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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall
be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 ESV



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Connecting

Restructuring CNBC National/Regional Associations



The following is a result of negotiations between the Canadian National Baptist Convention and its regional associations across Canada that have agreed to a process of restructuring the relationship between the entities. *Please note that formal negotiations with the British Columbia associations have not begun yet.*

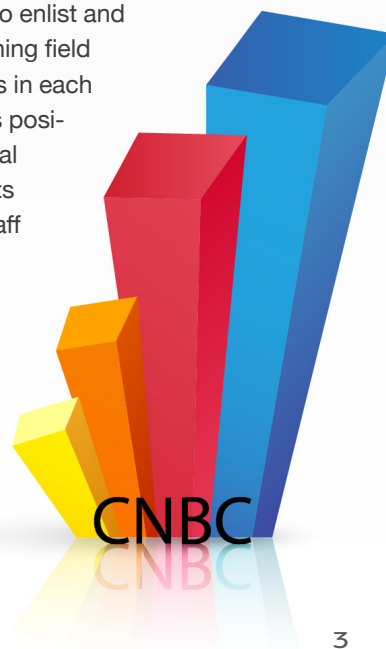
Rationale for Restructuring Proposal

1. The CNBC has expanded from a western-based network of churches to churches spread all across Canada. Today, more than half of our churches are east of Manitoba. This expanded territory requires a greater cooperation between the national convention and the regional associations.
2. The CNBC has grown from 100 churches in 1998 to over 360 today. The ability of a national organization to strengthen 360 churches all across Canada would be greatly enhanced by greater cooperation and coordination between the national convention and the regional associations.
3. Our church planting funds, strategies and staff have grown as a result of our partnership with the North American Mission Board (NAMB). The CNBC church planting team has grown from 3 to 15 units resulting in increased church plants, all of which will require support and strengthening by the CNBC. This increasing number of churches obliges us to find creative ways to increase our cooperation with regional associations. We must make every effort to avoid duplication of services, nationally and regionally.
4. The CNBC staff responsible for the strengthening of existing churches has decreased from 12 to 4 units in 25 years (1991–2016). This decrease in church strengthening staff for existing churches occurred while our territory doubled and the number of churches more than tripled. The biggest challenge facing the CNBC today is how to partner with regional associations to enlist and deploy field staff to strengthen existing churches.
5. With the challenges facing our family of churches, there is no room for competition. We must seek to bring the denomination together by making the necessary changes to our structure, leading to greater cooperation and coordination between the national convention and our regional associations.

Proposals for Restructuring

- CNBC national staff and regional associational leaders will gather together annually to coordinate, plan and resource events together. All events will be co-sponsored by the national convention and the regional association. Every effort will be made to seek ways of increasing cooperation and coordination.
- The CNBC national convention will share its communication, database, email blasts and website systems with regional associations. The CNBC Horizon will publish regional editions to highlight regional churches and associations.
- The CNBC national convention and each regional association will adopt a unified branding in order to more effectively communicate the increased cooperation and coordination between national and regional entities. “CNBC” will be used as the functional branding for both national and regional expressions of our network of churches (example: CNBC Atlantic, CNBC Quebec, CNBC Ontario, CNBC Saskatchewan, etc).
- The national convention and each regional association will adopt a unified giving system that combines both national and associational giving. This unified giving system will be called “The Cooperative Program” and will be collected by the national convention. An agreed upon percentage will be sent back to the association. The promotion and costs for the collection of the Cooperative Program will be incurred by the national convention.
- The national convention will partner with the regional association to enlist and deploy church strengthening field staff for existing churches in each regional association. This position will be called “regional ministry leader.” The costs for this additional field staff will be shared by both national and regional entities. The selection, appointment and evaluation of the regional ministry leader will be shared by both national and regional entities.

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- The national convention and each regional association will negotiate a covenant that is acceptable to both entities that outlines this new structure and clarifies these new agreements.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will these changes diminish the national convention or the regional association?

No. If anything, these changes will enhance the work of the association and convention by giving both entities an opportunity to serve the churches in more effective ways through their increased cooperation. Both organizations will have more resources and personnel by cooperating together.

Will the association receive less funding through the unified giving system than they did before, when they collected their own funds?

No, this unified giving system will result in more funds for regional associations, because the publicity and promotion of the national convention will serve to increase both associational and convention funding. Churches will write one cheque to the Cooperative Program for their combined associational and convention giving.

Churches will be encouraged to give a minimum of 10 percent of their general offerings and increase their giving annually to a maximum of 15 percent. As new churches are planted, they will also give to the Cooperative Program, thus increasing the funds sent back to the association.

If this new combined Cooperative Program increases each year, who will benefit the most?

Regional associations will benefit more from increases to the new combined Cooperative Program (CP), because the increase will be shared at a greater percentage than the normal allocation originally sent back to the association. So as CP increases, there will be bonus funds for regional associations based on the yearly increase.

What resources will the national convention share with the regional association?

All communication resources such as databases, websites, communication and e-blast systems will be made available to associational leaders. A regional edition of the CNBC Horizon will be published that highlights associational news and events.

Will the unified branding CNBC national and CNBC regional (i.e. CNBC Atlantic, CNBC Saskatchewan) diminish the identity of the association?

If anything, this unified branding will enhance the exposure of the regional association, because this branding is intuitive and borrows from the national convention's identity. Our churches are typically referred to as CNBC churches and our denominational entity is more commonly known as the CNBC. If the national identity is CNBC, it logically follows that the regional identity would also include CNBC, plus a regional identifier (i.e. CNBC Manitoba, CNBC Ontario).

Will these changes mean that the national convention has more control over the associations?

No, the whole idea of these changes is to foster a climate of greater cooperation and partnership with each association. Events will be planned and organized from the associational level with an effort to maximize local participation. Local leaders will be encouraged to develop strategies and training that meets the needs of our churches. If anything, the national convention will transfer more of its control to associational leadership.

Who will give direction to the new position: regional ministry leader?

The job description for the regional ministry leader will be negotiated together by the convention and the association. The selection and appointment of the regional ministry leader will be done jointly by the convention and the association. This position will be evaluated annually by the pastors and leaders of the association and by the national ministry leader. The regional ministry leader will report to the national ministry leader of the CNBC.

How will the position of regional ministry leader be funded?

This position will be funded 50 percent from the national convention and 50 percent from the regional association. Some regional ministry leaders will be full time and some part time.

What if changes are needed to this proposal in the future?

This agreement between the national convention and the regional association can be extended, changed or re-negotiated by either party at the end of this three-year term.



Pastors and wives are refreshed at Oasis East

By Lynda Blazina

This year's CNBC Oasis, a retreat for pastors and wives, was held at the historic Briars Resort on Lake Simcoe, Ontario, November 18–20. What a wonderful location for pastors and their wives to relax and rest. The venue, a family-owned manor and hotel since the 1870s, has grown into a beautiful lakeside resort that has retained its family hospitality and comfort.



Among the nooks and crannies of the hotel, our pastoral couples found places to sit and visit, read, relax and encourage one another. It was great to hear people as they renewed friendships and made new ones.

Gerry and Connie Taillon challenged, comforted and helped us to laugh as they shared during our main sessions around our theme of “Uncluttered Soul.”

Jason McGibbon led a great session on practical ways of maintaining self-care amidst our hectic schedules and lives. Jim Danielson led a terrific breakout session on how to create uncluttered space in our lives through hobbies. The worship times that Jason and Kimberley McGibbon led were enjoyed by everyone.

Here are some comments from a few of the people who attended:

“I met people that will be friends for life.”

“The food and accommodation was amazing.”

“The relaxed atmosphere and sessions were just what I needed.”

“God knew my wife and I needed this time together to be encouraged.”

Overall, CNBC Oasis Ontario 2016 was successful in creating a space for our hard-working pastors and church planters to renew themselves and their relationships with one another, their spouses and most importantly, the Lord.

Thank you to all our churches that give through the Cooperative Program so that Oasis can take place each year.

Lynda Blazina is the events coordinator for the CNBC.

Oasis photos by Kathryn Porter.



Allen Schmidt, founding executive director dies



Allen Schmidt

By Art Toalston

SALMON ARM, British Columbia, Canada (BP)—Allen Schmidt, founding executive director of the Canadian National Baptist Convention, died September 25 in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. He was 83.

A native of Barriere, British Columbia, Schmidt led the convention from its founding in 1985 as the Canadian Southern Baptist Convention until his retirement in 1998. The convention, now with 300-plus churches, adopted its current name in 2008.

Gerry Taillon, the Canadian convention's national ministry leader and Schmidt's successor, described him as "a model of someone who loved God and did whatever it took to serve Him and His churches."

"I have never met a man who worked harder than Allen. He led with complete integrity and honesty," Taillon said in comments posted at the Canadian convention's website.

Schmidt "enjoyed having fun" and telling a joke, added Taillon, who formerly served as the CNBC national church planting and evangelism/pastoral ministry consultant. "He will always be a mentor who taught me much on how to lead and how to live the Christian life."

"We in the CNBC celebrate a life well lived," Taillon wrote.

Henry Blackaby, who became friends with Schmidt through youth meetings they attended in the Vancouver area, said Schmidt, as "a pioneer among Southern Baptists in Canada," was "wholly committed to the Southern Baptist emphases on evangelism, missions, biblical authority and the Cooperative Program."

"He spent his entire adult life investing in Canadian Southern Baptist churches," said Blackaby, a noted discipleship author and speaker who also was heavily involved in Southern Baptists' early initiatives in Canada. "His influence will long be felt in the Canadian work and heaven will be populated with many Canadian believers because of Allen's faithful service."

Before Schmidt's formal election as the convention's first executive director in 1986, he had served as Canadian coordinator and associate director of missions for the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1981 and was instrumental not only in the founding of the Canadian convention but also the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in 1987 in Cochrane, Alberta.

Schmidt also served as president of the Northwest convention from 1976-78, when churches in Canada were part of the US convention. At the time, Schmidt was the founding pastor of Royal Heights Baptist Church in Delta, British Columbia.

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Upon his retirement from the convention at age 65, Schmidt became pastor of Richmond Hill Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta, a new congregation of 20 people embarking on a building program. He retired there in 2003. Richmond Hill today averages about 250 people in Sunday worship.

Schmidt was a 1961 graduate of Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention (formerly Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary)

and a 1967 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

While in seminary he gained his first church planting experience as the founding pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Fairfield, Calif. His second church plant was Pike Road Baptist Church in North Surrey, B.C.

Hamish Buntain, church ministry catalyst for Canada's WestCoast Baptist Association, recounted that Schmidt "touched every decade of my life except the first (I am 61 now. I met Allen when I was 16). He was like a spiritual father to me. It was in his office that I surrendered to the ministry."

In his first pastorate, Buntain realized he had gained insights for ministry while in seminary "but my pastor, Allen Schmidt, had modelled and therefore taught me how to be

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Allen Schmidt, 'a life well lived'

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a pastor. He continued to take an interest in my life and encouraged me in various ways all his life.

"Interestingly, there came a time when in the providence of God I became his pastor," Buntain said in an email to Baptist Press. "He and I would go on visitation together and I remember well the evening God used him to lead a husband and wife to trust Jesus."

Schmidt was the fourth of seven children in a farming family in British Columbia's North Thompson Valley near Kamloops. He trusted Christ as his Saviour at age 9 at the close of a two-week Vacation Bible School. At the age of 12 he had the first sense of God's call to ministry.

Early in his high school years he dropped out of school and operated his own trucking business as an

independent owner-operator for several years. In 1952, he went to Vancouver to attend Shurpass Pacific College where he completed his high school and university entrance requirements. In the fall of 1953 he was one of five students from Ruth Morton Memorial Baptist Church in Vancouver who enrolled at Hardin-Simmons. One of the other students was Catherine Lee, whom Schmidt married on June 19, 1954.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, Schmidt is survived by two daughters, Becky Wade and Leanne Hart; a son, Joe; and six grandchildren.

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Memories of Allen Schmidt shared on Facebook

MEMORIES

"He was an influence in a big way and much was accomplished under his leadership. There were a lot of lives changed by his ministry. I remember

a one on one sermon in his office one day. I took notes! That 3x5 card stayed in my Bible for years and the sermon preached itself in my life again and again. Just when I need it the card would fall out of my Bible. Always thankful for Allen, his faithfulness, example, encouragement and challenge to be all that God had planned for me to be."

—Martha Buford

MEMORIES

"Allen Schmidt: Pioneer, pastor, teacher, visionary. An amazing model for an entire generation of young, called Canadians."

—Ian Buntain

MEMORIES

"Allen has been very kind and helpful to our Chinese churches in the early days. I will always remember that. He is now in a glorious place."

—Alan Au

MEMORIES

"He was invaluable to our lives and ministry especially in those pioneer years. He stood super tall among his Christian brothers. Only Christ can

know all that he did. He was such an encourager and role model."

—Billy & Vi Heath

MEMORIES

"Where would Canadian Southern Baptists be without his vision and faithfulness? What a legacy he has left!"

—Ellen Cone

MEMORIES

"To me, he was a denominational leader, a boss, a landlord, a fellow church member, a counsellor, a Christian brother, a friend. He loved

his family and his Lord. I remember his passion for games and introducing me to [the game] Farkle!"

—Karen Hatch

MEMORIES

"Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Allen influenced so many of our lives!"

—Gerry & Brenda Wortman

MEMORIES

"Such a great man. Such a blessing in my life and so many others. Well done, good and faithful servant. So thankful for his vision and faithfulness to

Canadian Southern Baptist work."

—Kathy Seidler

MEMORIES

"Dr McGough asked me to interview Allen for a seminary paper 15 years ago: I still remember meeting him for the first time. Such a kind and gentle and wise man of God."

—Elaine Phillips

Evangel: Stories to Tell for the Glory of God

By Pastor Roland Shum

[Evangel Baptist Church](#), Edmonton, Alberta, has experienced an extraordinary year of winning souls to Christ in 2016. In the beginning of the year, we only dared to ask brothers and sisters to set a goal of leading 50 people to Christ as was done last year. Nevertheless, God surprised us with triple the results! In total: 162 new believers as of November 11, 2016.

Globally:

Through partnering with churches in Santiago, Cuba, in April, during a week of evangelistic efforts, there were 50+ children and 3 young adults who came to accept Christ.

While partnering with a church in China in August, there were 30 children and 10+ adults who committed their lives to Christ.



Evangel helps with outreach to children in Santiago, Cuba.

Locally:

Through a children's camp and various evangelistic efforts, 23 children and 46 adults have prayed the confession prayer.

We conclude wholeheartedly that this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Some stories:

Two men, who had experienced severe brain injury, were in a coma at different times and places. Their families approached our church for help. The church was mobilized to pray and care for these two families; miraculously both survived and accepted Christ and are on their way to recovery. Their parents also became believers by experiencing God's healing.

Our line-dance teacher at Evangel, who has been listening to short messages during class time every week for six years, was willing to submit to the Lord after one of the classes in July.

A young lady, whose mom accepted Christ during the Alpha Course and was baptized last year, was touched by her mom's life being transformed and became a Christian.

Another lady, who overheard our church's photo club instructor chatting about photography at a restaurant, got interested and accepted the invitation to join the photo club at church. Now, her husband and she have committed their faith to Jesus and are prepared to get baptized in December.

Praise the Lord for all His amazing saving grace!



Evangel Baptist Church's SPICES children's camp



Evangel Baptist Church's team helps lead a children's camp in China.

Edmonton conference equips leaders for ministry

By Karen Felder

Equip – “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12, ESV).

The theme of the Equip Fall Training Conference in Edmonton was “to equip the saints for works of service.” As Paul Johnson, the keynote speaker for the conference, explained: “Every church needs more leaders, and leaders need to be trained. Ongoing and just-in-time training is a necessity for all our pastors and churches.”

This need for training was met as CNBC leadership, LifeWay, and Midwest Baptist Association collaborated with local leadership in Edmonton. The Equip Fall Training Conference was a two-day event which was comprised of a Friday night worship rally and workshop sessions designed for eight specific ministry tracks on Saturday. The Lord brought together a dream team of conference leaders ([see poster](#)).

Almost 200 leaders attended the Friday night worship rally held at Evangel Baptist Church. Paul Johnson did a masterful job of Equipping pastors and church leaders during the large group gatherings. In keeping with the objective for the conference to be practical in nature, Johnson also introduced an effective method for leading a Bible study, anywhere, any place, any time, called SPECKA.

- S** a SIN to confess/avoid,
- P** a PROMISE to claim or PRAISE to sing,
- E** a good EXAMPLE to follow or bad EXAMPLE to avoid,
- C** a direct COMMAND to obey,
- K** KNOWLEDGE about God/Jesus, who He is or how He works,
- A** a personal APPLICATION,

Groups of four spread out across the Evangel worship centre and used the SPECKA method to dissect a portion of Acts 20. The Worship Rally concluded as groups prayed together for God to help them live out their application to these Scriptures.

While the adults were meeting in the worship centre, a special youth/young adult Worship Rally was held in Evangel’s gymnasium. Over 85 youth/young adult leaders gathered for a time of worship and breakout sessions.

Following the Worship Rally, everyone joined together for a fun ice cream fellowship, graciously sponsored by DK and Brenda Hale. It was a delightful time of gathering together as the body of Christ and having opportunities to relax and visit with friends both old and new.

On Saturday, 152 leaders returned to participate in the training workshops, despite the inclement weather. Paul Johnson opened the day by teaching “How to Grow Spiritually.” It was a great start for a day filled with ministry track options.

In the closing session, churches were encouraged by Paul to dream together as to what God might want to do

in their midst and in their communities. Paul summarized as follows: “We encouraged the participants to imagine their last day serving in the leadership role they’re in presently. We asked, ‘How would we want someone to say good-bye?’ completing the sentence, ‘One thing I learned from you that I’ll never forget is ...’ Our goal was to provide training that would contribute to a good answer. We especially trained in small group leading and in discipling skills, because these are so crucial for each of our churches.”

As the Equip conference came to a close, churches and church plants entered into a time of debriefing with their leadership teams. While some of the groups were large and some very small, it was a blessing to see the dialogue, exchange of ideas, and time spent in prayer by each of them.

We are thankful for over 100 prayer partners who covered the Equip Fall Training Conference in prayer, including 27 from the Evangel Chinese and Mandarin congregations who prayed in the building during the Friday night sessions. We are thankful also for the training opportunity provided to Edmonton this fall. Without the partnership and vision of CNBC, LifeWay, and Midwest Baptist Association this dream would not have become a reality. Truly we are better together.



Roland and Shirley Shum with Donna and Ralph Griggs at the Edmonton conference

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That They May Know You

John 17:3

Women's Ministries at Work



Korean women gather for a Women's Leadership Seminar at Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver.

밴쿠버한인침례교회에서 열린 여성 리더십 세미나에 참여한 한인 여성들



Women's Work at Church

By Miyoung Han

Women's work at church is not just cooking for people. It includes missions, as women get involved in missions around the world.

A Women's Leadership Seminar for Korean women was held in Vancouver on October 1. Esther Shin, a pastor's wife and the Multicultural Consultant for Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), spoke at Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver.

I was moved by the fact that the women of many churches are doing active work in the area of supporting our international missionaries. One of the projects was craftwork for mission fields. It reminded me of what missionaries did in Korea after the Korean War. When everyone was experiencing economic hardship, the women missionaries from the States trained war widows in various kinds of craftwork. They made beautiful crafts that could be sold to support their families.

The women in WMU are doing the same kind of work the women missionaries did in Korea. I felt indebtedness to these missionaries. I wished I could do something for people in other countries who are in need.

Esther Shin trained the Korean ladies not only about missions, but also in the area of women's leadership—God's high call for women.

Miyoung Han is Children's Ministry Coordinator, Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver

교회에서의 여성의 사역

한미영 글

“교회에서 여성이 하는 일은 음식을 준비하는 것이 전부가 아닙니다. 선교도 여성이 해야 할 일입니다. 세계 여러 나라에서 여성들이 선교 활동을 하고 있습니다.”

지난 10월 1일, 밴쿠버한인침례교회에서 한인 여성들을 위한 리더십 세미나가 열렸다. 강사는 버지니아 여성교회(WMU)에서 다문화사역 컨설턴트로 일하고 있는 에스더 신 사모님이었다. 에스더 신 사모님은 교회에서 여성의 리더십을 식당 봉사에만 한정시킬 것이 아니라고 강조하면서 버지니아 여성교회가 하는 다양한 사역에 대해 설명했다.

그중 인상 깊었던 것은 선교회 여성들이 여러 교회에서 해외 선교사들을 지원하는 활동들이었다. 기도로 후원할 뿐 아니라 지친 선교사들의 재충전을 위한 안식년 휴가를 위해 여러 필요한 것들을 여성 특유의 섬세함으로 꼼꼼하게 준비하고 지원한다고 했다.

특히 선교 현장 프로젝트 중 수공예(Craft work) 가르치기에 관해 들으면서 과거 선교사들이 한국에서 한 사역에 대해 읽은 기억이 새로운 감동으로 되살아났다. 한국전쟁의 후유증으로 모두가 가난에 시달릴 당시 미국에서 온 여성 선교사들은 전쟁 과부들에게 다양한 수공예 제품 만드는 법을 가르쳤다. 한국의 여성들은 예쁜 공예품들을 만들어 팔아서 가족을 부양할 수 있었다. WMU 여성들도 한국에서 사역했던 선교사님들과 같은 일을 하고 있었던 것이다.

선교사들에게 빛진 마음이 들었다. 나 또한 다른 나라의 도움이 필요한 이들을 위해 무언가 할 수 있기를 바랐다.

강의 후에는 교회 내 여성들의 고민과 갈등을 어떻게 다룰지 마음을 터놓고 대화하며 화기애애하게 마무리되었다.

-한미영 글(밴쿠버한인침례교회 어린이부 전도사)



Equipped to Serve, Spanish-speaking women's conference.
Photo by Rachel Obando, DreamLight Image Photography

Capacitadas para Servir, Conferencia para Mujeres de habla hispana. Foto tomada por Rachel Obando, DreamLight Image Photography

Equipped to Serve

By Adriana Ocampo

Can you imagine more than 40 women from five different Spanish-speaking churches across the Greater Toronto Area, gathered for the first time in a worship celebration? This is just a brief description of the experience that took place at the "Equipped to Serve" Women's Conference on October 22.

As our guest speaker Ana Melendez shared with us about her experiences, we realized that just as the Lord Jesus carried out His ministry in the fellowship and companionship of others, including women, so it is with us. God's plan for us as women is to serve, minister and work together in partnership to reach, strengthen and encourage every Christian woman in the church.

A divine glow shimmered through the whole event. A momentum, if you will. The impact was so great that many voiced their experience with simple words like these: "What a blessed opportunity. We should do it again!" "A renewing and challenging blessing." "As I sat

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Capacitadas Para servir

Por Adriana Ocampo

¿Puede imaginar a más de 40 mujeres de cinco diferentes Iglesias de habla hispana, reunidas por primera vez para adorar al Señor? Esto es solo una breve descripción de lo que aconteció en la conferencia para mujeres "Capacitadas para Servir" el sábado Octubre 22, en Toronto, Ontario.

A medida que Ana Meléndez, conferencista invitada, compartía la Palabra y sus experiencias, descubríamos que así como el Señor Jesús realizó su ministerio en unión con el Padre y en compañía de otros, nosotras las mujeres creyentes debemos hacer lo mismo. El plan de Dios no es que trabajemos solas sino en cooperación unas con otras para alcanzar, servir, ministrar, fortalecer y animar a todas las mujeres de nuestras iglesias.

Un resplandor divino brillo durante el transcurso de la conferencia. Fue algo único y especial. He aquí algunos comentarios que señalan el impacto de este evento en la vida de las hermanas: "¡Qué gran bendición! deberíamos hacerlo de nuevo." "Ha sido una bendición renovadora y desafiante." "Mientras compartíamos juntas en el santuario y escuchábamos a Ana compartir la Palabra, me di cuenta de cuánto nos

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CHRISTMAS: To receive is to give

By Dorothy Kelley Patterson

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—This poignant beatitude from the lips of Jesus is so typical of the Savior—“... and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).

Though not found in the four Gospels, its spirit is seen in Luke 6:38: “Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

These words represent the heart of the Lord with marvelous clarity. Although the greater blessing lies in the right kind of giving, the implication is that to receive is also blessed.

The whole ministry of the Lord was wrapped up in giving, and the glory of the Gospel is its testimony to the unfolding of God’s gift to man.

Giving and Receiving

How often have you given or tried to give in a spirit of love and compassion only to be rejected or ignored? There is nothing that cuts so deeply and leaves an ache so painful as spurned giving—whether it be an object carefully chosen or a deed lovingly planned.

Surely God has designed that the receiving of a gift or ministry is a vehicle that will also bless the receiver for whom it is intended just as much as it serves to delight the giver. Gratitude is the inspiration of heaven’s most melodious anthems. Its fruit is joy in the time of mourning, courage in the day of despondency, security in the hour of loneliness, peace in the midst of the battle, and satisfaction in spiritual or physical famine.

The writer of Ecclesiastes expressed it well:

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls, when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? (Ecclesiastes 4:9-11)

Apparently both profit from this mutual love and caring for one another. During the Christmas season, as perhaps no other, we can look forward with joyous expectation to receiving as well as to giving.

Let us look at some important aspects of the opportunity for glorifying God, even in our receiving.

A Divine Ministry

In the first place, receiving assumes that someone has given. The Scripture says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17). God Himself inspires the giver. God knows more than you do about your needs. When you spurn a gift, you may well be rejecting a timely ministry inspired of God to minister to your own unique need.

One of my greatest delights is to extend hospitality to family, friends and even to strangers. I like to make plans, design invitations, prepare food and arrange tables. I even receive a certain satisfaction from doing the cleaning up myself, especially if I can take my time and meditate on the service rendered and ministry extended as well as on the delight of those who received my ministry.

However, as my days have become busier, my interests more diverse and my pressures more intense, I have discovered that often I cannot do all I have planned. Occasionally even when friends had offered to help, I resisted, wanting to do it all myself—to be self-sufficient, independent, free from indebtedness to anyone. Now, in my senior years, oh, how sweet to relax and tear down my resistance to assistance, to enjoy the security of camaraderie, to experience the success of partnership, to accept a gift of time, energy or creativity from a friend or staff member even as one would accept a beautifully adorned package inspiring anticipation. For, you see, this help becomes a gracious and sacrificial gift of self from someone who cares about me.

A Spiritual Exercise

Receiving is also profitable as a spiritual exercise. You must embrace humility by recognizing your own need for help from another. You must admit that you are not always adequate in yourself. What an effective lesson in gratitude!

God is the greatest Giver (John 3:16). If you spurn the gifts of your loved ones here on earth, how can you gratefully receive the gifts of the heavenly Father? If you are a poor receiver here, you have failed the first step in learning how to be grateful for spiritual gifts.



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together with my sisters and listened to Ana's teachings, I realized how much we need each other if we want to work together and serve God and one another with love."

Where do we go from here? As Christian women we look forward to doing God's work in partnership with one another. All the women are very excited and looking forward to the next conference in 2017. We are very grateful to our CNBC for making this conference possible and to Ana Melendez for giving of her time and preparation. Thanks to the women from Iglesia Bautista Betel, the host church, for their hard work. Last but not least, thanks to all the women who came and supported this event. See you all next year!

Ana Melendez, Hispanic Women's Ministry Consultant, spoke on: Organizing the Women in the Church and Doing Missions and Evangelism with the Women in your Church. She hopes to train the women in Inductive Bible Study, help the women stay involved in missions, and help them create a Women's Ministry network.



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necesitamos unas a otras, si queremos servir a Dios y a los demás en amor."

Y ahora, ¿qué vamos hacer? Como hijas de Dios debemos decidir unirnos a Dios y cooperar unas con otras. Las hermanas de las iglesias de Toronto y London están muy animadas y deseosas de partic-



ipar en la próxima conferencia 2017. Nuestra gratitud a la CNBC por todo su apoyo para que esta conferencia fuera posible. Damos gracias al Señor por la vida de nuestra hermana Ana Meléndez, por su tiempo y su preparación. Nuestra gratitud también a las hermanas de la Iglesia Bautista Betel por su dedicación y labor para esta conferencia. Por último, gracias a todas las hermanas que participaron en este evento. ¡Nos vemos el próximo año!

Ana Meléndez, consultora de Ministerio para Mujeres Hispánicas (WMU), compartió sobre: Cómo iniciar un ministerio de mujeres en la iglesia enfocado hacia la evangelización y la obra misionera. Su deseo es entrenar a las hermanas no solo en el área del estudio Bíblico inductivo, sino también ayudarlas a estar en misión y crear una red de ministerio para las mujeres.

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A Loving Fellowship

The giver and receiver have a unique opportunity for fellowship with each other. An expression of love awakens a response of gratitude. An awakening of concern prompts a reply of delight.

Giving of yourself enables the receiving of that gift by another, which is the heart and essence of fellowship.

A Christmas Plea

Of course, you hear much about giving during the blessed Christmas season, and I would not want to detract from that. Yet, let me also go on record as pleading for open hearts on the part of those receiving—whether husbands or wives, parents or children, friends or strangers.

If someone wants to give you a selected gift or do a sweet deed, please do not look for excuses or apologies to receive what is lovingly offered. Avoid rejection of a gift graciously given or the overlooking of a deed unselfishly done.

Rather, extend your hand and open your heart; experience, enjoy and accept creativity; express appreciation and feel gratitude. You, too, will be blessed and you, too, will be ministering to another—perhaps even to one you love!

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Kingdom Seeds

Harvest leaders are being raised up in Alberta



I would like to take you into a lunchtime conversation I had. “Did I hear you guys say something about church?” John asked.

“Uh, yes, that’s right,” I said.

“My name is John,” he said, as he served us our water at the restaurant. “I just started working with Young Life in Calgary. Do you know about Young Life?” John asked.

“Yes,” I said, “I really like that organization. It’s great you work for them. Have you ever been interested in church planting?” I asked.

He said, “Yeah, I have been.”

I said, “Well, that is what I do. I help leaders like yourself plant new churches. I’d be glad to have a coffee with you and talk about it.”

He said, “That will be great.” He took my card, clarified my cell, and said he would be in touch soon.

I said in my mind, “Thank you, Lord of the harvest.”

Certainly, the Lord of the harvest is raising up leaders all around Calgary and even in many places in southern Alberta outside of Calgary. It is exciting to partner with Him as He guides, leads, and shows a church planting catalyst like myself new leaders that the CNBC and NAMB can partner with. Conversations with guys like John (his name was changed) are a normal occurrence for me, and that tells me that many people are praying as Jesus asked us to pray for workers for the harvest (Luke 10:2).



Lydia Cha, Peter Blackaby, David Cha and Gary Smith

Not only are harvest leaders being raised up, we are seeing a harvest of new people coming to Christ in our new churches. I was meeting with one of our newest church planters and he told me of three or four new baptisms that will take place in his church soon. Just a few weeks ago this new church plant (started in July) baptized seven new believers and now there are more! I thank God for evangelistic church planters who are seeing many come to Christ.

In southern Alberta, we were able to plant five new churches this year. This included a Korean church, an Arabic church, a multicultural church, an Ethiopian church, and a Nepalese church. New people are coming into God’s Kingdom; He is allowing us to reach the nations!

I would invite you to join me in praying for more labourers for the harvest. I am grateful for our CNBC family that believes in the power of prayer and in the dynamic vision we share of seeing 1,000 churches from sea to sea to sea. Lastly, I am grateful for the Lord of the harvest who is truly raising up labourers for the harvest field.

Meet some of our newest church planter couples:

God has allowed **Dan and Amber Sweaza** to lead out in the largest church plant we have seen, up to this point, in Calgary. In light of that, however, their work and ministry load is quite tremendous. God brought a large crowd of people to them in their launch and now they have the immense task of building teams and sharing the Gospel with multiple non-believers who



Gary Smith, Amber and Dan Sweaza and Peter Blackaby

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Fall Baptisms at Mosaic, Lloydminster

By Mosaic staff writers (photos by Michael Espiritu)

LLOYDMINSTER, AB—Since age 13, Justin has struggled with substance abuse. He started with a stick of marijuana. By the time he was in high school, he was deep into substances more potent, some of which claimed the lives of his young friends. He dropped out of school and somehow learned a skill that made him earn good money, much of which he wasted on drugs, alcohol and women.

At 30, a romantic relationship on the brink of failure brought him to the end of his rope. He needed a fresh start but did not know where to begin. Despite being raised by parents who were both Pentecostal preachers, Justin never had the desire to go to church. Early this summer, his partner attended Mosaic in the hopes that she could find someone to help him. She asked Pastor Jon Las if he could meet with Justin. That started a journey to a genuine relationship with Jesus. The church embraced

him despite his violent and messy past. “I have never been received in any place as warmly as at Mosaic. These people really lived out God’s love; they made it tangible for me. It is clear to me that I have made the right decision to be part of this international family!” On October 23 he was baptized.



Justine is one of the 13 people who professed their faith in Jesus Christ through baptism this fall at Mosaic Church in Lloydminster. They each have their own story of how God’s grace rescued them.

This fall, Mosaic launched its dream of seeing 1,000 people saved, baptized and disciplined to make disciples, and two daughter churches planted by the end of 2019. “It’s a big dream, but with God’s grace, the Spirit’s power and our obedience, we will pursue that dream,” says Pastor Jon Las, who started the church in April 2014.



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have been attending. Please pray for their strength and for the continued resources they need to sustain and to continue to grow this new church start that launched this last September. Their church is called [Connect Church](#).

David and Lydia Cha are planting a Korean church in Calgary. What is amazing is how evangelistic this new church has been even for its small size. When David first started to lead a small group of six he challenged each of them to invite people who were not believers into their homes in order for them to share the Gospel with them. David’s people did that; as a result the church held its first baptism service, and they baptized seven people. David recently told me that the church will be baptizing a few more in just a few weeks. It is awesome to see a church growing through evangelism! Please pray for David and Lydia as they are also passionate about starting a university ministry alongside their new church plant.

Maher and Mervet Said, originally from Egypt, have been in Canada since 2009. They have been hosting an Arabic

fellowship, made up of Arabic-speaking people from multiple Arabic-speaking countries. They believe it is now God’s timing to turn this fellowship into a new church. They have been reaching Syrians, Muslim background people and many other Arabic speakers. Please pray for them as they launch this new church. They are planning a two-day Christmas outreach in December and are in need of a location for this. Pray for their strength and the resources they need to continue to reach more and more people.



Maher and Mervet Said

No Planter Left Alone

Great coaches walk with church planters

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24-25, ESV).

By Dino Senesi

Healthy church plants are usually resourced by a crowd of helpers and encouragers.

Strong partners like the Canadian National Baptist Convention (CNBC) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB), with local networks and sending churches, support church planting efforts.

The Abiding Coach

Church planter coaches provide the one-on-one support and encouragement church planters need. Great coaches challenge and encourage; they cheer and warn. But what they never do is lose interest or go away. Great coaches abide with church planters:

Coaching is an intentional, skillful relationship that helps a church planter move forward in his relationship with God and pursue his unique Kingdom assignment.

Canadian Coaching Updates

Developing Canadian coaches who are committed to abide with church planters is critical. Below is a 2016 overview of church planter coaching progress:

Toronto Coaching

Status: coaches assigned to planters: 12; planters being coached: 12. Coaching champion: Jason McGibbon.

NAMB coaching champion Jason McGibbon has coordinated the Greater Toronto Area coaching efforts for over two years. Jason has helped train coaches, coached planters and been coached this year.



Planters enjoy Montreal's One Day Coaching Map held in May.

Toronto leaders faced the rapidly increasing number of planters along with a shortage of coaches. Knowing that all planters needed coaching, they chose to continue a peer coaching strategy to meet the need. Each pair of peer coaches were assigned veteran coaches to monitor the progress of the planters and their coaching skills.

“Coaching is an amazing way to create space and time to think, reflect and process some of the areas of biggest challenges planters face,” Jason said. “With a coach, there is intentionality, guidance and accountability.”

Montreal Coaching

Status: coaches assigned to planters: 10; planters being coached: 13. Coaching champion: Woody Wilson

Woody Wilson has been Montreal's coaching champion since his arrival on the field in 2015. Multiple planters have benefited from Woody's coaching. Nine new coaches emerged in 2016 to provide more help for the growing number of planters.

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NAMB Coaching Process

1. One Day Coaching Map – Orientation for committed coaches.
2. Peer Coaching – Two months of sharpening skills with a peer coach follows.
3. Church Planter Coaching – Planter coaching assignment follows peer coaching.
4. Coaching Pod – A group of coaches encourage each other and develop new coaches.



Great coaches walk with church planters

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Woody's best coaches are those who have received strong coaching themselves. Woody said that these new coaches "will be 100 percent invested when coaching their church planters."

Vancouver Coaching

Status: coaches assigned to planters: 8; planters being coached: 11. Coaching champion: Matthew Bond.

Calgary & Edmonton Coaching

Status: two One Day Coaching Maps (training); peer coaching completed. Champions and assignments: to be determined.



Planters pray together at the One Day Coaching Map in Toronto this past March.

No Planter Left Alone

The prophet Elijah was well acquainted with the incredible highs and debilitating lows of leadership. His display of amazing faith was followed by deep depression

and paralyzing fear. Elijah told God, "I'm the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me" (1 Kings 19:10, 14, MSG).

Church planters face similar highs and lows. At times they can feel like the "only one left."

An abiding coach is one of God's gifts to ensure church planters will never be left alone.

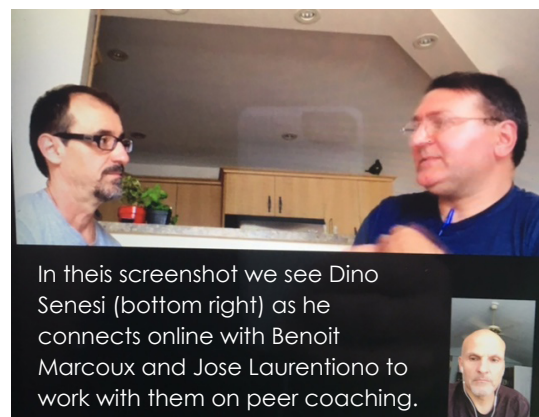
Woody Wilson and other Canadian leaders are seeing this truth in action. "Church planters will benefit from someone investing in their life and ministry. They will grow deeper and go further than they could alone," said Woody.

Dino Senesi serves as Send network coaching director for the North American Mission Board.

Visit [here](#) for a free ebook about church planter coaching.

"Coaching for church leaders looks less like corporate consulting and more like biblical shepherding."

—Scott Thomas and Tom Wood, *Gospel Coach*



In this screenshot we see Dino Senesi (bottom right) as he connects online with Benoit Marcoux and Jose Laurentino to work with them on peer coaching.

Agape Chinese Baptist celebrates pastor's ordination

EDMONTON, AB—An ordination service for Rev. Wilson Chiu was held on Sunday, November 20 in Edmonton, Alberta. The service was well attended and people celebrated together this milestone of Rev. Chiu's dedication to the gospel ministry.

"Pastor Wilson Chiu has been serving at Agape Chinese Baptist Church since 2012. He has proven to the church that he has the



Ordination service for Rev. Wilson Chiu

passion and giftedness to serve as God's servant and the love to reach the unchurched," says Roland Shum, pastor of Evangel Baptist Church. "As financial resources are limited, he always puts the church's and his co-workers' needs before his own. His perseverance through the high and low times of the church has won the respect of the church. In addition, his wife, Joan, has been faithfully serving by his side in many aspects in ministry."



ROOTS Team: Serving Refugees in Athens



By Paul Johnson

It's hard work organizing a mission trip. Our planning for a trip to Athens started in March, with police checks, flight and hotel bookings, insurance, grant searches, fundraising and a Bike Ride for Refugees. During the planning process we sent seven team letters to keep everyone informed. Two signed up, then dropped out. One joined with two weeks to go. It was an organized scramble. We were in different cities, even different countries, so the first time the team assembled was Sunday in Athens.

Our group numbered 11, two teams in one. The ROOTS members included Shelley, Lucy, Jess and Beth, the girls. Our guys were Ryan, Owen, Mickey and myself. Shelley and I were co-leaders.

Three more team members joined us: Georges, who grew up in Athens, also Ed and Wafa who grew up in Baghdad. They knew Middle Eastern culture and speak Arabic. Ed

and Wafa were even refugees in Athens for two years in the '90s—amazing! They added a significant dimension to our work.

Last June Shelley and I settled on a twofold mission: we'd care for refugees by partnering with Oasis, a refugee centre, and with Canadian Global Response (CGR). This would enable us to show compassion and generosity to refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, and Iraq who'd swarmed into Athens. We learned a new term, human warehousing, and saw it firsthand.

We'd also seek to encourage aid workers in Athens who manned the front lines of this human tragedy. They minister to individuals and families in great desperation. It takes a toll.

We first connected with the workers at Oasis, a two-storey building (plus basement) designed to care for hundreds of refugees. On Sunday the director oriented us to the human tsunami that had swept through Athens in previous months. During that time 4,000-7,000 refugees a day streamed through the city towards northern Europe, fleeing war, death and destruction. Many got stuck at the northern Greek border and were forced to turn back. The numbers had dropped, but still, one in five people in Athens were refugees. Imagine this in your community, the shock and stress it would bring. That's Athens.

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On Monday afternoon our team went with Oasis workers to the old Athens airport, occupied by thousands of refugees. Families are in limbo; they can't head to northern Europe, can't return to their war-torn nations. They depend on food



donated by EU and NGOs. We visited families living outside the buildings in makeshift tents. It's unsafe inside, especially for single moms, for girls and children. Our hearts went out to them.

Mother Teresa's "Small things done in great love will change the world" motivated us. We packed hygiene bags and gave them out at Victoria Park and Omonia Square, where refugees loitered.

Put diapers in bags. Tea bags too. Packed food into bags for the Greek poor, another ministry of the centre. We cleaned and mopped and washed and moved boxes. Whatever Oasis leaders asked us to do, we did with a willing spirit. How I love this team!

Tuesday and Wednesday we fed over 200 daily, experiencing the joy of serving the poor. Women in hijabs, men gaunt with worry, bewildered children. We drank tea with families and listened to their stories. So shocking! One mother has two teens; her husband is missing, presumed dead. It's dangerously unsafe for her and her daughter in the lawless camps. We met an Afghan family with a daughter, perhaps 11, who has never been to school. These are people with no papers, no passports; they can't get medical treatment, can't work. There is no schooling for the kids. They're stuck; they can't return home. They live lives of quiet desperation.

The famous basketball coach John Wooden said, "You won't have a perfect day until you do something for someone who can't do it back to you." Our team had perfect days.

It was Shelley who first became unsettled. "We could do more," she insisted to me Monday night. The team agreed. We decided to fast through lunch Tuesday. We'd not go to the Acropolis that afternoon. Instead we'd prayer walk and seek God's will. I love this team, and their desire to maximize mission and not tourism!

We immediately contacted Abraham, head of CGR, making ourselves available to him. Within a few days he arranged

for us to visit a "squat house", a seven-storey vacant building filled with people from Syria. Perhaps 200 families were holed up there in primitive conditions. They could be evicted tomorrow, one father said. Most of our group being Chinese helped us get past the hard security men at the entrance.



We ran a children's event on the sixth floor. It was chaotic but we did our best. We bought groceries at a nearby store and delivered them personally. My team sat on the floor of a space walled off with hanging blankets. No furniture, just mats on the floor. We listened to the story of a taxi driver from Syria. It was either flee or die from the bombings, he said. We spent time just listening. We drank tea together.

We had another team in the building, delivering groceries. The family they visited came to Greece in an overcrowded boat, fleeing the Syrian war. Their little girl had somehow been half-drowned. She was damaged, couldn't walk. By some miracle, the team watched as the little girl walked over to her mom. "Woah!" Lucy told me, "The mom was full of joy!" This is what we came to do, care for the poor, encourage the refugees and bring joy.

"Even though we did not speak the language, we all speak a common language of love, and our team spoke it well: loving families, loving children, all through the love of God," says Shelley. "We didn't know what God had planned for us to do in Athens, but we were ready to say yes."



We came to care for the poor, encourage the refugees and bring joy.

Raising kids to love the church



By Kelley Christopherson Adams

I've been part of church plants ever since I can remember. My dad took over as a pastor for a church when I was a toddler, but from then on church planting is all I have ever really known. Most of my friends at school did not go to church, and I know there were different churches out there—mostly because sometimes we would use their baptistery—but church planting was just normal to me. It wasn't until later that I really got to see why it was so important. I knew in my school there were maybe one or two other Christians, but that never really affected me because I had my Christian friends at church. We live in Canada, so it's natural to have people from different backgrounds in our schools. I was kind of the class clown, so I got into trouble at school on a regular basis, not for anything bad, just for being loud and silly most of the time.

The first time I remember making a decision between my friends and my faith was when I was in grade 9. My friends and I had just got into high school, and I remember they were starting to experiment with drugs, alcohol and sex. I knew that it was not the place for me to be because of one thing; I had seen too much.

That phrase came up a lot in my life when making decisions. Most Christian coming back to faith stories go something like: I went to church with my family, I got to a certain age or something happened in my life, and I didn't feel like God could be a real thing. I left God; God came and won me back.

My problem is that when I got to that certain age and something happened in my life, I couldn't use the excuse

that God could not be real because I had seen too much.

When I was growing up, God stories were central in our home—not just some stories that could be explained away. My dad knew God was telling us to get a sound system, and he put it on the credit card with no idea of how he would pay it back. Meanwhile, someone in Texas sold a suburban and gave the money to the church in the same dollar amount, to the penny, that would pay off the credit card. God was present all the time. I knew I could not question God's existence because I had seen too much, and because of that, I could not turn my back on Him when my friends were experimenting with different things. I chose to make new friends at school.

Honestly, church planting was not hard for me. Like with anything in life where there's humanity involved, it wasn't perfect. When people would leave the church, it was hard. It was one thing when people left because they were moving or they were fulfilling God's call on their lives, but when people left due to pettiness or anger—especially if they had kids that were your friends—that was hard. It was hard when the people you considered to be family up and left.

Being a daughter of a planter made me the person I am today in many ways.

I am currently part of a church plant in Toronto, and one of the coolest things to see and hear is that there is still a ripple effect from the church my parents started. People share their moments of coming to Christ, and had my family not been involved in part of the creation of that network that led them to Christ, they may not have become a Christian. My dad has been out of the position of 'pastor' for almost eight years but to see that residual movement, to see the effects on people's lives because my parents said "yes," is such a beautiful thing.

Being a daughter of a planter made me the person I am today in many ways. I believe in miracles; I've seen them happen time and again. It made me into a leader because I was on the ground helping all the time. It gave me faith. I know that you cannot inherit your faith, but I did not have to take those initial steps of faith that seem so terrifying; I was along for the ride and got to see what God did with those steps of faith, which in turn gave me faith.

I want to see my city saved by Christ. Being in a church planting family made, and continues to make me want to

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SYC BC leader sees life transformation in youth

By Brian Lee

Summer Youth Celebration (SYC) in BC tends to be a summation of the youth's summer before the start of another school year. As a leader of the camp for the past three years, I have witnessed youths in different stages of their faith enter into a new or renewed relationship with Jesus over their four-night stay at Gardom Lake Bible Camp. For this past summer in 2016, one of the more memorable SYC testimonies would be the witnessing of transformation in a young man.

When I first helped out as a leader in SYC 2014, I was assigned to be a small group leader for the grade 10 boys. This is the first time I met Hewe, a rugged youth who, on first impression, may appear to be rowdy and disrespectful. Over conversation with others I learned that he had a strong reputation of being both a passionate learner and an infamous troublemaker. Somehow the memories of Hewe remained strong until the following year when I reencountered him at camp. Though still troublesome, he exhibited a little more maturity in how he communicated his faith and trust in Jesus. Little did I know that I would become

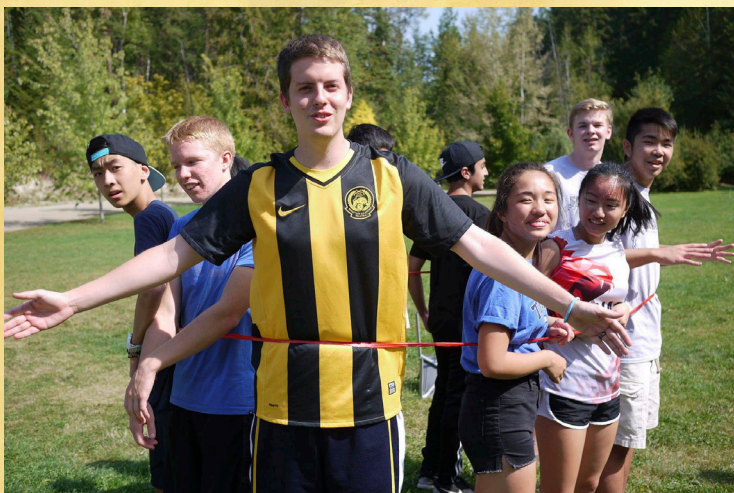


Morning prayer group at SYC BC

his youth intern a few months later. Both his rowdiness and passion in faith continued to amaze me every week in youth group.

However, it was during this SYC in 2016 that he showed the biggest transformation. After Josh Arrington's talk on the final evening, Hewe, now a high school graduate, invited me for a chat in private. He mentioned that he felt challenged to be more mature in his faith, and he felt that God had called him to use his experience to bless other teens who might have struggled with their faith. He spoke confidently, but at the same time he showed reverence to the call from God. Certainly, Hewe had come a long way, from being a giant headache amongst the leaders to becoming one who cares for the youth.

This year was definitely not the same without the presence of Joey and Maura, the heart and soul of SYC for over 10 years, who returned to Atlanta. Behind every worship song and speaker session, we sensed the strong power of God and the Spirit working in both the leaders and the youths' hearts. Perhaps the camp is only a small flicker of the 365 days of our faith walk each year. But this little flicker acts as a reminder to us that Jesus is always ready to transform us, whenever we are willing to be moulded and shaped.



Group games at SYC BC

SYC BC Photos by Henry Lew and Kathy Jung



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see the kingdom of God realized on this earth and be a vessel which He will use to do it.

To current church planters, don't ever stop telling your children your faith stories. Don't ever stop keeping them in the mix and allowing them to witness the miracles. Let them be such a part of your church, so that even if they are far away from their extended family, they don't feel like they've missed any part of having a family. If people leave and your

children's hearts are broken, it's ok. The real Comforter will bring on the healing. Just keep them in the middle of it all, so that they can look back and say that they saw Jesus work time and again, and they cannot truly question God's existence because they've seen Him move. If they cannot question his existence, they will have to dig into a relationship with Him.

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International Connections

Prayer Update from the Boyters

From David and Ann Boyter

We want to focus on a specific prayer request we have that you can be lifting up both in your personal prayers and in your small group and church contexts.

During the last season (February to May of this year) we had contact with a group of men from the “O” people group. They attended our small group meetings and heard the Gospel presented to them clearly over several months. Even though it was in Spanish and not in their heart language they were very interested and we were looking for ways to let them hear it in the “O” language. The season ended and we tried to hand out the J Film in each language for them to take home. They asked David to visit them in their home villages during the summer, something we try to do every year. Since the group was interested, he wrote down the name of the villages and filed that away as a remote possibility. The reason for that is that we usually try to go to areas that have at least a few stronger believers, to encourage them in their efforts to share the Gospel in their villages. Since that was not the case here, he had put this as a low priority.

We got to Mexico City to work on our visas and from there began to make the visits—sometimes together and sometimes David with a group of friends from our church there—and got to the end of our travels. David still had the “O” area in his mind, and the Spirit prompted him to actually make the trip. Since it was a very remote area, and on those trips the accommodations are sometimes the front seat of the vehicle reclined, Ann decided not to go, and Luis and Veronica went with him. They are faithful coworkers, and a little younger than Ann.



The trip was the best they had had! Entering the first village, they quickly found “V”, whom David remembered as one of the group, always in the background. The first thing he said was, “I told my wife you were coming! We have all watched the J Film in ‘O’ and I want to show it to the rest of my family! And the rest of the village!” David, Luis, Veronica and “V” spent the rest of the day walking up and down the rocky hills, going to people’s houses, drinking coffee and eating bread, sharing and inviting the people to view the film in the centre of the village. Two showings and a long, long day later, the majority of the village had seen the J Film in their heart language.

As the group visited and talked through “V” as their interpreter, the biggest question they had was, “When are you coming back?” Since we live 14 hours from Mexico City, and “V” lives 6 hours further on from that, all the group could answer was, “We don’t know. We will try to get our church in Mexico City to visit.”

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The church in Mexico City made a trip to the “O” area. Please pray that they will get a vision for wanting to reach the “O” people in this and surrounding areas.
- Pray that the church will be trained to do culturally appropriate ministry to the “O” people in their heart language.
- “V” and many others from these surrounding villages are back out of their villages and are in the work camps surrounding Culiacán. Please pray that we will be able to locate the men and continue to do research, make disciples, and teach them to obey everything the Lord has commanded them to do.



Seminary welcomes new director of admissions

By Elaine Phillips

In August 2016, David Ong joined the CSBS&C leadership team as director of admissions. He has been involved in ministries both in Canada and abroad. His personal commitment to higher education is evidenced in his graduation from Millar College of the Bible with a Bachelor in Biblical Studies in 2010, and then in his completion of a BA in Psychology from the University of Saskatchewan. He has also been involved with such notable organizations as Awana clubs, Bible Quizzing, and several camp ministries.

The Ongs were planning on living in Alberta while Madison finished her nursing degree. David had been looking for work in Alberta and found out about the post from a seminary alumnus, Pastor Mike Nedelko, at Grace Baptist Church in Airdrie (Madison's home church). The job was an answer to prayer as they were searching for something ministry related, and this was perfectly suited to David's experience from his previous job in recruitment.

"I knew about CSBS&C by reputation only, and it was known for being a biblically based institution with a strong missional focus. This was confirmed to me through the interview process," says David. "I am excited to be heading the admissions department for the school and my prayer is for healthy student growth and wisdom as a representative of the seminary."

David's responsibilities for the strategic growth and management of enrolment at the seminary and college include connecting with potential students, representing the school at different events, and developing connections. He constantly strives to build awareness of this school on a hill in order to enhance the profile of CSBS&C and to make a difference in training leaders.

David and Madison were married on July 16, 2016. They first met at Awana camp in 2002, but did not really notice each other—since they were thirteen and nine at the time. During their 2009 camp year they connected and became friends. David was attending Millar College of the Bible in

Saskatchewan and Madison was heading off to Bible school in Costa Rica. From time to time David would see Madison at her home church in Airdrie as he travelled around with Millar. In November 2015, seven years after becoming friends, they began dating.

"We know God's timing was perfect and that those years apart were meant for us to grow into the people He wanted us to be for each other," says David. "We were engaged in January, married in July, and haven't looked back since!" The Ongs are expecting their first child in June.



David and Madison Ong

One of the things David enjoys most is socializing over a meal with friends. Both he and his wife come from large families (David from a family of nine children and Madison from a family of seven children). Both were homeschooled and appreciate the chaotic fun of family. David enjoys following sports during playoff season and plays soccer and ultimate frisbee. He likes board games, competitive cooking shows, Asian food, travelling with Madison and listening to a good playlist while driving on the highway.

Madison has spent time on various missions in Central America but her heart has always been

with the people of Mexico. She stays involved with some orphanages over there and loves to speak Spanish. Other hobbies include reading, running and doing crafts. She recently completed her RN degree and is hoping to continue working with babies, as she does now as an LPN in the hospital.

She loves to serve her family and her husband and is looking forward to what God will continue to do in her life as she seeks to put Him first. The Ongs enjoy living in Cochrane and seeing what God is doing there. They attend Bow Valley Baptist Church.

"We are excited to welcome David to our leadership team," says seminary president, Dr Rob Blackaby. "He comes to us from a rich history in Christian higher education, having been a student and then director of recruitment in

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More Glimpses

Steve and Susan Booth

By Elaine Phillips

Steve Booth serves as academic dean at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College, where his wife Susan is professor of Evangelism and Missions. Susan and Steve are under appointment with the International Mission Board. They served in Budapest, Hungary, for seven years before transferring to Canada in 2000.

“Steve and Susan Booth embody the goal of our school to train leaders for tough places,” says Dr Rob Blackaby, seminary president. “While the value of their roles as college and seminary professors is incalculable, they contribute much more than that. They are guardians of the missional DNA of our school, who invest in students both in and out of the class, and who invest in local church ministries. Their commitment to biblical authority results in a lasting weightiness to what they teach. Their personal and perpetually fresh enthusiasm for rightly understanding God’s Word and its application has resulted in students who are passionate biblical scholars and spiritual leaders.”

Susan came to know the Lord at the age of six. Her parents, committed believers, pointed her to Jesus and took her to church “from day one,” she says. “I came to Christ through their influence in my life.” Steve grew up in a Christian home but took his own step of faith at a children’s camp at age ten.

Susan and Steve entered Clemson University the same year and both became involved in Campus Crusade for Christ (now called Power to Change). “Our relationship began on the basis of a strong friendship and sharing in ministry together,” says Steve.

In 1992 the Booths left their families in the US and took their two young sons to Hungary, where God had called them. “In some ways it was difficult saying goodbye,” Steve recalls, “but we had each other and were on a grand adventure.”

Steve and Susan have recently embarked on a new “grand adventure”: grandparenting. At this season in their lives, things have come full circle as they prepare to say goodbye again, this time to the newest member of the Booth family, their grandson Asher. While their son Robbie attended seminary, his wife Robyn worked as a nurse in the Cardiac Care Unit at Foothills Hospital in Calgary. The young family will soon be moving to North Carolina where Robbie will begin work on a PhD in Biblical Studies with an emphasis in New Testament.

“We have been so blessed to be around our grandson for these first few months of his life,” both grandparents agree. “And though our goodbyes will be sad, it is also a privilege to offer back to the Lord something so precious as an act of obedience to stay and serve Him in Canada.” Susan adds, “Being a Mimi is fun. There’s something so wonderful about holding a newborn in your arms and just marvelling at the wisps of his eyebrows and the sweet curve of his chin. You realize that if the Lord allows, this child will live on long past you. So you pray over this little one, that God will work in him and through him for His glory.”

Susan remembers her own Mimi only vaguely, as she died when Susan was eight years old. “But she loved Jesus and had a heart for missions. I am convinced that much of God’s direction in my life was shaped by her prayers—and others have told me that she, too, loved teaching the Bible in her church.”

Since childhood, Susan wanted to be a teacher. In university she majored in English education, thinking she would teach English somewhere on the mission field. “But when I started teaching the Bible, I remember feeling that this is what I was made for; I had found my calling.” Susan loves giving college students a framework for understanding God’s Word. She enjoys helping people come to know the Lord. “One of the best things about teaching evangelism is watching the Lord use students as they share their faith,”

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Steve and Susan Booth with grandson Asher

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she says. “I also enjoy seeing former students growing and serving the Lord faithfully. I am immensely blessed to serve at this school.”

Caleb, the Booths’ second son, spent two years in Rome, Italy, where he managed a small gallery that also hosted a new church plant. Caleb has spent the last couple of years working toward his Master of Fine Arts at the New York Academy of Art. “He now spends most of his time painting in his studio, piecing together odd jobs, and following the Lord one step at a time,” says Susan.

As academic dean, there aren’t many average days in ministry for Steve, though there are patterns in the school year, depending on the calendar. “Typically I rise early to spend time with the Lord. Then there is usually a full schedule alternating back and forth between preparing to teach and my administrative responsibilities. Meetings, planning, praying with students and staff—each day has its own joys and challenges.” Steve appreciates working with his seminary colleagues. “We have an outstanding team of professionals who love the Lord and each other. As far as teaching goes, what could be more rewarding than teaching the New Testament to eager and capable students? I have the best job in the world,” he insists.

The Booths’ recent stateside assignment with the IMB was full and rewarding. During their travels, the couple

connected with churches and supporters, reporting on their ministry and sharing the needs in Canada. There was also time for reconnecting with friends and family—“as well as both of us doing some research and writing,” says Steve. “One of the highlights for me was travelling to Turkey with Robbie to explore some of the biblical sites and to take a course on Greek and Latin epigraphy in Asia Minor as part of my own continuing education.”

“One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple” (Psalm 27:4).

While away from her regular teaching load, Susan was able to spend much of her time writing. “My last book was academic because it came out of my recent PhD studies. Now the Lord is leading me to develop a Bible study for seekers around the same theme of God’s presence,” she says. “I want to help those who may have little exposure to the Bible to understand that God is our dwelling place and that our longings for home find fulfillment in Him.”

Susan has loved Psalm 91 for years. “God has repeatedly drawn my attention to this psalm as I meditate on what it means to live in the shelter and shadow of the Almighty,” she says. Similarly, Psalm 27 resonates with her: “I long to be like the psalmist who declares this to be his one ‘magnificent obsession’: ‘One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.’”

New CSBS&C director of admissions

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Saskatchewan. He has an enthusiastic belief in the value of Christian post-secondary education and in the necessity of effective graduate-level training and preparation for ministry.

“In these early months of his leadership, David has built on the work of his predecessors, as well as piloted new initiatives. He has visited like-minded Christian colleges and camps in Alberta, Saskatchewan and BC. He has coordinated our first intercollegiate soccer team to compete in a tournament at Prairie College. And he has hosted a group of 200 Bible Quizzers, parents and youth leaders.

“David is passionate about the work of furthering God’s Kingdom through the spread of the Gospel in Canada and around the world. He is a man who loves God, loves His Word, and loves His people, with a boundless reservoir of energy and enthusiasm. We are encouraged already by the increased awareness of and interest in our college and seminary because of David’s work on our behalf.

“I look forward to seeing how God will use David to improve our processes and sharpen our abilities to train God-called men and women for twenty-first century leadership in tough places!”



Church Administration

The Church Budget

By Joan Bruce

Recently my husband and I sat with a financial planner who had us take some time to think about our life priorities. This young man had us look carefully at our current earnings and expenses, look at possible expenses in the next few years and make a budget for our retirement years. Taking this information, he not only came up with a financial plan to reach these goals, but he even told us how long we can live! It was a great exercise and a very clear reminder that God has truly blessed us.

Our churches are looking forward to a new year, planning for ministry and looking at the finances required for those ministries. Just as the banker asked us to take a good hard look at our finances, the church budget is the vehicle that helps your church take a look at its financial picture and plan for spending and priorities.

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The church budget is a guide for planning, a means to control spending and a tool to help reach your goals. The budget gives a good picture of your church and often highlights vision, strategy, plans and priorities. Not only does it show your congregation where you are going but it should also encourage them to give.

It is one thing to put your plan down in writing but the second step is to keep records and actually use the budget as a yardstick of where your church is financially. Through your budget you are telling the money where to go and by tracking the finances against the budget, you will not have to wonder where it went.

The wisdom of a budget is that it lets you know where your money is, where your money is coming from, where your money is going.

“Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts” (Proverbs 24:3, TLB).

The Making of a Policy

By Joan Bruce

In the last issue of the Horizon my article mentioned the need for churches to have policies and an up-to-date policy manual. The policies your church will have will be specific to your activities, your purpose, your size and your staffing. Your church policy needs to reflect the things you do, the way you will do them and in some cases may even address the things you will not do.

Although not an exhaustive list, your church might want to develop policy in any of the following areas:

- To indicate appropriate behaviour or standards of conduct, rules and regulations for all employees (such as dress code, internet use, cell phone use, harassment)
- To indicate compliance with CRA guidelines
- To provide consistent and fair treatment for employees in areas of benefits, sick time, overtime, vacation, and other employment issues, both Federal and Provincial

- To provide guidance about the most suitable way to handle a specific situation

The CNBC has developed policy statements that relate directly to our operation but are available to your church or organization as examples. Perhaps one of these might be helpful to you:

Benevolence Policy, Cell Phone Policy, Support Staff Travel Reimbursement Policy, Designated Gift Policy

If your church has its own building, a Facility Rental Policy and guidelines for outside groups using your facility is critical. This policy would address both the CRA compliance issue that members and non-members must be

treated equally but would also detail the usage specifications and address liability issues.

Hopefully this information will help you as you develop and go forward in your ministry.



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	NOV	YTD 2016	NOV 2015
BRITISH COLUMBIA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Bethel Romanian Church, Abbotsford	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$150.00
Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Bridge Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$774.54
Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$5,833.30	\$9,481.13
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$1,656.77	\$2,117.31
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$20.00	\$814.54	\$1,328.94
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 Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,875.00
Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$1,175.00
Joe-Un Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$580.00	\$1,880.00	\$1,360.00
Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$0.00	\$4,384.27	\$2,530.00
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$85.00	\$180.00	\$305.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$750.78	\$6,523.08	\$7,149.44
Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Open Door Community Ministries, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peace Korean Baptist Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$558.97
Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$117.00	\$1,370.00	\$1,308.00
Solid Rock Biker Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00
Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$1,720.62	\$1,434.34
The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$540.50	\$4,238.54	\$3,023.63
Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	\$3,212.50
Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$1,117.56
Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Vancouver Joyful Fellowship Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$450.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,587.16	\$0.00
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.97
Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$0.00	\$3,566.99	\$4,705.86
Yangmoori Baptist Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$7,833.74	\$3,162.83
Church on the Rock Albion, Maple Ridge	\$0.00	\$305.16	\$0.00

	NOV	YTD 2016	NOV 2015
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$0.00	\$2,535.05	\$2,672.20
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287.10
Han Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$2,981.84	\$2,434.55
NextGen Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$499.27	\$0.00
Origin, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$7,387.86	\$3,533.30
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$238.16	\$89.08
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,414.87	\$2,240.50
Zende (Living) Church, New Westminster	\$0.00	\$615.78	\$896.54
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$1,200.00
OTHER PLANTS			
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152.55
River Community Church, Richmond	\$0.00	\$819.00	\$0.00
Transformation City Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$447.60	\$0.00
BC TOTALS	\$3,643.28	\$86,868.60	\$82,126.84

ALBERTA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$895.00	\$3,580.00	\$2,520.00
Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$2,210.48	\$9,181.86	\$12,037.87
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$3,896.03	\$43,198.50	\$37,446.29
Bridge International, Calgary	\$571.29	\$5,780.39	\$3,337.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$7,094.74	\$7,872.94
Calgary Korean Global Mission, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$2,566.63	\$14,118.54	\$17,137.42
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Coram Deo, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$505.26	\$7,269.25	\$6,483.00
Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,201.70	\$10,066.62	\$10,028.26
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$3,900.00	\$5,000.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$620.47	\$7,721.90	\$8,059.80
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$4,957.50	\$9,483.32
Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hopelink Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,025.62	\$9,827.93	\$10,673.45
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,944.00
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$2,218.33	\$49,665.99	\$35,721.91
Southwinds, Calgary	\$6,751.76	\$17,270.17	\$10,199.39
Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,804.93
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$160.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$1,164.00	\$17,018.96	\$9,956.47
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$11,529.64	\$10,068.97
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$21,671.87	\$17,871.34
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,692.50	\$1,502.90
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00
Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$1,517.66	\$13,607.58	\$14,307.04
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Central Community Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.05

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	JULY	YTD 2016	JULY 2015
Christ In You Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$79.94	\$42.00
Church in the Valley, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$220.32	\$0.00
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$245.79	\$1,898.73	\$1,375.80
Missional Life Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$420.00	\$2,140.00	\$3,100.00
Nepalese Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Lethbridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southwinds Church at Mahogany, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,240.97	\$0.00
Springbank Chinese Baptist Church, Calgary	\$481.00	\$5,475.42	\$4,884.15
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,273.88
True Love Arabic Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$93.48	\$388.62
West Edmonton Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$994.00	\$269.22
OTHER PLANTS			
Connect Church, Calgary	\$545.42	\$1,091.03	\$0.00
Trinity Mandarin Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AB TOTALS	\$26,836.44	\$293,987.83	\$274,995.02

SASKATCHEWAN

CONGREGATIONS

Allan Baptist, Allan	\$0.00	\$317.00	\$191.00
Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$250.36	\$1,333.44	\$684.94
Cochin Baptist, Cochin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,083.67
Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$1,220.58	\$4,211.41	\$5,331.80
Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$833.33	\$9,999.96	\$10,153.79
Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$563.55	\$5,784.96	\$6,470.40
Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.80
Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$315.00
Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,550.00
Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$1,537.99	\$2,588.50

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Gronlid Community Church, Gronlid	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
The Gathering, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$670.00	\$600.00

OTHER PLANTS

Tapwewin Christian Assembly, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
SK TOTALS	\$3,697.82	\$31,654.76	\$34,554.90

MANITOBA

CONGREGATIONS

Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$9,985.70	\$10,748.81
Joy Fountain Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$1,369.49	\$0.00
New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00
SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,603.00
Vision Korean Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

The Light Worship Community, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$311.65	\$0.00
Renaissance Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$13,016.84	\$13,651.81

ONTARIO

CONGREGATIONS

All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$5,400.00
All Nations Southern Baptist Church of Toronto, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$0.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,400.00
Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$700.00
Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
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	\$1,577.37	\$10,916.45	\$2,116.28
Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$1,600.00	\$2,116.63	\$1,952.95
Église Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,900.00
Good News Baptist Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Baptist Church (Mississauga), Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greek Gospel Church of Toronto, East York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Bikers' Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$231.00
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harvest Community Church, Carleton Place	\$161.70	\$1,971.71	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$737.62
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$1,011.91	\$4,491.74	\$4,568.97
Polish Christian Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$3,408.00	\$41,615.50	\$38,800.00
The Gathering-Windsor, Windsor **	\$300.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,300.00
The Journey Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,767.77	\$2,266.80
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$0.00	\$3,141.00	\$3,124.00
The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$808.00	\$22,251.14	\$25,115.00
The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$819.86	\$0.00
The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$366.05	\$578.17

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Agape Global Community Fellowship, North York	\$100.00	\$1,100.00	\$100.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$0.00	\$95.21	\$161.20
Elevation Church Canada, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church East, Ajax	\$135.98	\$1,143.21	\$29.87
Emmanuel Baptist Church North, North York	\$203.86	\$1,031.17	\$0.00
Fellowship Church GTA, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$2,393.42	\$4,355.43
Fellowship Pickering, Pickering	\$0.00	\$1,719.00	\$6,373.70
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Hamilton Ark Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Baptist Church of Shalom, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$433.17	\$0.00
Heaven Sent Community Fellowship, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$753.69	\$364.61
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ohr L'Goyim Messianic Congregation, Maple	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,099.17
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$455.00	\$3,802.95	\$4,144.86
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$190.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$219.63	\$180.50
Restoration Hamilton, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$645.14	\$0.00
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00

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CNBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING*



	NOV	YTD 2016	NOV 2015
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$6,710.00	\$10,080.00	\$3,512.00
Thames Christian Fellowship, Chatham	\$576.00	\$8,878.00	\$0.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$1,194.10	\$8,910.29	\$8,306.83
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Wabaseemoong Gospel Church, Kenora	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OTHER PLANTS

Ajax Christian Church, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$421.20	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
House of Prayer International Church Milton, Oakville	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00
Journey Church City Centre, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Bridge, Oakville	\$0.00	\$426.00	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$0.00	\$886.63	\$575.30
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$711.00
Wadi Church, Mississauga	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00

ON TOTALS	\$19,141.92	\$149,457.56	\$127,595.26
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QUEBEC

CONGREGATIONS

Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,799.90
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$1,520.05
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$1,422.27	\$504.50
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$0.00	\$950.26	\$1,717.90
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$0.00	\$4,109.79	\$2,764.40
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$0.00	\$1,653.79	\$1,500.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur, Pierrefonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,015.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$42.46	\$509.52	\$701.82
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$1,641.90	\$780.00
Église Renaissance Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$0.00	\$5,878.29	\$2,020.00
Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
International Christian Community of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
La Chapelle, Montréal	\$0.00	\$40,398.00	\$41,497.82
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$0.00	\$2,132.17	\$1,474.74
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$365.59	\$3,374.97	\$3,049.50

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome	\$0.00	\$523.00	\$399.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montréal	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$75.00
Centre Tapickotc de Wemotaci, La Croche	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
ComJesus, Mont-Saint-Hilaire	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$150.00
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$0.00	\$450.50	\$371.88
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Église Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$0.00	\$41.40	\$216.00

	NOV	YTD 2016	NOV 2015
Église du Mont-Bellvue, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$2,335.41	\$1,849.05
Église le Contact, Repentigny	\$0.00	\$2,450.00	\$3,300.00
Église le Refuge, Pincout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Église Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
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	\$1,808.05	\$73,421.27	\$73,331.56
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NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

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

CONGREGATIONS

Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$306.32	\$3,032.45	\$2,019.60
Église Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$341.94
Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$1,412.55	\$4,824.80	\$4,405.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$370.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$447.76
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$805.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
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NB TOTALS	\$1,818.87	\$9,507.25	\$8,989.30
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NOVA SCOTIA

CONGREGATIONS

Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$380.00	\$2,913.50	\$3,083.19
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$1,543.23	\$350.43
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$670.00

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Christian Community Church of Cheticamp, SW Margaree	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$0.00
Inverness Community Church, Inverness	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

NS TOTALS	\$880.00	\$7,441.73	\$4,103.62
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CONGREGATIONS

Center Point Church, Montague	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$1,397.91	\$12,186.65	\$13,213.43

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$283.59	\$3,687.79	\$2,507.22

PE TOTALS	\$6,681.50	\$23,874.44	\$23,720.65
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YUKON/NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

CONGREGATIONS

Tli-Cho Baptist Church, Behchoko	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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YK/NT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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OTHER GIFTS	\$4,000.00	\$5,495.20	\$1,522.07
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TOTALS	\$68,507.88	\$694,725.48	\$644,791.03
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*Liste des églises qui ont donné depuis trois ans



CNBC Church Plants 2016

12 Emmanuel Baptist Church East (EBCE)

Ajax, Ontario ([website](#))

Planter couple: Jose Daniel (JD) & Andreina Fasolino

13 A Better City Church

Toronto, Ontario ([website](#))

Planter couple: Alexander & Indhira Fleming

14 A Better City Church

Toronto, Ontario ([Facebook](#))

Planter couple: Gelvi & Sandra Urribarri

15 Restoration Hamilton

Hamilton, Ontario ([website](#))

Planter couple: Chandler & Maria Orrego Horne

16 Fellowship Church Rouge Park

Pickering, Ontario ([website](#))

Planter couple: Kesavan & Vijitha Balasingham

17 Calgary Zion Korean Baptist Church

Calgary, Alberta

Planter couple: Seung Hun (David) Cha & Eunjoo (Lydia) Oh

18 Connect Church

Calgary, Alberta ([website](#))

Planter couple: Daniel & Amber Sweaza

19 Mistawasis Fishers of Men Fellowship

Mistawasis, Saskatchewan

Planter couple: Floyd & Marlene Readman

20 Waterloo Grace Church

Waterloo, Ontario

Planter couple: Nam Woong Park & You Kyeong Choi

368 total new plants/congregations



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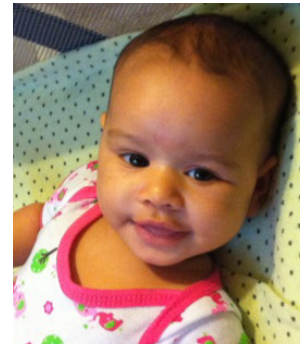
 **Robbie and Robyn Booth** announce the birth of their first child, **Asher Elias Booth**, born August 22, 2016 in Canmore, AB. Robbie has served as the CNBC Mission Centre director since March of 2013. The Booths are moving to Wake Forest, NC, where Robbie will work on his PhD in Biblical Studies at Southeastern Seminary. Asher's grandparents are **Drs Steve and Susan Booth**. Steve serves as academic dean at [Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College](#), where Susan is professor of Evangelism and Missions. Asher's other grandparents are **Russell and Melinda Kyzar**, IMB missionaries, recently retired from Prague, Czech Republic. They served a total of 29 years with the International Mission Board.



 **Dan and Melanie Morgan** announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Maisy Lane Morgan**, born November 18, 2016 in Arlington, TX. Maisy's parents are Daniel and Taylor Morgan. Daniel is the youngest son of Dan and Melanie. Dan is the CNBC team leader for church planting and a professor at [Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College](#). Melanie is administrative assistant for the CNBC Evangelism team.



 **Mel and Marybelle Cruikshank** announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Kyra Nevaeh Robert**, born August 25, 2016 in Edmonton, AB. Kyra's parents are Laura and David Robert. Laura is Mel and Marybelle's eldest daughter. Mel serves as national student minister for NAMB Canada/CNBC as well as the CNBC Cuba partnership coordinator.



Cambrian Heights Baptist Church



is accepting applications for
Senior Pastor

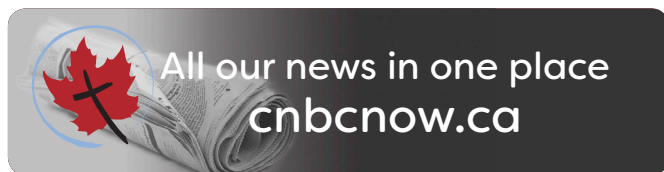
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Global Mission Offering

"... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

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WHY

HOW

RESOURCES

Each CNBC church should set aside time during the year to focus on missions. Using the resources provided through the [CNBC Global Mission Offering](#) (GMO) web pages, church leaders can plan an annual mission emphasis program. This will provide an opportunity for the congregation to learn about missions and pray for career missionaries and mission volunteers.

CNBC OFFRANDE POUR LES MISSIONS GLOBALES

TOUTES POUR UN

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Mais vous recevrez une puissance, le Saint Esprit survenant sur vous, et vous serez mes témoins à Jérusalem, dans toute la Judée, dans la Samarie, et jusqu'aux extrémités de la terre. Actes 1:8

CNBC 全球宣教奉献

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全球宣教奉献

但圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必得着能力，并要在耶路撒冷、犹太全地，和撒玛利亚，直到地极，作我的见证。使徒行传 1:8

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CNBC 세계선교헌금

통합헌금

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세계선교헌금

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CNBC OFRENDA MISIONERA GLOBAL

OFRENDA MISIONERA GLOBAL

"y me seréis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria, y hasta lo último de la tierra."
Hechos 1:8