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Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name EMMANUEL, which being interpreted is, GOD WITH US.

Matthew 1:23



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Connecting

Change is inevitable but welcome

The CNBC continues to grow and change, adapting to new challenges and addressing new concerns. Change is inevitable but welcome. Our hope and our mission is to serve our Lord and His Kingdom, and to be a support and encouragement to our churches and their leaders across Canada.

In a few months, two new regional associations will join those that have embraced the new structures defining our national and regional relationships. We welcome CNBC Québec and CNBC Manitoba to this new relationship and continue our negotiations with our associations in British Columbia. Manitoba and Québec join four other regions (Atlantic, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta) in this new structure.

The time has also come for us to update our constitution. The CNBC is a British Columbia society and all BC societies are required to revise and resubmit their constitutions and bylaws to bring them into compliance with the new BC Societies Act. We

will take this opportunity to update a number of articles in our bylaws to include online voting, simultaneous online convention meetings, and a number of other provisions to widen the participation in our annual convention meetings.



The National Leadership Board has also approved *The Baptist Faith and Message 2000*, originally adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000, to be presented to our annual Convention in Charlottetown as our CNBC confession of faith. In the 17 years after *The Baptist Faith and Message* was adopted by the SBC it has been affirmed by the majority of our CNBC church planters, virtually all of national and regional CNBC staff, the majority of our professors at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and the multitude of church partners



who have helped us in the last 17 years. This brings us in alignment with the majority of our churches, leaders, staff, and partners in the CNBC. This confession of faith will need approval from two annual Conventions (Charlottetown 2018 and Edmonton 2019) before it can become our official statement of faith and part of our CNBC bylaws.

Lastly, after 20 years with our CNBC logo, we are tweaking it to give it a more contemporary look and feel. The new logo is very similar to the old one but adds a dimension of movement and focus. The cross is still the focus of the graphic, illustrating the centrality of the cross in our good news message. Our primary mission is Canada, as illustrated by the maple leaf, but the Great Commission takes us to the uttermost parts of the earth.

With all these changes, we remain absolutely committed to our vision to see God bless the CNBC with 1,000 healthy, multiplying, cooperating churches in Canada from sea to sea to sea.



Celebrate
with us! See
some of our
CNBC church
baptisms from
this year



CHRISTMAS TIPS FROM A REFORMED SCROOGE

By Connie Cavanaugh

used to hate Christmas. I know, you're not supposed to say "hate."
As a matter of fact, I never allowed my kids to say it. How about "strong dislike"? Definitely "seasonal dread." Not at all what it is intended to be.

Why did I dread Christmas? I was caving to culture-pressure, concerned about costs, and leaving Christ mostly out of the process. Those three factors added up to some miserable Noels!

Now, if you were to ask my kids or even my husband, they would say that our Christmases were wonderful! Lots of gifts. Decorations. The annual tree-chopping with a frosty tailgate picnic to follow. Mounds of goodies. Parties. Family gatherings. A turkey the size of a Volkswagen. The family/friends' hockey game. Games. Poppycock. Movies.

So what was my problem? I wasted a lot of energy on "creating" the ideal Christmas; I worried a lot about the cost of it all—and frankly, I didn't trust or even consult the Birthday Boy for most of it!

Thankfully, that was then and this is now.

What's changed? I have. And, to be fair, circumstances are also different. I'm older. My kids are launched and have kids of their own. Christmas for grandparents is far less stressful than Christmas for parents. The last thing I want to do is toss pearls from this lofty height and add to the seasonal guilt already weighing some of you down.

But may I encourage you?

If you dread Christmas, even just a little, stop a minute and pray. Right now. A simple cry-of-the-heart prayer. Something like, "Christmas is coming again, God.
HELP!"

That's a good place to start—with Him.
It was His big idea after all.

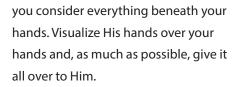
Then brew your fave hot drink, grab a pen and paper, and jot down whatever comes to mind as you think ahead to Christmas.

You might write:

- ✓ Shop for gifts
- ✓ Order gifts online
- ✓ Crochet afghan for sister
- ✓ Make cookies for the cookie exchange
- ✓ Book photographer for annual family pix
- ✓ Coordinate clothes for photo shoot
- ✓ Shop for clothes
- ✓ Make jellies for co-workers
- ✓ Chop tree
- √ Hang lights
- ✓ Decorate house
- ✓ Send Christmas photo-cards
- ✓ Host office party
- ✓ Sing in Christmas cantata
- ✓ and much much more ...

GIVE IT TO HIM:

Once your list is done, put your pen down, put your hands on the list, close your eyes and ask God for guidance as



Open your eyes. If your drink is still hot, have another sip.

GET RID OF IT:

Now look at the list again and cross off anything that is inspired by ego, competition, or social media bragging rights. Good-bye afghan, jellies, office party!

Years ago, I removed "chop tree." I dragged home the little artificial tree from my Sunday school class—stuffed it in the trunk of my Honda on December 21, lugged it into my living room, plugged it in and grinned like Scrooge. I bought a vastly reduced Christmas tree in the after-Christmas sales a few weeks later.

I also stopped risking life and limb and frostbitten digits "hanging lights." My neighbour stopped the very next year, giving me the credit and thanking me

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CNBC Northern Alberta Church Planting

Filipino International Baptist Church celebrates

By Stan Felder

Pastor Neil Manzano and the Filipino International Baptist Church (FIBC) in Edmonton celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sunday, October 29. It was a great day filled with much rejoicing about the past and excitement about the future.

Four years ago Pastor Neil had led his congregation to set a goal of having 200 members and two daughter churches by 2017. The result: this past Sunday they had over 300 people in attendance with two ongoing church plants, each with their own member congregations. Praise God!

On this special day, FIBC also licensed their lead moderator, Noli Rosales, into the Gospel Ministry. Then they commissioned him, along with 20 other members from FIBC, to go out an begin their third new church plant in south Edmonton.

Pastor Neil reminded his congregation that his heart is to send out the church's very best and most faithful leaders and workers to expand the Kingdom of God. With such godly sacrifice, it is easy to see why the LORD is blessing the work and ministry at FIBC.

During the service as a large group of children was dismissed

to go to children's worship, Pastor Neil commented, "There go some of our future church planters!" Everyone applauded.

FIBC now has a new goal. By 2025 they want to have made over 3,000 Gospel presentations. They want to have



Stan Felder, church planter catalyst, and Bayani Taligato, church planter, with Noli Rosales and Neil Manzano, pastor of FIBC.

300 trained leaders and 30 daughter churches. We praise God for self-sacrificing men like Neil, Noli, Bayani and others who seek to win the lost by whatever means necessary.

Stan Felder is the NAMB church planting catalyst for Northern Alberta, Yukon and Northwest Territories.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS FOCUS MORE ON JESUS

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for freeing him from something he only did to compete with me.

GIVE IT AWAY:

Take stock of what's left. What can you delegate? I can give "cookie baking" to our 11-year-old granddaughter who loves to bake. "Shopping" went to my husband who thinks he's Santa anyway. This made our kids very happy because Dad always buys them what they want; I would buy them what I could afford! Not nearly the same!

GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!

Once your list is shortened and you have carved out a smidgen of margin, consider using some of that time to play a game with your kids, take

a snowy walk under the stars (God's light display!), decorate some gingerbread and use it as an excuse to meet a neighbour, or simply take a nap!

Christmas doesn't stress me out any more. I do less and let others do more.



be tempted to compete. I make sure my neighbours know the real me so they don't judge me by my light display, or lack thereof. I play more. Laugh more. Rest more. Buy fewer

gifts and give more money away. And focus more on Jesus.

May your Christmas be simpler, better, and something you can look forward to this year and always. Merry Christmas!



God's grace sustains a difficult East Vancouver ministry

By Frank Stirk

Ann Servant has been a member of Community of Hope, a WestCoast Baptist Association church in East Vancouver, for close to ten years. It used to be only a short walk for her to get there from home. Now she lives in Burnaby, but despite some long bus rides, it remains her church home.

"The pastor's a wonderful man. He's just so giving to everybody," Servant says. "I don't think I'd be happy somewhere else. I'd rather make the commute and come here. I really feel like it's a second home to me."

That pastor is Yong-Woon Kim. He launched Community of Hope in May 1995 in a storefront on East Broadway in Mount Pleasant. One of Vancouver's oldest communities, it used to be a mostly working-class neighbourhood. Now it's rapidly gentrifying—to the detriment of the poor, the homeless, and people with substance abuse and mental health issues that the church seeks to serve.

"I really felt," he says, "that churches in Vancouver need to get more involved with what's going on in our city, particularly here in the core and the marginalized in society."

Unlike most churches that meet on Sundays, Community of Hope is open Tuesday to Saturday from noon to 2:00. People gather over coffee and snacks. At 12:40, there is a half-hour worship service with singing and a sermon, followed by a sandwich lunch prepared by volunteers. Between eight and 20 people usually show up for the service, and about 30 more just for the lunch.

"I feel the Spirit in here very strongly," says Servant, who helps out where needed and as often as her health allows.

"We do everything," says Yong. "We do a funeral service, a wedding, a baby dedication. We counsel people, we pray for people." They also run a thrift store next door, and a monthly medical clinic.

Yong credits God and the generosity of others for giving them the space

their community. "I didn't particularly pray for a bigger space," he says, "but there was a lady—she died of breast cancer a while ago—she kept praying, 'Dear God, give the pastor a bigger place.' And I didn't want to pray for that. There's no way I can afford this area because I was barely getting by."

Some of the volunteers that Community of Hope relies on attend Immanuel Christian Fellowship, a church in East Vancouver that Yong has also led for about 15 years. He plans to step down shortly so that he can focus all his energies on Community of Hope. "I'm getting old," says Yong, who's 63. "Even though we're small in numbers, I just feel that I need to withdraw so that future leaders come."

Yong usually baptizes two or three people a year, but this year so far there have been six public professions of faith. Shortly after she began attending Community of Hope, Servant asked to renew her baptism after having "backslidden" for many years.

more p. 7 It's a burden that Yong has carried required to better meet the needs of from the outset and still carries today. COMMUNITY OTHOPE BUE DING HOPE IS OUR MUSICIN OPEN December 2017 Vol. 30 Number 5 CNBC Hor BACK TO T.O.C.

CNBC WestCoast On Mission

Evangelism Outreach Through Archery Sports Camps



By Ron DeMoss

In late June our church, Mapes Baptist in Vanderhoof, BC, had the privilege of participating in our first international mission trip. My wife, Linda, and I took four teenagers and one young adult to help two churches in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area with community outreach/evangelism events.

Our church has an archery ministry which we use as an evangelism tool here in Vanderhoof. In Cincinnati, we led two Archery Sports
Camps in the morning and
several mini Archery Sports
Camps in the evenings. None
of our team had ever been
on a mission trip before, so it
was exciting to see God work
through them. Team members
shared the Gospel at every
camp.

We also handed out over 100 Gospel of John Bibles, marked with special verses that were meaningful to us. Each person

who gave out a Gospel of John only did so after reading those verses to each child or teenager. It was a wonderful week of ministry.

At Highland Avenue Baptist Church a grandmother and her son made a profession of faith. Since that time, the grandmother has joined the church. She was baptized on October 8 and is bringing her daughter and grandson to church each week. It has been powerful for our team to witness this testimony of God's powerful Word spoken and shared in love.

We are grateful to the CNBC for their encouraging support in sending us funds to help with the expenses of going on this trip. One of the young teenagers would not have been able to go otherwise. It has changed her life and opened all our eyes to missions and sharing God's love wherever He may lead us.

Our archery team has also helped Pastor Wayne Campbell at The Potter's House Community Church in West Kelowna, BC, with outreach the past two summers.

We have been involved in starting archery clubs in Peru and in Belarus as well. Hundreds of people in Belarus are hearing the Gospel through this unique ministry.

Ron DeMoss is senior pastor of Mapes Baptist Church. A grant from the CNBC Global Mission Offering helped make this mission trip possible.

God has no intention of giving up

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"At that time," she says, "I was taking pills for anxiety, taking sleeping pills, taking pills for my nerves. I was on drugs for diabetes, had high blood pressure, wasn't sleeping at night. After I got baptized, there was something inside me saying, 'No. You don't need these anymore.' And I have not had them since."

Yet not every baptism results in such radical change. Yong tells of one man, an alcoholic, who had been coming

to the worship services for a long time. This year, he got himself clean and wanted to be baptized. At first, it seemed that his life was turning around. But then he started drinking heavily again. Even so, Yong still sees God working in his life.

"Yesterday we had Bible study at the church. He was there; I grabbed him. 'Hey, let's go to Bible study.' He smelled. But I didn't care," Yong says. "I'm so blessed in the way that God shows up again and again in my life, in this ministry, and in broken people's lives. God has no intention of giving up. That's what really sustains me."



Worsley's 'healthy attitude' starts with its missions focus

By Karen L. Willoughby
WORSLEY, AB—An emphasis on
missions has led Worsley Baptist
Church to spread itself across Alberta
to the world.

About 75 people participate in Sunday morning worship at the church organized in the late 1950s, where youngsters deliver "goodie baskets" to shut-ins; youth help with sports camps; women reach out in various ways throughout the community; and men do construction missions and seek ways to build relationships.

"God's very gracious to us to allow us to be involved in His Kingdom work," Dick Hale told Canada's Horizon. Hale has been pastor since 1984 of the church his father Keith Hale started in his living room in 1957.

Worsley Baptist gives 15 percent of undesignated income to missions through Canada's Cooperative Program, which funds missions work in Alberta, across Canada and throughout the world.

"I think the Cooperative Program is the best way we have of doing the Great Commission,

going into all the world," Hale

said."

I feel it's a way we can reach beyond ourselves.

"If I could have any increased desire, it would be that there were a bigger percentage of people giving," the pastor continued. "My heart's desire is to encourage everyone to give. I want the whole church to be involved."

If more gave, there would be more to give to missions, Hale said. If more gave, more people would find their way to Jesus.

"One thing that helped along the way," Hale said, "When my dad started the work, they gave once in a while, a dollar amount. Deciding to make that a percentage amount, and to do it consistently, that makes a difference."

Giving to missions is part of Worsley Baptist's DNA, the pastor said. "It's a good thing, the partnership of the Cooperative Program. I appreciate being able to work with others."

One evidence of cooperative partnerships is the church's debt-free facility, completed in 2013 mostly by volunteers.

"We owe a debt of love and appreciation to the many

volunteers

Shirlee and Dick Hale

who helped, both from Canada and the United States," Hale said. "I am very grateful to our local church family, our community and to the many volunteers who helped us here.

"This is an example of trusting God in faith to accomplish this task that looked way beyond our own abilities and means," the pastor continued. "It was a partnership of many people working for the advancement of God's Kingdom."

Children's programming is an important aspect of Worsley Baptist's commitment to minister to its community. Kids meet on Wednesdays for Team Kid and Kids' Club, according to the church's website: WorsleyBaptistChurch.com.

Sunday morning groups—Sunday
School and Children's Church—where
youngsters "learn to love God and
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BAPTIST CHURCH

Worsley Baptist has a variety of outreach ministries

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people"—and Wednesday groups where they learn "about God and missionaries around the world"—require sizable numbers of leaders.

Summer activities include a week of vacation Bible school in the mornings and sports camps—basketball or soccer—in the afternoons. The Pathway Church in Calgary that inspired the sports camp has continued to be a big support.

"It's a good partnership," Hale said. "Last year The Pathway Church and the Calgary Dinos basketball team came ... and God used it. It was a good outreach," the pastor continued. "Kids came from two hours away."

If there's a need in the community, Worsley Baptist is there to help, Hale said. Food hampers are taken to new teachers at the school. Members visit every six weeks at the nearest nursing home, in Hines Creek, a 40-mile drive. Three or four teams of carollers make appointments around town with people who want the at-home attention at Christmas.

Men routinely do construction



The 2- and 3-year-old Sunday school class learns about Noah's ark.

missions, most recently at Grand Prairie Baptist Church. CNBC's Summer Youth Celebration is eagerly looked forward to every summer, but so too are missions endeavours such as the sports camp.

The women of Worsley Baptist meet once a month for prayer and to determine what missions and ministry projects are most needed at the moment. "There's a lot of brokenness in the community," the pastor said. "The biggest challenge is sin and its consequences."

There seems to be a consistent flow of new people to Worsley, families as well as singles and seniors, the pastor said. That's a good thing.

"It's always hard on a pastor when young people leave, for college or a job, a better opportunity than they might have here," Hale said. "But we support them as they follow the Lord's direction for their lives."

"I'm thankful for the leadership that has taken hold," the pastor continued. "We have two or three teams that lead music. We have a piano and a band, hymns and praise choruses. We're working together with a healthy attitude."

Karen L. Willoughby is a national correspondent for the CNBC Horizon.



Churches Helping Churches

Friends from college, now pastors, help each other in ministry

WEST KELOWNA, BC—Over the weekend of October 21-22, volunteers from Tapestry Church of Cochrane, Alberta, and Surrey Chinese Baptist Church of Surrey, BC, embarked on a journey to meet in West Kelowna, BC, to help The **Potter's House Community Church**

host a community outreach and attend the grand opening of their new worship space.

Pastors Kelly Reid (Tapestry), Wayne Campbell (Potter's House), and Rob Buntain (Surrey Chinese) are friends from Union University in Jackson, TN, and now find themselves

pastoring together in Western Canada.

While the community outreach event planned for Saturday was hindered by cold, wintry rain, the event managed to draw a fair number of community members into the new worship space. The space was cleared of chairs and tables, and in their

place were two bouncy houses, a face painting station, a craft station, and numerous carnival-style games. Pastor Wayne, while hoping for larger numbers, was excited to have a more dedicated time with community members who were willing to brave the inclem-

ent weather.

The cold, rainy weather was not enough to deter Tapestry member Adam Gladkowski from serving shaved ice to excited kids, or Hanna

Greenwood and Steph Gladkowski from serving cotton candy outside underneath the food tent.

The following morning, The Potter's House Community Church officially opened their new worship space at 2221 Moose Road, Westbank, BC.

Though Saturday's event attendance

was hindered by cold weather, Sunday's was bolstered by a large crowd nearing 90 people. While it was easy to celebrate the large crowd, the most exciting part of the morning was Pastor Wayne baptizing a woman who had given her life to Christ.

















CNBC WestCoast On Mission

Towers Baptist Church takes third Cambodia mission trip

This past August, Towers Baptist Church in Richmond, BC, took their third mission trip to the country of Cambodia. Pastor Garrett Holmes led a team of four to partner with missionaries and to help plant churches throughout the villages across the countryside of Cambodia.

The team stayed in the city of Phnom Penh, but would travel daily about an hour out of the city into the rural village of Bati, the home of Grace Orphanage. This orphanage was started by missionaries Henry and Neri

Tran.



and staff. One day the team helped run a one-day VBS for over 500 kids. It was filled with singing, games, lunch and gifts. In the afternoons, the team from Towers would load into a van and begin their multiple hour journeys into the mountains of the Cambodian countryside. Some of these

villages had never seen Westerners before. The team would use storytelling to share the Gospel with new



villages and disciple believers in existing villages. Many of the people

Many of the people in these Cambodian villages were saved. Those who accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour were invited to attend a party. At this party, many were baptized and were given rice, water, mosquito nets and many other supplies to help them continue to survive in their impoverished villages.

On the last day, the team treated the children and staff at the orphanage to fried chicken, pop and cake. There was a lot of dancing and celebrating.

Over the past three years, the teams from Towers have seen over 1,000 people saved and over 200 baptized.

Towers Baptist Church

wants to thank all those who gave to make this trip possible. They especially want to thank the CNBC for the generous grants that they gave. These grants helped Towers accomplish a piece of their overall vision as a church—to be a church for His Kingdom. Through the giving of our CNBC churches across







Canada, local churches receive help to accomplish their Kingdom work.

Watch the Cambodian trip video.

They are already planning their next trip for December 2018.

Grants from the CNBC Global Mission Offering helped make this mission trip possible.

That They May Know YouJohn 17:3 Ministry to Women Expanding



On the weekend of November 4 and 5, I had a wonderful time facilitating an equipping weekend with Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church. After teaching evangelism methods to four different groups, I finished the weekend with a session to encourage the ladies. What a perfect segue into my new position as the CNBC's full-time women's ministry leader.



In August, Gerry
Taillon said he was
sensing we need
to have intentional
focus on women

in the CNBC and he invited me to take the position of women's ministry team leader for our convention. I said yes, promising that taking on the role would mean ministry to women with an evangelism flavour. I have a passion to reach women for Jesus Christ and to network women for encouragement and support. My starting place is to gather small groups of women across Canada and listen.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for your region.

Serving Him with you,

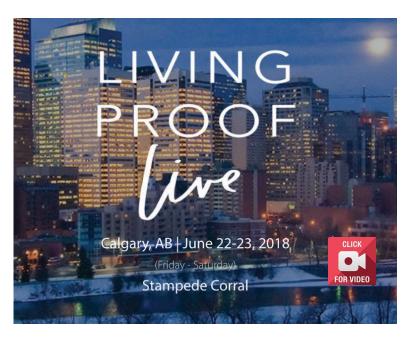
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Worsley Baptist Church wants to equip their young girls to be on mission in their community and around the world so they are starting Girls in Action. The leader is Michelle Hale.







Renew: Women in Ministry Retreats

By Melanie Morgan

We appreciate our pastors' wives as they serve God and love others. In ministry there may be a mix of great joy and tough times. Times of refreshing and relaxing are important. Each year the CNBC hosts two regional gatherings called "Renew." Renew is a day to connect with God and other women in ministry in order to be encouraged and equipped. This year the Renew one-day retreats were held in Ouébec and Alberta.

Renew Québec was held in a beautiful setting on Lac St. Pierre where our ladies had time to refresh and renew through nature. Melissa Cutrerra, daughter of IMB missionaries Ron and





Lisa Jones, encouraged us through
Proverbs 31. She reminded us that
Proverbs 31 is a mother counselling
her son and sharing with him her idea
of an ideal woman as he looks for a
bride. The woman she describes is not
a real woman; she's a mom's dream for
her son. We might think we have to do
all that this woman did in a day, but
Melissa reminded us this was over a lifetime. She encouraged women in ministry to enjoy the journey and trust God.

We also experienced sweet times of worship and prayer along with some practical workshops: Communication, led by Lisa Jones, and Black and White, the cost and blessing in ministry, led by Andre Elle.



In Red Deer, Alberta, women from Edmonton and Calgary gathered with a team from Austin Baptist



Church in Texas. ABC hosted the retreat and blessed our ladies with massages by students from a local massage school, gift bags, good food and encouraging teaching. Selena Proctor taught us about hidden treasure—that we are "cracked pots," but God has put us back together. Stephanie Rankin led us through an activity illustrating "cracked pots." Please see her article on page 14. We learned about personality types, and were encouraged to reach out in evangelism through The Turquoise Table by Kristin Schell. Our ministry women were renewed and equipped through connecting with other ministry women.



Broken Vessels

By Stephanie Rankin

Jeremiah 18:2–6 is a brilliant metaphor of God's love for His people. Throughout the Old Testament, Israel repeatedly falls away from obedience to and relationship with God. Yet every time God exhibits patience and long-suffering toward His people, just as a potter sits at his wheel with a spoiled ball of clay, a cracked jar, a crushed vessel, and gently, lovingly restores it time and again.

We often find ourselves broken. We drift away from obedience to God or we may choose to abandon our relationship with Him. This act of moving away leaves us with fissures and cracks in our hearts that sometimes seem irreparable. Often life itself leaves us with fractures and chips that we had no part in creating. We're left broken by rough handling, by accident or by the simple wear and tear of living.

In an effort to grasp a fraction of the patience and persistence God employs as the Master Potter, the ladies at the October Women in Ministry Retreat in Red Deer, hosted by our team from Austin Baptist Church, partook in an activity that resembled the Japanese art of kintsugi. By taking a broken tea cup and restoring it to its original shape using streaks of golden glue, we were all able to more fully appreciate the hidden fractures in the cup. Every crack and crevice was accentuated by a beautiful golden stripe, which drew

attention to the fact that the cups had not only been broken but were more precious because of it.

By participating in this activity, we all became more aware that God is very patient. Restoring a broken vessel takes time and patience. As we completed the task of restoration, we



became aware that the Great Potter, the Master Artist, is actively at work in our lives. Whatever fractures, lines and shattered pieces we may have, the fact that He takes the time to hold us delicately in His hands and recreate the masterpiece of our hearts, time and again, is a profound realization.

We realized that pieces were missing from our cups. Some tiny pieces were useless dust particles. Once the cups were glued back together, those missing pieces left unsightly gaps and holes rendering what was once a useful tea cup unusable for its original purpose. We realized that those missing pieces are what allow what is inside the cup to spill out. Those gaps are how the world sees the Light that is inside. Those spaces are evidence that we've not only been broken, but that we've also been remade, refined and redeemed.

A potter must be mindful when placing the pieces back together because the setting of the glue, the love and grace, takes time. Warm hands must hold the fracture until the glue sets and, if the pieces start to slip, the crafter must gently nudge them back into place. Our heavenly Father handles our hearts this way. He binds them up then holds them in His hands, moulding and shaping them, until they heal and are strong enough to be used again.

I closed our session by encouraging the ladies to take their little masterpieces home and place them somewhere prominent. I

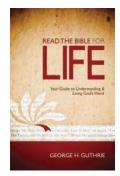
hope they remember the love of their Father whenever they look at their cups. My prayer is that those golden lines will be a reminder that we are God's masterpieces—not signed with ink and brush, but imprinted by the fingers of the Master Potter, the Lover of our souls, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Stephanie Rankin is a stay-at-home mom and the author of **Becoming Prince Charming**. She is involved in the children's drama and music and in women's ministries at Austin Baptist Church.

She Reads Books: Reviews

By Stephanie Morales Beaulieu Read the Bible for Life – by George H. Guthrie

Read the Bible and let it read you. I started this reading plan back in May and it's been life-changing. I've never read the Bible in chronological order before.



Who's it for? This book is for everyone who wants to live fully alive.

The Word of Life ... 'nough said. You want to be alive? The three books for this month, 1 Kings, 1 Chronicles and Psalms in *Read the Bible for Life* include a chronological reading plan and chapters that give an overview of how to read the different books and genres in God's Word. It is eye-opening and life-changing.

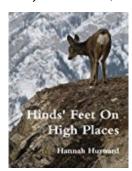
Hinds' Feet on High Places – by Hannah Hurnard

Who's it for? Anyone who has ever battled fear.

If you like stories and want to know more about what can be expected along the path of a life with God read this book.

An oldie but a bestie! *Hinds' Feet* is an allegory of the Christian life. A young girl, Much Afraid, must journey with her assigned companions, Sorrow and Suffering. Along the way she is continually attacked by her enemies,

Pride, Craven Fear, Self-Pity, Bitterness and Resentment. It's beautifully written and you will find many parallels



between her journey and yours, as the journey is tough and winding. You'll be encouraged when you find yourself on your own!

Dance Stand Run - by Jess Connolly

Who's it for? The woman who has realized that in Christ there is no condemnation, knows sin has consequences

and desires to live in a way that reflects her God.

This is a timely book tackling the question: Have we forgotten about the holiness of God in light of the grace of Jesus?



Jess Connolly says, "What I want you to hear most is this: If we could see the fullness of our sin and the depth of His grace, we'd dance. If we knew our true identity as holy daughters of God, made right with Him and called to stay set apart for His glory and our abundance, we'd stand firm. And if we fully grasped both of these things, you wouldn't be able to stop the women of God from running on mission."

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Cultivate: Preparing our hearts for Him – When it comes to spiritual

growth, what is my responsibility and what do I release to God?

This "bite-size" Bible study, based on the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, is about cultivating the field and surrendering the yield.

CNBC Ontario On Mission

Autentica Cuba!

By Fernando Ocampo

"Autentica Cuba!" Those words were written on a billboard on the street in Toronto. Featured in the background of this ad was a white sandy beach surrounded by coconut trees and a hammock. The message was clear: put yourself in the picture and have a good time! We Canadians should know. It's our favourite sun destination.

For our church, however, Cuba with all its unique beauty is a white field ready for harvest (John 4:35). Since 2009, Iglesia Bautista Betel in Scarborough, Ontario, has been partnering with Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church) in San Luis, Santiago de Cuba. Through the years we have trained leaders, counselled families, financially supported over 15 missionary families and helped start new churches beyond the San Luis community.

Inevitably, every time we set foot on the mission field we see the reality of the awe and mystery of God in the life of those who hear about Jesus. This year's trip was no exception. From July 21 through 28, a team of four from our church returned to Cuba to lead the second Summer Youth Camp. Our goal was to reach out to non-believing youth.

In last year's summer camp, we were able to gather 150 non-believing young men and women. Half of them are now discipled, baptized and engaged in youth ministry. Furthermore, they were on the frontline of this year's summer camp.

At this year's Summer Youth Camp, more than 80 non-believing young men and women gathered with one question in mind: "What's all this about?" On the first night, two young men who became believers in last year's camp shared with all the guests how God had turned their lives around. It was such a God-moment when we heard them challenging and encouraging their peers to put their trust and faith in Jesus. At the end of the camp, more than 30 gave their lives to Jesus.



The mission team prepares to lead a summer youth camp ministry.

Going on mission to Cuba is more than being aware of the church's needs and projects. We go there to make a difference and bring hope with the message of Jesus. How priceless are the brief moments when we sit down with the people and hear about their encounter with the living God, or when we preach and see the young and old stepping forward to be saved. When we visit the missionaries on the field, we pray and encourage them, but we also laugh and cry with them. It's an amazing experience you have to see for yourself!

As a church, we are committed to continuing the mission that God has entrusted to us not only in Cuba but also in Nicaragua and Colombia. We are ready to go back next year and continue making a difference! But as

Jesus said, "The harvest is [still] plenty and the workers few" (Matthew 9:35).



Fernando Ocampo is senior pastor of Iglesia Bautista Betel. A grant from the CNBC Global Mission Offering helped make this mission trip possible.



The team is ready for Summer Youth Camp.

En Route

Maximize your missional impact

Part of an ongoing mission partnership is sending individuals. If planned right, it will help on the field and grow the sending church and individuals sent. Here are a few ways that your church can maximize the opportunity of sending volunteers:

PRAY BEFORE THEY LEAVE – Create opportunities for the church to collectively pray when they are gathered together corporately, when they are in small groups, and as they go about their everyday life.

Set aside time to publically pray over the volunteers during Sunday worship.

Perhaps have a prayer guide available to help the church pray in specific ways as families or during their small group times for an upcoming mission team for 30 days before they leave.

Be sure to post on social media at least once per week for the month before the trip, including how individuals can specifically pray as the team prepares to go.

PRAY WHILE THEY ARE GONE – Find ways to regularly have the church praying for volunteers while they are on the field.

Have the team leader email or phone back to a point person at the sending church so that people can pray specifically on Sunday and in weekday small groups.

If the setting allows, the team leader may be able to send a one-minute video via Dropbox saying "I'm standing here in _____! Let me tell you what God has done and how you can pray with us as you gather today...."

Unless the team is serving in a highsecurity location, be sure to post photos, videos, and live prayer on social media and on the church's website while the team is on site, so that individuals at home can stop and pray even in the midst of their day-to-day routine.

CELEBRATE WHEN THEY RETURN – Be sure to celebrate when the team returns.

This could be done during regular weekend worship through a video or PowerPoint showing the major things that happened through the team and some of the individuals with whom they ministered.

It could be powerful to include one or

two short testimonies about what volunteers saw God do and how they were personally challenged or changed.

At some point in the year, it may be impacting to set aside a full evening to recall and celebrate all the volunteers who were sent out on mission (and possibly cast a vision for next year's opportunities).

Be sure to tell short stories on social media including video clips or photos as soon as the volunteers return... not only will this whet the appetite for in-person celebrations but it will also help the story spread organically through a wide network of relationships. Don't be overwhelmed and try to post too much at once. One photo along with an "I saw God do amazing things" quote from a team member per day is enough.

It is exciting when a church can send volunteers as part of a partnership.

Let's make sure that we maximize every experience and opportunity!

For additional ideas on how you can expand the prayer engagement of your church or small group, <u>click</u> to check out this article: <u>Build Prayer Power</u>.

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CNBC Ontario On Mission

Mexico trip leads to a 'calling to full-time missions'

By Rebekah Dawson

God gripped my heart with a passion for missions when I was a very little girl and since then I have had the opportunity to travel to many different countries. When I went to Mexico for the first time, God used that experience to prepare me for when I went back this past summer. Little did I know how much this trip was going to impact my life.

I was so excited to be in a leadership role as I could come alongside some of the younger youth to encourage them to go deeper into what we were learning throughout the week. I found that as I provoked questions in them, the Lord was provoking questions in me; He was stirring my heart.

We started off the week with overcoming some obstacles, as our first flight was cancelled. But we reminded ourselves of the Lord's goodness and knew that He was going to make a way for us to arrive there on time. We arrived safely in Tijuana and the week of building houses and hearing from God began. Our team was super excited for the first day, as it was a new adventure. We had been challenged in the morning to consider what missions are, and how we fit in fulfilling the Great Commission. I could tell that this was a great starting point for many of the youth on the trip. God used this first message to not only minister to me but also to challenge the rest of the youth.

The remainder of the week consisted of four amazing builds for four incredible families. Each day we were blessed through fellowship with some of the interns who accompanied us on our builds and the wonderful food that each family had worked hard to prepare. The Lord blessed us with healthy bodies each day and great weather, but God was not done yet. He continued to speak through the messages during our morning and evening sessions, challenging us to reevaluate our lives and really focus on what He was saying to us.

I started to hear the Lord's voice calling me into full-time missions; this was exciting yet very scary to me. As a new college student, I did not know how I was supposed to make this work. During the week, God made it very clear to me that once I was done with my post-secondary



education, He has a place for me to fulfil His calling. I was able to share this with my team and this opened up many conversations amongst the youth. God was working in their lives too, and many of them heard the Lord's voice calling them into missions as well.

We ended our time in Mexico visiting a small orphanage where we got to play games, read stories in Spanish and participate in a sing-off with the kids of Niños con Fe. This was a great time for our team to pour into the lives of kids and share Jesus' love with them. This trip not only encouraged and ministered to our team but also blessed four families and many kids.

Our team is so appreciative to have the partnership with CNBC and we are thankful that you helped make our trip a reality.

Rebekah Dawson is a young adult at Sequoia Church in Nepean, Ontario. A grant from the CNBC Global Mission Offering helped make this mission trip possible.



CNBC Ontario On Mission

South Africa Project Challenging and Rewarding

By Ruthy

I went on an internationa service project to South Africa for three weeks over the summer with eight wonderful women from my university. On this trip, many inspiring moments shaped the way I think about God. Both joyful and heartbreaking times drastically changed my perspective and pushed me into learning experiences that have helped me grow on my journey of life.

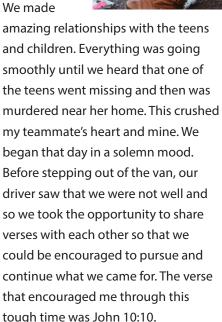
Throughout the school semester, before going overseas, my team and I would meet every week preparing ourselves for the journey in prayer, Bible study, research on the country and team bonding time. Even though we knew one another well before going, when we were in South Africa hardship and struggles came our way and challenged us in our faith and friendship.

We stayed in Cape Town and worked alongside Living Hope, an organization in South Africa doing amazing work helping those in need. Every morning we started the day early helping at a farm and then later at kids'/teens' club



in the evening. The second week, we mainly focused on the children from morning till six in the afternoon.

Our team was split into two groups. Half of them went to Masiphumelele and my
group went
to Ocean
View. Even
though we
were fifteen
minutes apart
from each
other, both
places were
extremely
different in
culture and
language.



There are many more stories of my experience in Cape Town. Journalling was one of the ways to process every event and I would like to share a few stories and images with you.

Today is the last day with the Ocean View kids. This morning as I played with a few of the children, I heard one of my teammates tell me that she saw a little kid that I had played with at the beginning of the week but hadn't seen since. I had taken a picture of this kid and could not stop looking



at it, wondering where he was. This little boy was very quiet; he had a few scratch marks on his face and huge piercing eyes. As I looked up, there he was, hiding behind the gate and staring at me. I quickly rushed towards him and laid my hand out and as he stared at it for a few seconds, he reached his hand closer to mine and held on to it ...

Towards the end of the day, one of the girls from kids' club came up to me and said, "Hi Ruthy! Do you remember my name?" She made me a drawing and asked me to do one simple thing in return: remember her name. After days of repeating it in my head, I confidently replied, saying, "Hello Tameka!" Her face lit up at the sound of her name.

Words cannot express the love I have for these beautiful children, and for their hearts full of joy and kindness.
God is doing great things in Cape
Town. This city will forever hold a piece of my heart.

Ruthy, daughter of CNBC international workers, R&H, is a student at California Baptist University.

CNBC Alberta Church Strengthening

Equip Training Conference in Edmonton

By Karen Felder

Evangelism and discipleship were the focus of the Equip Training Conference in Edmonton this fall. Over the course of the two-day event, more than 250 people were encouraged to live a life passionate about reaching the lost and growing in Christ.

Two great events kicked off the conference at Evangel Baptist Church. A vibrant youth rally for teens provided an opportunity for fun, food, friends, worship and a powerful message of faith by Cesar Parra. Adults meeting in the worship centre enjoyed times of worship and a fresh word from Pastor Jon Las, pastor of Mosaic Church in Lloydminster. He challenged pastors and key leaders to "feed the sheep." Following the message, Pastor Roland Shum led adults in a time of focused prayer.

The impact of the youth rally was heard and seen. "Cesar's message really grabbed my heart," said Alexis Rukundo, worship leader at Rehoboth Church International. "When Cesar



challenged us to think of God first each morning, even before we look at our phone, that made me think—I should do that," said another teen.

The worship rally for adults was timely and beneficial. "God used Jon to encourage and confirm our desire as a church to give greater focus to evangelism," said Jonathan Chisholm, pastor of Jasper Place Baptist Church. "Our leaders were energized and inspired by Jon's compelling message to reach the lost. This gave common thread to

the leadership team and impacted our plans for the future."

An ice cream fellowship after-party, furnished by MBA, provided a perfect way to wrap up the evening. Laughter and fellowship continued for almost two hours. It was a great time of building and strengthening community.

The next day, there were 16 different workshops offered on a broad range of topics. At the heart of the conference were workshops designed to impact lostness. Marisa Spannagel shared about the need for ESL as a ministry outreach tool. Melanie Morgan and Lynda Blazina gave a session on connecting women to God. Cesar Parra spoke about relational evangelism, community involvement, and missions as a way of life. Dr Dan Morgan taught about apologetics and the Gospel. Each emphasized the need to be compassionate, intentional and equipped to share the Good News.

Pastors and key leaders were also

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'We train, so we can try and succeed'

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presented with courses on disciple-making skills by Paul Johnson, and on developing small group systems for Kingdom impact by Dr Dan Morgan. Other practical courses on teaching children were included as well. Treasurers and finance teams took the opportunity to sharpen their skills as Agnes Leung provided valuable tips and information relating to various accounting functions of church finance.

A special session for ministry wives was provided by Marisa Spannagel. She shared lessons learned from her journey as a pastor's wife. "Ministry can be extremely rewarding, but it can also be hard," said Marisa. Her transparent openness and wise counsel encouraged both those with years of experience as pastors' wives as well as the newest wives in the church planting arena.

Nurturing personal spiritual growth workshops were taught by Hamish Buntain. He encouraged leaders not to overlook neglected spiritual disciplines such as silence and solitude, fasting, secrecy, and Sabbath disciplines to nurture their soul into Christlikeness. In





the workshop "Self-Care for the Christian Leader," Buntain emphasized that as finite beings, we must learn how to partner with God to go the distance. He offered strategies to help Christian leaders give themselves away in ministry without burning out.

Is Equip beneficial? Paul Johnson responded, "Dallas Willard says, 'Don't try, train!" Paul expanded on this quote, "Often we try in the spiritual life, and fail. We don't have the strength or the skill. But when we train, we get both. That's why Equip conferences are so good for our churches. We train, so we can try and succeed!"

Special thanks to CNBC and CNBC Northern Alberta for funding this valuable equipping event. A wealth of training was provided during the conference. May the theme verse for the Equip Training Conference ring



true: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12, ESV). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may skills learned at Equip be implemented and a bountiful harvest produced.

SAVE THE DATE for Equip 2018

September 21 and 22

Evangel Baptist Church Edmonton AB

Plenary speaker will be Claude King, discipleship specialist and co-author of Experiencing God, The Mind of Christ, and more...

Be My Witnesses!

Evangelistic training event to be offered



is a practical method of getting youth and adult church members involved in an active evangelistic movement. It demands applying five stages as a way of life in order to connect with lostness.

A D52 evangelism training event will be offered in each CNBC region. Participants will learn the five stages, receive training to expand their understanding of each stage and learn how to apply it in their daily lives.

Contact me (<u>cparra@cnbc.ca</u>) if you are interested.

The five stages of D52:

- 1 **DEVOTE:** In this stage, we talk about the importance of devoting our lives to Christ through our devotional life.
- **2 DIRECT:** In order to reach people, we need to direct our lives to the community by volunteering, meeting key community leaders, serving and using our talents.
- **3 DEVELOP:** We need to develop relationships with lost people by initiating conversations and social encounters.
- **4 DECLARE:** Our mission is to declare the Gospel in the context of everything we do.
- **5 DISCIPLE:** We cannot leave new believers alone, not growing in the Word; we need to begin discipleship immediately after conversion.

Dr Susan Booth is professor of evangelism and missions in our Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane. She not only teaches evangelism and missions, she lives it!

Dr Booth is an example of D52.

This is her story:

In early October, I took advantage of the gorgeous fall weather to walk along a path by the river. Instead of walking from my house as I normally do, I drove to a different section on the very edge of town.

I greeted a woman in passing, and we exchanged comments about the weather. Detecting a bit of an accent, I mentioned that we moved here 18 years ago from

Budapest, Hungary. The woman lit up because she had come from Hungary to Vancouver about the same time! We chatted in Hungarian for 20 minutes and exchanged phone numbers. We walked to my

car, and I gave my new friend a ride to her car. It turns out that she, too, had driven to that same section of the path from a completely different part of town.

Two weeks later we got together for coffee, and I asked Erika to tell me her story. Slowly the conversation shifted to the story of the Bible. I shared the Gospel with Erika, using my old English/Hungarian New Testament that I had remembered owning only just that morning. Erika was more than ready to receive Christ, and now she is eager to grow!

Since then Erika and I have both marvelled at the intricate timing of our first encounter, and how—after the briefest exchange of pleasantries—we discovered such a deep, common connection. The Lord saw to it that our paths

crossed: Erika
was able to
hear the Gospel
from someone
who knows her
heart language,
and I had the
joy of seeing
someone, from
a place that is
very dear to my
heart, come to
know the Lord.
The lovingkind-

ness of the Lord

never ceases to

amaze me!



Erika and Dr Susan Booth

CNBC Atlantic Church Planting





Big dreams become a reality in Miramichi

MIRAMICHI, NB—EastSide Church is not a burgeoning church start-up. In fact, the church was launched six years ago in the small region of Miramichi, New Brunswick. Recently, however, the church has enjoyed some traction with their vision of being a "community transformation agent" in this northern New Brunswick city.

After purchasing an abandoned movie theatre in the downtown area, the small congregation set to work on renovating and restoring the Vogue Theatre back to its former glory. Built in the 1950s, the daily run movie theatre was closed early in 2000 when a large five-theatre Cineplex was planned for the city. After the theatre sat idle for over 12 years, EastSide Church purchased the building with the intent of giving it back to the community.

"We really don't consider it a church building with a sanctuary," says Victor, lead planter of EastSide Church. "It was our desire from the beginning to leverage the resources of EastSide to make maximum impact in our city. What that looked like for us in the beginning was renovating an old theatre." While the theatre project seemed out of reach for such a small group, the CNBC network of partners rallied with help coming from all over Atlantic Canada and as far-flung as South Carolina. God moved His people to give generously of their time and money to see this project become a reality. But there was more work to be done and more faith steps to take.

About halfway through the renovations of the theatre, the owner of another large property across the street contacted Victor to ask if they were in need of any more space. The property included a large 19,000 square foot building which takes up the entire city block. The core group began to pray about what God may have in mind for this building and how it may also be used to gain influence in the community.

Three years after saying yes to purchasing this building, it now houses a dance studio, run by a local dance instructor; a coffee shop, Creative Grounds Cafe, run by EastSide; and a youth centre, which is set to open this month. This building and the Voque Theatre have been

highlighted as shining examples of how social enterprise can be used to revitalize a city. The surprising difference is that this is happening through the local church—a stunning realization for many in this city.

"As we work to see everyone in our city come to know, love and serve Jesus, we want very much to matter to our city as well, and not just the ones who show up to our worship service on Sunday," says Victor. "Most of those who have come to faith in Christ through EastSide have gotten to know us through our work in our community and not through our awesome Sunday morning service. We will continue to invite people to belong to what God is doing here in Miramichi even before they believe. It's the only way we know to do it."

With more than 10,000 square feet left to develop at the Creative Centre, as it is called, the young church continues to look for opportunities to meet the many needs of its community. They pray that God would continue to move them into deep water

so that they have only Him

to rely on.



CNBC Québec Church Planting

New Vision for Montréal

By Brandon Elrod

MONTRÉAL, QC (BP)—A celebration has been underway in Montréal. The year 2017 marks the city's 375th anniversary of its founding, and the streets have been filled with festivals and events commemorating the occasion.

While many in the city have been celebrating the birth of what would become an island metropolis, North American Mission Board trustees visited Montréal in the midst of a different celebration.

Over the last few years, hundreds of people have been coming to faith in Jesus Christ as a result of the faithful ministry of church planting missionaries labouring in one of the most secular cities in the world.

Montréal is one of the 32 Send Cities in NAMB's Send Network for church planting, and the city used to be known by some as a place where church plants go to die. The city practically became a spiritual ghost town after residents walked away from the

Catholic Church in the 1960s and 1970s. The church had controlled virtually every aspect of life including school, work, government and healthcare.

Many of the brilliant basilicas and cathedrals now serve as mausoleums rather than hubs for ministry or have been transformed into tourist attractions, restaurants and even a hospital.

As NAMB trustees travelled around the city, they could not help but take note of the spiritual darkness. "It opens your eyes to the reality of the need for missionaries, church planters and evangelism," said first-year trustee Rob Crow, pastor of First Baptist Church of Diamond, Missouri.

The light that had been seemingly squeezed out, however, has started seeping in once again.

"About 99 percent of the population in Montréal are lost and in great need," said James Copeland, pastor and church planting missionary at



David Pothier (centre), pastor of La Chappelle, speaks with NAMB trustees Larry D. Robertson (left), and Grant Gaines (right), following Pothier's presentation to trustees. *Photo by Hayley Catt*

Renaissance Church, "but we have been meeting people who are walking with the Lord and who are hungry for the Lord."

There is a sense that the secular culture may be taking its toll after decades of implementation. The people, while cautious and careful around Christianity, seem to be developing a taste for the truths found in "the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all."

Nearly every day, church planting missionaries report, there are small victories in the city. The ground can be so hard that it can take months of talking with someone who attends one of the gatherings before they truly understand the Gospel. Yet, David Pothier, pastor of La Chappelle, also recounts stories of nearly immediate life change.

Pothier recounted the story to trustees of an ex-Navy Seal physical trainer at a gym near their church office who, after visiting a La Chappelle service,



Tony Silveira speaks before a gathering of North American Mission Board trustees at his conference centre. Photo by Hayley Catt

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CNBC Québec Church Planting

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experienced the Lord and put his faith in Christ. Now, he trains several people in his gym while blaring worship music.

La Chappelle has been one of Montréal's greatest stories. Originally planted in 2013, it has grown and multiplied into three distinct churches with a total of about 1,650 people attending weekly at the three locations.

To date, La Chappelle has baptized 450 new believers since its launch, and the church plans to continue to multiply through Montréal and into the rest of the French-speaking world around the globe.

"Without NAMB, the rhythm, the speed and the effectiveness of the churches we plant would not be possible," Pothier said.

While meeting with the trustees,
Pothier expressed his gratitude: "You
have made it possible by your support
of NAMB's vision; and without the
Cooperative Program, we might still
exist, but we would not be multiplying
at the rate we are now."

Ministry in Montréal is not without its challenges. Dealing with the secular society involves more than just struggling to communicate the Gospel with people who have no religious context.

Montréal has strict zoning laws that often make it difficult to rent space or build a church facility.

One planter, Tony Silveira, started a business that rents out its space as a conference centre for parties and meetings. In addition, Silveira is starting a recording studio in the building.

On weekends, his church, Passion Centre, along with other churches, utilizes the space for worship. Though the size places some limits on the church's growth, Passion Centre ministers to between 200 to 300 people every week.

"Because what I do is unique," Silveira mentioned, "I now have different churches from different denominations coming to see how we do church, and they are starting to copy our model."

Silveira's approach impressed many of the trustees as well. "In a place where all the outside forces are against him, he came up with a strategy to overcome," said Danny de Armas, the second vice-chairman of NAMB's trustee board and executive pastor at FBC Orlando.

"Visionary, articulate and innovative are three words I'd use to describe all of the church planters we met," he said.

On October 1,
NAMB's trustees,
along with local
missionaries,
Canadian National
Baptist Convention
leaders and NAMB
staff, celebrated
the success of the
plants in Canada.
NAMB president
Kevin Ezell reported
that 62 percent of
last year's baptisms

in Canada came from churches planted since 2010 and that 47 percent of all CNBC churches in the country were planted since 2010.

The number of worshipers in Québec increased from 1,941 in 2010 to 6,266 in 2017 while baptisms increased from 99 to 460 over the same time period. The number of CNBC churches leapt from 278 in 2010 to 391 in 2017, but with a population of around 36.7 million people, that means there is only one CNBC church for every 93,885 people.

"We've got to be looking for missionaries to engage a lost world, and this trip has helped me see that," Pastor Crow of Missouri said about the vision tour. "It convicted me for not doing enough to help my church see the needs beyond ourselves into the rest of the world."

<u>Click here for another report</u> on the Montréal meeting.

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NAMB president Kevin Ezell and CNBC national ministry leader Gerry Taillon address NAMB trustees and Montréal church planting missionaries during a celebration dinner.

CNBC WestCoast Youth

SYC BC Reflection: 'This is my story'



By Lindsay Chow

My ears ring as speakers blast fastpaced salsa music. I feel the weight of my body ever so slightly tip the canoe I am in—much to my friend's dismay. I watch as my peers lift their hands up in surrender, crying out to God. You may be wondering, what event could possibly encapsulate all of this? SYC 2017!

What exactly is SYC? Well, SYC stands for Summer Youth Celebration, an annual week-long camp that takes place at Gardom Lake Bible Camp in Enderby, BC. It brings together around a hundred youth from grades seven to twelve from several churches across the Lower Mainland. Many deem it to be the highlight of their summer and a "last hurrah" before the school year starts!

While I would love to expand on every single memorable experience I had at SYC this year (there were a lot), I've decided to share one that really stuck out.

On Wednesday night, after an eventful day, everyone gathered with their respective church groups for a time of debriefing. We were asked to share a highlight of our day, and something we hoped would happen in the forthcoming days. One of my friends shared that she hoped her small group—which I was a part of—would be able to delve into a deeper discussion than it had in previous days. Most of the discussion our small group had been having

was surface level and question-and-answer based. Lo and behold, during our last small group meeting, everyone

shared something they felt was a struggle or burden in their lives.

One by one, as each person shared, I was amazed to see how brave and open each one was with the group. I personally found comfort

and encouragement in knowing that others were going through similar struggles, and everyone was in the midst of some type of challenge. When our meeting finally came to a close,

about an hour past the anticipated end time, we stumbled out of the cabin, clenching tear-stained shreds of toilet paper, our noses tinted red. Needless to say, what happened was nothing short of answered prayer.

This year, the theme of SYC was "This Is My Story," based on Philippians 1:6, which says, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Throughout the camp, the message that came across to me was that God is the ultimate author of the stories which are our lives. He crafts each plot to be uniquely and intricately different, yet He leaves His mark on each and every one. SYC to me is like a supporting character in a novel who only makes the occasional appearance but has a clear impact on the whole plot.

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While SYC only lasts for a week every 365 days or so, the friendships made, the lessons learned and experiences gained have had a great impact on my life and on the lives of the other campers.

Signing off, I'm going to invite you to reflect on a prompt Pastor Tim Corbin, one of the SYC speakers, left us with: How has God been orchestrating "your" story?



CNBC Alberta Youth

SYC AB students 'hit the pause button'







By Katie Derkach

Held once again in July for CNBC churches in Alberta, Summer Youth Celebration (SYC) offered opportunities for students to experience Christ through worship, discipleship, community and adventure. Knowing that our students are the overcommitted, over-entertained generation, we hit the pause button to find out how to refocus on God. Our theme "The Pause" taught students to pray, memorize Scripture, and how to develop habits that will lead them into a deep relationship with Christ.

Forty-five senior high students were blessed to have John Schaffner, senior pastor of Grant Memorial Church in Winnipeg, teach them the importance of spending time with God. He challenged the students and leaders to spend 10 minutes a day with God, a challenge most, if not all, of our students and leaders took up.

SYC was blessed to have a new mission team from Carpenter's Way in Groves, Texas, volunteer for the week. Led by their pastor, Pat Cammarata, these energetic Texans helped in every way possible. They led Bible studies and track times, cooked in the kitchen and cleaned up after meals. We were also blessed to have the team from John's Creek Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, return once again to help with recreation and games. With all of these amazing extra leaders, our own leaders could attend a leader Bible study and youth leader training session—something they usually don't get the opportunity to do.

The junior week of camp was full of excitement as 90 junior high students also learned how to spend more time with God. Pastor Wes Hinote, from Old River Baptist Church in Dayton, Texas, taught the students how to pause and focus more on Christ.

SYC was blessed to have the Kingwood

First Baptist team join us for junior week. This group of eager Texans helped lead Bible studies, track times, and recreation. They cooked our meals, allowing our own leaders to spend time learning and growing in their faith with leader Bible study and yout leader training sessions.

Over the two weeks of SYC, students and adults had the opportunity to spend time pausing in the presence of God. Some students were challenged, some left with the answers they had been seeking, while others left with a renewed sense of purpose and direction. God was clearly working in the lives of our students and leaders with many decisions made throughout both weeks.

With just a week to pause, God was still able to remind us all of the importance of spending time with Him. We are excited to see how God will continue to work in the lives of our students and leaders as they hit "The Pause" button every day to deepen their relationship with Him.



SEND North America Church Planting

GenSend students engage communities

By Kathryn Porter

This past summer, 39 university students from across North America served alongside church planting efforts in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montréal through a North American Mission Board (NAMB) initiative called Generation Send. GenSend offers students the opportunity to experience and explore what church planting looks like in an urban immersion context.

These students packed a lot of learning and practical community engagement into six weeks. They came together as teams to follow the Holy Spirit in figuring out how to use their individual skills, personalities and passions to connect with people in contextually relevant ways to share the love and light of Jesus.

After serving with GenSend, Alison Moore shared, "Calgary was one of the most diverse cities I've ever experienced. The Lord gave me a heart for all His people this summer. He gave me a heart for all nations to come to know Christ. I found the most beautiful picture of what Heaven could be like with people from all nations and tribes and tongues worshiping our God together!"

Scott Stice has served two sum-

mers in Vancouver. He says, "We saw people who were curious to know more about Christ, who had no contact with Christians and the Gospel before we had even met them. It was encouraging to know that we were not alone this summer in our work and that God was moving pieces and continues to do so. We felt like we were really joining God in the work that He already



GenSend students strike up a conversation in a local coffee shop in the Toronto area.

started, and not that we were starting something new."

The ultimate goal of GenSend is to enable students to grow as disciples of Jesus and as leaders for ministry.

GenSend challenges students to live life on mission in a way that they will use not just for six weeks one summer but also when they return to campuses, hometowns or any ministry context.

Not all GenSenders become church planters, but each summer God uses GenSend to call a handful of students to leverage their lives to return to our Canadian cities to plant churches for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Annette Teague is one of those students. After serving on a week-long mission trip with her church from Jacksonville, Florida, God ignited a spark in her heart for the city of Hamilton, Ontario. Encouraged by the church planters there, Annette served with GenSend the next summer.



GenSend students meet mayor Naheed Nenshi in Calgary.

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Her team focused their efforts in Hamilton, and that summer solidified in Annette a deep love for the people and a subsequent calling to be part of what God is doing there through church planting.

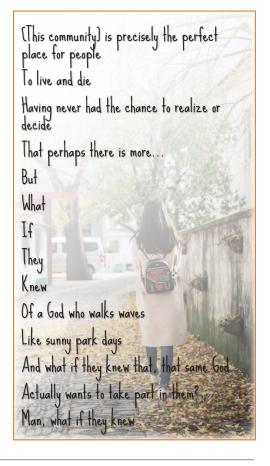
She then returned to the Toronto area to serve as team leader for the most recent GenSend team. That experience offered her the opportunity to clarify some of the ways God has gifted her as a leader and to talk with local leaders about current needs.

At the end of July, Annette returned to Jacksonville to pack her bags and finalize support development. With support from her sending church and from NAMB, Annette moved to Hamilton in September to work with the Hamilton Fellowships church plant. She is using her voice and guitar to lead worship and her organizational gifts to take on

administrative tasks. She is meeting and building friendships with local university and college students to share Jesus with them. And most of all, Annette is seeking to grow as a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples of Jesus.

According to Brett Porter, NAMB Send City missionary in Toronto, "While our heart is always to raise up indigenous leaders, GenSend provides a valuable pipeline for the next generation of leaders to fall in love with our cities and take next steps to be a part of what God is doing here."

A Toronto GenSender, heartbroken for the people she met, wrote a spoken word poem as part of her team's culminating project.





To learn more about GenSend, visit **sendrelief.org/gensend** or contact Kathryn Porter at kporter@namb.net. Click here to watch the GenSend video.



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Seminary tackles Houston hurricane

By Karen L. Willoughby

HOUSTON—A dozen members of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College family, in partnership with Canadian Global Response, travelled to Houston for eight days in mid-October to help ease the suffering of Texas residents coping with the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

"Many people here at our school were very concerned for the people of the Texas coast and there was a strong desire to do something to help if possible," said Director of Development Barry Nelson, who was born in Houston and lived in the area for 30 years. "We watched the Hurricane Harvey news with great concern and our worst fears were realized when we saw pictures of the horrendous flooding.

"Texas Baptists have given so much to our school in our 30-year history, and we saw an opportunity to give back," Nelson continued. "I announced in chapel that I was gathering a team for a disaster relief trip and there was a great response, including people who couldn't go but wanted to give."



Brenda Peacock measures for drywall.



Back row - left to right - Barry Nelson, Adam Van Reese, Nicholas Claveria, Carson Maier, Herb Seidler, Holly Isaac. Middle row – Gaston Family with Miranda Ong. Front row on the floor – Dan Kazmaier, Nathan Peacock, Nate Nelson, Claudia Obando, Brenda Peacock

With their airfare paid by donations, and a "reading week" free from the need to attend classes, the team of nine students and three faculty/staff left October 13 and returned October 20.

In Texas they bunked at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena, 20 miles southeast of Houston. A different Sunday school class provided dinner each evening, and "We ate like kings," said Adam Van Rees, a distance student who lives in Saskatoon.

But the days were long, and the work was challenging.

"Waking up early every day was the hardest part," said Claudia Obando, wife of a seminary student. "I'm not used to that, and since we were working hard all day my body was sore, so opening my eyes at 6 am was tough ... and I felt like I was doing a million squats a day, but God showed me daily how we were impacting this family and the church family too."

Brenda Peacock, wife of a professor, echoed Obando's words. "We worked very hard each day—I don't remember ever being that tired before—and yet wishing we could have done more," Peacock said.

The mission team expected to be involved in demolition, the gutting of waterlogged homes, but instead they did reconstruction, installing drywall and insulation, following the work of previous volunteers with the Texas Baptist Men.

"When I met the homeowner on Sunday, before we even started work on her home, she was so overwhelmed with gratitude she hugged me and didn't let go, and started crying, so of course I started tearing up too," Obando said. "Practically speaking, I learned to drywall and tape. That was fun and I'm happy I got to learn those

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Rebuild team helps repair two homes

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skills, but I also learned how wonderful it is to work with a team that has one goal in mind: 'Let's show Jesus' love through our actions."

Student Miranda Ong said she "loved being able to interact with and get to know the Gastons, the family whose house we helped to restore. They were kind and loving people, so grateful that we would come, but it was more a priv-

Herb Seidler muds drywall in a flood-damaged home.

ilege to remind them that God sees them and has not forgotten about them."

The seminary team worked on two houses, one in Pasadena and one in Deer Park.

"This trip was a constant reminder that God establishes our steps, Proverbs 16:9," Van Rees said. "It was so evident that God's sovereign hand was guiding and directing our path.

"This trip was a solid reminder of the importance of community and how the body of Christ should function," the Saskatoon-based student continued. "Our rebuild team provided a great illustration of this. Each member was essential in accomplishing our task."

Peacock continued that thought:
"I learned in a tangible way that we
believers are all a part of the body of
Christ, no matter the geographic location, and when part of that body is
hurting we should do what we can to
help ease the hurt. Intellectually I knew
this, but during this trip I experienced
it. We were loved by and showed love
to our Christ family, not strangers, just
family we hadn't met yet."

About the work accomplished, "Even though it maybe did not feel like we



Nate Nelson cuts insulation for one of the houses being repaired.

did a lot, it sure meant something to the church for us to come down, and especially for the families we helped," student Carson Maier said.

"I was so pleased with the way the team worked together," Nelson said. "It was a diverse group of people who didn't know each other well before the trip started. I couldn't believe how much we were able to accomplish. Everyone gave their all!"



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BRITISH COLUMBIA			
CONGREGATIONS			
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Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$583.33	\$5,833.30	\$5,833.30
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$1,077.46	\$1,656.77
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$550.00
Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$510.40	\$2,264.64	\$794.54
Gateway Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gateway Myanmar Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Great Commission Baptist, Aldergrove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
Joe-Un Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$800.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$380.00	\$3,843.08	\$4,384.27
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$95.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$474.52	\$5,261.98	\$5,772.30
Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peace Korean Baptist Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$660.00
Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$216.00	\$1,114.00	\$1,253.00
Solid Rock Biker Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$882.51	\$1,720.62
The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$732.12	\$4,666.21	\$3,698.04
Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,200.00
Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

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Vancouver Joyful Fellowship Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$474.08	\$1,752.68	\$1,587.16
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$379.11	\$10,280.92	\$3,566.99
Yangmoori Baptist Church, Victoria	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Burnaby Born Again, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$3,045.46	\$12,096.71	\$7,833.74
Church on the Rock Albion, Maple Ridge	\$0.00	\$449.39	\$305.16
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$410.05	\$1,885.36	\$2,535.05
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Han Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Way Generation Korean Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$1,669.65	\$0.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$918.33	\$3,132.07	\$2,981.84
NextGen Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$138.96	\$499.27
Origin, Vancouver	\$992.14	\$3,769.66	\$7,387.86
South Asian Community Church, Surrey	\$134.27	\$234.96	\$0.00
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$43.99	\$321.72	\$238.16
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,414.87
uVillage Korean Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$253.67	\$0.00
Zendeh (Living) Church, New WestMinster	\$87.19	\$513.49	\$615.78
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$150.00	\$600.00	\$750.00
OTHER PLANTS			
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Movement Church, Abbotsford	\$27.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
Providence Church, North Vancouver	\$24.00	\$78.00	\$0.00
River Community Church, Richmond	\$10.00	\$470.00	\$819.00
Transformation City Church, Vancouver	\$164.50	\$1,041.25	\$447.60
BCTOTALS	\$12,306.49	\$94,556.67	\$83,225.32
ALBERTA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,216.00	\$2,685.00
Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$2,592.82	\$8,369.12	\$6,971.38
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$4,060.06	\$44,853.12	\$39,302.47
Bridge International, Calgary	\$626.13	\$5,234.14	\$5,209.10
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$1,893.84	\$8,687.96	\$7,094.74
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$1,248.17	\$16,287.41	\$11,551.91
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$648.20	\$9,971.36	\$8,864.92
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,900.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$553.00	\$7,439.58	\$7,101.43
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$13,000.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$24,603.86	\$4,957.50
Grace Family, St Albert	\$100.00	\$275.00	\$0.00
Hopelink Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$624.90	\$13,305.84	\$8,802.31
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$34,261.11	\$47,447.66
Southwinds, Calgary	\$4,643.46	\$14,476.27	\$10,518.41
Tapestry Church, Cochrane	\$2,449.29	\$7,514.41	\$0.00
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$92.00	\$377.00	\$100.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$1,191.00	\$14,421.00	\$15,854.96
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$14,154.62	\$11,529.64
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$6,374.91	\$22,881.02	\$21,671.87
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$657.50	\$2,728.31	\$1,692.50
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$1,941.88	\$20,190.03	\$12,089.92
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Central Community Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00
Christ In You Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79.94
Church in the Valley, Edmonton	\$1,168.98	\$9,628.18	\$0.00
Connect Church, Calgary	\$1,310.99	\$9,714.40	\$545.61
Disciples' Way Christian Church, Devon	\$0.00	\$191.04	\$0.00
Filipino International Baptist Church North, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$1,018.75	\$0.00
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$220.32
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$107.00	\$2,598.40	\$1,652.94
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$850.00	\$2,580.00	\$1,720.00
Nepalese Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Lethbridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Red Deer Disciple Church, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Springbank Chinese Baptist Church, Calgary	\$704.00	\$6,885.20	\$4,994.42
The Junction Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,513.39	\$3,240.97
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
True Love Arabic Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$1,984.54	\$93.48
U of A Christian Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$698.11	\$0.00
West Edmonton Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$1,996.19	\$994.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Agape Vietnamese Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00

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Trinity Mandarin Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ABTOTALS	\$34,993.43	\$351,171.24	\$267,151.39
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CONGREGATIONS			
Allan Baptist, Allan	\$142.29	\$1,972.32	\$317.00
Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$1,122.00	\$4,076.80	\$1,500.00
Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$308.51	\$3,891.12	\$1,083.08
Cochin Baptist, Cochin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$4,569.07	\$2,990.83
Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$916.66	\$8,999.98	\$9,166.63
Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$8,791.95	\$5,221.41
Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$270.00
Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$221.75	\$1,537.99
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
15:5 Church, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Church Rostern, Waldheim	\$0.00	\$236.27	\$0.00
Cross-Trainers Baptist Church, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Gronlid Community Church, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Saskatoon Vision Korean Church, Saskatoon	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
The Gathering, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$4,670.00	\$670.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Tapwewin Christian Assembly, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
SK TOTALS	\$2,819.46	\$54,429.26	\$27,956.94
MANITOBA			
CONGREGATIONS			
Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$8,984.47	\$9,985.70
Joy Fountain Church, Winnipeg	\$827.75	\$1,946.87	\$1,369.49
New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$250.00	\$850.00	\$150.00
SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$531.23	\$0.00
Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00
Vision Korean Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Punjabi Fellowship, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
The Light Worship Community, Winnipeg	\$542.00	\$1,226.30	\$311.65
Renaissance Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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OTHER PLANTS			
People's Bible Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
MBTOTALS	\$2,119.75	\$16,038.87	\$13,016.84
ONTARIO			
CONGREGATIONS			
All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,240.00
Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$800.00
Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Celebration! Church Ottawa, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$3,468.38	\$9,339.08
Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$516.63
Église Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$1,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,200.00
Good Shepherd Arabic Church, North York	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Grace Baptist Church (Mississauga), Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greek Gospel Church of Toronto, East York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Bikers' Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississaug	a \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Move Church, Carleton Place	\$129.78	\$1,483.45	\$1,810.01
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$0.00	\$1,177.89	\$3,479.83
Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$3,267.00	\$41,106.50	\$38,207.50
The Gathering-Windsor, Windsor **	\$500.00	\$5,150.00	\$1,350.00
The Journey Church, Mississauga	\$317.68	\$8,765.67	\$1,767.77
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$0.00	\$324.00	\$3,141.00
The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$0.00	\$15,397.00	\$21,443.14
The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$0.00	819.86
The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$366.05
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
A Better City Church, Etobicoke	\$0.00	\$530.93	\$0.00
Agape Global Community Fellowship, North York	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.21
Elevation Church Canada, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church East, Ajax	\$243.86	\$1,553.27	\$1,007.23
Emmanuel Baptist Church North, North York	\$104.99	\$1,289.25	\$827.31
Fellowship Church GTA, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$939.32	\$2,393.42
Fellowship Pickering, Pickering	\$0.00	\$9,028.61	\$1,719.00

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Fellowship Church Rouge Park, Pickering	\$0.00	\$1,922.56	\$0.00
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Ark Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hamilton Baptist Church of Shalom, Hamilton	\$48.00	\$559.50	\$433.17
Heaven Sent Community Fellowship, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,309.55	\$753.69
Jesus the Lord Almighty City Church, North York	\$150.00	\$415.14	\$0.00
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$217.00	\$4,084.55	\$3,347.95
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$50.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$248.49	\$219.63
Restoration Church, Nepean	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Restoration Hamilton, Hamilton	\$122.58	\$1,235.09	\$645.14
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$0.00	\$2,828.00	\$3,370.00
Thames Christian Fellowship, Chatham	\$558.00	\$5,876.04	\$8,302.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$0.00	\$12,584.49	\$7,716.19
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Emmanuel Baptist Church West-Oakville-Mississauga,	Oakville\$47.70	\$465.15	\$0.00
Evergreen Chapel, Smith Falls	\$0.00	\$580.08	\$0.00
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Greenhills Christian Fellowship - Durham, Ajax	\$0.00	\$1,607.22	\$421.20
House of Prayer International Church Milton, Oakville	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$21.00
Journey Church City Centre, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ruach Ha Emet Messianic Synagogue, Mapes	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
The Bridge, Oakville	\$63.16	\$1,288.19	\$426.00
The Bridge Gathering, Forest	\$0.00	\$57.50	\$0.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$886.63
The King's Church, Mississauga	\$54.60	\$212.16	\$0.00
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wadi Church, Mississauga	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
ONTOTALS	\$8,624.35	\$139,952.98	\$130,115.64
QUÉBEC			
CONGREGATIONS			
Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$0.00	\$879.97	\$0.00
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$450.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.27
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$950.26
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$995.77	\$4,305.74	\$4,109.79
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$0.00	\$4,318.00	\$1,653.79
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur, Pierrefonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Fél	lix \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$84.15	\$523.10	\$467.06
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$321.00	\$1,641.90
Église Renaissance Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Église Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,878.29
First Romanian Baptist Church, Laval	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
La Chapelle, Montréal	\$0.00	\$35,040.52	\$40,398.00
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$2,132.17
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$258.63	\$3,443.03	\$3,009.38
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$523.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montréa	al \$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Centre Tapickotc de Wemotaci, La Croche	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ComJesus, Mont-Saint-Hilaire	\$100.00	\$800.00	\$900.00
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$450.50
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.40
Église du Mont-Bellvue, Sherbrooke	\$947.71	\$3,542.03	\$2,335.41
Église le Contact, Repentigny	\$600.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,450.00
Église le Refuge, Pincout	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$2,250.00	\$6,750.00	\$0.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
l'Assemblé (Eglise Evangelique Lumiére des Nations), Sher	brooke\$0.00	\$289.48	\$0.00
La Chapelle Mile-End, Montreal	\$0.00	\$1,341.00	\$0.00
Renaissance Church (Montreal), Montreal	\$820.16	\$1,878.52	\$0.00
The Village Church, Brigham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS			
Église Urbaine Axe21 - Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
QC TOTALS	\$6,856.42	\$74,447.39	\$71,613.22
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NEW BRUNSWICK CONGREGATIONS Eastside Church, Miramichi Église Cite de la Grace, Dieppe Hillside Church, Blackville Hope Community Church, Fredericton Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown Providence Christian Church, Riverview Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS NOVA SCOTIA			
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Hillside Church, Blackville Hope Community Church, Fredericton Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown Providence Christian Church, Riverview Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$2,272.80	\$2,726.13
Hope Community Church, Fredericton Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown Providence Christian Church, Riverview Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$400.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown Providence Christian Church, Riverview Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$6,610.72	\$3,412.25
Refuge Church, Riverview NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone Church Richibucto, Richibucto OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$570.00	\$0.00
OTHER PLANTS River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS			
River Church Fredericton, Fredericton NB TOTALS	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
NB TOTALS			
	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$0.00
NOVA SCOTIA	\$0.00	\$11,743.52	\$7,688.38
CONGREGATIONS			
Baddeck Community Baptist Church, Baddeck	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$420.00	\$3,930.00	\$2,533.50
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,543.23
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,650.00
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Christian Community Church of Cheticamp, SW Margaree	\$165.00	\$835.00	\$835.00
Inverness Community Church, Inverness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NS TOTALS	\$1,085.00	\$7,365.00	\$6,561.73
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			
CONGREGATIONS			
Center Point Church, Montague	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$1,256.55	\$12,626.22	\$10,788.74
NEW CHURCH PLANTS			
Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetow	n \$0.00	\$4,187.86	\$3,404.20
PELTOTALS	\$1,256.55	\$28,814.08	\$17,192.94
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CONGREGATIONS			
Tli-Cho Baptist Church, Behchoko	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Y/NWT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER GIFTS			
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$1,611.00	\$1,695.20

Listing of churches who have given in the last 3 years



NEW CHURCH PLANTS

NFL TOTALS

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Dick and Shirlee Hale announce the birth of their granddaughter, Leanne Evelyn Humphreys, born October 17, 2017 in Grande Prairie, AB. Leanne's parents are Keith and Melanie Humphreys. Melanie is the Hales' daughter. Dick is senior pastor of Worsley Baptist Church, Worsley, AB.



Dennis and Ardell Milne and Gary and Valerie Tether announce the birth of their grandson, Seth Alexander Milne, born September 17, 2017. Seth's parents are Alexander and Olivia Milne. Dennis is pastor of The Open Door Church, Edmonton, AB. Gary serves



as missions team coordinator at Bow Valley Baptist Church, Cochrane, AB.



The NAMB Spouse Care Advocates Summit, held in Atlanta, was represented by four Canadian advocates. They were equipped and challenged to offer care events for church planter wives and to help create an atmosphere of encouragement and connection for ministry wives.

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Wayne and Brittany
Campbell announce
the birth of their daughter,
Harper Grace Campbell, born
September 1, 2017 in West
Kelowna, BC. Wayne is senior
pastor of The Potter's House
Community Church, West
Kelowna, BC.

Rev Dr Kenneth G Branton, passed away September 2, 2017. Kenneth served as a Southern Baptist pastor of churches in British Columbia, California, and Washington. In middle age, Ken and Doreen went as missionaries to Zimbabwe and Zambia, teaching at Baptist seminaries in addition to working with local churches and the Baptist



Convention of Zimbabwe. In retirement he taught again at the seminary in Zimbabwe, at The Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochrane, Alberta, and provided interim pastoral support to First Baptist Church of Beverly Park and Arabic Baptist Church of Calgary. Click for full obituary

Coquitlam Chinese Baptist ChurchPort Coquitlam, BC

seeking a pastor

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