Mel and Marybelle Cruikshank** announce the birth of their grandson,

Evan William Chouinard, born May 20, 2014, in Edmonton, AB.

Evan's parents are the Cruikshanks' daughter and husband, Christina and Eric Chouinard. Mel is CNBC National University Ministry Leader, Missions Team.



The Cruikshank and Chouinard families would like to express their gratitude to the many people who prayed little Evan throughout his five weeks in NICU after he was born seven weeks premature. They are thankful that he is now strong and healthy.



Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church

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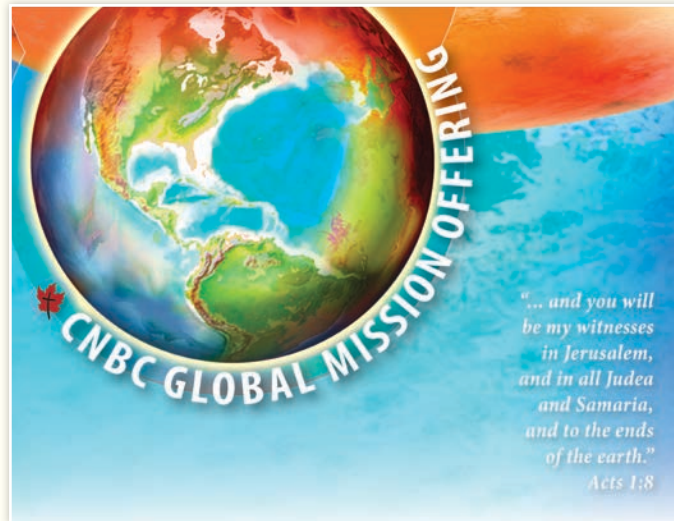


CNBC Mission Giving Opportunities

Global Mission Offering

A combined offering for International, North American and Canadian missions

The CNBC Global Mission Offering (GMO) is a way for a church to have a yearly missions emphasis which could last for a month or two weeks, or whatever time frame the congregation chooses. During this emphasis, people in the church are



exposed to Canadian missions, North American missions, and International missions.

A combined mission offering is collected and sent to the CNBC. The offering is then distributed to each mission division for mission endeavours and supporting missionaries.

The CNBC office has produced educational materials in a kit that is informative and easy to use. These GMO kits are mailed to participating churches for their use in either fall or spring missions emphases. Resources are available online at cnbc.ca/articles/global-mission-offering-resources.

The kits are designed for churches to do effective missions presentations quickly, and with little effort, in order to help inform their people of CNBC mission projects all over the world.

Our hope is that you will use these materials to further the cause of missions in Canada and around the world.



Canadians on Mission

The Canadian missions emphasis of the Global Missions Offering

2014 CNBC GOAL \$40,000



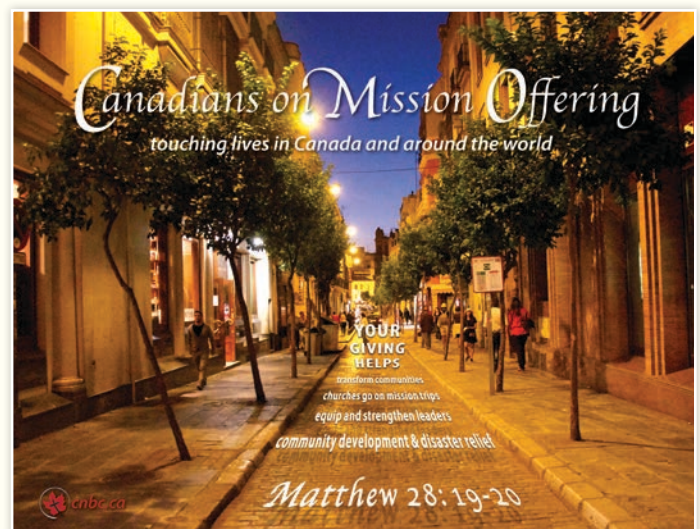
Funds that are given through CNBC churches for Canadians on Mission are used to help churches, ministers, and students be "on mission."

This reflects our mission statement: "We are churches in covenant giving ourselves away to advance the Kingdom of God."

Grants may be provided to CNBC ministers and church members for various missions opportunities. (For information go to cnbcGO.com and scroll to "scholarships and grants" section.)

- **CNBC Ministers and their spouses**, if applicable, can apply for a grant to go on an international mission trip to serve alongside a CNBC or International Mission Board missionary and to build a partnership with that family and the minister's church.
- **Churches** may request grants to cover a portion of the cost to send a volunteer team to help another church or partner with a ministry project.

- **Students** who are members of a CNBC church can apply for a grant toward a portion of the cost of a mission trip to a CNBC/Southern Baptist related ministry across Canada or the world.



If your church chooses to hold just a Canadians on Mission emphasis this fall, resources are available to download and print at cnbc.ca/articles/canadians-on-mission-offering-promo