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CNBC Mission: We are churches in covenant giving ourselves away to advance the Kingdom of God.

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Connecting Salt Jones retires from IMB and CNBC

The greatest blessing any person can receive, besides a relationship with Jesus, is knowing a person who acts like Jesus and reminds us of who we could be with God's help. What is even more incredible is having that person as a colleague and part of our team. I have had that privilege for more than 18 years.

Salt Jones is that kind of person. I have never worked with



anyone who has shown me more about what it means to be a sacrificial servant. He has never wanted the limelight or the accolades that come with it. He is completely content to work in the background and make the rest of us look good.

Salt loves kids and kids love him. He has many gadgets and gag gifts in his office and the kids flock to his work space to be mesmerized by a man who is really a kid at

Salt and Susan Jones

heart. They say you can learn a lot about someone when you see how they treat children. Salt loves to laugh with them and his demeanour with children is a window into the soul of a man in whom there is no guile.

Salt is a seminary-trained pastor and has had a wide variety of experiences as a minister of the Gospel and an international missionary. He is a fantastic preacher, but every Sunday morning he devotes himself to teaching young children about Jesus, while the adults are in big church.

Salt is always on the hunt for someone in crisis or someone who needs that extra special bit of help that will probably not come from anyone else. I have seen him buy plane tickets for people, who because of some unfortunate emergency needed to fly home or attend some event they could never afford to be at. I have witnessed his generosity for people in need and been impressed with his consistent kindness.

Salt is a team player. The CNBC has undergone incredible change in the past 20 years. Team Leaders were required to change and adjust to fluctuating funding levels, decreasing and increasing values of the Canadian dollar and major budget cuts, all of which inevitably made their jobs more cumbersome and frustrating. Salt was always there to sacrifice and put the organization's needs before his own, while offering solutions that inevitably led to him paying a personal price.

The most impressive thing about Salt is how he walks with God. A man of uncompromising integrity, he always functions with honesty and Christlike values. Although he operates with very high standards for his own life, he exudes grace and understanding for everyone else. Salt is not your typical super spiritual type; instead, he is a normal person with struggles and challenges like all of us. But his humble walk with God evidences a man who gives God the glory, while realizing without Jesus in his life he would be a mess.

Throughout the years I have worked with Salt, it has been

a joy and delight to be his colleague in ministry. He has taught me so much about how to love God. Salt and his wife, Susan, will retire from their responsibilities in September of 2016. We will miss them very much and his departure will greatly impact the CNBC and leave a hole that will be exceedingly difficult to fill.

Thank you, Lord, for a couple who loves You and lives like You.





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2016 CNBC Annual Convention Schedule of Events

July 1 Friday Evening

July 1st			
5:30 pm .			Registration opens at venue
7:00 pm.			Annual Convention Opening Service

July 2 Saturday

7:30 am .	•	•	•	Alumni Breakfast
9:00 am .	•	•	•	Morning Worship Service
11:30 am				Lunch / Women In Ministry Luncheon
1:30 pm.			•	.CNBC Ministry Focus and Reporting Fair
4:00 pm.				Adjourn from Focus and Fair
5:00 pm .			•	Evening Worship Service
7:00 pm .				Dismissed to see Montreal

July 3 Sunday

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Watch for updated convention schedule at cnbc.ca before convention meetings

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Nominating Committee: Jonathan Chisholm and Ron Young

CONVENTION SPEAKER

Pastor Claude Houde is the senior pastor of New Life Church which gathers more than 4,000 people each week. As an international speaker, he has brought his message of hope in more than 35 countries.



He is also the president of the Christian Association for the Francophonie and president of the board of the Institute of Theology for the Francophonie. He teaches in leadership, communication and pastoral theology and its courses are taken around the Francophonie.

He has been married to Chantal for 29 years. They live on the South Shore of Montreal.



Evacuation of Fort McMurray: One family's story

FORT MCMURRAY, AB—It was a dry May in Alberta when a <u>perfect storm</u> of conditions, ripe to start a wildfire, was brewing in the forests around Fort McMurray. Life went on as usual in the city, but not for long.

Clay and Cinnamon Hilton were at work on Tuesday morning, May 3. Cinnamon works in primary care. Clay is pastor of a CNBC church plant, <u>Connection Church</u>, and also works with homeless men as leader of a group home. They later met for a lunch date and talked about plans for the summer. Outside the atmosphere was changing quickly. "We walked in and everything was fine, but when we walked out the sky was turning black. The sun was being blotted out by the smoke," said Clay.

"There was a huge fire across the road," said Cinnamon. "We saw smoke and heard there were fires in the vicinity for the last three days. We thought, that's pretty rotten; that's going to be bad. But when I went in to where I worked they said it had just crossed the Athabasca River and was heading up into Thickwood."

"Which is where our kids go to school," Clay added.

The Hiltons decided they needed to rush to get their kids, Grace, Ivy, Anna, and Clay at their schools. "We figured out who was going to get who, and rushed to them. I didn't realize how bad things were," said Clay. "It literally looked like an apocalyptic movie, where people were grabbing their children, running to their cars, and essentially throwing kids in their cars and speeding away. I was stunned as I picked up our two youngest children, and was very thankful for people like Cheryl, a teacher, who made sure all the kids got out first before she could go and take care of her own affairs."



Kristen Toussaint works with the Hiltons as children's minster at their church. She was on her way to a doctor's appointment downtown when she heard from a friend about the evacuations of Thickwood. After she saw the doctor, she got a call from Grace, who said, "They are evacuating Beacon Hill; come to our house now."

"Beacon Hill is where I live," says Kristen. "I live with an elderly widow who goes to our church. So I called the lady I live with. She said, 'The police have been here; you can't come back. I'm leaving."

She then proceeded to drive to the Hiltons' house, normally a 20-minute drive, that took an hour and 15 minutes. After she arrived she received another phone call from a friend saying, "Kristen, I saw your house burning!"

"It was a shock!" said Kristen. "That was the first time that I heard that I may have lost everything that I own. So I had a cry there."

Meanwhile, the Hiltons had rushed back home to get a few things. Clay needed to look after his mental health clients. So, while listening for any news about what to do, he rushed between his home and his group home, checking on his clients, and then back home to make sure his family was okay.

A couple of hours later the news came that the whole city was going to be evacuated. "We didn't know if the fire was ten minutes away or two hours away. We didn't know if it was coming our way," said Clay. Only one of their cars was roadworthy to drive out of town but it didn't have much gas. No gas stations were open and there was no gas in the ones that were open. Clay made the decision to take that car, hoping to find more gas later.

Cinnamon went to check in on their neighbour, who has a form of Huntington's disease. The neighbour's two grandchildren, who often play with young Clay, were with her. They didn't have a way out of town because their mom works outside Fort McMurray and could not get back into the city. They

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Clay, Anna, Ivy and Grace, safely at the Felders' home in St Albert, enjoy the blankets provided for them by the Canadian Red Cross.

The Children's Perspective

In telling their story of the evacuation, the Hilton children recalled having a normal day at school. At lunch the students were outside enjoying the sunshine. Grace recalls, "We were having fun outside and the sky was blue. We didn't think there was going to be a fire an hour later."

The students were upset and afraid when they saw the sky filled with smoke and fire. "I knew that God was with us and I wasn't *as afraid*, because I knew that," Grace said. "But I was still really scared seeing everything on fire. I've lived here for eight years. I'm used to seeing such a beautiful place. There were so many trees that were beautiful, yet you could just see everything on fire, which was really scary!"

Ivy recalls that as they left the city "There was fire probably twenty feet away from us. You could see the fire—it was so scary, on either side of us."

The children all expressed how much they miss their friends and look forward to seeing them again.

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Hilton family and friends make it to safety after a sleepless night

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had gas in their car, so Cinnamon was able to take her son, the neighbour and her grandsons in that car. Kristen took the three Hilton girls in her car.

There is only one main road, Highway 63, in or out of Fort McMurray. "When we were leaving the city it was gridlocked," said Cinnamon.

Clay took his three clients in his car. Their caravan of cars "passed over the beautiful Athabasca River that was on fire," said Clay. "The trees around it were on fire. We weren't sure if we would make it out. We wanted to stay together." They planned to go to the safest place they could find and stay there till there was an evacuation plan to get them out.

"We were praying the whole time," Clay said. "Do we go north or do we go south? We felt that we should go south. We ended up at the airport. We prayed that we could get gas. We hoped maybe that there would be a flight out. None of that was the case. The airport was business as usual, taking tickets. And we were there as evacuees."

Huddled in a hallway the group slept on the floor with Air Canada blankets. Everyone was overwhelmed, traumatized by going through fire, and the neighbour boys were missing their mom. "But we felt that God was protecting us," said Cinnamon. "I looked up several times to see if I could see my kids, because when you go through trauma you have this emotional gasping feeling for a while after. There were several times where I just looked up to make sure that I could count all of the kids that were under my care ... and I would touch Clay to make sure that he was there."

Clay couldn't sleep that night as he paced back and forth, praying over the kids, his family, his clients and his neighbour.

Kristen recalls, "Through God's kindness, Clay ended up talking to the right person at the airport, who said, 'Give me thirty minutes and I'll see what I can do.' We prayed and God softened these guys' hearts to give us gas."

The group drove three hours to their first stop, in the community of Grasslands. "When we walked into that community hall," Clay says, "there was this very sweet Ukrainian woman with a very large bowl of perogies that she placed down in front of everybody. And I just lost it. Now I'm a big man, I don't shed tears at the drop of a hat, but I did that day, just thanking God that my family was in safety, and all these people in our care were in safety, and we were getting the best perogies on the planet."

Later, they drove further south and stayed in St Albert with NAMB church planting catalyst, Stan Felder, and his wife, Karen. "They were so kind to us," recalls Kristen. "They gave



Kristen Toussaint with the Hiltons: Anna, Grace, Clay, Ivy and their parents, Cinnamon and Clay are thankful to be safe with Karen Felder.

us everything we needed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, pyjamas ..." Kristen needed eye drops for her glaucoma and is thankful that <u>Canadian Global Response</u> (CGR) paid for her prescription. She says, "I've been overwhelmed by people's kindness."

"It was just like going to your mom's house," says Clay. "We felt so loved. People were coming in from all over the city of Edmonton to make sure we had our needs met."

Clay requests, "Please pray for our city. Come and pray with us and work alongside us to help rebuild our city. On behalf of all at Connection Church, thank you guys for your care and support."



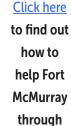
Follow up:

Voluntary phased re-entry to the city began on June 1. It was expected that 40 to 50 percent of the population would return that week. Clay returned to the city and is staying at an Alliance church in town. He reports, "The situation in Fort McMurray is exciting. Many people are eager to rebuild, some are not returning, and some are trying to find housing."

The Hilton family is staying in a home which was provided for them in Stony Plain. They cannot re-enter their Fort McMurray home for another few weeks until the unit is safe and cleaned. They hope to move back by the end of June. Living Waters Academy in Spruce Grove generously invited the children to finish the school year there.

Kristen was able to get a temporary replacement passport so she could visit her family in her home state of Maine. She requests prayer for guidance as to when to go back to Fort McMurray. She will need to find a place to live in order to return.

The Hiltons' neighbours are currently staying with family in Edmonton. Clay's clients are staying safe in Edmonton but are looking forward to when they may return in late June.



That They May Know You Seven Simple Steps to Boost Evangelism

By Rick Segal

How much time do you spend with unbelieving individuals, and what is the quality of your social relationships with them? You can boost your number substantially by exercising these seven disciplines.

1. Pray for the unbelievers in your life by name.

Margaret Thatcher once famously said, "There is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women and there are families . . ." Her point being that we must regard



each other at human scale, not as mere components of larger social institutions. The same can be said of the way we use the term "the lost."

Of course our hearts grieve for the millions who do not know Jesus, but we don't know the millions, personally. Most of us do know personally at least dozens, some of us hundreds, and rather than lump these precious individuals into one big prayer cohort, we could begin to take their given names

before the Lord in prayer. Start writing their names down and praying over them at least once a week.

2. Be intentional in pursuing relationships and scheduling time with unbelievers.

If you don't make engagement with unbelieving people a priority, your life will gravitate automatically toward the pleasures and comforts of the church community cul de sac. Identify two people outside of your Christian circle with whom you think you would enjoy spending more time. Look for two more who appear to need someone to come alongside of them as they struggle with burdens in their lives. Target one other with whom you seem to have the least in common, but enough of a relationship that you could see it becoming, with a little work, a friendship. You needn't feel that you to need to sacrifice any of your principles or values to love someone else. It's what we're commanded to do. Love God. Love our neighbors.

3. Don't withdraw from unbelieving family members. Lean in.

Family members are people with whom, like it or not, you are already in relationship. You already love them, and they

already love you, despite theological differences. Don't make them a project, just love them as members of your family. Be sincerely interested in what they're interested in, even if you find it hard to be interested. Know their struggles. Encourage them. Affirm them. Don't be estranged. Lean in and never give up on any of them. Above all else, pray for them.

4. Love your neighbors.

Know your neighbors. Help your neighbors. Enjoy your neighbors. Be the epoxy that glues your neighbors into a neighborhood. Practice hospitality. Make your home a place that your neighbors associate with their love for each other.

5. Appreciate your workplace as the best place.

For most Christians, the workplace is the place where we will spend the most time with unbelieving people. Work requires us to collaborate with others to see it to completion. Relationships in the workplace are sometimes even easier to develop than with family members. You share more time and, in time, more in common. Don't allow your Christianity to be a wedge that separates you from co-workers.

You needn't compromise your values, nor engage in any unbiblical activities to secure a co-worker's esteem or affection, but you do need to take an active interest in your coworkers as fellow human beings, not just the other spokes in a wheel you happen to share. Appreciate that people in the workplace are not the means of getting your work done, they are the objects of your work as an ambassador for Christ.

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Discipleship Through VBS

By Melanie Morgan

A few years ago, Calgary Chinese Baptist Church scheduled their VBS after some more experienced churches in town held theirs, so they could receive VBS materials (especially the bigger backdrops) from them. They were receiving help from sister churches.

Now, Calgary Chinese is the sister church giving ideas and help to churches who are just doing their first VBS. VBS training is often held at their church and their VBS leaders are helping churches who have never led a VBS before.

Another exciting part of this process is that many of the VBS leaders and helpers are youth who have been discipled through VBS. They are helping sister churches learn how to do VBS! Just a few years ago, they were the kids attending VBS.

Isadora Mok of Calgary Chinese says, "We are currently lacking pastors for both the Chinese and English congregations. It is, however, very encouraging to know that even in a time of need, we are still able to help other churches. What's even more amazing is to hear the feedback that our young people have been sharing ideas and giving suggestions to those who haven't done VBS before. Being able to watch our kids become youth and grow into mature leaders and faithful servants in Christ is one of the most rewarding experiences. It gives me so much joy and is the main reason I come back to do VBS every year."

A VBS training workshop was held in Edmonton with VBS leaders from several churches in attendance. Linda DeMoss who co-led says, "We had 47 people at our VBS Training. It was a great group of people. They were very interactive, with many new ideas and lots of sharing. We loved it!"

Faith Baptist in Saskatoon held their VBS during spring break in April. Tracy Fish says, "We felt pretty successful. Over 85 attended our first VBS in over 10 years. We got a lot of positive feedback with regard to the dates we chose.

We were also able to pass on all of our decorations and materials to a sister church in the area. I think we'll be going out to their town in the summer to help them with their VBS."



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6. Harvest relationships from your children's activities.

Children are now involved in lots of activities, year round. If you have several children, the breadth of your relationship universe is substantial across the expanse of all the other coaches, parents and teammates. So, go deep. Work these crowds. Befriend people in these communities. Do things with them. Bring them together in your home with family members, co-workers and neighbors.

A word of warning: don't permit all of your kids' activities to take place in Christian-only programs.

7. Take up a new hobby, especially one shared in groups.

Diversions from responsibilities can be personally renewing and restorative, and great venues for evangelism. Find something fun or interesting to do or learn in which you are not fulfilling a specific responsibility or obligation to anyone just taking your mind off of things for awhile. But, find something that requires you to do it with other people.
Here you'll likely meet people of all different walks, the bond being the shared interest in the hobby. It will help to find something in which someone else, perhaps an unbeliever, will have to be invested in you to help you along. This can be the leaven of really great relationships.

The truth is the product of this hypothetical formula is not a score, it is joy. There are few greater joys in life than sharing the gospel with another person, even fewer greater joys than knowing you have been used as means, immediately or eventually, in another's conversion in Christ. Yes, we rejoice in corporate worship, in Christian fellowship, and in private devotion, and also in the essential work of sharing Christ with those who do not yet know him.

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By Lisa Tranquilla

Saturday, May 14, 2016 sixty-five ladies from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick gathered at Gunningsville Baptist Church in Riverview, New Brunswick for a day of fellowship and teaching by Dawn Stephens and Kathy Morales.

Dawn Stephens is the Women's Minister at The Church at Brook Hills, in Birmingham, Alabama. She serves as a LifeWay Ministry Multiplier for women's ministry training. Kathy Morales is the women's ministry leader at the CNBC.

The event began with worship by the worship team from Providence Christian Church from Riverview, New Brunswick. The rest of the morning Dawn Stephens spoke on His Story, My Story, His Creation, My Courage. She shared tools with us on how to tell our story. We all have a story to tell. God knew our story before we did and if we let Him He will guide us on how to share our story using the tools He has already equipped us with.

God can draw from all of our life experiences to connect with others in everyday conversations. Our stories offer opportunities from which to share the life changing hope found only in Jesus Christ. Dawn encouraged us to spend time in the Word daily searching for our set of spiritual gifts unique to each of us.

After a time for lunch, fellowship and some shopping at the David C. Cook book table, Kathy Morales taught on Impacting Your Relationships with the Gospel. Points discussed were: be spiritually prepared, know the gospel and develop authentic relationships. It was a wonderful continuation to Dawn's morning session to seek God's will and direction for our lives.

In the afternoon Dawn spoke on Ministering to Women to Crisis. All of us know women who are hurting and we have searched for the right words to say, hoping we did the right thing to help our friend. We can know we did the right thing when we point her to Christ and His Word during times of crisis, because God is her hope! We looked at how to rightly respond to hurting women and discovered that it is okay to not have all the answers. We learned practical ways to help, not hurt.

The final session of the day was again from Dawn, Me a Mentor? Mentoring is a lifestyle that changes the lives of all involved. As Christian women we are mentors. As we walk with God, He will walk with us.



Flourish planning team gathers for dinner L-R Kathy, Lisa, Sharon, Jennifer, Sharon, Dawn and Janet

Cadeau Nyounai said, "The Flourish conference dealt with issues that are relevant to Atlantic Canada ladies. I loved that we were given lots of ideas on how to reach out to those around us in their time of need. I left the conference with a stronger desire not to waste God's divine appointments of my life story.

"Sharp afflictions are God's amazing mercies to make me tender, kind and available towards others in their afflictions. It was very encouraging to see the speakers' confidence in these manifestations of God's divine love in one's life story," Cadeau added.

Dawn and Kathy provided reference materials and tools to help us *Flourish* in our ministries by cultivating a deeper love for God and His Word.

Flourish was a starting point after the East Coast Baptist Association appointed Janet Terris to oversee this event at their fall annual meeting. We would like to thank Kathy Morales, CNBC, LifeWay Women and the North Carolina WMU for their partnership and investment in our women.





Church planters' wives gather to provide support for each other and be equipped with tools for ministry.

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NLBA women's retreat: 'Together' with Christ and with each other



By Linda Jarrett

On May 13–14, women from Northern Lights Baptist Association affiliated churches in Saskatchewan gathered for the annual NLBA Women's Retreat at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp, north of Regina.

The group was blessed to have Mary Parra as guest speaker. Mary, Cesar and their three children, Rebecca, David, and Samuel are CNBC international missionaries to Spain. They recently relocated from Seville to Mairena, Spain, shortly before leaving to come home to Canada for home assignment throughout the summer. The theme of the retreat this year was "Together." The women were blessed sitting under Mary's teaching from 1 Peter 1–2. She taught from God's Word on being together

with Christ and with each other in our identity: together in His suffering and glory, together in the battle and together in the mission. The women were inspired and challenged to follow the Lord's instruction and were deeply enriched by Mary's ministry during the weekend.

Many thanks to Mary for leaving her family in Ontario to travel to Saskatchewan to speak at our retreat. Thank you, Northern Lights Baptist Association and Canadian National Baptist Convention, for supporting this event in Saskatchewan. Thanks to Sandra Winnipeg for taking photos.



Mary Parra, guest speaker



Five Steps to Better Discipline

By Gary Chapman

Mikey talks back when you tell him to pick up his toys. He's been talking back a lot, in fact, and you've had it. After getting your anger under control, you send him to his room. You tell yourself, "He'll think twice before he sasses me again."

The next day in the car you tell Mikey to stop kicking the back of your seat. He ignores your warning and keeps kicking all the way to the store. Then he throws a fit when you won't buy him a box of Happy Hyper Flakes cereal.

When you get him home, you put his favorite toy on a closet shelf, sit him down for a time-out, and tell him he won't be allowed to watch his favorite "Veggie Tales" video all day. But after his time-out there's another confrontation, and you're about to lose your mind. That's when you ask yourself, "What am I doing wrong? Why can't he just behave?" Parents face dilemmas like this almost daily. You know you can't go on like this, but you feel like you've exhausted all your options.

Kids are experts at explaining why it wasn't really their fault and using their charm to soften us up. They're also skilled at pushing all the right buttons to make us so mad we can't see straight. No wonder it's so hard to enforce family rules.

Punishment is only a small part of the discipline process. Here are some guidelines to help you reinforce the positive side of discipline.

- Be consistent. Fatigue and stress often cause one of two things to happen. We let our kids misbehave because we're too weary to enforce the rules, or, in our frustration, we come down too hard on them for minor infractions. The child doesn't understand why he got a spanking yesterday when he poured milk into the aquarium, but when he tried the same thing this morning using grape juice, he got off scott free.
 - Rather than confusing our children, we can help them by enforcing the same rules in the same way every day. Consistency in discipline is just as important as consistency in love.
 - 2. Keep your cool. When our kids act up, it's natural to feel angry or even rejected. But those emotions work

against successful discipline. When your child is a repeat offender, it takes self-control to step back from the situation before issuing a punishment. "You're grounded for: a) the rest of your life! b) the rest of the school year! c) the rest of the week!" Think before you lay down the law. Punishment that is out of proportion to the offense creates resentment in a child.

- 3. Clarify the consequences. Children need to know ahead of time what the rules are, and what the penalty will be if they break one of those rules. So, you tell your child, "Your sister's dolls are off limits because you're not careful when you play with them." Once the rule is clear, spell out the consequences. "If you play with her dolls, you will have to take a 10-minute time-out." Then stick to it.
- 4. Be forgiving. When kids ignore our warnings and repeat the same troublesome behavior, we sometimes take it personally. But harboring hard feelings doesn't contribute to discipline that is fair. If your child acknowledges that what he did was wrong and says he is willing to change, make it clear that you forgive him. Then enforce the agreed-upon consequences of his action. It is important for your child to understand that, although he is forgiven, there is still a consequence for his action.
- 5. Overlook past offenses. No matter how hard your child tries to obey, he will slip up before long. When that happens, it's tempting to review recent history. "You forgot to walk the dog again, just like last week and the week before!" What your child hears you say is, "You're a failure. Why do you keep messing up?"

If God did that to us, we'd feel like rejects, not beloved children. In His grace, God forgets our sins after we confess them (Isaiah 43:25; Psalm 103:8-13). Practice the same type of grace with your child by leaving past disobedience in the past.

We want our children to turn toward home to get the help they need, so it's essential that we do not put conditions on our love. Whether we are correcting our children with words and actions, or punishing them for repeated misdeeds, we need to do it in love. God loves us no matter what we do. We need to link our discipline with that same kind of love for our kids.

Dr Gary Chapman is a relationship counselor, speaker and author of the *The 5 Love Languages* series. Since the success of his first book, Dr. Chapman has expanded his the series with special editions that reach out specifically to singles, men, and parents of teens and young children.



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Oasis on the West Coast

By Heather Bond

The great and beautiful west coast of Canada is not the typical place that one sees the need for an oasis. With its lush green forests and vast oceans, there is no dry desert land in sight. But even in the midst of God's great grandeur, He knows that we need margins in our life.

¹Oasis: noun 1. a small fertile or green area in a desert region, usually having a spring or well. 2. something serving as a refuge, relief, or pleasant change from what is usual, annoying, difficult, etc.*

God knew from the beginning of creation that

His people needed those margins of rest, reflection and renewal-those times to cease striving and allow Him to meet us in the quietness of His rest.

For pastors and their wives, this margin of rest, of Sabbath, is sometimes quite difficult to accept. The CNBC, together with the WestCoast Baptist Association, provided an "Oasis" opportunity for pastors and wives to find that margin of time to rest in our Father's embrace.

Seventeen ministry couples retreated to **Barnabas** Family Ministries on Keats Island, BC, April 24-26. We were welcomed by a staff eager to nurture weary couples, pampered in luxurious private rooms, nourished with healthy and delicious meals, and enveloped in the serenity of the Creator's oasis.

Standing in the cool night air on the coast of Keats Island surrounded by snow-capped mountains and the brilliant starry sky above is like being inside the protection of a

globe. And if that wasn't enough, we had the added blessing of having Cameron Roxburgh, Pastor of Southside Community Church in Burnaby, encourage us not only to be faithful servants, but more importantly, to be sons and daughters whose confident

beautiful snow

identity is found in our Father and whose service is an outpouring of the mission of God.

So what did seventeen ministry couples find at Barnabas Family Ministries? We found an oasis of fellowship, a time to rest weary souls, "a refuge, relief and a pleasant change from our usual, and sometimes difficult" life in



ministry. We found a place and a time to rest in the gentle embrace of our loving Father.

Heather Bond and her church planter husband, Matthew, attended the West Coast Oasis. ¹www.dictionary.com



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En Route Prayer: The most powerful way to partner

Learned about the power of prayer at a very early age. When I was almost four years old, my mom became ill and required multiple surgeries in a short period of time. I remember my dad telling us one time that we needed to pray because Mom may not make it through the night. He not only prayed with us, but he also reached out to our church family and asked them to join us in prayer.

The gathered church received the call from my dad in the midst of their Sunday evening service and immediately began praying for my mom. One godly deacon went home that night and continued praying until he had an answer from the Lord. He called my dad at 2 a.m. and said, "I have been praying all night. You can go to sleep now; the Lord has said that your wife will make it."

The next morning, it was discovered that my mom had continued to get worse throughout the night, but at 2 a.m. she had miraculously begun to recover. From this moment on, I never doubted that God answers prayer!

The best way that you can partner with a missionary (church planter, international missionary, etc.) and your own pastor and staff is to pray. As we pray, God will show us ways that we can support, encourage, and provide for our pastor(s) and missionaries. But it all starts with prayer.

I would encourage you and your family to pray specifically for your pastor(s) and to adopt a missionary that you can intentionally pray for. By intentional, I mean more than "God bless our missionary." By intentional, I mean very specific prayer requests, guided by scripture, over multiple days, weeks, or even months.

Here are a few practical ways we can focus our prayers for our pastors and adopted missionaries. Pick one or try them all:

- Pray the Lord's Prayer Rephrase Matthew 5:9–13 to specifically pray for your pastor/missionary. Pray that God uses them to advance His Kingdom. Pray that God will practically provide for their daily needs. Pray that God will protect them and their families against the attacks of the evil one.
- Pray for the Fruit of the Spirit Let Galatians 5:22– 23 guide your prayer. Pick a different fruit of the Spirit each day and ask for that character to be evident in your pastor/missionary's life this day. That's nine days of prayer!
- **Pray for Provision** Claim Philippians 4:19 on behalf of the pastor/missionary.
- **Pray for a Harvest** Use Galatians 6:9 to pray that your pastor/missionary will see a harvest in their ministry. And pray for strength and endurance as they labour.
- **Pray for Protection** Pray that Philippians 4:8 would be true for your pastor/missionary's life. Pray God would protect their thoughts and heart.
- Pray Responsively Ask the Lord if there is any practical way that you and your family can specifically encourage, support, or provide for the pastor/ missionary for whom you have been praying.

Which missionary should you pray for? If your church partners with a church plant begin with that church planter and his family. Or, contact me; I would love to help connect you with a missionary in Canada or internationally that you can pray with: <u>pblackaby@namb.net</u> or 905-829-5244. (Note: Information for some international missionaries may be limited for security purposes.)

Your pastor and our missionaries need your prayers!



Celebrating New Life at West Edmonton Fellowship

By Brian Garcia

EDMONTON, AB—On April 17, West Edmonton Fellowship celebrated and witnessed five believers following Jesus in baptism. What an exciting day that was. The four men and one woman each came from a background of addiction. Each baptismal candidate got up before the church that Sunday and publicly testified before friends and family, sharing who they were and who they have become in Christ: new creations!

We believe deeply in the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19–20). Baptism is a step of faith and obedience to God and is a public declaration that we believe and belong to Jesus. That Sunday 54 individuals gathered to witness and celebrate five lives that the Lord "rescued from the domain of darkness and transferred … into the Kingdom of the Son he loves" (Colossians 1:13). Each of the five gave a heartfelt testimony and made a clear declaration of faith in Jesus.

One of the individuals who was baptized grew up in a troubled home and became addicted to drugs at a young age. He said during his testimony, "I believe with my whole heart that my Creator was with me every step. My Lord and Saviour was always with me and has given me new life! I've never felt anything like this in my entire life; His love for me is unlike any other ... I now look for ways to glorify my heavenly Father."

Last year we had the privilege of seeing eleven people baptized at our church. Pray with us that the Lord will give us another year of wonderful harvest. Praise the Lord for all that He is accomplishing for His glory and Kingdom in West Edmonton. Let us continue to be thankful and celebrate our new life in Christ!



Pastor Brian Garcia baptizes new believers on April 17.



Baptismal candidates share their testimonies with the church.



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Kingdom Seeds Derek Jones retires as Atlantic Provinces church planter catalyst





planting throughout these provinces. He has worked diligently to discover, develop, and deploy church planters as well as connecting potential church planting partner churches to this region. He will be greatly missed by me and other leaders of the CNBC in that region.

One of the great assets Derek brought to his work was that he is indigenous to Atlantic Canada, growing up in Fredericton, NB. Derek was born April 26, 1956, so he turned 60 this year.

His father was a well-known leader on the Milk Board and Derek worked in various aspects of farming and agriculture for many years. He met his wife, Sheila, in Fredericton and they have been married for 37 years. They have four children: Matthew (Becky), Jordan (Kelli), Daniel (Rebecca) and Megan (John). These children have provided them with seven grandchildren to spoil and dote on.

Before he began his role as a catalyst, he pastored three churches including the one he planted as a NAMB church

Welcome to Alberta, Gary and Sue Smith and children: Caleb, Joshua, Andrew and Sarah. Gary is serving as Church Planter

> Catalyst for Calgary.



planting missionary in Utah. He went to Syracuse, Utah, in 2001 to plant Lakeside Church and pastored it until December 2010. Now his son, Matt, is the pastor.

During his tenure as pastor, Lakeside was made up of one third former Mormons. He turned it into a church planting church. They planted their first daughter church in 2005, and set the pace in training new church planters. He was also involved in setting up a church planting network for Utah and southern Idaho.

When he returned to his home territory, he brought just the right balance of strategic thinking, catalytic energy, and church planting experience. <u>In this 2014 video</u> for our Cooperative Giving Program you can catch a glimpse of his ministry passion. While he was the catalyst, I saw the culture shift toward church planting being normal and desirable for a church to participate in. He saw a dozen churches catalyzed, most with input or help from him. Existing plants moved toward self-support, and he kept communication flowing among the various churches.

Derek doesn't feel like God is done with him, and is prayerfully searching for what God has for him now. To the extent that his health allows, he intends to be involved in church planting, mentoring rising leaders, and making disciples to help extend the Kingdom throughout Atlantic Canada.

CNBC Church Plants 2016

- 5 Elevation Church Canada (website) Mississauga, ON. Planter: Stephen Finch
- 6 Jesus the Lord Almighty City Church Toronto, ON. Planter and wife: Edgar & Annabel Villarosa



7 Centre Chretien Source de Vie (website) Saint-Jerome, QC. Planter and wife: Jenmari Payant & Marie-Jose Albert

FAST FACT: 10 percent of all current CNBC churches were started in 2015! Canadian National Baptist Convention has 360 churches; 36 were started last year. (FB)



Reasons Why I Want My Husband to Have a Coach

Coaching Reflections from a Church Planting Wife

By Heather Bond

I am a church planting wife. You, too? Then you will know exactly what I mean when I tell you how I fell in love with my husband's passion 25 years ago—his passion for life, for people, but mostly for God. I absolutely adored his big dreams and endless lists of unimaginable ideas. His shootfor-the-moon vitality of life inspired me, not only to love him deeply, but also to follow after God with zeal. Oh, the adventure I saw in this man and in our future!

And then, 22 years, two kids, and lots of life later ... another adventure began. We stepped into the water of faith, and the rushing river of God's plan led us to planting a church 3,000 miles from home, in a land where we knew no one but God. And you know what? I love this adventure our faithful God has us on! And I still love my husband's passion, his crazy ideas, and his *we can do anything God asks us to do faith*. But sometimes those amazing qualities we love so much in our husbands can be the very things that drive us up the wall about our church planters.

A church planter's passion can lead to always being on the go, always doing more—a never-resting kind of lifestyle. The endless ideas can lead to long, ever-growing task lists. And the dreams can become quite scary when you feel ill equipped, overworked, and lonely.

So, here are five reasons why I want my husband to have a coach:

1) Coaching helps my dreamer dream. Coaching funnels those dreams through the filter of a coach who is not emotionally attached and helps us know when to move forward and when to wait.

2) Coaching helps my dreamer hear. Coaching is like noise-canceling headphones; it takes all those voices, internal and external, in my husband's life and helps him discern which one is the Holy Spirit's. 3) Coaching helps my dreamer believe in himself.Coaching draws my husband back to God's plan, power, and ability to accomplish His will through him. It helps him fight the spiritual battle of low self-esteem and low productivity by focusing his attention on what God wants him to do next.

4) Coaching helps my



Matthew and Heather Bond

dreamer unwind. The verbal outlet with a coach who gets this whole church planting adventure is vital to my husband's mental health. He needs to talk to someone who is not financially or emotionally invested, not part of the church, and not his wife.

5) Coaching helps my dreamer move from dreams of grandeur to real-life success. By defining success, creating action plans, and being held accountable, my church planter can accomplish God's plans and experience the joy of every victory, both small and God-sized.

Coaching is not just one more thing to add to our busy schedule. Coaching is a lifeline for my husband as a church planter—and it's a lifeline for our marriage, too. If your husband doesn't have a coach, encourage him to find one today. Ask your sending church pastor, Church Planter Catalyst, or Send City Missionary about coaches in your area.

Matthew and Heather Bond moved from Fort Worth, Texas, to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, three years ago to plant Ekklesia Community Church (<u>www.ekklesiabc.ca</u>) in Sidney, BC. They have two boys: Ethan (17) and Joseph (15).

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Faithfulness and Bearing Fruit

Encouragement for church planter wives <u>Click for Send Network Blog video:</u> With author, Christine Hoover Her book: The Church Planting Wife



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Turning Truth into Action

How Coaches Help Church Planters

"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13 ESV).

By Dino Senesi

Ridesharing describes a wave of new businesses where a person uses their personal automobile to help someone get somewhere. Most of us think of sports when we hear the word coach. But when you think of a church planter coach, think ridesharing. Here is a simple definition:

Coaching is a vehicle to help people get to the place where God wants them.

A coach helps you get to God's destination in your life and ministry. Has coaching become a new wave meant to replace learning best practices and proven formulas? Absolutely not. Coaching builds on this valuable information to help a church planter process, implement and be accountable for what he is learning. We say it this way:

Great coaches help leaders turn truth into action.

Inside the Car

Coaching is a relationship that involves intentional, ongoing conversations. The value of coaching increases based on two important factors: how many conversations you have and how often you have them.

We prescribe a one-hour conversation, twice a month, for four consecutive months. Random conversations with a great coach a few times a year would not be as valuable as consistent meetings. Think of church planter coaching as one conversation in eight scheduled installments.

A coach rides alongside a church planter offering great questions, encouragement and feedback like: "Look at what God is doing through you and around you." "Way to go!" "Watch out!"

Here are four simple ways a coach helps:

Function	Benefit	Question
Processing	Clarity	"Where do you need to go next?"
Planning	Action	"How do you need to get there?"
Assessing	Discovery	"What do you need?" "Who can help you?"
Debriefing	Accountability	"How is your plan working?"

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For more information about church planter coaching, contact your local NAMB Church Planter Catalyst or Send City Missionary. <u>contact info here</u>

Visit

Sending Well: Principles and Practices of Church Planter Coaching to receive a free e-book.



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The Value of Coaching cont. from p. 18

Planters Affirm the Value of Coaching

Church planters are discovering how valuable coaching can be amidst the multiple challenges of living out their calling:

My coach helps me by encouraging me, helping me to set goals, developing strategies, evaluating effort, and staying focused.

Derrick Wilhelmus, The Bridge www.thebridgemovement.net

I have so many different voices speaking to me as a church planter ... It's refreshing to be able to stand back and evaluate what they are saying and what direction I need to take to honour the Lord and what He is saying to me through all of this!

Terry Branscombe, The Refuge <u>www.the-refuge.ca</u>

Iron sharpens iron: coaching has sharpened my focus on fulfilling the vision God has given me as a church planter on Vancouver Island.

Matthew Bond, Ekklesia Baptist Church www.ekklesiabc.ca

Developing Coaches

Toronto leaders continued the process of developing church planter coaches in March. Montreal leaders will do the same in May. Calgary and Edmonton leaders recently began developing a new process of one-on-one church planter coaching as well.

The implementation process begins with an invitation for a select group of leaders to the *One Day Coaching Map*. The

Toronto One Day Coaching Map Group



Map is an interactive workshop that provides orientation for church planter coaches. Coaches sharpen their skills and learn how a local coaching system works. Women interested in coaching church planters' wives also attend the Map.

"Coaching provides an incredible place for pastors to not only provide a place for personal growth, but it allows them to be a part of the bigger kingdom picture by investing into the life of other pastors," said Toronto Send Missionary Brett Porter.

Calgary and Edmonton Send Missionary Bob Shelton saw value beyond the strategic and tactical advances a planter needs to make. "Coaching allows planters to begin to build a brotherhood which builds a relationship to remind the planter he is not alone," said Shelton.



Church Administration

Church Payroll Checkup

I am often asked questions relating to remuneration and taxable benefits for church employees. Recognizing that employment legislation varies from province to province and that sometimes there are no standard answers, I would like to share some general information for you to think about as you pay individuals involved in the ministry of your church.

Personnel Records

Regarding employment records, each year you should prepare an annual "Letter of Employment" for your employees. This letter simply outlines the salary figures for the current year, the benefits (such as RSP and group insurance), vacation entitlements and any other information pertinent to the payroll package. In addition, <u>TD1's</u>, federal and provincial, should be updated and kept current to direct the employer in tax deductions. A copy of all such documents should be kept in the employee's file.

If an employee is claiming Clergy Residence Deduction, copies of the <u>T1223</u> and, if applicable, the authorization letter from CRA to deduct this benefit at source, should also be kept in the file.

If an employee has reached age 65 and started to collect the Canada Pension while still working, the employer must continue to take CPP deductions unless the employee has completed and filed CRA's form <u>CPT30</u>, "Election to Stop Contributing to the Canada Pension Plan". A copy of this form should be kept in the file.

Employment Income (Click here for more info)

In general, employment income includes all employerprovided salary and employer-provided benefits related to the employment and as such is taxable. You may think calling it something different means that it is not taxable. What you call it does not define the reality. There are very few exceptions to the rule.

Churches will sometimes bless their regular volunteers with a one-time amount in appreciation for their service. This might apply to teachers or lay leaders and might be called an honorarium or stipend recognizing their ongoing commitment and service. It might be in the form of a gift certificate, a gift, or money but any type of compensation would essentially suggest that these individuals are now employees. Therefore, this type of payment would be considered salary and the proper deductions should be taken and a T4 issued. Where individuals come in and are paid an honorarium for a single engagement, such as guest speakers, musicians, teachers and leaders, the church would not need to consider this as salary and no deductions would be necessary.

If an individual is self-employed and has been hired to provide a service to your church, that individual must provide

> an invoice that the church will reimburse and then the amount would not be taxable.

If the income/benefit is taxable, it is also pensionable (CPP) and insurable (EI) in the eyes of Canada Revenue Agency. The annual maximum Canada Pension Plan employee amount for 2016 is \$2,544.30 and for Employment Insurance the maximum is \$955.04.

The employer also has an annual maximum amount that must be contributed.

Gifts to Employees (Click here for more info)

Any gift to an employee would be considered a taxable benefit unless it fulfills the following criteria:

- A non-cash gift or award for less than \$500.00 annually.
- An employment anniversary gift for less than \$500.00 (term cannot be less than 5 years).

If the gift noted above exceeds the \$500.00 limit, the amount in excess is taxable.

Cash or near cash (gift cards, gift certificates), bonuses, and points redeemable for awards are all considered as taxable benefits.

Travel Allowance (Click here for more info)

If your church pays a travel allowance, your employee must turn in a travel log and receipts to account for the travel reimbursement. A per kilometre reimbursement is the only acceptable method of providing a tax-free allowance to an employee for the use of his vehicle in connection with his employment. If no travel log is kept, the allowance would be considered a taxable benefit. The allowance must not be more than the actual annual cost.

There is much more detailed information available on the CRA website, <u>www.cra-arc.gc.ca</u>. Also, be sure to check your provincial employment standards to ensure you are up to date.

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Church Benevolence: Public or Private?

By Joan Bruce

C hurches have always been active in benevolence, doing acts of kindness or compassion for those in need. However, care must be taken to ensure that such ministry is in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.

The Canadian Income Tax Act requires a charity to use all its resources, receipted or not receipted, for charitable purposes—purposes that benefit the public. Benevolence funds must be used to help the poor and needy in the community and not just the church members. It is not appropriate for a church to be involved in private benevolence or to act as a channel for private benevolence. Gifts received by a church for benevolence must be for the church's program and use and should not be designated for a specific individual or family.

Your church should have a policy in place that governs benevolent ministries and guards against such activity becoming private benevolence. Often the emotion attached to a particular situation governs the action of the body and puts the church at risk of engaging in activity that is not in line with her policies or charitable purpose.

Churches should consider writing a clear benevolence fund policy to help with this ministry of the church. This policy would include information on the following:

- · How will your church assess the need?
- · Who is eligible to receive such funding?
- · What kind of support will you offer?
- · What kind of support will you not offer?
- · What will the priorities be?
- How will you document the need and the action?
- Who will administer benevolent funds?

There is a sample policy on our <u>CNBC web site</u>, that may be helpful as you develop ministry guidelines for your church in this area.



Although this article was written at the request of some churches and pastors earlier this year, it comes at a time when local churches are looking for ways to help the people of **Fort McMurray**, **Alberta**, put their lives back together after the devastating wildfires. Probably the best way our CNBC churches can help is through <u>Canadian Global Response</u> (CGR). Please contact CGR, <u>administration@c-g-r.ca</u>, for ways you or your church might be involved in the relief efforts there.

Learn something new this year ... e-quip.net

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Mosaic Church celebrates two years of ministry

By Chen Tzi Fu

LLOYDMINSTER, AB—It was a beautiful spring day on April 6 when more than 400 people gathered to celebrate the second anniversary of <u>Mosaic Church in Lloydminster</u>, Alberta. The anniversary celebration highlights lives changed by the grace of God and the Gospel of Jesus



through Mosaic.

The church's media team has prepared a video series of testimonies highlighting individuals who have come to faith in Jesus and were baptized over the last twelve months.



as well as stories of de-churched millennials who have returned to Christ at Mosaic. The <u>video testimonies</u> will be played every week for the next seven weeks to encourage believers and seekers alike to recognize that God is at work in each person's life and the life of the church, and to impassion them to lead others to Christ.

The same day was the kick-off of a new sermon series called *Anomaly* based on the book of Ephesians. In the opening sermon, the pastor spoke of how everything about God, Jesus, the Spirit and the church is an anomaly, a deviation from the norm, what's expected and the world's standards. "The moment we received Christ as Lord and Saviour, we have begun our life as anomalies—we have become a peculiar people!" says Mosaic's lead pastor, Jon Las. The church was encouraged to keep reaching people in their spheres of influence; and to never assume that a person is a *believer* just because they say they go to church.

"We are two years old; we are still a *baby* church. Many of our people are so new to this 'way of life' called Christianity that they have yet to learn what tithing means," shared the pastor. "The number of new believers is so overwhelming we often find ourselves in less-ideal situations—for example, some of our children's ministry volunteers are so new to the faith, they are learning the Bible stories for the first time at the same time as the kids they serve!" Over the last twenty-four months, Mosaic has seen 330 people receive Christ as Lord and Saviour, and 108 of them have been baptized. At the last baptism party held in February, nine people were baptized. "We are not driven by numbers, but we do have some form of obsession with numbers, and here's why: We believe that every number has a name, every name has a story and every story matters to God," says Pastor Jon.

"I remember the day in late March 2014 when Richie Davies (a trustee) and I drove to the CNBC's headquarters in Cochrane, Alberta—ready to present the church planting plans of Mosaic. Everything was happening so fast that we felt unprepared for such an endeavour, but Dan Morgan (CNBC's church planting national team leader) said, 'I really believe you guys are ready!' So the following weekend, we gathered Mosaic for the first time!" recalls the pastor.

At the close of the anniversary sermon, Pastor Jon shared the vision of becoming a church planting base in the Lakeland region. The church's leadership team has identified two towns, and encourages the congregation to start praying for a potential campus plant within the next two years. Wainwright (a military town) and Vermillion (a college town) both have almost 6,000 in population. Mosaic believes God is positioning them to reach the region's "shopping" population of 100,000. Lloydminster is in the centre of that region and the largest population centre between Edmonton and Saskatoon. Families and individuals from as far as Marwayne, Bonnyville, Wainwright and North Battleford drive to Lloydminster to attend church.

Mosaic also maintains a vital ministry partnership with Onion Lake Church, an evangelical community inside the Onion Lake First Nations Reservation. In the last year, seven new believers have been baptized at Onion Lake as a result of that partnership.



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The Gathering–Windsor celebrates second birthday

WINDSOR, ON—With a record attendance of over 380 people packed into a renovated warehouse in south Windsor on Sunday, May 1, <u>The Gathering in Windsor</u> celebrated its second birthday. The day was unseasonably cool and wet but the weather did not dampen the spirits of the teams of dedicated servants who hosted a crowd almost twice the size of their normal Sunday morning attendance.

Four believers were baptized after each one gave a



Gospel-centred testimony of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Two couples were introduced who may give leadership to a new church plant in Sarnia, Ontario, with help from The Gathering.

Pastor Garth Leno spoke on "A Time to Celebrate,"

and reminded the audience of the joy in celebrating God's Word, Christian community, new life, and the Gospel. Later, the church family fed everyone on-site and four slab cakes were consumed.

The children enjoyed games in the back parking lot including bean bag toss, a fishing pool, chalk art, and hockey



shots. One of the special guests was an illusionist who kept everyone guessing, "How did he do that?!" This event was made possible by a grant from the CNBC, thanks to the generous giving of our churches through the Cooperative Giving Program. Clockwise from left: Pastor Garth Leno presents the gospel and gives the audience a chance to respond.

Two couples considering church planting are introduced.

One of four believers is baptized. Record

numbers celebrate at The Gathering.





Student called by God to do impossible things

By Julie Jameson

My story is not one of completion, nor of how God worked out all of the details and made His plan painfully simple,

and I made it to the end of the road. That's not to say that God isn't working. Rather, for almost a year now, He has been telling me to go and I simply didn't listen to the call.

Leading up to my first trip to Vancouver last summer, I heard God say to me, "You'll move there someday." I dismissed that thought—I'd never even been to the country! Who am I to think



Julie, second from left, with Vancouver Project leaders

God is calling me to move there? Heading to Vancouver, I thought about not having used my sign language in a long time and began wishing that I could use it on this trip. I dismissed the idea, thinking that there would be no need for it. However, three days into the trip, during a cookout with the church, a deaf student from the local college showed up with a church member. Shortly after meeting him, the friend he came with had to leave. I was left to interpret everything for him.

The Vancouver Project

In March 2016, The Point Church at Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver, British Columbia, hosted "The Vancouver Project," where visiting teams of students from the States were introduced to the great ministry needs in the Greater Vancouver area. The teams of students joined SFU students and The Point Church leaders

to minister on three different campuses. They were actively introduced to evangelism on these campuses. Each evening ended with a time of worship and commitment.



The next Vancouver Project for university students and young adults will be March 13-17, 2017 with The Point Church, Vancouver, BC.

Click here for information and registration

I don't remember much of what was said that night. I do recall two things. First, while interpreting, signs came to me that I forgot I had ever learned. And secondly, at the end of the short message, as I was apologizing for my poor skills,

> this young man stopped me and said, "I don't mind. I've never heard any of those things. There aren't any interpreters at the churches here, so I've never been."

I should have packed to move to Canada right then, but I listened to many lies from the enemy for a long time before taking that step. Lies such as, "Who are you to think The Point Church needs your help? They've

been flourishing without you. How presumptuous of you to go to the pastor and tell him that God is calling you to serve at a church where you aren't even a member!"

In March 2016 I returned to Vancouver to take part in the <u>Vancouver Project</u>, a spring break missions experience. I prayed for months leading up to the trip that God would open the heart of the pastor, Victor, to what I had to say with regard to what was on my heart. Also for the boldness and courage to say it! I told Victor the first day in town that I wanted to speak to him, but it wasn't until my fourth night there that we had a chance to talk. I realize now that God wasn't finished speaking to me through the words of the speakers who were there.

That week, Austin Hill spoke of the crazy plans God often puts in place for our lives. He asked if we had an open mind to "That crazy something" that God has planned. Salt Jones shared that "A Christian can say 'No, God', but they can't say 'No, Lord'. The moment he says 'No, Lord', He ceases to be Lord."

Finally, Mel Cruikshank spoke about "Living a Sent Life." We studied about a dozen people and groups whom God had sent. Some went willingly, like Christ, while others took some convincing, like Jonah ... and me. He finished by saying that living a "sent" life is intentional, and that we should "trust that God is going ahead of you and preparing a way for you."

On my fourth night in town, I went to dinner with Victor, his wife Candice, and Mel. I shared with them what was on my heart and watched their faces in anticipation, waiting for

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Please be praying for new university church plants that are in the beginning stages at the following locations:

University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta

Simon Ho is leading U of A Christian Fellowship (UACF) with the hopes of it becoming a campus-based church plant at the University of Alberta.

University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, British Columbia

Kelly and Jeanne Manire served in Canada for many years



Kelly Manire stands on a hill that overlooks the city of Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley.

the Manires accepted early retirement and moved back to the greater Vancouver area. They sense a strong call to serve as bivocational "university community church" planters at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, BC.

<u>CEGEP Beauce-Appalaches</u> in St-George de Beauce, Quebec

David Chouinard Pasteur/Implanteur of Église Urbaine 180° in Quebec City hopes to plant a church at this <u>CEGEP</u> (College). An event is being planned "to reach students of this college and the city with the Gospel ... ultimately we plan for a church plant in the same place," says Chouinard.

Ottawa, Ontario

God has called Chris and Melody Julian, an IMB missionary couple in Brazil, to Ottawa, with the goal of reaching university students. "After 21 years, four cities and three different regions of Brazil, we will be moving to Ottawa, Canada. We'll continue working with university students," the Julians wrote in a recent letter.

It is still too soon to know

what type of ministry will develop through this couple. Celebration!, a CNBC church, pastored by Jason Byers, is reaching Ottawa campuses, but with three large university campuses there is a great need for expanded ministry.

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their response. When he finally replied, Victor shared that he saw the need for an interpreter. Immediately after sharing that I feel called to move to Vancouver, and eventually serve as an interpreter, I felt a weight lift from me. Nine months of waiting to go where God called me, and worrying and wondering, were gone.

The next day our group visited Douglas College, where I hoped to attend. Since I've been back to the States I told a friend that walking on campus and having the conversations I did was like watching God lay out each step for me, before my very eyes. Doors were opened, the right people were in the right places, and I could see the sovereign hand of God directing our path and conversations that day.

A friend who was with me on this last trip told me that "Waiting to go (after God has told you to do so) is the same as not going, and that is a sin." Additionally, "We are not called by God to do easy things. We are called by God to do impossible things." That's what I'm working on now. The crazy, difficult, impossible plan that is not crazy, difficult, or impossible to my great God.



Large Scale "Perspective Cards" are used for evangelism by The Point Church at SFU during the "Vancouver Project."



Melody and Chris Julian

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Leave a legacy of integrity

CSBS&C Graduation: May 7, 2016

By Elaine Phillips

COCHRANE, AB— <u>Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary</u> <u>& College</u> conferred thirteen degrees, one certificate and one diploma at its twenty-seventh graduation ceremony on May 7. The event was highlighted by the commencement address given by Dr Frankie Rainey who is retiring from CSBS&C after serving ten years as campus pastor and professor of biblical studies. While planning for his retirement, Rainey has been thinking a great deal about farewell addresses. In preparation for this message, he investigated some of the farewell speeches in the Bible. After commending the class of 2016 on their hard work and perseverance, Rainey suggested they may want to visit the highlighted passages again in the future to develop a series of sermons or Bible studies.

Beginning with Moses' words in Deuteronomy 34:9 (about

2016 graduates (left-right, front row to back): Leona Papineau, MDiv; Helen Park, MBS*; Hanseung (Henry) Kim, MDiv; Cavan Higgins, CCS; Shauna Dolan, MCS; Leslie Lentz, BCMin; Daniel Kazmaier, MDiv; Emily Buck, MDiv*: Russell Falk, BCMin*; John Loge, MBS*; Sebastian Guenther, BCMin; Breann Ryan, DCS; Daniel Spelliscy, MDiv*; David Hanson, MCMin*; Jeffrey Way, MCS.

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

> Grad photos by Brenda Peacock



Joshua being filled with the spirit of wisdom), he exhorted students to "pursue wisdom." Warning against "knowledge without wisdom" which can lead to "intellectual snobbery," Rainey reminded listeners that wisdom would enable them to apply knowledge correctly. Next, citing Joshua's famous words. "Choose for yourselves whom you will serve," he urged graduands to "nail down [their] commitment to Jesus as Lord. Affirm that confession regularly."

"There will be times when you face disappointment and discouragement. At times you will feel like a failure. You will face criticism. Don't allow yourselves to fight back. Turn to Jesus and say, 'You are Lord of this situation. I cannot handle

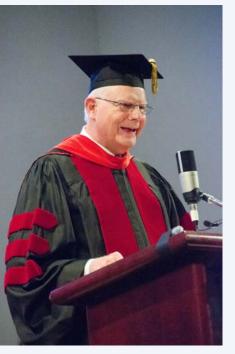
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it properly. Once again, I surrender to you.' There will be times when you do not know what to do. Again, turn to Jesus and say, 'You are Lord over this situation. Show me what to do!'"



Dr Frankie Rainey gives the commencement address at the CSBS&C graduation.

Another farewell address is recorded in 1 Samuel 12. Rainey instructed listeners to follow the prophet's example and leave a legacy of integrity: "No matter where you go or what you do ... let your conduct be such that your life can be an open book with nothing to hide. Who you are at home should be the same person you are in public ministry. Be genuine."

In 1 Samuel 12:23, the prophet says, "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you." Rainey suggested

developing a plan for praying regularly for those under one's spiritual care. "It is work done in private and you may never know how God is using your prayers," he said. All the same, "Become an intercessor!"

King David's last words to Solomon, his successor, are recorded in 1 Kings 2. Applying David's teaching, Rainey counselled students to take personal ownership of their faith: "Take responsibility for your actions and decisions," he said. "If things do not go the way you hope, don't blame others. Develop your own personal walk of faith. Have your heroes and mentors, but allow the Lord to develop you into the person He created you to be. There is a niche in the Kingdom that only you can fill. When God called you, He called *you*! If you are trying to be someone else, it will not work."

Paul's farewell speech appears in 2 Timothy. In the apostle's words, "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2:8). He continues, "Preach [teach] the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (4:1–2). Rainey challenged listeners to do this "when it is well received and when it is ignored, when it is convenient and when it is not, when it is popular and when it is not." He reminded the graduating students to "get into the Word until the Word gets into you! Read it. Memorize it. Meditate upon it. Live by it. Be a lifelong student of the Word!"

The last words of Jesus are recorded in John 20:19, 21: "Peace be with you."

"Peace is that deep settled inward rest in knowing all is well no matter what," said Rainey. "Jesus has given you that peace. You will need it when the storms come, when people disappoint you, when you are betrayed, when dear friends die, when you have no more strength left. Receive His peace!"

Rainey continued, "Jesus added these words, 'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

"You know your assignment," Rainey reminded the students embarking on the next chapter in their journey of faith. "You are to make disciples. You cannot do that in your own strength. You must be empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit. You cannot live the Christian life apart from the Spirit. You cannot offer godly counsel without the Spirit. You cannot bear life's challenges and difficulties apart from the Spirit. Follow Paul's advice recorded

in Ephesians 5:18, 'Be filled with the Spirit.'"

Rainey concluded with Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."



Dr Rainey receives this year's Faculty Achievement Recognition award from acting dean, Dr Glenn Watson, along with a farewell gift from seminary president, Dr Rob Blackaby.

More Glimpses Dr Kevin Peacock

By Elaine Phillips

Dr Kevin Peacock remembers a very definite sense of calling to be a teacher when he was in grade eight an intense desire to train others. "I've carried that with me ever since," he says. "When the Lord called me into vocational ministry they fit together very well. The thing I love about both ministry and teaching is the value it places on the receiver. I *never lose* when I invest in people, even if I am only able to touch them for a very short period. And God can take that investment and do whatever He deems fit with it. As much as I love teaching and doing ministry, what I love more is to see those I've invested in passing it on to others."

Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Kevin has been teaching at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College for almost two decades. In the words of Dr Rob



Blackaby, president of the seminary: "For twenty years Kevin Peacock has been combining his passion for Hebrew and Old Testament studies with his commitment to invest in the lives of students. There seems to be noth-

ing he likes more than to encourage in his students and colleagues alike a love for God's Word and the application of His Word in our contemporary culture. God has used him to enrich our learning community, and we are grateful."

Kevin's father was a pastor in Louisiana and then Mississippi. When Kevin was six years old, his parents were appointed as foreign missionaries and the family moved to South Korea, which was his home for the next eleven years until he moved back to the States for university. "I was raised in a devoutly Christian home that loved and served the Lord faithfully."

In Deuteronomy 6, God's people are told that Yahweh is their only God; they are to love Him with all their heart, life, and strength. "It goes on to say that we should teach these things to our children and talk about them when we are sitting down or walking, when we lie down and rise up," Kevin says. "My parents took those verses seriously. I can scarcely remember a day when as a family we didn't read God's Word and pray or a Sunday when we didn't attend church. That was the godly context in which I was raised."

At the age of nine the message of sin and salvation started to make sense, and he personally confessed Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Brenda was also raised in a loving Christian home, having grown up in the Texoma area where her father pastored and planted churches. She, too, was nine when she committed her life to Christ.

Similarly, neither Kevin nor Brenda can remember a time when they did not love Jesus.

How did this couple meet, three decades ago? "The Foreign/International Mission Board helped us out!" Kevin attended university in Mississippi, and Brenda in Oklahoma. They both entered the Missionary Journeyman program at the same time, a two-year international missions program for university graduates. "We had a sixweek training in Virginia before going out on the field, and out of our group of 63, 32 were women," Kevin recalls. "I had my eyes open and was taking notes!" His initial prayer was, "Thank you, Lord! All of these women have a heart for missions and a university degree, and all of them have been psychologically screened!" It was there that they met and became friends, corresponding for the next two years (Kevin was in Scotland and Brenda in Suriname), and finally courting when they both returned to the US.

The Peacocks have been married for almost 28 years.

"At the time we moved to Cochrane we had two children, our daughter Meleah (4) and our son Micah (7 months). Since then we had Nathan, the only one who is 'Canadian made.' Meleah (now 23) works in Calgary. Micah (20) is a student at Mount Royal University in Calgary and Nathan (16) is in grade ten.

Kevin spends much of his time reading. "Each morning I try to spend some time with the Lord, reading His Word *before* I read the news. Often that prepares my heart and mind for whatever else I may read or experience that day," he says. His weekdays hold different challenges, determined either by scheduled events, ministry opportunities, or pressing needs for that day. "While classes are in session I make sure I have everything ready for the next class. While I am teaching I want to be fully engaged in the moment, so I try

MG: Dr Kevin Peacock cont. from p. 28

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to give it my all. After class I work ahead on what is coming up, answer mail, or take care of administrative responsibilities. I am usually working on some sort of project, so that keeps me reading, researching, or writing." Kevin maintains an open door policy at the office, making himself available to students or visitors he may encounter.

The Peacocks have come to the conclusion that they are "dog people." In addition to Taekwon-Do class twice a week, and time spent exercising in the school's fitness room after us to see visible results, at least in this lifetime. From our limited human perspective we do not see, hear, or understand everything that God has going on. So we dare not lose hope or grow weary in doing good. A harvest will come in His timing. And God's timing may not mean our timing." Kevin admits, "For a stretch in the not too distant past God had to breathe hope back into me that He was still in control.

"Lately God has been deepening my faith through a study of the Psalms. I have been struck by how little I knew about

work, Kevin enjoys walking the dogs. "Sammy and Sadie are a great outlet for me emotionally, physically, and psychologically." When he can afford it, he enjoys skiing in the wintertime. Favourite holidays include camping in the Rockies.

Kevin has his Taekwon-Do black belt test in June, and if he passes, he will finally catch up to the rest of the family (Brenda and the kids all have theirs).



prayer and worship apart from the teaching God gives us in the 'worship book' of the Bible. God is giving me vocabulary to my prayers, and license for honesty and candidness with Him, yet not allowing me to wallow in self-pity or be content with a shallow faith. God is inviting me into deeper water with Him. The hymn writer said, 'O for grace to trust Him more.' Amen."

Kevin has no shortage of teachers and mentors.

The Peacock family: Kevin, Brenda, Micah, Nathan and Meleah

Brenda teaches four to seven-year-olds in Taekwon-Do in the "Little Kickers" program and the grade three to four Sunday school class at Bow Valley Baptist. Most days she has a camera in her hands and spends much of her time photographing local events. She is also president of the high school music society, so the choral and band programs there keep her quite busy.

Despite their social activities outside the home, both Peacocks place a premium on time together as a family. Kevin says, "When I'm home I like to be 'home.' In other words, I like to leave the office at the office. Seldom do I do school work at home. The supper table is vital time for the Peacock family to catch up with each other."

From July to December the Peacocks will be on "stateside assignment"—their fifth since coming to Canada in 1997. This fall Kevin will do some research and writing, along with some speaking in churches. They will also be homeschooling Nathan. "But a huge part of it will be spending quality time with our parents who are getting older."

One of the challenges in Kevin's work is seeing little immediate fruit despite his best efforts. "My calling first and foremost is to be faithful to God, but He doesn't always allow Among others, three people have touched his life personally and encouraged him in his journey: "My father has had an indelible influence on my life and ministry. He received three seminary degrees, in music, religious education, and divinity—which he used virtually every day on the mission field. I followed in his footsteps for the same reasons." Victor Bundock was the pastor Kevin served with in Scotland, where he surrendered to vocational ministry. "He dedicated himself to helping me learn everything I could in those two years."

Finally, his pastor in Mississippi, James Scirratt, gave Kevin his first experience in ministry as a 19-year-old youth director. "When I returned to the US after two years in Scotland, James had moved to a church in Fort Worth, Texas, where I attended seminary," Kevin recalls. "I had the privilege of serving alongside him once more for the next four years. He then helped me find my first pastorate."

Kevin says, "I have around 300 favourite hymns. Each one is a 'favourite' because the Lord brings them to mind when I need them. The same is true with scripture. So many have been precious to me at various seasons of my life. I've tried to learn enough scripture that God can say anything He wants to me at any time He desires."

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	APR	YTD 2016	APR 2015
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$586.98	\$1,336.57	\$1,247.08
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Han Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$896.39	\$1,516.84	\$1,188.52
NextGen Church, Coquitlam	\$86.34	\$86.34	\$0.00
Origin, Vancouver	\$931.55	\$6,040.74	\$1,753.68
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$188.12	\$224.12	\$44.00
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$295.00	\$899.50	\$1,264.00
Zendeh (Living) Church, New WestMinster	\$70.21	\$320.75	\$367.20
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
OTHER PLANTS		,	,
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.45
Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River Community Church, Richmond	\$270.00	\$540.00	\$0.00
Transformation City Church, Vancouver	\$90.60	\$90.60	\$0.00
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Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	•		\$3,711.90
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$3,024.51	\$17,932.68	\$12,325.29
Bridge International, Calgary	\$448.00	\$2,844.72	\$0.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$1,696.12	\$4,014.24	\$4,249.76
Calgary Korean Global Mission, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$1,055.52	\$4,919.63	\$8,126.27
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Coram Deo, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$546.16	\$3,288.70	\$2,682.43
Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,002.90	\$3,486.10	\$2,468.70
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$511.76	\$2,769.85	\$2,913.57
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$2,478.75	\$2,478.75	\$4,692.96
Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$1,478.23	\$3,689.45	\$2,873.52
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,944.00
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$7,849.40	\$24,661.52	\$15,296.63
Southwinds, Calgary	\$0.00	\$6,523.95	\$3,510.00
Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,927.62
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$6,504.96	\$5,709.51
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$4,532.95	\$4,532.95	\$3,418.72
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$4,362.67	\$12,448.33	\$9,720.72
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$569.20	\$569.20	\$465.00
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00
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Ajax Christian Church, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church East, Ajax	\$117.39	\$312.61	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church North, North York	\$122.03	\$179.25	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Church City Centre, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Bridge, Oakville	\$0.00	\$183.60	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$332.10	\$676.03	\$72.00
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restoration Hamilton, Hamilton	\$66.00	\$194.64	\$0.00
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Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$532.50	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$103.00	\$540.26	\$420.00
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$581.90	\$1,662.40	\$1,018.64
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$1,653.79	\$1,653.79	\$0.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur, Pierrefonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Fé	élix \$0.00	\$0.00	\$484.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$42.46	\$212.30	\$246.37
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$1,195.60	\$780.00
Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
International Christian Community of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$522.82	\$1,119.54	\$1,154.66
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome	e \$138.00	\$523.00	\$0.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montre	éal \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Centre Tapickotc de Wemotaci, La Croche	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$700.04
ComJesus, Mont-Saint-Hilaire	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.00
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$0.00	\$41.40	\$0.00
Église du Mont-Bellvue, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$504.47
Église le Contact, Repentigny	\$350.00	\$1,050.00	\$500.00
Église le Refuge, Pincout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Église Renaissance Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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	APR	YTD 2016	APR 2015
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
La Chapelle, Montréal	\$0.00	\$17,860.00	\$13,842.82
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$400.00	\$782.17	\$974.74
The Village Church, Brigham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS	ć0.00	ćo oo	ć0.00
Église Urbaine Axe21 - Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$4,856.97	\$29,757.96	\$23,530.74
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NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NFL TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW BRUNSWICK			
CONGREGATIONS			
Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$0.00	\$365.53	\$838.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$447.76
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$253.92	\$1,070.59	\$641.50
Église Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.24
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.00
NB TOTALS	\$253.92	\$2,186.12	\$2,681.50
NOVA SCOTIA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$330.00	\$660.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Christian Community Church of Cheticamp, S W Margaree	\$165.00	\$340.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$499.56	\$1,232.14	\$1,204.47
NS TOTALS	\$994.56	\$2,232.14	\$1,204.47
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			
CONGREGATIONS			
Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$886.56	\$4,627.54	\$5,609.16
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetov	wn \$0.00	\$718.48	\$503.47
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*Listing of churches who have given in the last three years



The Agitato Trio performs for the benefit of global missions. Photo: Yvette Leung

BRITISH COLUMBIA—On the evening of April 10, <u>Westlyn Baptist Church</u> (WBC), <u>Surrey Chinese Baptist</u> <u>Church</u> (SCBC) and <u>Immanuel Baptist Church</u> (IBC) joined together for a benefit concert in Vancouver. "Hymns Plus" was in support of ten of their members who have sensed God calling them to sacrificially give two weeks of their summer to travel to Katmandu and work with IMB representatives to bless the nation of Nepal.

The guys on the team will go with IMB representative "Woody" to lay the groundwork for a Gospel witness among an unreached people group. The girls will serve with Woody's wife, Molly, among at-risk children who—a year after an earthquake that claimed the lives of over 9,000 people—are still living among the rubble of their broken down city.

The Agitato Trio performed at the concert for the benefit of this mission trip, and then flew the next day to New York to perform at Carnegie Hall.

"We are grateful to God for the \$2,300 given toward this trip on that night, and we ask our CNBC family to continue to pray for this team," says pastor lan Buntain.



Nepal: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those bearing Good News! *Photo: "Woody"*



Front Row (L to R): CNBC missionaries Pepin Wong, Ng Jian Vern, Amity Petralba, Michelle Leung, Brendon Buntain, Joanne Yiu, Philip Li, Pastor Rob Buntain, Jackey Lip, and Bill Wu. Back Row (L to R): Pastor David Cho, Pastor Hamish Buntain and Ian Buntain. *Photo: Yvette Leung*

Bow Valley Baptist: Men's Mission Trip to Cuba

By Garry Tether

The week of February 29 to March 7, 2016, seven men from Bow Valley Baptist Church in Cochrane, Alberta, travelled to Cuba to participate in construction work with the Cuban Eastern Baptist Convention.

Our main reason for going was to help begin construction of a youth retreat centre in the town of Bayamo. However, as is the case with construction projects everywhere, the proper building permits were not in place yet.

Knowing the three rules of mission trips, "be flexible, be flexible, be flexible," we were prepared to do whatever was asked of us.

Our work for the week became the renovation project of a church in the town of Jiguani, 20 km east of Bayamo. First Baptist Church of Jiguani had acquired a 100-year-old church building in the centre of the town.

The drive to Jiguani was about 20 minutes every morning and we spent the days tearing down old brick walls, removing the old false ceiling and doing some landscaping. The mornings were spent at the worksite and at lunch we would go to the location of First Baptist, which also happened to be the pastor's house; there we would have lunch with the pastor, his family and our fellow Cuban workers.

It was great to work on the renovation project and see some tangible results; however, the most rewarding part of the trip was the relationships we formed with the Cuban people with whom we interacted.



We spent a lot of time with Pastor Lester from the Eastern Baptist Convention, Pastor Daniel of First Baptist Jiguani and his family, Annia our interpreter, Pancho the





Mission team from Bow Valley Baptist with Cuban friends: (Front L–R) Arnold Vaughan, Pastor Daniel Suarez, Garry Tether; (Back L–R) Ken Ponath, Micah Peacock, Ebenezar (aka Pancho), Tim Wuthrich, Jeff Ryan, Glenn Watts

construction manager and many other people from First Baptist Church.

We felt like we were part of the church family and we spent many hours talking about life in Cuba and life in Canada. We also heard and saw their passion for Christ and the people of Jiguani.

We had several opportunities after lunch to walk the main streets of the town to interact with the local people, hand out Bibles and invite people to church. We also gave Bibles to the staff at the hotel where we stayed. The people of

Cuba are hungry for the word of God and we ran out of Bibles very soon.

This trip was the first mission trip for three of the men in our group and it was a great introduction to serving in a foreign country.

We all felt extremely blessed to be a part of this trip and all made strong connections with people there. We continue to pray for them and to communicate with them via email. The people of Cuba certainly touched our hearts.

We look forward to more trips to Cuba in the future.



Micah Peacock gets a ride from Pastor Daniel.

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Saskatchewan Mission Team in the Land of Oz

By D.J. Castilleja

In the fall of 2014, Northern Lights Baptist Association (NLBA) of Saskatchewan began an initiative to partner with Flint Hills Baptist Association of Kansas in an international missions relationship. Three years later, this relationship continues to bear fruit as a group of 17 Canadians went on a weeklong

mission to Wamego, Kansas. The NLBA team consisted of members from five churches from across the province ranging in ages from 13 to senior adult.

Wamego is a small rural community of about 4,300 in North Central Kansas. This community is well known for its museum and dedication to the movie, *The Wizard of Oz.* New Life Baptist Church along with their pastor, Rick Hernandez, hosted the team during their stay.



Kim and Benjamin scrape old paint off windows.

BACK TO T.O.C.

ministry through service projects and an outreach event. Partnership between our association and the association in Canada exemplifies what Baptist associations should do," said Pastor Rick. The Saskatchewan mission team was led by Don Zolc, who serves alongside his wife

served in Wamego they touched two churches and a health

who serves alongside his wife Johanne as the NLBA/Flint Hills Coordinator. "Pastor Rick, his family, church, and the entire community of Wamego were simply amazing. They truly extended the love of God to each of us, and made all of us feel like family," said Zolc. "I really believe God is moving by bringing our associations together. Churches are being encouraged and supported. Individuals are growing in their faith and deepening their rela-

The NLBA Mission Team focused on a variety of projects at New Life Baptist Church and within the community. These included dry walling, painting, and cleaning. In addition, a few members of the team travelled to the nearby town of Alma and assisted a community organization with laying down a new laminate floor.

One of the highlights of the mission was serving at a community "Praise in the Park," hosted by New Life Baptist tionship with God. Lives are being transformed. This is of God, and to Him goes all the glory," Zolc added.

The Northern Lights Mission Team would like to express thanks to the CNBC and the NLBA for its support in this mission.

The NLBA looks forward to two teams from the Flint Hills Kansas Team coming to Saskatchewan in July to continue the partnership. They will assist churches in Allen and Regina.

Church. The event was an opportunity for the Canadian team to reach out and share the love of Jesus with the people of Wamego in advance of the Easter weekend. About 250 members from the community and surrounding town were in attendance. The Saskatchewan team handed out free hot dogs, set up and cleaned up for the live music event, and conducted surveys, opening dialog with members of the community.

Pastor Rick expressed his excitement about the cooperation between the associations. "While the team



International Connections

Providing for the needs of international workers

We had no idea then where He would lead. God has blessed us with three daughters: Hannah (13), Haven (9) and Hailey (7). We were each called into ministry at a young age. Shad at age 13, "God, I want to be a minister but I can't preach and I'm not gifted in music. Can I really serve You?" Michelle at age 15, "Mom, if you grew up an Air Force kid and Dad a farm boy and God called you to Burkina Faso, what do you think He's going to ask of me?" We had no idea then where He would lead.

Most days we can be found either on the phone or sitting at a computer. We drive about 30 minutes to work, and try to be present at every basketball and soccer game to cheer our girls on. We enjoy Friday night family time with pizza and a movie, and we rock out in worship on Sunday morning. At the office Shad handles logistical needs and Michelle coordinates medical care. We frequent business offices, hardware stores, medical clinics and pharmacies as part of our weekly routine. We strive to live and love as Jesus would. Sounds like a typical working class, church-going family in North America. Right?

Well, that's just what we are, except that we do all this from the westernmost tip of the continent of Africa. Our 30-minute commute involves dodging motor scooters, horse carts and pedestrians. Basketball and soccer games are played outside year round because it's summer all the



Michelle coordinates medical care and Shad handles logistical needs for international workers.

time; oh, and the soccer field is dirt. Friday night pizza is homemade and the movie on DVD. Our worship is joined by other cross-cultural workers who have become not only our friends but our surrogate family while we are separated from loved ones. Shad helps provide housing, transportation, maintenance, documentation and security for families living in the city as well as for those who live in other parts of our host country. Michelle helps those same colleagues



Michelle and Shad Spannagel with their daughters, Hannah, Haven and Hailey.

with personal health needs, some who live hours away from reliable medical care.

Dakar, Senegal, is where we work and minister and where our children call home. You will not often find us behind a pulpit or walking the streets saving the lost, but we daily strive to live lives that honour the Lord and shine His light in a land shrouded in darkness. By providing for the basic day-to-day needs of our coworkers, living in a crosscultural setting we encourage and empower them to the ministry tasks that God has called them to. Our stories are those that often cannot be shared as they involve God's faithful provision to the personal struggles and healthcare needs of our colleagues, but in turn we get to hear firsthand how God is working through them all across this land. We are servants, serving Him by serving others.

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry. Will you join us?

- Pray for the millions who have never heard of the hope of a Saviour.
- Pray for us as we go about our daily activities, that we would have wisdom and humility and be a shining light to those we come into contact with.
- Pray for our leadership in a time of transition and for our colleagues in their daily ministries and cross-cultural challenges.
- Pray for our children, that they would be protected from the evil one and that they would grow in their personal relationships with the Lord.

Clearly Canadian

Gerry and Connie Taillon announce the birth of their granddaughter, Cosette Jolie Taillon, born March 21, 2016 in Calgary, AB. Cosette's parents are JP and Jessie Taillon. Gerry is the CNBC National Ministry Leader. Connie is an awardwinning writer and speaker.



Manuel "Manny" Manoj Mitra, age 52, died of complications from a heart attack on May 2, 2016 in Bryan, Texas. Manny, who with his wife Maretta worked overseas for 24 years, will be remembered by the countless people he touched around the world,

from his birthplace in India to the various countries in which he lived and served.

Manny was born on October 6, 1963 in Patnagarh, Orissa, India, to parents Subhash and Rachel Mitra. The family immigrated to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in 1968. Manny was a member of



Manuel "Manny" Manoj Mitra

Jasper Place Baptist Church in Edmonton. When speaking of Manny, at the conclusion of his memorial service, Rev. Jerry House said, "He trusted God implicitly. Manny Mitra let his

light shine brightly. For all of us he has given a legacy of trust, faith and humility and servanthood, to apply to our lives every single day." <u>View the full memorial service here.</u>

The Mitras were considered to be CNBC Canadian Connections as they served in ministry internationally. A few years ago, Manny and Maretta spent almost a year on the CSBS&C campus investing in the lives of the students. In memory of Manny, the family asked for Canadian friends and family to have the option to give toward student scholarships. The seminary has set up an online portal for donations (click here): The goal is for the \$5,000 needed to establish an ongoing fund in Manny's memory.

Manny is survived by his wife of 31 years, Maretta; his sons Ethan, Zane and Fergie. Other survivors include his brothers Ken and Felix Mitra, his cousin Uday Chavan, his nieces Savita, Rebecca and Rachel Mitra and Jennifer Jodoin, and his nephews Josh, Aaron and Ian Mitra. He was preceded in death by his father Subhash, mother Rachel, and brother Cyril Mitra all of Edmonton, Alberta.

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The Global Mission Offering allows you to give through one offering to support CNBC sponsored mission work and church strengthening

A Northern Lights Baptist Association group went on a mission trip to Wamego, Kansas, to help with cleaning and repair projects and a community outreach event.

Oasis, an annual weekend of rest and spiritual enrichment is provided for CNBC Ministry couples.

Global Mission

The Gathering in Windsor reaches out to their community through special events.

You help support IMB workers, Shad and Michelle, in Dakar, Senegal, where they support other international workers.

Seven men went to help Pastor Daniel and his Cuban church members renovate their recently acquired 100-year-old church building.