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*Pray for the Harvest
in May*



"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest" (John 4:35 NIV).

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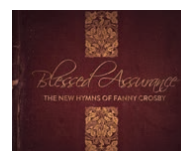
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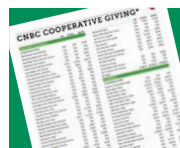
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"GOOD NEWS, JEREMY. THE LORD IS WITH US, SO TODAY'S SERVICE WILL BE IN REAL TIME AND TOTALLY INTER-ACTIVE!"



Connecting

The streams of our CNBC heritage are essential to who we are



The CNBC has such a rich heritage. In our fast accelerating world, heritage is often overlooked in favour of innovation and change. Heritage can be the anchor that helps us not be tossed by every wave of fad or current trend which will often disappear as fast as it comes onto the scene.

Although we are one of the youngest networks of churches in Canada, we participate in a rich long history through our partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention and its churches. We have built on their foundations and this has enabled us to reach into the future with a vision to plant and strengthen churches, that will in turn transform our country and our world.

This rich heritage was itself formed over time and has given us a balanced approach as a denomination. I believe there are four streams that flow into the river of Southern Baptist life, each of which has had a strong influence on who Southern Baptists are and who we are in the CNBC.

The first stream is an **unwavering confidence in the Bible** and its doctrinal teachings. With the founding of the Philadelphia Baptist Association in 1707, we embraced a strong emphasis on the fundamental teachings of the Bible and we have been committed to the Bible as the only ultimate authority for all faith and practice. We have held to these beliefs even when the world around us abandoned them because they are not based on popular opinion, but on the Word of God which endures forever. We will always be a people of the Book.

The second stream is a **revivalistic and evangelistic passion** that led to the Sandy Creek evangelistic revival movements of the 1750s and beyond: a commitment to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and see people's lives changed and transformed. Today we seek to build bridges

to a culture that is often apathetic or negative to the church, but still harbours a spiritual hunger that goes unsatisfied without a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will always be a people passionate about the Good News.

The third stream is the **emphasis on the local church** which came to us through a movement called the Landmark movement. A strong emphasis on the local church and its ability to follow God and determine its own direction under God's leadership. There were of course excesses in this movement which were left aside to capitalize on the movement's positive influences. The confidence in a local congregation to impact a world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The belief that the local community of believers is the primary vehicle to extend the Kingdom of God. The realization that the denomination innovates from the local church and that churches will find a way to impact each generation with the transformational power of the Good News. We will always be people who prize the local church.

The fourth stream is the **commitment to church planting and international missions**. From the beginning we have sent out home missionaries and foreign missionaries. It was never good enough to just take care of ourselves. We sacrificed and organized ourselves for those who had never heard, and there was no place too far to go to make sure they had a chance to hear. Churches were planted near home and as far from home as you could get, and we became a missionary people. We will always be a missionary people.

All four streams are important. **All four streams are essential to who we are.** All four bring us biblical balance. All four keep us on track. All four are the heritage we embrace. All four will carry us into the future to be used by God to advance His Kingdom.

Request for Intentions to Nominate CNBC Officers



All CNBC officers (president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president) are nominated from the floor at the CNBC Annual Convention. Each year in the June *Horizon*, we publish notices of intentions to nominate CNBC officers.

If you would like to nominate a CNBC officer at the annual meeting and wish to publish your intention to nominate an officer, please send the nomination name and a brief statement (no longer than one paragraph) of

why you feel this candidate would be a suitable nomination to Debbie Shelton at dshelton@cnbc.ca.

Qualifications for CNBC officers

- A member in good standing of a CNBC church who gives to the Cooperative Giving Program.
- Willing and able to attend the National Leadership Board meetings in early November and late May.
- A person who supports the vision, mission and values of the CNBC.

CNBC 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Children & Youth

Special programs will be provided
for all children and youth.

Check the [CNBC website Convention pages](#)
for up-to-date information



'You Can Do It' equips First Nations pastors and leaders

ONION LAKE, SK—One way of supporting First Nations pastors is to equip them for ministry. A seminar organized by “G_____” and titled “You Can Do It” took place February 26-28 in Onion Lake, SK. “The theme was taken from John 13:15-17 where Jesus finished washing the feet of his disciples. In verses 15 and 17 Jesus says, ¹⁵“I have set you an example [in serving] that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”



First Nations pastors, leaders and delegates gather at the “You Can Do It” seminar.

Five pastors presented lessons on servant-leadership from the life of Jesus, portraying the message of Jesus as a servant leader. The presenters were: Pastor Alex Sasakamoose from Ahtahkakoop First Nations, Pastor Clifford Bird from Montreal Lake First Nations, Pastor Moses Bird from Southend First Nations, Pastor Martin Naistus from Onion Lake First Nations and Pastor Ta Tumu from Lloydminster.

Worship was led all weekend by Yvonne St. Germaine, a well-known and award winning Aboriginal worship leader. “Her music, intertwined with her testimony, was not only a spiritual blessing but added value to the ‘You Can Do it’ theme,” says Pastor Ta. She was joined by Alvena Bird on some sets.

Several young men from an addiction treatment centre in Onion Lake attended the conference. Others, who have experienced similar or the same addictions that these men are currently going through, told of how God redeemed them and delivered them out of addictions. They live to tell their stories and are examples of “You Can Do It.” These young men came forward for prayer and left empowered by the message. “I believe the Lord was honoured and many have gone back empowered, encouraged and enthusiastic

about serving the Lord on their reserves,” says Pastor Ta. “We continue to pray for them.”

Stan Felder, NAMB church planting catalyst for CNBC churches in Edmonton, and Maurice Tenkink, NAMB church planting catalyst for Saskatchewan/Manitoba, also attended the event.

Others attended the conference from Manitoba, Regina and Saskatoon. Tenkink brought couples from Prince Albert. He also shared a five-minute testimony.

The “Gospel For Samaria” ministry was founded by Richie Davies, a farmer from the Lloydminster area. It was born out of the scriptural account in John 4 where Jesus had the encounter with the Samaritan woman. This ministry is committed to providing missionary funding and mentoring support to First Nations pastors so the name of Christ may be known and lives will be changed by the transforming power of the Gospel.

“Thank you, CNBC, for partnering with us as together we continue with the unfinished task of sharing the Good News of Jesus with the First Nations Peoples,” says Pastor Ta.

Financial support for the conference was provided by NAMB through CNBC church planting project funds.



L-R: Pastor Moses and Alvena Bird, Pastor Alex and Janice Sasakamoose, Pastor Ta Tumu, Bernice and Pastor Martin Naistus, Darren Mountain, Richie Davies. Front Row: Linda Naistus, Judy Plett
Photo: Ron Plett



That They May Know You

John 17:3

Pray for the Harvest in May



Your church is invited to Pray for the Harvest during the month of May. We want to see God move in a powerful way across our country. Never before in our history have we sensed a greater need to corporately call on God through prayer.

God answers prayer. Last May during Pray for the Harvest a young woman was invited to attend our church by her friend. At the end of the service I welcomed her and talked with her about Pray for the Harvest. Right in the middle of our conversation she decided to follow Jesus. The harvest is plentiful!

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Luke 10:2b NIV).

Prayer Walking: Intercession on Location

In Luke 10:16 Jesus sent the disciples out two by two, expecting them to engage and encounter people who needed to hear the Gospel.

I challenge you to pray, without closing your eyes or bowing your head, as you walk around your neighbourhood. The first time I went prayer walking it felt a little awkward. Now it

is thrilling to talk with God as I walk in my community, interceding for people who have spiritual needs. As you prayer walk, observe the people and the places. Do not be afraid to stop and talk to people.

“Prayer walking is intercession on location with information in cooperation against opposition for glorification.”¹

[Click here](#) to download a **30-minute audio guide** from the CNBC website. The guide is designed to direct and inspire you as you prayer walk through your community. You will hear soft music, scripture and prayer prompts every five minutes as you walk and pray.

[Click here](#) for **weekly inspirational videos** on our website. Download or play them online for use in your church each Sunday in May. Preview the videos at the links below.

¹Prayer Walking, Dan Crawford p. 26

WEEK 1 VIDEO

WEEK 3 VIDEO

WEEK 2 VIDEO

WEEK 4 VIDEO

WEEK 5 VIDEO

Planning for community outreach this summer?

Get ready to reach out to your community this summer. Contact the Transforming Communities team for resources and information.



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Women's Ministry Highlights

Women to Women projects

Sewing Machine & Kits Project

Some of our incredible ladies from CNBC churches across Canada recently sent 80 sewing kits, a portable sewing machine, fabric and more to the Philippines. This Women to Women project will assist single moms in learning to sew and become self-supporting. It's not too late. *You can still donate to the fund to buy commercial sewing machines and help pay for sewing lessons.*



[Click here](#) to go to the Canadian Global Response website to donate to any of the Women to Women projects. Click on the DONATE NOW button at the top of the web page. When filling out the form, specify in the "Additional Note" box which project you are giving to.

Back to School Project

Help provide school supplies to children in a village that was devastated by a typhoon and a hurricane. [Click here](#) for the school supply list.

Do you sew? Make a school book bag for a child. [Click here](#) for a pattern.

Your donation of school supplies and/or bags must be in the CNBC office by **April 30**. Shipping to the Philippines takes about two months.

Contact Melanie Morgan (mmorgan@cnbc.ca) if you need more information about **Women to Women** projects.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the duration of this project! CGR and the CNBC will continue advocating for those affected by typhoons in the Philippines by working through local partners.



Make a difference! Offer dignity and hope

At your next women's gathering encourage participants to shop from the **Worldcrafts** catalogue. [Click here](#) for information.



Your purchase helps provide sustainable income for impoverished artisans around the world and helps to free women from human exploitation. Worldcrafts is a division of [WMU](#) that develops sustainable, fair trade businesses around the world.

Mary grew up in an orphanage in India with a bleak outlook for her future. When time came for her to leave the orphanage she was deceived by an offer of marriage and found herself instead in a brothel. She escaped and tried to commit suicide multiple times, the last time by eating glass. A member of Rahab's Rope artisan group found her dying in the street and brought her to the centre. Many young women like Mary have found a lifeline at Rahab's Rope, where they discover new opportunities as they make handcrafted jewellery.



Women on Mission: Mother-Daughter Mission Trip



Amy and her daughter Riley on mission in Guatemala

Kingdom Seeds

Leading When the Way Forward is Not Clear



A good leader has a history of making good decisions. A godly leader has a history of making godly decisions. A man who is both sees God's hand blessing the work of his hands; his stewardship progresses toward blessing and success, and he can slip into a sense of entitlement. That is to say: As long as we are godly, diligent, and wise we can stave off the day of evil in our own strength (all credit to God, of course, for that strength).

I have been there before, and I dare say so have you. Many church planters come to the task of planting a church from a "successful" ministry. However, the common experience of almost every church planter I have worked alongside, coached, and known is facing circumstances that portend disaster, and the potential unravelling of all the work invested in planting the church. There is nothing in their "successful" past that clues them in as to a way forward. Looking to the Old Testament for inspiration we find many who faced the same. One was Jehoshaphat. His experience is recorded in 2 Chronicles 19-21. Perhaps it will encourage you if you feel that you are facing impending disaster in your church ministry.

In 2 Chronicles 19 we see Jehoshaphat organizing his kingdom in obedience to God's leadership. God was pleased and blessed his work. In chapter 20, out of the blue, news of sudden impending disaster is delivered to him. One can speculate (perhaps from our own personal history) many responses to this sudden change in expectations. Jehoshaphat's response is to turn to God with this prayer:

"O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you" (2 Chronicles 20:12 ESV).

In chapter 21, in response to his prayer, God defeats the enemy army to the sound of Israel singing His praises.

My observations are these:

Jehoshaphat didn't try to minimize the threat or danger. He acknowledged two key things: apart from God we are powerless to deal with all that Satan throws our way, and in times like these we actually don't have a clue what to do. Have you ever prayed that prayer as a leader? It is uncomfortable in the extreme. It was, however, an honest expression of dependence.

Being a good and wise leader doesn't exempt you from challenges to your faith. God is still refining us "in the furnace of affliction" (Isaiah 48:10). Let's be clear, God wasn't mad at Jehoshaphat and so allowed an evil army to descend. God was faithfully working to refine a good leader into a great leader—a seasoned leader who brought glory to God by the way he led.

The posture of Jehoshaphat: trust, with no plan B, is the best way to enter a crisis. The people's response of following their leader into the unknown, based on his understanding of God's will, is a game-changing experience. This was a discipling moment. When you deal with a crisis in faith, people learn what a life of faith really looks like.

When Jehoshaphat marched out with the people, they did so with praise to God on their lips. Keeping an attitude of praise and thanksgiving as God works will help carry you through the crisis. Praise in the midst of crisis is evidence of the reality of your faith, and people take note.

God will come through, just in time, with all that we need to accomplish His will.

I have seen many planters face this kind of crisis. For the ones who stand fast and seek God's way forward, what looks like disaster as it approaches turns into an incredible affirmation of God's call to that place and people. Looking back, they count that crisis experience as one of the mileposts and highlights of their church plant's history.

See new church plants in Clearly Canadian



Ethiopian evangelist, Zerihun Engida, preaches at the Easter outreach meeting in Edmonton.

Eleven receive Christ as a result of Ethiopian Easter outreach in Edmonton

By Stan Felder

EDMONTON, AB—The Church of Generation for Christ held a four-day Ethiopian outreach on Easter weekend. Pastor Kaleab Warku reports that they brought in a famous Ethiopian singer from Norway, an Ethiopian evangelist from the largest Ethiopian church in the US, located near Washington, DC, and several other pastors and musicians.

They met for four nights, Friday through Monday. Attendance started out small, but grew each night with Sunday and Monday having over 150 people, including

more than 35 children. Everything went well and the singing, preaching and fellowship was a blessing to all.

There were six salvations at the conference with many others coming for prayer. Two families indicated they hoped to join Pastor Kaleab's church, with several other visitors who are prospects for their ministry. The following Sunday five more prayed to receive Christ.

Financial support for the outreach was provided through CNBC church planting project funds and evangelism and transforming communities community outreach. Jamestown Baptist Church, Conway, South Carolina (Pastor James Collins) has been praying for Kaleab's church and also sent funds to assist with planting needs and outreach.



Volunteers teach some of the children during the services.



Zerihun Engida, evangelist from USA; Paulos Gebremichaie, pastor from Calgary; Kefa Hogi, singer from Norway and Pastor Kaleab Warku

Gary Chapman leads 'The Marriage You've Always Wanted' conference in Calgary

CALGARY, AB—"The Marriage You've Always Wanted," a conference led by Dr Gary Chapman, author of the best-selling *Five Love Languages* book, is not a dry, formal marriage seminar—it's a time of fun and discovery that can help couples build the love relationship of their dreams. Dr Chapman speaks to thousands of couples across North America through his weekend marriage conferences.

Alberta couples, both married and engaged, attended the one-day conference on April 2 at Richmond Hill Baptist Church, Calgary; 360 people attended.

"The beauty of the conference is that Dr Chapman shares timeless principles that apply to couples of all ages, whether newlyweds or later in their marriage journey," said Bob Shelton, SEND city missionary for Calgary/Edmonton, who helped organize the gathering.

Topics covered in the conference were:

Communication – As he walked through the three levels of communication, Chapman stressed the importance of communication for an intimate marriage.

Calgary pastor Bo Neal and his wife, Rachel, found the conference so practical that they have already put to use some of what they learned, especially in the area of communication:

"It's not often that you go to a whole day seminar and remember so much of what was said, but we came home with many good ideas and have talked a lot about what we learned since. We laughed and cried, and felt closer and reconnected by the end of the day, encouraged

to continue to work on our own marriage and help couples in our church and community as well."

Understanding and expressing love – Chapman referred to the five love languages as he walked through understanding the emotional aspect of love.

Initiating positive change – Every marriage has room for growth. Spiritual growth will help couples improve their marriages as they put Christ on the throne of their hearts and yield to the control of the Holy Spirit.

Often in marriage seminars, people discover that their need goes deeper than just fixing their marriage; they begin to see the brokenness in their lives. Chapman spent time sharing a clear Gospel presentation with the group. As a result, one young woman came to faith in Christ and is being followed up by Richmond Hill Church.

Making sex a mutual joy – "The Scriptures teach that God is the author of sex," said Chapman. He explained the biblical view of sex, quoting verses from the Old and New Testament and focusing on the purposes of sex within the marriage relationship.

How to share the things that bug you – Giving constructive criticism is helpful in a marriage. "There are no perfect husbands; there are no perfect wives," Chapman said. "We all need help." He talked about how to get a spouse to change without manipulation, with an emphasis on speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

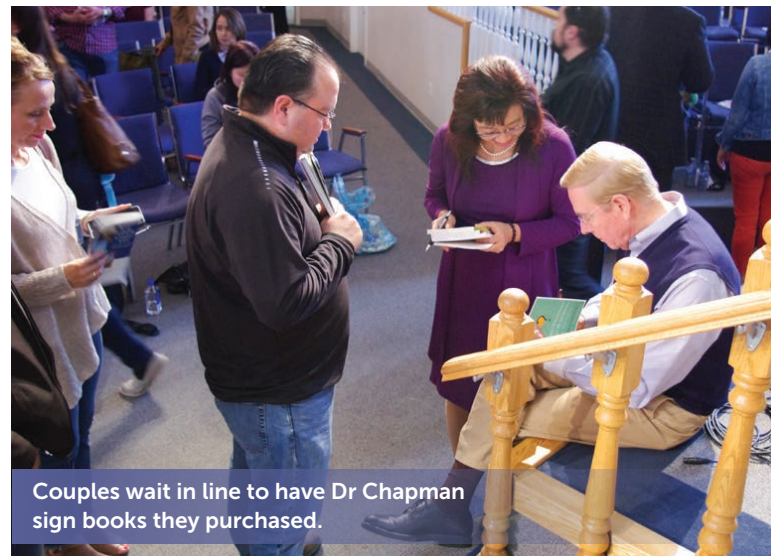
"The conference was made possible through one of the SEND Calgary partners, Calvary Baptist Church, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina," said Shelton. "Their partnership with the city has been an amazing blessing.

"Dr Chapman has been on staff at this church for the last 45 years. When he was approached about helping SEND Calgary serve the city in this way he wanted to make it happen. It took two years to get it on his calendar but the timing was perfect."

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Dr Gary Chapman greets Guillermo & Sharon Chan at the marriage conference.



Couples wait in line to have Dr Chapman sign books they purchased.

'The Marriage You've Always Wanted'

This gathering was an example of serving the city by strengthening marriages. With the financial and social pressures continually weighing on families, this event was intended to provide hope and practical help.

Jennifer and her husband, Wes, have read some of Chapman's books but this was their first time to attend one of his conferences. Jennifer says, "The conference was a great reminder to couples about things we can easily become complacent towards in marriage. My husband and I learned new perspectives regarding numerous issues. We are glad we took the time to go and that it was reasonably priced."

Couples crowded around the book table to purchase a variety of Chapman's books based on the principles of [*The Five Love Languages*](#). The book [*The Marriage You've Always Wanted*](#) was a popular item, as was the DVD study set for small groups.

Richmond Hill Baptist Church and Pastor Shane Spannagel were great hosts and the church provided beautiful gifts to hand out as prizes.

"It was a great blessing to host the marriage seminar with Dr Chapman," said Spannagel. "He was insightful, sincere,

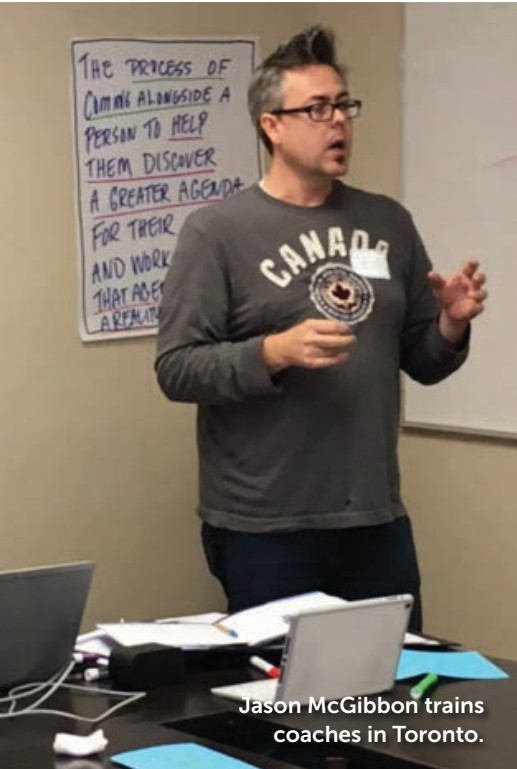


Dr Gary Chapman visits with Calgary church planter couples after the conference.

humorous, evangelistic, and extremely helpful; on and off stage he was encouraging and a delight to be around."

There were many complimentary comments, both from newlyweds and from those who had been married 40 years and more. Several of Richmond Hill's small group leaders are making plans to begin *The Five Love Languages* study in their home groups.





Jason McGibbon trains coaches in Toronto.



Coaches connect in Calgary.

Deliver great coaching to every church planter

Plans continue in Canada to plant healthy churches

By Dino Senesi

An unexpected phone call from Jeff Christopherson, then the North American Mission Board (NAMB) vice-president of the Northeast and Canada regions, provided a needed break in my day. I had never met Jeff but knew of him by reputation. The topic of our conversation was church planter coaching. And much to my surprise, Jeff was inviting me to pray about being part of a new coaching initiative.

NAMB was experiencing revolutionary change. Part of the change included a stronger commitment to church planting and a healthy church planting process. The goal was to push back lostness in North America; the challenge was to send and send well.

Healthy church planting processes are strong in at least three major areas:

1. Assessment – to help a church planter or planting couple determine if they are called, wired and ready to plant.
2. Training – to equip a church planter to plant in context.
3. Coaching – to encourage a church planter during his first two years through an intentional, one-on-one relationship.

Unique Church Planting Challenges

Fast-forward to Edmonton, AB, more than three years after Jeff's phone call, to March of 2016. The room was full of 35 enthusiastic pastors, planters, strategists and lay leaders at a One Day Coaching Map. The Map provides coach orientation and equipping. The agenda for everyone in the room was to make disciples and develop leaders more effectively. Church planters and church planting wives would benefit from this gathering of new coaches.

The Canadian context presents unique challenges for church planters. Coaching helps a planter address those challenges. Jason McGibbon, lead planter of Hamilton Fellowships, said, "Many planters are not coming from large existing churches or systems. Finances, support and voices of encouragement or accountability may not be in place. Coaching can help fill in some of those gaps." McGibbon is NAMB's coaching champion in the Greater Toronto area. In addition to being a coach, Jason helps develop coaches for the rapidly increasing number of new churches in Toronto.

Dan Morgan moved from the role of professor to learner at the One Day Coaching Map in Calgary in March. He also recognized another challenge facing planters. "Long distances between churches create isolation," said Morgan,

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Great Coaching

professor of church planting at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. Coaching helps “break the cycle of ‘stuckness,’ rather than letting church planters and their plants plateau and experience frustration.” Morgan is also the new churches team leader for the Canadian National Baptist Convention.

Deliver Great Coaching to Every Church Planter

Church planters are pathologically disappointed. Disciples will never be made fast enough, the church will never grow

Coaching:

The process of coming alongside a person to help them discover a greater agenda for their life and work, and to see that agenda become a reality.

—Logan

large enough, and the Gospel influence on a community will never be inclusive enough. This is true in any church planting context. A sense of discontentment with the way things are is part of what God uses to stir a passionate sense of calling to a city or community.

Jeff Christopherson wrote in his book, *Kingdom Matrix*, “Darkness’ strategy has always

been simple: let all strugglers struggle alone.” As church planters move into your community, it is mission critical that they never confront darkness alone. Every church planter and church planting wife needs a great coach alongside them to listen, care and encourage.

The Maps held in Edmonton, Toronto and Calgary were only the first steps. Two-month peer coaching assignments

“Great coaches come alongside leaders, so leaders can be transformed into the image of Christ and join Him on His redemptive mission.”

Steve Ogne and Tim Roehl
TransforMissional Coaching



Every leader needs a coach.

One Day Coaching Map

were made at each Map for new coaches to practice coaching each other. Many of the coaches from March’s Maps will be assigned to coach church planters before the end of the year through this streamlined process. Quality coaching requires a long-term commitment from the coach and the planter.

Mauricio Botello, church planter from King’s Church in Toronto, caught the vision for coaching. “I need a coach, and someone needs me as a coach. Coaching is a powerful tool for leaders and church planters, helping us accomplish the purpose of God in our lives,” said Botello.

Dino Senesi is Coaching Director – Send Network at [North American Mission Board](#).
Photos courtesy of Dino Senesi and NAMB.

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Coaches connect in Edmonton.



Send missionary, Bob Shelton, trains coaches in Edmonton.



Seminary Day Across Canada 2016

COCHRANE, AB—By the time Seminary Day was concluded this year, visits to twenty-two churches or church plants occurred in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Seminary Day ministry team consisted of four college students and fourteen seminary students. Several students visited multiple locations on their trips and two students graciously gave both weekends of their reading week to cover the requests made by churches. We are grateful for the Friends of Mike and Nancy McGough Seminary Day Fund that allows us to undertake these visits.

Jordan Knorr visited Inverness Community Church, Inverness, NS

Jordan said, "We visited a man who was about sixty-five; he had given his life to the Lord three years before. To this day it is difficult for him to be in a crowd so the pastor goes to his home. He cannot read so the pastor has been working through a grade two workbook with him. I shared my testimony and we ended in a prayer where he would repeat each sentence as the pastor led."



Jordan has lunch with friends from Inverness Community Church.

Keith Kenemy visited Southwinds Church, Calgary, AB

Keith said, "The entire experience, meeting new people and sharing God's Word, was uplifting. Pastor Bo Neal and the people were warm and friendly and it was easy to connect with them. After delivering my message I was approached

by a lady from the community who is looking for a church. It was her first visit and she expressed it was meant for her to be at the service to hear what I shared. Over lunch with Pastor Bo I mentioned a plan for welcoming newcomers which I had introduced at Pathway Church. On Monday morning he asked me in an email to give him more details, so I shared those with him."

Morgan Allen visited Central Community Church, Edmonton, AB

Morgan said, "The most significant experience during my Seminary Day visit was being able to spend time with pastor Jason Shine and hear about the church and what God is doing. It was also an opportunity for me to hang out with a church planter and learn more about the practical aspects and challenges of planting a church. I was amazed at the great potential that meeting within Grant MacEwan University presents and pray that Central Community Church will be instrumental in seeing many young lives transformed for Christ."

Matthew Rowley visited Faith Baptist Church, Saskatoon, SK

Matthew said, "I saw God at work in Faith Baptist Church through the story of the arson fire at the church. Though the arsonist attempted evil, God used it to provide the church with a badly needed upgrade at low cost. Through many miracles they experienced full, joyful restoration."

Russ Falk visited Trinity Baptist Church, Calgary, AB

Russ said, "Trinity Baptist is a warm and welcoming community. There was a man who came to Trinity for the first time on Seminary Day and it was great to see how welcoming the church was to him. One of the church members took him on a tour of the building, introduced him to others and sat with him during the service. It was great to see that this guest was not overlooked."

Daniel Spelliscy visited Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm, BC

Daniel said, "The people were incredibly kindhearted. It was obvious from the moment I arrived that they were full of God's Spirit. I could see this in how they interacted with one

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Students visit 22 churches

another and with me. I was encouraged by how they loved. I loved being at this church and left hoping to see many of those people again."



Yemi enjoys a backyard campfire at the home of Pastor Bob Butt.

Yemi Kayode visited Calvary Baptist Church, Moose Jaw, SK

Yemi said, "The church is investing in different forms of ministry in order to reach the entire community. One of them is the English Language Ministry, a means of gathering immigrants in Moose Jaw whose native language is not English. Currently there are ten people in the program. There is a school ministry and a seniors' ministry, where the church is reaching out to youth, teens and seniors. And then there is Elisha's Room, a room off the church auditorium where itinerant preachers can stay in the course of their journey. I was the first beneficiary of this benevolence from the church."

Andrew Davis visited First Baptist Church, Grand Forks, BC

Andrew said, "God arranged a divine appointment between me (a former addict) and a young man (current addict). I was able to share my testimony with him of how God saved me from my sin through Jesus Christ and how God would like to do the same for him, because God loves him. The young man was receptive to what I had to say and we prayed before parting ways. The next day the young man came to Pastor John's home where we were having lunch, so we could pray for him again. He set up a weekly time to meet with Pastor John to be discipled."

Sebastian Guenther visited Jasper Place Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB

Sebastian said, "I had a great time listening to the Sunday school class teachings and worshipping with the church. This was my first time preaching in front of a congregation. I was nervous but I prayed before I went up. I preached on Philippians 1:3-11, Paul's prayer to the church. I had positive responses from the people. It was a blessing to know that I could be a blessing to them."

"I met several alumni from our seminary. They told me stories of how our school campus was during their time there and how things have changed in the intervening years."

"After the service Jonathan and his family treated me to lunch and we talked more. Getting to know the Chisholms was a blessing. I have heard so much about them from their former youth, now students at the seminary."

Alicia Hein visited Big Rock Baptist Church, Okotoks, AB

Alicia said, "I really enjoyed being a part of the worship service [she led the worship] and was personally very encouraged by it. The pastor and his family are going through a difficult time with the health of their baby daughter. To see their strength in the midst of that was pretty incredible."

Dan & Connie Kazmaier visited Evangel Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB

"I preached at Evangel, and after the service Connie and I attended a lasagna luncheon at Pastor Wayne Hoover's house where we shared about refugee sponsorship," Dan said. "The church is moving forward with efforts to hold a refugee sponsorship luncheon. We could see how God is pointing people towards different roles at church and we were inspired by the Hoover family's simplicity and intentionality. We later went with Pastor Wayne's family for bubble tea."



Pastor Wayne Hoover enjoys bubble tea while visiting with Dan and Connie.

More Glimpses

Dr Frankie Rainey: professor and campus pastor

By Elaine Phillips

Dr Frankie Rainey was born to Christian parents. One of his earliest recollections is of attending a local neighbourhood church: “I remember that my mother took my older sister and me to Sunday school and worship. There was a man there whom everyone called Pop Jones. He was as much like Jesus as anyone I have ever known; I remember how much he loved everyone.”

When his sister was a teenager, some of her friends invited her to attend the local Baptist church with them. There she heard and accepted the gospel message, and started talking to her brother about salvation. Both their parents began to attend the Baptist church with them and soon the whole Rainey family had become members of the church. “My pastor talked with me about salvation,” Frankie recalls, “and I committed my life to Christ.”

A lifetime later, by the grace of God, Frankie has remained true to his childhood commitment. He has faithfully followed where God has led, one decision at a time, whatever ministry position he was called to fill. “At this season of life the Lord is reminding me that he knows exactly where we are and that he can put us wherever he wants us to be, anytime he wishes. We are excited about the future as I retire from the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College (CSBS&C) and we return to Texas. We are confident he has a place of service for us there.”

Frankie comes from a large extended family: along with his older sister he has a younger brother and sister. They all attended the same elementary school and graduated from the same high school in Houston, Texas. Their father was the youngest of ten children and their mother had two sisters and a brother. Added to the mix of siblings and cousins, the Raineys have two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of their own.

Sue and Frankie met in high school. “My sister had met her and thought I ought to meet her,” says Frankie. “She was right! It was love at first sight for me.” The young couple married after Frankie had completed his first year in university; they will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary this coming June.

Described as an “amiable, warm professor and pastor from Texas” in the local paper, the *Cochrane Eagle*, Dr Frankie Rainey won not only the heart of his sweetheart—and later the love and respect of his students and colleagues; he also won gold in the ‘Best Teacher’ category in the Eagle’s Best of Cochrane survey.

In 1956 Frankie began his studies in Plainview, Texas, at Wayland Baptist University. After completing all of his graduate work in 1968, he continued to pastor and/or serve as a professor until “retiring” (for the first time) from the full-time pastorate. He then returned to the Texas university

where he had previously taught for fourteen years to teach again for three years before “retiring” (for the second time). Then he was invited to be a guest professor of New Testament and Greek at CSBS&C for one year—and again for a second year—which culminated in his being asked to join the faculty, a position from which he is now “retiring” (for the third time).

“When Dr Rainey arrived in 2006 it was a real godsend,” says academic dean Dr Steve Booth. “Not only did he fill a crucial need on the faculty, but he became a pastor for the entire college and seminary community.”

An average ministry day for this pastor-teacher consists of rising

early, exercising, and getting to the work place early. There he enjoys a quiet time as he prepares for the day ahead. “God has made me a pastor-teacher. That is who I am. So when I am serving as a teacher, I am also a pastor. And when I am serving as a pastor, I am going to be teaching. I love being with people and seeking to have a positive impact on their lives.”

As both professor and pastor, says Frankie, “I value each person as an individual. That’s very important to me.”

Dr Steve Booth and Dr Rob Blackaby recognized these qualities when they asked him to join the faculty. His interest in understanding the ways of God and the nature of the faith life has blessed all who have encountered him, whether in the classroom or in the corridors, while



Dr Frankie Rainey

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MG: Dr Frankie Rainey

counselling in his office, or in the comfort of his home. “Even in the living room watching his beloved Dallas Cowboys on a Sunday afternoon,” says one friend, “Frankie consistently conveys spiritual warmth, impeccable integrity and a genuine love for people that should characterize every pastor.” Another adds, “One of the greatest blessings any school could ever hope for is a teacher who teaches as he pastors a congregation, lovingly, and with great care.”

Dr Jimmy Cobb, retired professor of theology, ethics and church history, shared the following historical glimpse: “I’ve known the Rainey’s since Frankie and I were fellow students at Southwestern Seminary in the 1960s. We used to take study breaks and visit on the upper floor of Fleming Library. I had the impression then that Frankie was a Christian gentleman deeply interested in spirituality; being around him again has further confirmed these qualities.

“Sue was secretary for the chairman of Graduate Studies at the School of Theology and thus wrote the acceptance (and rejection!) letters for our oral exams; she was always so compassionate and encouraging to the grad students. The Rainey’s’ presence among us was a sheer delight and godsend.”

Frankie has outside interests, including reading, and has enjoyed light gardening over the years. However, he has found as much recreation and relaxation in doing ministry as he has in other pursuits. When asked what he would do upon “retirement” (his third attempt), his response came as no surprise: “I do hope to continue in ministry after retiring.” If he had not been called to ministry, he may have considered a career in music. And perhaps in every “retired” pastor there is a book waiting to be born, stories to be sifted through and shared.

Frankie’s list of mentors is as diverse as his experiences: Lamar Mathis, his pastor as a boy; Charles Culpepper, a fellow pastor; and Conrad Murrell, an itinerant evangelist/teacher, pastor, and camp director.

Despite Frankie’s contentment in ministry, he acknowledges that it does have its challenges. “There is always more to do than one person can do,” Frankie admits. “For me personally there is the tendency to take on more than I should. And there are always some who think they need no ministry, while others think they know more about ministry than anyone else.”

In addition, taking leave of friends and family after sharing countless memories is always difficult.

Memorable moments in Canada include his and Sue’s first sight of the Canadian Rockies, their many trips to the mountains, the experience of working with colleagues at CSBS&C, having the opportunity to preach and teach in a number of churches, and seeing wildlife in the wild—and right on campus!

Frankie and Sue have felt at home at CSBS&C since their arrival in August 2006, and will miss the close companionship of their “home away from home—where everyone is on the same page spiritually and philosophically.” They are both thankful God allowed them the dream-come-true of living near the mountains for this extended season.

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20 NKJV).

Now Frankie’s decade in Canada as professor of biblical studies and campus pastor is drawing to a close as he and Sue prepare to return to the States. “Frankie Rainey was a wonderful, well-timed addition to our faculty and to our school community in general,” says seminary president, Dr Rob Blackaby. “For a decade God has used the Rainey’s to model for us what it means to love God, love his Word and love his people. They are a powerful example of lives yielded to God, determined to realize the richness and power of abiding in Christ.”

The presence of Frankie and Sue on the hill, living among the students, has provided continual pastoral care that has not only enriched campus life, but has also served as a flesh and blood example for the students of a godly pastoral couple.

Dr Glenn Watson, acting dean (and professor of preaching and pastoral ministry), concludes, “Frankie’s contributions to our school reach far beyond the classroom. He was a pastor to our students, a friend to our staff, an encourager to our faculty, and an example to us all. Frankie and Sue have become such an integral part of the fabric and culture of our school that it is difficult to imagine CSBS&C without them.

“They are tireless servants of the Lord and of his people; they have given us a shining example of what it means to spend a lifetime fulfilling his call on our lives. I am so glad that multiple generations of our students will carry with them throughout their ministries this living picture of what it means to give God all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our strength, for all of our years.”

Fanny Crosby's lost lyrics now expanding her legacy

By Erin Roach

NASHVILLE (BP)—Fanny Crosby's hymns have impacted lives for Christ worldwide for generations, but until recently 2,700 of them were overlooked in an archive, unsung and unpublished.

Now on the album "Blessed Assurance: The New Hymns of Fanny Crosby," some of those forgotten lyrics have come to life through today's worship writers and singers, introducing a new generation to one of the most substantive hymn writers of all time.

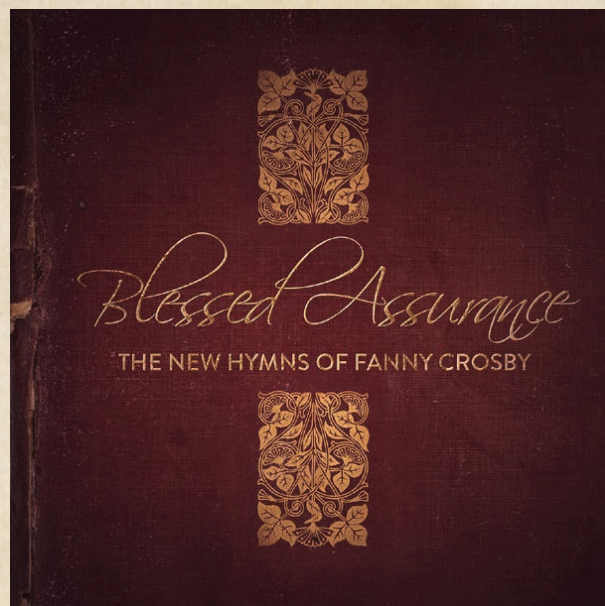
Fanny Crosby (1820–1915), undaunted by lifelong blindness, was "a songwriter for the people," Adrian Thompson, vice-president of song and artist development at Integrity Music, told Baptist Press. "She wrote songs that the common man really grasped."



Fanny Crosby (1820–1915)

"This is a very important discovery," Mike Harland, director of LifeWay Worship Resources, told Baptist Press. "Fanny Crosby is already acknowledged as one of the most prolific hymn text writers in all of church hymnody. To find a

Christians have sung "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" and "Rescue the Perishing" for decades, and now they can discover "No One Like Jesus," for example, sung by Michael W. Smith on the new album. "No one like Jesus our troubles can see; No one can feel them so keenly as He; No one like Jesus our burdens will bear; He and He only can answer our prayer," Crosby wrote.



Click to listen to "We Are Waiting" featuring All Sons & Daughters, from the album *Blessed Assurance: The New Hymns of Fanny Crosby*.

significant number of previously unpublished texts by her that can be developed for the modern church is a treasure trove for many generations to come."

Stephen Kelley, an entrepreneur and collector of antique hymnals, discovered the lost lyrics in 2000, and it took 15 years to publish a sampling of them, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Crosby's death in 1915.

Kelley recounted to Baptist Press how it began. He was distracted in church one Sunday by the words of "To God Be the Glory."

"I had sung the song for years but I never paid much attention to the words," Kelley said. "Inside that hymn is a word called life-gate—'open the life-gate that all may go in.' It's a reference to salvation, and that captivated me."

That led Kelley to an interest in Crosby, and after some research he found that her publisher was storing her

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Lost lyrics 'never seen the light of day before.'

forgotten works in an archive at Wheaton College near Chicago and "for whatever reason chose not to do anything with them."

"Anybody could have found them," Kelley said. "Any trained musician or hymn writer could have researched them, but they languished there and at Hope Publishing since her death."

Kelley, who doesn't sing, doesn't play an instrument and "doesn't hum," remembers clearly the day he found the lyrics.

"I'm in the archive literally crying because of the sweetness of her words, wearing white gloves and perusing through hymns that were handwritten on old paper, the backs of envelopes and pieces of letterhead from her publisher—or on invoices," Kelley said.

Years later, when Kelley arranged with Integrity Music to publish some of those hymns, he realized "songwriters might spend an inordinate amount of time trying to figure out what this very Victorian, very calligraphy-styled handwriting was rather than just seeing something typed up and adding the melody to it easily."

So for about two months, Kelley and his wife deciphered them. She read the words and he transcribed them, ultimately to deliver them to the musicians secured for the project.

"It was a very moving experience, and we cried again," Kelley said of the time spent uncovering every word. "The words that the Lord gave her for all of us and for generations in the future are to be cherished. I guess that's the thrill of this project—getting those words into the hands and hearts of people who have never heard them."

Harland of LifeWay was asked early on in the project to review a sample of the discovered lyrics and weigh in on what value they may have for the church today.

"I was amazed at what I read," Harland said. "They were as profound as the hymns of hers we have loved all of our lives."

Crosby, who was a Baptist church member in Brooklyn, has 15 hymns in the 2008 Baptist Hymnal, making her the most quoted lyricist in the entire project, Harland said.

"We are watching the development of the hymns closely and will add them as they are developed into our digital hymnal resource, lifewayworship.com," Harland said. "We will also develop any of them we feel would be suitable for choirs into those kinds of resources."

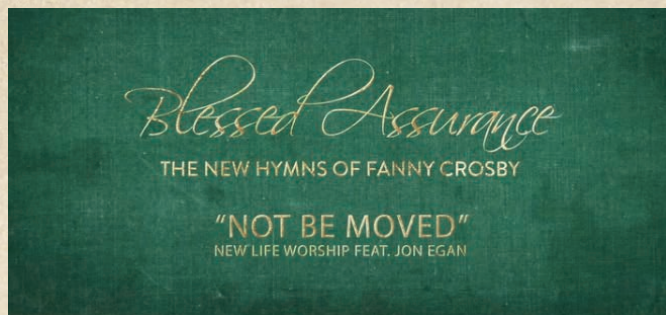
Thompson of Integrity Music said what's exciting for him is to have Crosby co-write with contemporary musicians. "It's not just reworking hymns that we've been singing for lots of years," Thompson said. "These are works that have never seen the light of day before."

There's a movement in the church today, Thompson said, where worship leaders want to go back to the kind of lyrical content that old hymns conveyed, and this project marries the worship writers of today with someone whose songs have lasted for generations.

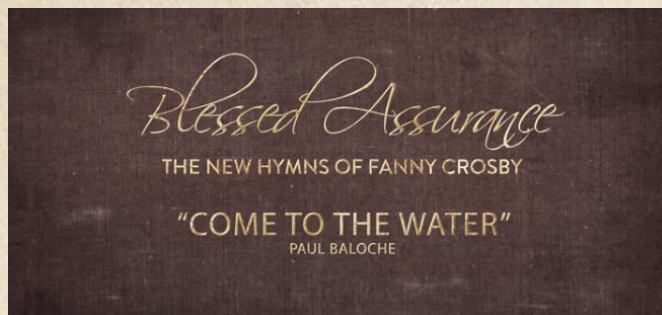
Thompson considers Crosby a prototype of the modern worship leader. "She committed every day to writing something, which is a real task for any creative person," he said. "She lived a frugal life. She gave her money to urban missions. She didn't live a lavish life. She wanted to be a servant, and she had a passion for God. I think there are a lot of lessons in who she was."

"Blessed Assurance: The New Hymns of Fanny Crosby," which includes genres as diverse as Matt Redman, Ricky Skaggs and the Blind Boys of Alabama, is available on CD and on iTunes.

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"Not Be Moved" featuring Jon Egan,
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"Come To The Water" featuring Paul Baloche,
Blessed Assurance: The New Hymns of Fanny Crosby.

IMB's president, Platt, looks forward after 'reset'



By David Roach

RICHMOND, VA (BP)—Following an “organizational reset” that saw more than 1,100 International Mission Board personnel transition away from the board, President David Platt told a March 3 Livestream audience he is ready to focus on the future.

“I really want to shift the conversation from talking about numbers and finances to talking about how this army of brothers and sisters going out specifically from Southern Baptist churches across North America can make the Gospel known among the nations,” Platt told an online audience that included viewers on more than 1,000 electronic devices.

Platt acknowledged “there has been and continues to be in the IMB family ... and the broader SBC family a kind of grieving process” associated with seeing hundreds of missionaries and stateside staff shift to other ministry fields. Southern Baptists are “continually wrestling through” implications of that transition even as they focus on fulfilling the Great Commission going forward.

In an hour-long Livestream event that included viewer questions submitted via Twitter, Platt listed five “primary desires” that drive the IMB in its ongoing work:

- A desire to exalt Christ
- A desire to mobilize ordinary Christians
- A desire to serve and equip local churches
- A desire to facilitate church planting
- A desire for the 46,000-plus Southern Baptist churches to each play their part in accomplishing the Great Commission

The SBC’s program of international missions, Platt said, can be envisioned as a “three-legged stool” whose legs represent missionaries, local churches and the IMB. Local churches send and continually encourage missionaries while the IMB leads those missionaries to play specific roles in a coordinated global strategy to evangelize the world’s 6,000 unreached people groups.

The path forward in sharing Christ is “going to cost people’s lives, futures, plans and dreams,” Platt said.

But believers take the Gospel even to lands where terrorists oppose it and seek their lives, he said, “because there was a day when all of us were totally opposed to the glory of our God. We were running from Him in rebellion against Him, and He came running after us. In His mercy, God pursued us to the sacrifice of His only Son.

“So now it just makes sense for all those who are hidden in Him ... to go to the most radically rebellious against the Gospel and to proclaim it in the grace and the love of Christ, knowing it will cost us, but believing it will be totally worth it,” Platt said.

To help churches fulfill the Great Commission, Platt noted two forthcoming IMB resources: a six-week course for small groups and a six-month curriculum on cross-cultural disciple making. Additionally, “Missions Intensive” training events will help pastors and other leaders transform their churches into “global missions sending center[s].”

The IMB’s Global Cities initiative is in a pilot phase that seeks to help ordinary believers find ways to plant their lives in major world cities to make disciples there, Platt said. Among the cities Platt listed are Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, London and Shanghai—each of which provides missionary platforms for professionals, families, singles, retirees, entrepreneurs and students.

By going overseas in such capacities, Southern Baptists can become part of what Platt called a “limitless” missionary force that includes more than just fully-funded IMB personnel.

As this army of Christians plants churches among unreached people groups, the IMB will do all it can to ensure those congregations are biblical and healthy, Platt said.

“The missionary task is not just evangelism—lead them to Christ and get out,” he said. Rather, it is “lead people to Christ; see them baptized and gathered together in a church; see leaders trained up in that church so that now the church can be led by pastors who are shepherding that church well, and the church is now involved in sending people to missions.

“The missionary task carries all that,” Platt said, “which necessitates a focus not just on the planting of the church but the health of the church.”

Small and large Southern Baptist churches alike are called to participate in the Great Commission worldwide, Platt said, and the IMB stands ready to help them all.

“The potential exists in every single church no matter what size—13 or 13,000—to send somebody,” he said. “If that’s the case, then how much more the beauty of how this picture in the Southern Baptist Convention works, because no one church can do this alone.”

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Surrey Chinese has 'ends of the world' missionary focus

By Alan Au

Surrey Chinese Baptist Church

Since 2004 our church has adopted a minority people group (Z) in China as our "ends of the world" missionary focus (Acts 1:8). We have been sending people from our church to reach the Z people repeatedly to the same Z regions. Since 2004, about 59 person-times have been deployed. For two years, our English-speaking congregation have sent people to reach 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 and they are training others. Our vision is to encourage them to engage other minorities. Our sustainability approach is to "save up" a financial resource for missions, instead of haphazardly raising funds each time. We established a mission fund in 2003 for this purpose. Praise God that there are many generous believers who could not physically go but contribute to this fund.

Let me share briefly our experience of our most recent mission trip in November 2015. We first stopped by the town (TY), a group that we found acutely lacking training and resources. We visited this new group and encouraged them to strive on. We conducted a gathering service and we also gave special training sessions to help develop them.

Then we stopped over in the next city (BS) and visited a group that has a relationship with us. We left some resources with them and led a gathering. This group has been blessed and they are fervent about preaching the message weekly to remote places. We hope our visit has encouraged and blessed this group.



The team at Nanning Bus Station



College newcomers



Visiting a seniors' home



Studying teaching materials



Praying to reconcile two sisters

We then went on to the next town (LY) in the hilly area before we went further to a higher altitude to reach the UUPG. By God's grace we had met a Yao woman three years ago at a scenic bridge in LY. We were invited to visit in her village (JB Yao Village) in the mountain. JB was high up in the mountain and the village was often shrouded in thick fog adding to the mystery of these people who migrated there 1,000 years ago, avoiding conflicts with the Majority Han people. From three years ago we shared the Gospel with this woman and her husband, and we felt God had affirmed us and that we should continue on in this direction.

Up to now this village has a total of eight believers. We pray to God there will be more regular follow-up work by the local churches. Unfortunately, so far, we felt the doors of another Yao group (NNY) has not been opened due to her remoteness and no connection with local believers. So we could only pray for God's direction to go.

Our last stop was the city (PG) where we have worked since 2006. The group has grown and we began to see new comers from a newly established Polytechnic College. We paid the school a visit and got permission to come in to practice conversational English with the students in the future. Then we visited those places that we did every time: orphanage, seniors' home, and visitation of church members. This time seven people has been led to know Jesus.

What is also exciting is that our English congregation is planning to send short term missionaries to a remote country far beyond China. May the Lord continue to send people to advance His Kingdom to the ends of the World. The CNBC mission trip grants for pastors, students, and church members have helped and contributed to this ministry.

Cuba mission trip a life-changing experience

By Siennah Salone

Siennah Salone and her daughter Sierrah from Charlottetown, PEI, along with Dr. Terry Branscombe of The Refuge in Riverview, NB, recently went on a mission trip to Cuba.

Siennah and Sierrah were recipients of a CNBC missions grant from the Church Strengthening Offering that enabled them to go. Siennah writes about their experience here:

Greetings from Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Wow! Where do we even begin? First of all, thank you for your support and for allowing us to represent you, on our recent mission trip to Cuba.

What a blessing it was to have the opportunity to share our testimony with the Cuban people. It was a journey that changed our lives.

During the months leading up to the mission trip we prepared our hearts and minds and were ready, willing and able to share what God placed on our hearts.

The warmth and kindness of the Cuban people was such a comfort. Their desire to study the Scriptures and their sincerity in worship left us speechless and forever changed. In all honesty, we were excited to teach those we would

have the opportunity to minister to. Yet to our pleasant surprise, it was not us who taught; it was the Cubans who taught us.

They are a people on fire for God, and it lit a fire in us to return home and share all that we learned and experienced. We were able to spend time with a wonderful pastor, Aurillo, and his wife Celia and their daughter Rebecca. With the help of a translator we learned of this family's desire to learn English, and how dedicated they are to sharing the Gospel and exploring outreach opportunities with children's ministry.

Sierrah, who is involved with the children's ministry at our church, had received a Spanish/English Bible as a gift at Christmas. What a life-changing, joyful moment to watch Sierrah place her Bible in the hands of this young pastor's wife, and to witness tears of joy stream down her face. On behalf of Sierrah and myself, thank you, CNBC.



Sierrah Salone (right) presents a Spanish/English Bible to Pastor Murillo and family.



Canada removes religious freedom office

By Evan Wilt/WORLD News Service

CANADA—Canada's new Liberal government decided the country no longer needs an office dedicated to religious freedom, allowing it to expire on March 31.

"We now have one less strong partner and one less voice for religious freedom," Katrina Lantos Swett, commissioner of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, told WORLD News Service. "This is a very unfortunate message to send out to the rest of the world at this time."

Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper advocated for an office dedicated to international religious freedom, finally opening it in February 2013. But newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, quickly shut the door on the operation. Trudeau's administration vows to take a broader approach to global issues of human rights—devaluing a focus specifically on religious freedom.

With a budget of \$5 million and only a handful of employees, Canada's Office of Religious Freedom was able to have a hand in various efforts in countries such as Nigeria and

Pakistan. It focused on promoting religious tolerance through education and helping religious minorities under threat in hostile areas.

"That office was punching above its weight," said Phil Horgan, president of Canada's Catholic Civil Rights League. "The decision by the Liberals to effectively shut it down in favor of, well, nothing, is rather disappointing."

Trudeau's foreign affairs minister, Stéphane Dion, said on Tuesday that closing the office does not mean Canada doesn't care about religious freedom. He said the Liberals will continue to defend all human rights, including the freedom of religion and belief, "tooth and nail," but did not mention any new initiatives.

Harper originally dedicated the office to Shahbaz Bhatti, a Pakistani politician who stood up to Muslims on behalf of Christians and Hindus in his country. In 2011, militants assassinated Bhatti in Pakistan shortly after he returned from a visit to Canada.

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International Connections

Learning the local 'heart language' helps IMB kids share Jesus' love



By Ed and Shana Hall
IMB workers in Africa

Our son, six-month-old Lance, had no idea what his life would hold when our family boarded a plane to head overseas. This was 17 years ago and so much has happened since then. We have lived in five different countries. Lance speaks three languages, and because of his love for sports, he has impacted many lives.

At the age of seven, Lance asked his mother if she would go play soccer with him on the beach with a group of Spanish-speaking kids. He wanted her to interpret for him. Since then, he has been determined that he doesn't need his mother to help him communicate.

Going to an Arabic-speaking school until grade nine convinced Lance that to interact with and impact others, you must speak their heart language. When we wanted to change him to an English-speaking school his first comment was, "How will I finish learning to speak Arabic if I change schools?"

During Ramadan one year, Lance and his brother, Jacob, bought 20 soccer balls. As we drove around the city handing them out to young people, Lance had the ability to say to them that because Jesus gave him a gift he wanted to give them a gift. The smiles were priceless, but the seeds planted are eternal.

Two years ago, after working with Arabs for the previous 18 years, we moved to West Africa. We changed cultures and languages, and have had to learn about the religions that our neighbours embrace. French has become our common language. We are surrounded by a city whose common language is French, but because most of the people come from different villages, they speak other languages like Wolof or Jola. So, once again, when Lance plays sports, he doesn't always understand what is going on around him.

Because he has been faithful in going to a local sports club, the boys who speak Wolof on the court will sit and listen to Lance tell a Bible story in French.

Lance and Jacob have gone to several villages to help churches build a place where they can worship. They have dug foundations, pumped water and set up camps for teams. In the evenings, they help with the campaigns, where hundreds of people come to see the JESUS film or hear the local pastor preach about Jesus.

Pray for the Halls

The Hall family covets your prayers and your support. Shana is involved in helping co-workers learn language. Ed gives IT support to IMB personnel in Africa. Lance is in grade ten, Jacob is in grade nine and Taira is in grade seven. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to living in Dakar, Senegal, and as we act as a light where we live.

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Bethel Romanian Church, Abbotsford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Bridge Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.46
Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$583.33	\$1,166.66	\$3,647.83
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$836.21	\$0.00
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$0.00	\$794.54	\$0.00
Gateway Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gateway Myanmar Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Great Commission Baptist, Aldergrove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$0.00	\$2,737.00	\$945.00
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$767.77	\$1,123.36	\$1,503.85
Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Open Door Community Ministries, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$210.60
Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$216.00	\$332.00	\$107.00
Solid Rock Biker Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$1,350.00	\$900.00
Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$394.08	\$601.40
The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$495.34	\$776.87	\$384.28
Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$2,162.50
Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$454.97
Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vancouver Joyful Fellowship Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$401.15	\$0.00
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.97
Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$549.21	\$1,300.97	\$909.80
Yangmoori Baptist Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$1,571.46	\$471.60

	FEB	YTD 2016	FEB 2015
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$0.00	\$749.59	\$728.43
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Han Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$620.45	\$688.23
Origin, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$5,109.19	\$933.65
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$26.67
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$604.50	\$819.00
Zendeh (Living) Church, New WestMinster	\$69.12	\$250.54	\$225.43
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
OTHER PLANTS			
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.80
Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River Community Church, Richmond	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$0.00
BC TOTALS	\$6,380.77	\$25,324.57	\$19,962.47

ALBERTA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$851.20	\$1,959.60	\$3,044.18
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$6,134.80	\$14,908.17	\$5,101.66
Bridge International, Calgary	\$525.72	\$2,396.72	\$0.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,318.12	\$2,428.50
Calgary Korean Global Mission, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$1,393.08	\$3,864.11	\$4,642.38
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coram Deo, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$946.54	\$2,742.54	\$1,796.74
Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$913.90	\$2,483.20	\$1,783.70
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$602.89	\$2,258.09	\$1,155.00
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,692.96
Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,211.22	\$1,099.11
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,944.00
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$3,995.52	\$12,244.43	\$13,068.48
Southwinds, Calgary	\$0.00	\$6,523.95	\$3,510.00
Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$6,504.96	\$4,096.30
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$8,085.66	\$5,766.10
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00
Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$0.00	\$4,096.53	\$2,697.94

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	FEB	YTD 2016	FEB 2015
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Central Community Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$153.30	\$365.78	\$73.26
Missional Life Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springbank Chinese Baptist Church, Calgary	\$594.42	\$1,118.42	\$950.00
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,552.52
West Edmonton Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Christ In You Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$50.42	\$50.42	\$0.00
Church in the Valley, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True Love Arabic Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$93.48	\$0.00
Upasana Nepalese Church, Lethbridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AB TOTALS	\$29,661.79	\$94,125.40	\$64,102.83

SASKATCHEWAN

CONGREGATIONS

Allan Baptist, Allan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$229.40	\$718.08	\$518.55
Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,083.67
Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$958.56	\$1,414.37
Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$833.33	\$2,499.99	\$1,820.49
Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$433.05	\$2,073.74	\$1,259.31
Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$15.00
Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$300.00	\$900.00	\$550.00
Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woori Baptist, Regina	\$79.75	\$396.00	\$690.10

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gronlid Community Church, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Gathering, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SK TOTALS	\$1,905.53	\$8,136.37	\$8,051.49

MANITOBA

CONGREGATIONS

Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$2,010.23	\$2,021.59
Joy Fountain Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$573.37	\$0.00
New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vision Korean Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

The Light Worship Community, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$15.50	\$0.00
Renaissance Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$2,599.10	\$2,521.59

ONTARIO

CONGREGATIONS

All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$160.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Celebration! Church Ottawa, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$6,431.18	\$2,116.28
Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eglise Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eglise Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$396.63	\$298.99
Église Évangélique Baptiste Eben-Ezer, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
Good News Baptist Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greek Gospel Church of Toronto, East York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$737.62
Polish Christian Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$0.00	\$9,635.00	\$9,700.00
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$148.00	\$578.00	\$539.00
The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$1,589.00	\$7,624.00	\$5,818.00
The Sanctuary, Milton	\$251.06	\$251.06	\$0.00
The Sanctuary, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$884.29	\$792.77
The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$42.50	\$139.55	\$132.90

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Agape Global Community Fellowship, North York	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
All Nations Southern Baptist Church of Toronto, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$58.00
Fellowship Church GTA, Mississauga	\$271.00	\$1,116.00	\$1,411.00
Fellowship Pickering, Pickering	\$1,719.00	\$1,719.00	\$885.70
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Ark Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Bikers' Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81.00
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harvest Community Church, Carleton Place	\$0.00	\$696.54	\$0.00
Heaven Sent Community Fellowship, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$753.69	\$0.00
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohr L'Goyim Messianic Congregation, Maple	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$128.00
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$1,632.50	\$652.50
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$1,080.43	\$1,080.43	\$1,358.49
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.00
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$747.00	\$3,370.00	\$467.00
Thames Christian Fellowship, Chatham	\$852.00	\$2,575.00	\$0.00
The Gathering-Windsor, Windsor	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$572.29	\$1,795.64	\$1,737.00
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

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	FEB	YTD 2016	FEB 2015
Wabaseemoong Gospel Church, Kenora	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Ajax Christian Church, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church East, Ajax	\$37.20	\$60.96	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church North, North York	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church City Centre, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Bridge, Oakville	\$0.00	\$183.60	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$0.00	\$343.93	\$48.00
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration Hamilton, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$44.40	\$0.00
ON TOTALS	\$8,559.48	\$46,491.60	\$29,760.25

QUEBEC

CONGREGATIONS

Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$140.00	\$437.26	\$150.00
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$0.00	\$1,080.50	\$1,018.64
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur, Pierrefonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$244.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$0.00	\$127.38	\$246.37
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$1,195.60	\$780.00
Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
International Christian Community of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$0.00	\$596.72	\$529.68

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$0.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centre Tapickotc de Wemotaci, La Croche	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ComJesus, Mont-Saint-Hilaire	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$0.00	\$41.40	\$0.00
Église du Mont-Bellvue, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église le Contact, Repentigny	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église le Refuge, Pincout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Église Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	FEB	YTD 2016	FEB 2015
Église Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
La Chapelle, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,731.00
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$0.00	\$382.17	\$0.00
The Village Church, Brigham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER PLANTS

Église Urbaine Axe21 - Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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QC TOTALS

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NFL TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW BRUNSWICK

CONGREGATIONS

Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$0.00	\$365.53	\$537.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$0.00	\$816.67	\$271.00
Église Cité de la Grâce, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.80
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00
NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$1,932.20	\$996.80

NOVA SCOTIA

CONGREGATIONS

Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER PLANTS

Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$249.78	\$732.58	\$223.02
NS TOTALS	\$249.78	\$732.58	\$223.02

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CONGREGATIONS

Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$2,785.34	\$2,785.34	\$3,681.56
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NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$0.00	\$450.38	\$362.40
PEI TOTALS	\$2,785.34	\$3,235.72	\$4,043.96

YUKON/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CONGREGATIONS

Tli-Cho Baptist Church, Behchoko	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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Y/NWT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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OTHER GIFTS	\$250.20	\$755.20	\$469.00
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TOTALS	\$50,032.89	\$187,798.77	\$139,556.10
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*Lists churches who have given in the last three years

STUDENTS RECHARGE, REFUEL & REFOCUS

By Jason Shine

In February 2011, we began with two small cars and nine people. The goal: to make the midwinter reading week break a little more fun, and a little more spiritual, for a group of Christian students from Edmonton.

We went to Jasper, Alberta. We taught each other the word of God, and led each other in times of praise and prayer. We slept on the floor of a small Baptist church in Jasper National Park, hiked a canyon full of ice, and went to the local public pool to soak in the hot tub. It was a hit!

Participants came away more closely loving God and each other.

We repeated the experience the next year and then in 2013 we expanded to a province-wide event and “RE” was born: a retreat where students are challenged to Refuel, Recharge, and Refocus.

This year we gathered at Gull Lake Retreat Centre, we ate and played sports, both competitive ones like ping pong and leisurely ones like floor hockey. This year Josh Mauldin spoke and he, along with a team from the church he serves in Fayetteville, Arkansas, led us in recreation and worship and in breakout sessions. Again we were challenged to love God and each other more deeply.

One of the favourite moments every year, according to students, is a breakout session that used to be less formal.



Now it has a title: “You asked the pastor *what?*” It is a chance for young people to gather—this year close to 40 came—and, for about an hour, ask me anything they want.

Perhaps the most meaningful discussion this year came from a question about what happened on the cross among the Trinity. Specifically, what is meant by the words Jesus speaks, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

After discussing the Trinity and reminding the audience that Jesus is quoting from Psalm 22, and then having that passage read aloud to them, students left with a deeper appreciation of the complexity and the logical cohesiveness of their faith.

One of the most affirming moments for young college-aged Christians in our society is that moment when they realize they don’t need to check their brains at the door when they enter the church. The fact that intellect is welcomed, even needed in faith, is often met with an audible sigh of relief.

We hope for another turnout of young men and women, faithful and searching for faith, to gather next year and learn to more fully love God and each other, as we Recharge, Refuel, and Refocus at RE.

We thank God for faithful friends who volunteer and travel far to help us, and others who give generously to our ministry and make events like RE possible.





CSBS&C Graduation 2016

**Canadian Southern
Baptist Seminary & College**
in Cochrane, Alberta



invites you to join them
for the following events:

Graduation Testimonies

Friday, May 6, at 7pm

Seminary Chapel
200 Seminary View

Followed by a dessert fellowship

Come hear moving testimonies
from our graduates of God's work
in their lives to prepare them for ministry.

Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 7, at 2pm

Bow Valley Baptist Church
54 W Aarsby Rd

Followed by a cake and punch reception

Come celebrate with our graduates
as they receive their diplomas.

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CNBC Church Plants 2016



3 NextGen Church

Port Moody, BC.

*Planter and wife: Sam Woo Kim
& Ga Eun (Annie)*

4 Nepalese Baptist Church of Lethbridge

Lethbridge, AB

*Planer and wife: Dhan Kumar
Gajmer & Chandra*



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Clearly Canadian




 **Glenn and Sherri Watson** announce the birth of their grandson, **Truman Salvador Watson**, born

January 18, 2016, in Portland, Oregon.

Truman's parents are **Brad and Mirela Watson**. Brad is pastor at Bread and Wine in Portland. Glenn and Sherri are IMB missionaries serving at Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College. Dr Watson serves as professor of preaching and pastoral ministries and Sherri is director of student services.




 **Kathy Morales** announces the birth of her grandson, **Elijah Timothy**

Beaulieu, born March 10, 2016, in Airdrie, AB. Elijah's parents are **Steph and Mike**

Beaulieu. Steph is author of *Get into the Word*, getintotheword.ca, a CNBC women's online Bible study. Kathy is the CNBC team leader for the Transforming Communities and Women's Ministries teams.



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 **Janet Conner**, daughter of Jack and the late Bonna Conner, is an IB English and TOK Teacher, Newbury Park High School,



Newbury Park, California. She recently received the **California World Schools 2016 Exemplary Educator of the Year award**.

Janet taught high school at Asquith, SK, for 17 years and at Delisle Composite School for five years before moving back to California. She taught two years at Buena High School in Ventura and now 15 years at Newbury Park High School, an International Baccalaureate School. She earned

her master's degree while teaching at Newbury Park. This spring will conclude 39 years of teaching.

Jack says of his daughter, "Students have always been Janet's delight and she works diligently to help them achieve their highest goals; she has given her life to her students."

Jack and Bonna Conner served in various ministry roles with the CNBC in Canada for 30 years. Jack says these were the best years of his life. Upon retirement, they moved to California to be near family. Some time after Bonna passed away, Jack returned to Canada to serve for a year and a half in Cape Breton, NS, encouraging pastors and congregations, which he says is the passion of his life.

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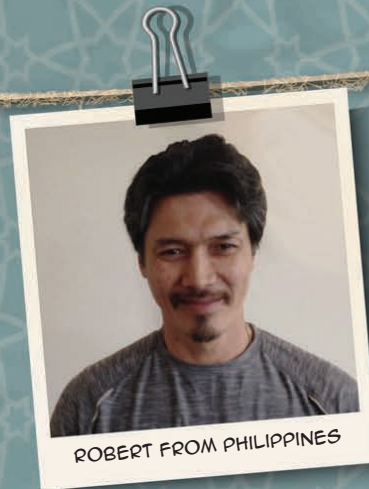
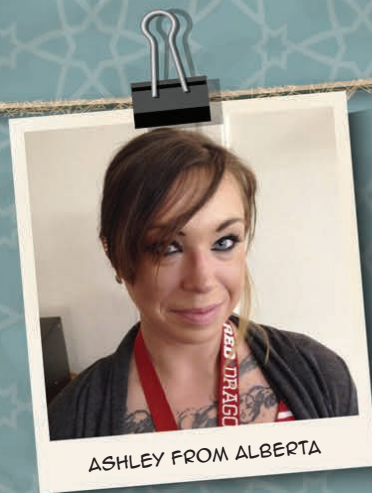
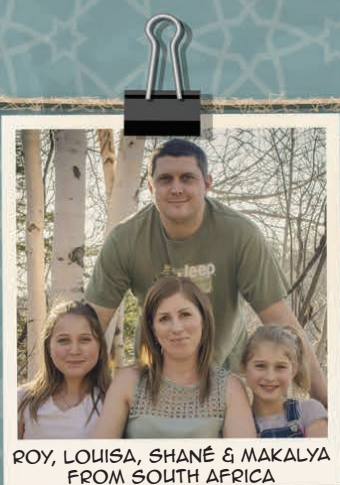
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