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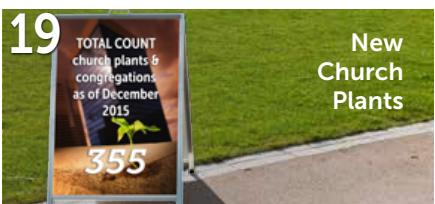
stories that encourage, inspire and inform

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God,
the everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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Connecting

CNBC, in partnership with CGR, is helping Syrian refugees



My wife Connie and I landed in Beirut, Lebanon, at about 7:30 pm local time in early September. We had been in the Middle East before so the surroundings were familiar. Minarets dotted the landscape and the sound of evening prayers reminded us we were in a land that has been impacted by Islam.

There was no time for jetlag as we were up early the following morning, piling into a small van with our partners from Canadian Global Response (CGR). We headed north for a few hours so we could see one of the Syrian refugee projects near the Syrian border.

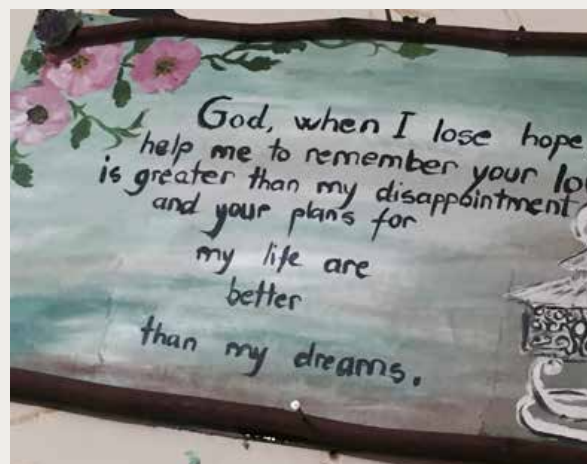
Lebanon is a tiny, overcrowded country whose famed biblical cedars have all been replaced by urban sprawl. Travel is complicated by multiple checkpoints and the constant stop and go that comes with cities that seem to merge into one another without any rural breaks. The obvious presence of well-armed military and police is a constant reminder that in this part of the world security is the ultimate concern. At one point the driver reminds us that we are going through “sniper alley” but he checked before we left, he said, and he does not think that there will be any activity today... good to know. We pass many roadside fruit vendors displaying bananas and grapes but are told it isn't safe to stop at any of them.

Finally we arrive at our destination: an education centre in a three-bedroom apartment on the second floor of a strip mall containing six street-level shops. This education centre is different than typical Lebanese schools

in that it is for Syrian refugee children, many of whom have not had any education for more than three years. The teachers are Syrian and the curriculum is the same as the one used in Syrian schools before the

conflict in Syria disrupted the entire educational system. Giving to Syrian refugee relief through Canadian Global Response (CGR) provides hope through education.

About 130 children are crowded into a single-family dwelling. Every available space is filled with desks. The resources and technology we take for granted are nowhere to be seen. In spite of the overcrowding the pupils are polite, disciplined, and eager to learn. Students are fed at noon from the tiny kitchen—pita bread topped with olive oil and oregano or Nutella. For many it is their first meal; they are given extra to take home to their extended families. This education centre represents normalcy and hope for their future.



A reminder of God's promise and provision during difficult times adorns a wall.

Two days later we fly to Northern Iraq, landing in Erbil, Kurdistan, 45 minutes away from clashes between Kurdish forces and ISIS. We meet with our CGR partners who escort us to sites where refugees have set up makeshift lodging. We visit desperate families squatting in condemned abandoned storage structures, crammed into the upper floors of unfinished urban shopping malls, and parcelled out into UN camps. We drive past tent cities, unable to stop because of time constraints. We meet extended families—grandparents to babies—packed into spaces that were never meant for human habitation.



Refugee children gathered in a makeshift classroom and sang songs in an apartment building CGR is raising funds to help rent.

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Visiting Syrian Refugees

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Just a year ago, these displaced people lived like you and me. They had typical middle-class dwellings, adequate education, good jobs; most of the perks that come from hard work in a secure environment. Then came ISIS who overwhelmed the Kurdish forces, and they were

forced to leave everything behind and flee into the night, many with only the clothing on their backs. They had to flee or be killed because they were Christian. We heard from a university art professor who escaped with nothing, an electrical engineer who ran the power grid for a large Iraqi city, and others who were forced to sleep on the streets for months and months—heart-wrenching stories from people in need of hope. As you can imagine, they just want to go home, and for most of them, home is less

than an hour away. But it might as well be the moon because their chances of returning are that remote.

As gut-wrenching as it was to see and hear about so much suffering, we were proud about the ways our CGR partners helped in the initial days of the refugee crisis. They provided food and helped secure lodging. They rented an apartment building to house 45 families. In cooperation with a local Baptist church, hands-on ministry and children's programs were established.

Teams from North America arrived and set up medical clinics and pharmacies, providing help in many different ways.

The thought that our efforts are so small compared to the great need tempts us to inaction. But the command of our Lord to love the way He loves obligates us to do something, no matter how small. I pray that all our churches would ask God, "What should we do about this crisis?"



When advocacy and basic needs such as housing for Iraqi families is given, dignity and hope is provided.



The Taillons visit Iraqi refugee camps and displaced people housing in what used to be old storage buildings.

Here are some suggestions of where to start:

- Go to the [CGR website](#) and get informed.
- See if your church and other churches can partner to send teams to Kurdistan, Northern Iraq or Lebanon to help these people.
- Go to [this link](#) for information on how to sponsor a refugee family.
- Give money so that CGR can deliver much-needed aid. Pray that God will use us in this crisis to see many come to a personal relationship with Jesus.



Ornate floor mats in Middle Eastern homes are gathering places for conversation, relaxing, and even sleeping.



A Simply Better Christmas

By *Connie Cavanaugh*

Christmas 2003 was the big turning point for me. Prior to that year I had always done Christmas *big!* And I had usually done it solo because I was so fussy and particular my “elves” quickly abandoned the project. Including Papa Elf.

So I hung the lights on the eaves, the fence, the trees. I set up a lighted tree on the deck. I took the kids out to cut down a tree early in December. That usually ended badly.

I did the baking, the cleaning, the buying, the wrapping. I sent gifts to teachers, neighbours, and friends near and far.

I wrote the Brag Sheet full of merry lies and sent it to the multitudes. We bought new duds and took the photos. I decked the halls, heated the nog, wore the red hat and squeezed a bitter “Ho Ho Ho” from my pinched martyr’s lips.

I was NOT having fun.

Then our firstborn picked January 3, 2004 as her wedding day. It was the crisis I needed to bounce me out of my tinsel rut. I knew I could not do Christmas like I had always done it and marry off the princess with flair a week later. Something had to change. I did.

And I’ve never gone back to the old ways. I have enjoyed reading [Kathy Howard’s suggestions](#) for a simpler Christmas. She has lots of practical suggestions for de-stressing your Christmas, things like quitting the things you don’t want to do—outdoor lights—and buying cookies for the homemade cookie exchange. These ideas and many more can be found at her [blogsite](#).

Every year for the last 12 I have simplified and eliminated. Last year, I put up a tree with nothing but lights. Our two-year-old grandson a.k.a. World’s Cutest Tornado was coming for Christmas and I knew that he would strip the tree as fast as I could festoon it. I chose to enjoy him

instead of hovering over him or fencing off the tree so none of us could get to it. It was the right choice.

My entire Christmas now fits into three plastic bins and every year I don’t use it all. Some of the other things I have done to simplify are:

- Instead of the Brag Sheet I find a family photo (or make a photo collage) and use Apple iPhoto to make a **postcard** with bullet points on the back highlighting family news for the last year.
- I limit **baking** to two things we can’t live without at Christmas — poppycock and butter tarts.
- No **outdoor lights**. I hang a wreath on the door so people will know it’s not the Grinch’s home.
- Hold on to your Santa hat for this shocker...I don’t hang **stockings**. Now it’s only Papa Elf and me at home these days and he sure doesn’t care. All the grandkids have stockings at home so they don’t care. But for the last few years our kids were at home I hung their stockings but didn’t fill them. Do they still love me? Yes indeed.



● I leave my **tree** “decorated” and store it under the stairs in the basement. Nowadays that means lights only until the grandkids are older and out of the tree-stripping phase. Obviously it is an artificial tree. I light pine **scented candles!** No one notices.

I love Christmas now! We walk, we ski, we watch movies, we play crokinole and other games. Papa Elf does all the shopping and only quits when the plastic card starts to smoke. I have time for handmade gifts again — homemade jellies, knitted articles, goodie bags, hand stitched baby items and more. Simplifying Christmas creates the necessary margin so we can keep the main thing the main thing — celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus.

Connie Cavanaugh is an award winning writer and speaker from Cochrane, Alberta, Canada. Find out more about Connie by reading her blog [here](#) and visiting her website [here](#).



En Route

God is moving on The Rock

Newfoundland and Labrador (aka The Rock) is a unique province. In addition to most of the province having its own time zone, having a long independent history before joining our nation, and being the most eastern point in North America, it is also home to some of the most friendly and engaging people you can imagine.

I had the honour of travelling to St. John's, NL, with Derek Jones this past month. It was a joy to meet a local pastor, a local chaplain, and potential indigenous church planters. I am grateful for the evangelical leaders that the Lord has raised up. And I am excited about the possibility of us coming alongside to help start new CNBC churches to assist in serving this wonderful city and province.

I would encourage our churches to pray for St. John's and consider partnering to impact this influential city.

REASONS TO CONSIDER VISITING AND PARTNERING IN ST. JOHN'S

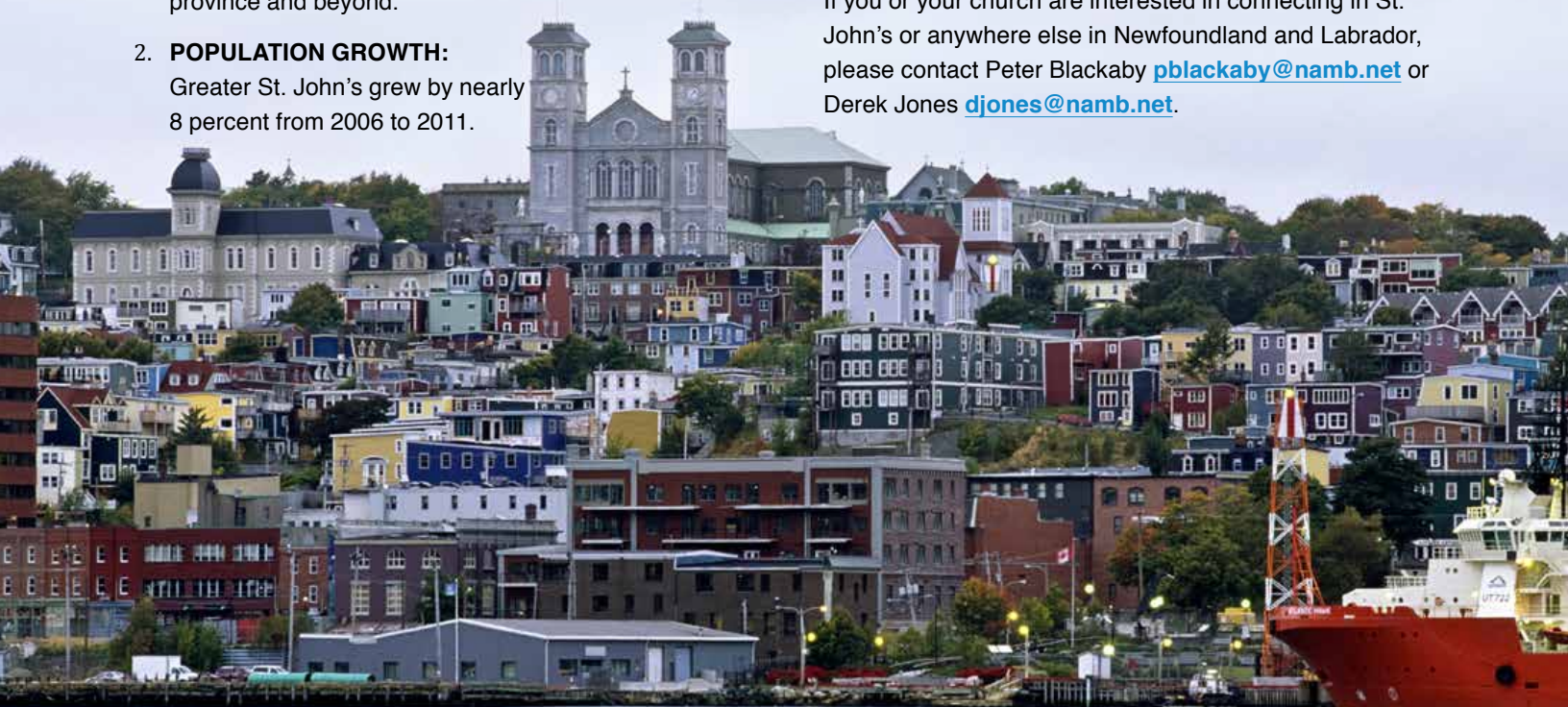
1. **REGIONAL INFLUENCE:** 38 percent of Newfoundland and Labrador's population lives in Greater St. John's (197,000 of 514,500). St. John's is the second largest metro area in Atlantic Canada, is the provincial capital, is the primary support centre for the expansive offshore oil industry, is home to Memorial University, and is a major tourist destination. Impact in this city will be felt throughout the entire province and beyond.
2. **POPULATION GROWTH:** Greater St. John's grew by nearly 8 percent from 2006 to 2011.

3. **SPIRITUAL NEED:** From 2001 to 2011, the percentage of people who claim "no religion" grew from 3.9 percent to 11.1 percent, yet there are very few evangelical churches and no CNBC churches serving this city.
4. **GENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS:** You may be used to seeing advertisements for new condo buildings that say things like "Live near work" but in St. John's you will see suburban condo ads that say "Live close by family." Unlike many cities where young families are displaced from their support network as they seek employment, St. John's has a community ethos that values family and enables generations who grew up locally to remain connected.

SPECIFIC WAYS TO PRAY FOR ST. JOHN'S

1. Pray for existing evangelical churches to be strong, to be united, and to be effective in their witness for Christ and service to their communities.
2. Pray for one evangelical church in particular that is mentoring leaders and has a heart to see many churches started from their congregation.
3. Pray for the Lord to raise up local church planters to start CNBC and other evangelical churches across the city.

If you or your church are interested in connecting in St. John's or anywhere else in Newfoundland and Labrador, please contact Peter Blackaby pblackaby@namb.net or Derek Jones djones@namb.net.



CGR offers social justice opportunities in 2016



One in nine people do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life. CGR is challenging Canada to raise \$1 million by the end of 2016.

By Dan Kazmaier

We've had a full year at [Canadian Global Response](#), with many CNBC churches partnering and leading initiatives. From sending teams to rebuild houses in the Philippines, to helping organize ride and walk teams to fundraise for Syrian refugee children without education, churches have actively been volunteering and assisting those in need. With 2016 coming quickly and new projects being offered, we're excited to highlight different ways you and your church can get involved.

To be effective in disaster relief and humanitarian aid, it's essential that we're equipped before working on the ground. CGR offers a 32-hour certificate via [The Sphere Project](#)—training using one of the most widely known and internationally recognized sets of common principles and universal minimum standards in life-saving areas of humanitarian response. One to two-day introductions to disaster relief and community development are also offered, in addition to separate workshops such as trauma counselling, engaging refugees, health, nutrition, mud-outs and microenterprise. Would your church consider hosting one of our trainers in the new year?

CGR is in the process of being approved by the Government of Canada as an official Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) to resettle refugees from abroad through the private sponsorship of refugees. We will have the ability to authorize other Constituent Groups (CGs) in the community, such as churches, to sponsor refugee families under our agreement. If your

church is interested in providing hope for a family, please contact us and visit our website for updates and further information about the process and commitment under our [refugee resettlement program](#).

Because of our partnership with the CNBC, our administrative and operation fees are covered up front for all donations through CNBC churches and church members. After processing, a tax receipt is issued and 100 percent of the funds are given towards the project of your choosing. For example, did you know that you can support a Syrian refugee child's education, food, school supplies, and clothing for as little as \$33 per month? It's our hope that we will be able to sponsor 160 students in 2016 in a school whose teachers are also refugees. Thank you to our volunteers for designing and offering feedback for the new program, which we've called "[Hope 4 Syria](#)."

CGR operates largely as a volunteer-based movement, allowing churches, friends and family to use their skills to change the world. We envision the global community demonstrating love in action in times of crisis, acting justly in love and humility, and sharing blessings with the destitute, the poor and the needy. From short-term humanitarian trips, fundraising and blogging to graphic design and more, let's get in touch to see how we can partner together in 2016!

Contact CGR:

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Children in one of the refugee classrooms wear face masks during a dust storm. Refugee students can be sponsored through CGR's "[Hope 4 Syria](#)" project.

Kingdom Seeds

Sixty years of Baptist campus ministry still growing



The first Baptist campus ministry in Canada was established 60 years ago at the University of British Columbia. Over the decades we have seen many models of collegiate ministry connect with students on campuses all across Canada.



BSM group at University of Alberta circa 1984

For many years the dominant model of university ministry was a club ministry, known as Baptist Student Union or Baptist Student Ministries (BSM). Club ministries involve a student organization run by students reaching the campus through outreach events, personal evangelism, small group discipleship groups, fellowships, etc. Through BSM and similar campus ministries hundreds of leaders were discovered, developed and deployed across Canada and around the world.

One of the goals of BSM was to channel students into leadership in local Baptist churches. This continues to be a major emphasis of campus ministries across Canada. However, there isn't always a church in the immediate community of the campus for students to attend.

In Quebec this was particularly true. Around the major university campuses very few evangelical churches

were ministering to students. In 2000 Robert Pinkston



was appointed by the International Mission Board to initiate university ministry on campuses in Quebec. Robert planted [Impact Church](#) right on the McGill campus in downtown Montreal. This was the first CNBC “university community church.” Impact flourished under Robert’s leadership.

One student who became involved at Impact was Lucas Aube. Lucas grew up in the Sherbrooke area in a school where he was the only identifiable evangelical Christian.

For Lucas to find a campus ministry and a church that allowed him to grow and flourish as a disciple-maker was a huge blessing. Now he is the leader of [Encounter Student Ministries](#) at



Encounter Student Ministries leaders

Bishop’s University in Sherbrooke. Encounter has a campus-based club ministry and has also planted a university community church.

The success and multiplication of Impact Church opened the doors for many university community churches in Canada. At Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC, Kelly Manire established [The Point Church](#). Now led by Pastor Victor Thomas, The Point Church has multiplied to minister on three SFU campuses.

We have moved from one “club-based student ministry” model to many different models of university ministry. A great example of multiple

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Origin Church holds welcome back BBQ for UBC students.

Campus Ministry

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The Point Church, Simon Fraser University

approaches to reach students is seen at the University of British Columbia campus. This is a massive campus with more than 50,000 students, and staff. There is also a huge condo development being built on campus, drawing thousands of people to the community. In order to reach this community we have a club ministry called “[Born for More](#)” led by Rich Carruthers, a ministry to international students led by Suzanne Perry, and [Origin Church](#), a university community church planted by Craig O’Brien. Rich, Suzanne and Craig also all serve as Baptist chaplains at UBC.



Central Community Church has a campus ministry outreach at MacEwan University in Edmonton.

In Edmonton, MacEwan University is a major campus right downtown, situated between a growing community of executive high-rise condo developments on one side and a lower income community full of new immigrants

on the other. Jason and Charissa Shine have planted [Edmonton Central Community Church](#) on the university campus, to reach students and also the communities that surround the campus.

In some cases churches are being planted on university campuses because of the availability of space, and the result has been a significant influx of young adults into the church families. Here are just a few of dozens of university community churches planted in Canada:

[Mosaic Church](#) in Lloydminster, AB, meets at the Lakeland College campus (see story page 12). Hundreds

of young adults are part of their ministry.



[The Light Worship](#)

[Community](#) is a new plant on the University of Manitoba campus in Winnipeg. Dozens of students have been reached.



The Light Worship Community, Winnipeg

In Quebec City [Église Urbaine 180°](#) meets at the Cégep de Limoilou campus.



Also in Quebec,

[Mosaïque Church](#) has planted a third church on the Université Laval campus.

These churches have seen many young adults coming to faith in Christ.



In Toronto “[Ekklesia](#)” is

planted as a university community church on the York University Glendon campus. [Jacob Puiras](#) serves as the planter/pastor there.

The [CNBC](#) and North American Mission Board ([NAMB](#)) have embraced university community church planting as a strategy to rapidly reach young leaders who are desperately needed in Canada to support and start more churches. There are certainly challenges in planting a church with a majority of the congregation being students, but there have been amazing stories of God’s movement.



video link

Ekklesia is a place for students to grow, learn, and prepare themselves for an entire life of following Jesus while reaching out to a community and campus.

NAMB has established a ministry called [Collegiate Collaborative](#), where resources are provided for all types of collegiate ministry. University community church planting is fully embraced as one way to reach students. There is an excellent article written by [Brian Frye](#), NAMB’s national collegiate strategist, called “Why Collegiate Church Planting Matters” ([click here](#)). This is a great introduction to the opportunities that are out there for planting churches on or near university campuses in Canada.

For more information about ministering in and around college and university campuses contact [Mel Cruikshank](#).

Summer mission teams help lead 46 people to Jesus



Scott shares with two teams and their families at a soccer camp.

By Baxley Carr

This summer, Rendezvous Toronto led 46 people to Christ through their summer missions and evangelism blitz. The three-year-old church plant had hundreds of volunteers come alongside them on mission to help reach three strategic areas where they are building missional communities. Rendezvous uses summer missions to boldly impact the community and present the Gospel in creative ways.

From bike repair clinics to community service camps, from 24-7 Prayer Rooms to Pan Am sporting events, Rendezvous mission teams were all over Toronto sharing the Good News. Some prayer walked. Some registered kids for camp. Some repaired bicycles. Some shared the Gospel one on one. But they all came to Toronto to serve. Rendezvous has hosted 13 different church mission teams since March.

Every June, Rendezvous kicks off summer with a free bike repair clinic called ChainRx. This was the fifth year in Yonge-Dundas Square. "It's an amazing event which draws thousands and creates effortless opportunities for Gospel conversations as we explain why we hold such a practical event for free," explains Scott Rourk, Rendezvous' lead church planting pastor. "We had over 160 unchurched people go through our Restoration Story which is a live, ten-minute 'creation to Christ' presentation of the Gospel." Dunwoody Baptist Church from Atlanta, Georgia, spearheaded the event and expanded ChainRx to Scarborough, a community in which a third Rendezvous church plant has been established.



The second phase of Rendezvous' summer missions, TO Challenge, focused on registering children in its camps. Teams prayer walked the neighbourhoods and schools where the camps were to be held. Northeast Houston Baptist Church helped spread the word and register kids for six summer camps. Washington Avenue Baptist Church from Cookeville, Tennessee, volunteered time to do maintenance and repairs at a refugee house the church partners with monthly. "This is by far one of the most important missions we have because of the prayer walking," says Scott. "Without exception, all of our missions prayer walk, but TO Challenge saturates the city with intentional prayer just like the disciples did two thousand years ago" (Luke 10).

This year's Summer Spectacular Sports Camp celebrated the Pan Am Games with three Toronto camps. North Carolina partner churches from Second Baptist Hamlet, Cartledge Creek Baptist, Crosspointe Baptist, and First Baptist, Rockwell, helped share Christ to over 600 kids through sport.

Rendezvous added two new summer mission opportunities: a 24-7 Prayer Room to bring churches together to pray for Toronto, and a Pan Am Family Festival including a Cup of Nations Soccer Tournament and Joint Outdoor Worship Service. Vertical Church from Mississippi and Old Powhatan Baptist Church from Virginia came together to help host these events. It was a great way to follow up from their sports camps and to offer additional connection points to the community. Over 200 people attended the joint worship service where Scott preached. Three local churches also participated.

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Rendezvous photos from top, clockwise: Ryan serves lunch at a SparkGood camp. Mrs. Sherry paints the railing at a refugee house. Volunteers serve food at a soccer camp. Team work - Mercy, Kalya, Hope, Andrew and Mason hang camp posters. Kids play games at SparkGood camp.



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Three SparkGood camps were held in public schools across Toronto. Central Baptist Church Oakridge, North Carolina, served for their third time in Midtown. Second Baptist Church Russellville, Arkansas, ran a camp in Parkdale and First Baptist Carrier Mills, Illinois, along with Highland Baptist Church, North Carolina, helped church planter Marc Nzikobari in the Scarborough area. SparkGood camps are community service risk-taking camps that help children learn how to take healthy risks in life. Through these camps the children helped collect, organize and deliver 165 hygiene care bags to the local Salvation Army.



Paul Baisier, right, works on a bike at the ChainRx clinic.



By John Las



LLOYDMINSTER, AB—Following Sunday worship service on October 4, Mosaic Church in Lloydminster, Alberta, celebrated its 1.5 years of existence with baptisms.

A quarter of the congregation convoyed to the Microtel Inn pool area, where the church held its last four baptism services dubbed Baptism Bashes. Twelve people were baptized: two children, the rest teens and adults in their 20s and 30s. All had received Christ as Lord within the last two months.

One testimony highlight is the story of Rocky:

Rocky, who works in a fast-food restaurant, came to church “accidentally” sometime in August. A couple of his friends wanted to check out Mosaic one Sunday morning and asked Rocky to give them a ride. He planned on dropping his friends off so he could go to Mass at his church. But on that day, his friends were both called to work. Instead of going to Mass, Rocky decided to go to Mosaic on his own. The Spirit moved in his heart and that morning he received Christ as Lord and Saviour. In late August, Mosaic held baptisms in two separate locations for 13 people. Rocky was among them. He now serves in the guest services ministry at the church.

In September, Mosaic Church launched a sermon series called “Find Your Flow,” during which they learned what it means to influence their circles with the Gospel. Moved by the principles from the sermon series, Rocky influenced his closest friends and co-workers to attend Mosaic and discipleship group meetings, by joining forces with two other co-workers, Arcee and Ryan, who are already part of Mosaic. Four of Rocky’s friends received Christ and were baptized!

Since January 2015, 100 people have received Christ as Lord and Saviour at Mosaic, and 51 of them have been baptized. Praise God for the immeasurable magnitude of His grace.

Note: Mosaic had their most recent Baptism Bash on November 29.



Rocky (far right) with his friends who were baptized

Share your church baptism stories in the Horizon

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Hamilton Bikers' Church celebrates 5 years of service



Click for more pictures.

HAMILTON, ON—On October 22, Hamilton Bikers' Church had a huge potluck dinner celebrating five years of serving the biker community in and around the greater Hamilton and Toronto areas. As always, it was a full house with lots of food and friends from all sectors of bike clubs and bikers from all walks of life.

This Bikers' Church is currently a self-governing congregation applying to be a full voting member of CNBC. Pastors Ken Williams and Gregg Walker fill many functions in the biker community from outreach at club-houses and public motorcycle rides and fundraisers to hospital visitation, weddings, baptisms, and celebrations of life.

This year, the congregation has doubled in size with over two dozen voting

members, 18 of them bearing "full patched" vests. So far in 2015, there have been seven baptisms, three right in Lake Ontario and two more at the local YWCA.

In the spring, they held a Swap Meet which saw 200 bikers through the church doors at Crown Point Community Church on Ottawa St. N. The Fall Ride had 130 participants from every sector of the biker community. This annual event raises about \$2,000 to send a busload of children to a Christian summer camp each year through a local Christian children and teen program called City Kidz, at which some of the members volunteer in ministry capacities.

The Bikers' Church participates in the Cooperative Giving Program as well as City Kidz. They are looking forward

to sending delegates to the Montreal 2016 Convention.



Potluck buffet



That They May Know You

John 17:3

Outreach to Friends and Community

Engage 24

We invited every person in our CNBC family to Engage in a Gospel conversation on November 24, 2015!



This initiative stemmed from a think tank of collegiate leaders across North America including Canadians.

Out of this call to action thousands of Gospel conversations have been reported, and many have been introduced to Jesus.

How you can prepare to participate on **November 24, 2016**

- Start with the commitment to prayerfully and intentionally engage someone in a Gospel conversation.
- Share your commitment with a few friends, and ask them to join you.
- Begin praying for the people you meet in your daily routine.
- Choose a Gospel-conversation approach, like [3 Circles](#), [The God Test](#) or [The God Questions](#).
- Share your faith.
- Share your experience on social media using the hashtag: **#engage24**.



CLICK for winter outreach ideas



CLICK for Christmas outreach ideas

Sports Outreach: a great way to meet your community

By Holly Procita

CNBC Sports Outreach Director

It's amazing how God used sports to reach families this summer throughout Canada. Now that the kids are back in school and family schedules are getting full how do we stay in touch?

1. Hold a follow-up event. Offer participation awards or certificates at church. Host an event to celebrate together, or hold a one-day mini-version of your camp.
2. Create an evaluation survey to be sent to each family. There are multiple web-based survey companies that can help you create a professional looking survey for free or at a very minimal cost.
3. Invite them to the next church event. Most families are more willing to attend an event before they will come to church on Sunday.

[Click here to contact Holly](#) for outreach ideas:

Two churches share their experiences

Tapestry Church, Calgary, held two soccer camps in their community. There were 83 kids in attendance with 17 volunteers from Tapestry, Kingwood Baptist (TX) and West Jackson Baptist (TN). After the camp Tapestry started hosting a "family sports drop-in" the hour before worship starts on Sunday morning. Because they meet in a school, they have access to the gym and want to utilize it to continue engaging the community. One dad started bringing his kids to the sports drop in, and soon asked if it would be OK to leave them for Sunday school. A few weeks later, the mom joined them and stayed for the ladies coffee break that is held at the same time. She is a Hindu lady who is curious about the Christian God.

Halloween outreach: Evansburg Baptist (AB) gave out hot chocolate on their church front step for parents who out were with their children trick or treating. They had several conversations with families in their neighbourhood. Some people were surprised that a church would give something away simply as an act of service and not as a fundraiser: an example of a church "giving themselves away to advance the Kingdom."



Woman to Woman: Philippines project

Help women and children in the Philippines who were affected by the 2013 typhoon!

Join with the women of your church to be a part of this joint effort with CGR and CNBC.

A box donated by women from our Canadian churches, filled with toys, candy and Bibles, is on its way to women and children in Leyte, Philippines, for Christmas.



Melanie Morgan, Vicki Elliott and Jennifer Hunter pack a Christmas box for women and children in the Philippines.

We have also collected enough money to buy one sewing machine. Our plan is to raise funds to buy four sewing machines and lessons to teach the single moms in the village to sew and become self-supporting. [Donate here](#)

In January

We are collecting Children and Youth Discipleship materials. [Click here](#) to donate online or send materials to the CNBC office. **Deadline is January 31, 2016.**

Easter 2016

Back to School Book Bags and School Supplies: Do some ladies in your church sew? They might like to make a simple child's book bag.

[Click here](#) for Book Bag Pattern

[Click here](#) for Sewing Supplies and School Supplies Lists

Deadline is April 30, 2016

Save these Dates: 2016

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April 19 • 7-9pm

GIRL TALK

Calgary, AB

Speaker:

Sheila Wray Gregoire

Author of

Good Girl's Guide to Great Sex

EAST

May 14 • 9am - 4pm

LifeWay Equipping Event

for Women

Moncton, NB

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Over 5,000 women attended Living Proof Live in Toronto

Beth Moore's Bible studies and events have impacted lives around the world. Nearly 2 million women have experienced **Living Proof Live** events and simulcasts.

YOU Lead is a conference, held on the two days before Living Proof Live. It is designed to help develop women's leadership skills. Three CNBC women led breakout groups during Toronto's YOU Lead: Kathy Morales, Melanie Morgan and Stephanie Beaulieu.

[Check out "Toronto Living Proof Live 2015" by LifeWay Women](#)

Janet Terris (Moncton, NB) shares: In November I attended my first YOU Lead training and Living Proof Live conference in Toronto. I was blessed by the teaching at the leadership training sessions and by the various women on the

Q and A panel. Their love for the Word of God and His church was evident in every session I attended and the subject material was relevant and helpful.

The Living Proof Live conference was an edifying time of sitting under Beth Moore, a passionate teacher who loves the Word and the women of God. We experienced an amazing time of worship and were challenged to dig into Scripture with 5,000 plus women eager to grow and praise our Father. Looking forward to next time!

Diane Worcester (Mississauga, ON) shares: What a faith building and encouraging experience it was to attend the YOU Lead and Beth Moore conferences. I am grateful for the opportunity

to receive biblical input from a variety of gifted women, but even more hearing their examples of trusting God and reaching out to the unchurched using their gifts and life experiences. Thank you CNBC for your help in making this possible.



Church planting wives enjoy lunch after the Beth Moore Conference. (Click for more pictures)

ECBA holds family camp and 10th annual meeting

By Charlie Wright

The East Coast Baptist Association (ECBA) held its tenth Annual General Meeting on October 2 and 3 in Malagash, Nova Scotia, at the Malagash Bible Camp. What a blessed experience it was for all who made time to attend. A few years ago the event transitioned into a family camp and we can happily report we have outgrown two facilities and are well on our way to bursting the seams of a third.

This year's event was so wonderful we've already booked Malagash for the next two years. Next year's dates are September 23 and 24 and in 2017 we have booked the last weekend in August. We are hopeful this change will build on the family camp atmosphere with a date before the children go back to school. So, if you are in the region, it's not too early to mark your calendars.

This year was nothing short of awe-

some as we felt the presence of God in all aspects of the camp. We started out with a family barbecue as people were welcomed through registration and cabin/

room assignments. The spirit of worship was present as we enjoyed each other's company even before we made our way to the chapel. The spirit of God was electric.

The music team of Josh Dockstader and Chris Burke from Montague,

Prince Edward Island, took us to great heights in our praise. Our speakers Terry Branscombe (ECBA moderator and pastor), Derek Jones (NAMB church planting catalyst), and Gerry Taillon (national ministry leader, CNBC) challenged and inspired us in our theme of "being better together".

Friday afternoon featured moderator Terry, Kathy Morales (CNBC team leader, New Believers), and Shauna Dolan (author and seminary student, CSBS), as they offered "tracks" of learning, testimony and inspiration for our participants to enjoy. What an encouragement to pastors and their flocks when we experience God's anointing for the work He has for us to do.

And speaking of "flocks", what a blessing it was to have as many as 32 people from one church. We congratulate Community Bible Chapel for their enthusiasm and participation. Truly an example of what a family camp can be with mums, dads and their children enjoying God's best for us as we both encourage and are encouraged by the power of God's spirit at work. This year was a banner year for attendance with 112 people who made the journey.

Highlights from the business meeting included plans for the ECBA to enable Pastor Diorlis Hernandez (Pastor Joey) and his wife Noraidis Guilarte Abad to visit Eastern Canada in the spring of 2016. We also approved financial support to enable Janet Terris to attend a LifeWay training event in November as a step towards a more focused women's ministry in our region.

Thank you to Victor and Jodi Somers and Corey and Emily Vail, an AWANA team who led our 38 youth and children through a weekend of fun and discovery. Thanks also to Janet Terris (newly appointed leader for ladies' ministry in the region)



Liam Fraser, from The Refuge, joins other campers on the way to the worship centre.

and Kathy Morales for their leadership of the ladies' lunch on Saturday. And a special thank you to Shauna Dolan who spoke encouragement to the ladies as they enjoyed fellowship together. Also touching was a tribute to the memory of Norma Wright, one of God's soldiers who has gone on to claim her heavenly reward since our last family camp.

All in all the weekend was a time rich in blessing with many stories of how Jesus met people one on one in the midst of a family reunion. This is indeed "being better together" for His glory and the growth of His Kingdom.



Dave and Pat Bergman, from Community Bible Chapel, help prepare meals.



Campers gather around the table for fellowship.

Reader's Theatre is much more than reading

By Laura Christopherson

OAKVILLE, ON—For the past five years The Sanctuary-Oakville has been reaching out to the community through a literacy program called Reader's Theatre (RT). Children from a neighbourhood of 60 homes are invited to meet with leaders and other children from the church to participate in six-week long units conducted four times throughout the school year. The group averages about 10 to 15 children, with 75 to 80 percent from the community, including boys and girls of all reading levels.



Laura Christopherson and Reader's Theatre honour Jerome Adamo, author of poems.

Each week after school the children gather at the local Parent/Child Centre across the street from the neighbourhood to enjoy snacks and games but their time is largely dedicated to small groups sitting with their leaders reading funny and interesting scripts. After five weeks of practices the group invites family and friends from the neighbourhood to an evening performance hosted by a Growth Group of The Sanctuary.

The beauty of Reader's Theatre is on many levels. First, it meets a real need in a neighbourhood comprised largely of working, single moms and newcomers to Canada.

Secondly, local businesses and organizations value efforts that contribute to children's literacy. The church has received grants, reduced rent and favour from the community for this program.

Thirdly, children see marked improvement in their reading skills. The essence of RT is that students have fun reading their lines each week without realizing that the repetition is increasing new vocabulary and comprehension. Furthermore, the performance gives them an opportunity to shine. Although they are very nervous at the performances their confidence grows as they read aloud to the audience.

Fourthly, the philosophy behind Reader's Theatre is very simple. Practices and performances focus on reading the scripts. Rather than being distracted by memorization and sets and costumes, the children focus on reading alone, using inflection and intonation to communicate their stories.


Another advantage of the program is that school teachers using Reader's Theatre in the classroom love it. They have posted hundreds of free scripts online. The Sanctuary has never had to purchase one single script in five years.

Lastly and most importantly, as a church ministers to and loves the children, trust is built with their parents and with children, but also to the church. Parents have opened up to leaders and children in the program and even after graduating have built a strong bond with the leaders. Some have even gone on to join the church youth group although they are not members of the church yet.

Austin and Tyson are twin brothers who were part of the very first RT group and continued for three years until they graduated. Clearly Austin and Tyson's reading skills grew through the program and as they matured. Through RT and other outreach activities of The Sanctuary in their neighbourhood, the boys' parents, Jerome and Tanya, started relating more to people in the church. At one point Jerome mentioned to the RT leaders that he had written a series of children's poems called "The Misadventures of Martin Marble". The group agreed to dedicate a unit to these misadventures. Not only were the children engaged in reading the poems but frequently shared their enthusiasm and inspiration that these were written by "Mr. J", their very own neighbour.

At the performance of this unit the children honoured Mr. J for his work with a beautiful cake and an invitation to the local newspaper. It was a great celebration. Although Austin and Tyson had already graduated from RT, Jerome and Tanya attended every performance. Over time Mr. J brought his family to The Sanctuary where they each continue to be actively involved in Sunday mornings and in the weekly youth groups, small groups and on the drama team. Their walks with God clearly continue to grow.

So RT is about the reading but also about so much more—to love our neighbours in word and deed and to see them come closer to the Kingdom of God.



Église 21 launch service reaches un-churched in Quebec

By K. Faith Morgan

MAGOG, QC—By the numbers, the September 27 launch service of **Église 21** in Magog was a resounding success. In addition to the launch team of 80, there were 150 guests from the community in attendance.

But the true success of the service can't be fully conveyed with numbers. Each of those 150 lives had a different story. Some were invited by friends. Some were curious to see the newly restored theatre building where the church is housed. For one of those guests, the story began months ago.

Coffee and community

Church planter Dominic Chaussé used a local coffee shop in Magog as his makeshift office for six months.

"I would go use the Internet and drink coffee and work there, so the business owner knew who I was," he said. "He knew I was a pastor coming to work for a church here that was going to start, but that was about it. He didn't really want anything to do with church."

Before the start of services, Église 21's core launch team began meeting together in missional communities. And like many church leaders, Chaussé often found himself vying with sports for the attention of his group. In the South, it's college football; in the northeast, baseball is king, and in Quebec, it's hockey.

"At one point in my missional community during hockey season, everyone in the home group was not really listening or involved in what we were doing because they were always checking their smart phones to see what the score was," said Chaussé. "I told the group, 'Look, if we're going to just look at hockey, why don't we go do it in the city and be in the midst of the people and celebrate with them.'" With all of the most popular local restaurants

showing the game already packed with viewers, Chaussé called in a favour and asked the proprietor of the coffee shop to open for his group of 20.

"He responded, 'If you have 20 people, of course I'll open,'" said Chaussé. "So he started opening, and we'd go there for every game. We would invite friends, so there were 30 or 40 people in his coffee shop watching the game every few days. That's when we built a relationship with the owner. He said, 'I'm surprised that you guys aren't weird. You're normal people. You're even fun.'"

"He became more and more open to the Gospel, and we began to see his character shaped by biblical principles even though Jesus is not his foundation and Saviour yet," Chaussé said of his new friend. "That relationship grew and flourished, so when we were about to start services, I said, 'Hey man, do you want to come? Seriously, I'm inviting you.' He showed up with his girlfriend, and he was deeply moved. His fear was that his partner wouldn't like the church, but she really liked it, too. He shared with me how happy he was that since she liked it, he was going to be able to come back."

CONNECTING TO THE CULTURE

Chaussé is hoping that other unchurched people in Magog, a resort town, will connect with the message of the Gospel and community of Église 21 in the same way.

"We intentionally studied our culture, and we wanted to do something that's as relevant as possible for a normal Quebecer," said Chaussé of the format of the new services. "We noticed that there are three times as many stand-up comic acts as there are concerts, so a Quebecer is more used to listening to someone talk than he is used to singing music and going to a concert."

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“One of the first things that we did is invert the normal way of doing things. We start with a sermon, and we end in worship, and people have really responded well to that so far. We tell people in the crowd that as children of God in the church, this is how we respond to God. We sing songs of praise to Him for what He’s done and what He’s continuing to do, but they should feel free to respond however they want and not feel obligated to do exactly as their neighbour. If you want to sit down and just contemplate, do that. If you want to stand up and lift your hands, you can do that. Feel free to be who you are in the presence of God.

“We also offer free children’s ministry even if people want to come and drop their kids off and go shopping. It’s fine with us because we’ll have the opportunity to impact their children.”

Chad Vandiver, the North American Mission Board’s (NAMB) Send City Missionary in Montreal, has aided Chaussé in the launch and NAMB provided assistance through a loan to help the new church acquire their building.

“Dominic did an incredible job connecting to the area and contextualizing the Gospel there,” said Vandiver. “It



Marc Pilon preaches to a crowd of over 200 at the launch service of Église 21 on September 27. Église 21 is a church plant in Magog, Quebec. Photos by Claudine Chaussé

was one of our biggest launches in Quebec so far, and they have already had a major impact. There’s only one other evangelical church of about 20 in the area, so there’s a huge need.”

Learn more about reaching Canada through church planting [here](#).

K. Faith Morgan writes for the [North American Mission Board](#).

CNBC Church Plants: Numbers 20-32 in 2015



- 20 Southwinds Church Mahogany -**
Calgary, AB
Pastor and wife: Brett & Kristin Myers
- 21 Christ Community Church -**
Lincoln, NB
Pastor and wife: Corey & Amy Pena Betts
- 22 Jesus Christ the Living Bread International -**
Scarborough, ON
Pastor and wife: Wilner & Rowena Crisostomo
- 23 Thames Christian Fellowship -**
Chatham, ON
Pastor and wife: Brad & Barbara Wing
- 24 ComJésus -** Chambly, QC
Pastor and wife: Benoit Marcoux & Ellen Arseneault
- 25 Mosaique Sacré - Coeur -** Quebec, QC
Pastor and wife: Christian Lachance & Caroline Martel
- 26 Iglesia Hispana Surrey -** Surrey, BC
Pastor and wife: Ivan & Lavi Montenegro
- 27 15:5 Church -** Saskatoon, SK
Pastor and wife: Lou & Martha Leventhal
- 28 Spiritwood Cowboy Church -**
Spiritwood, SK
Pastor: Rick Martin
- 29 Église Renaissance Trois -** Rivières -
Trois - Rivières, QC
Pastor and wife: René & Janice Francis Landry
- 30 Church on the Rock Albion -**
Maple Ridge, BC
Pastor and wife: Shaun & Whitney Lynch
- 31 La Chapelle Mile - End- Montréal, QC**
Pastor and wife: David & André-Elle Mirck
- 32 Bhutanese Fellowship Coquitlam -**
Coquitlam, BC
Pastor: Kumar Bhujel

CSBS professor's new book brings insight for mission and gospel witness through a missional lens

COCHRANE, AB—Although a large majority of believers agree that they should share their faith, most report that they, in fact, do not. That's not really all that surprising given today's pluralistic cultural setting. But maybe this same culture's longing for transcendence, community, and a place to call home point to a backstory that makes sense of it all.

If such a narrative exists, it deserves a hearing, and those who know and live this story have both the responsibility and privilege of sharing its message of hope. "Believers need to learn to frame [this] biblical narrative so that it resonates with those hearing it," says CSBS professor Susan Booth of the need for her recently published book *The Tabernacled Presence of God*.

The narrative of the Bible tells just such a story where God's purpose from the beginning has been to dwell—or tabernacle—in the midst of the people he has created. This book traces the theme of God's tabernacling presence across Scripture, reading the story afresh through a missional lens in order to gain insights for mission and gospel witness.

Booth's book offers solid theological underpinning for gospel witness in a pluralistic, post-Christian setting.

It also highlights the importance of the mission of God as an interpretive key for all of Scripture and the missional role of his people in every age.

While demonstrating substantive scholarship, this book is engagingly written and easily accessible for lay readers.

Booth answers some questions about her new book:

Q What is the book about?

Booth: The book traces the theme of God's tabernacling presence across Scripture, reading the story afresh through a missional lens. It then triangulates this material with a survey of the Canadian cultural context in order to gain insights for mission and gospel witness in this setting.

Q. So is the book only relevant for those living in a Canadian context?

Booth: The bulk of the book is a biblical theological study that identifies timeless missional dimensions that should

shape mission and witness in any setting. While the research presented in chapter 5 is based on Canada, the truth is that the United States is following a very similar cultural trajectory. Much of the practical reflection shared in this book will therefore be relevant for believers across North America.



Susan Booth

Q. Who would benefit from reading this book?

People who have a heart for sharing the gospel and

those who wish they did; people who are frustrated with current methods of evangelism and those frustrated with their own silence; people who want to share their faith in a way that is biblically faithful and culturally relevant; and those who desire to understand the missional heart of God from Genesis to Revelation.

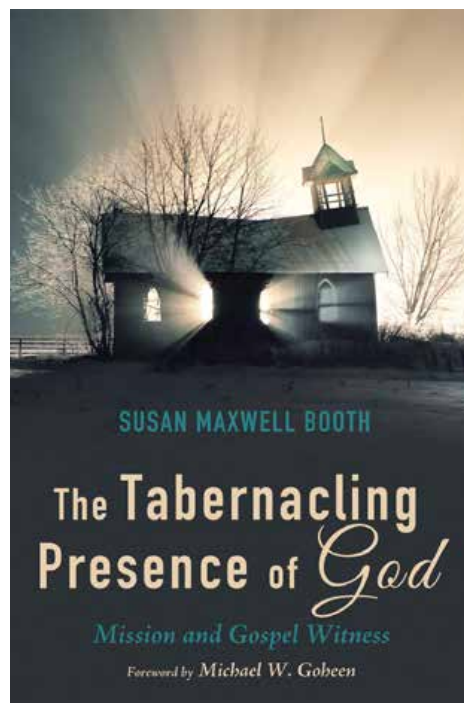
Q. What do you hope to accomplish by writing on the tabernacling presence of God?

My hope is that the book will help Christians awaken wide-eyed to the wonder of God's tabernacling presence in our midst, that we will live in such a way that others recognize this reality, and that we will boldly and joyfully share the

good news of Jesus under the direction and power of his indwelling Spirit.

Q. The picture on the book cover is striking. How does it connect to the message of the book?

The cover photo captures the essence of the church's awakening to the tabernacling presence of God in their midst. The story behind this photograph is actually a wonderful narrative of restoration, and you can read about it in the book's conclusion.



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SYC – BC: New Heart, New Spirit

By Caleb Tse

And so, another summer has passed, and another generation of students and leaders were moved at SYC in amazing ways to pursue deeper relationships with God.

Summer Youth Celebration, BC (SYC) is a five-day camp that takes place every summer in Enderby in our province's interior. It's a special place for high school students to retreat from their world and realign their lives to God through messages, worship, small group Bible studies and fellowship. Countless lives have been changed over the years. Many youth experienced the weight of God's overwhelming grace. As someone who has gone from being a camper to a leader, it was my intense pleasure to help facilitate an environment where the life-transforming tradition continues.

Our theme this year was a "New Heart, New Spirit," following the Valley of Dry Bones from the book of Ezekiel. Pastor Daniel Louie from Urban Village Church and Joey Mask shared the message of how God desired to give new hearts to His followers and revival to what at first seemed to be only dust.

And what a revival it was! This year will be remembered in the lives of all who attended as students responded in incredible ways to the message

in song, prayer, fellowship, and of course, crazy games. God never stopped working from start to finish and it was clear that the students felt it in all their experiences and interactions.



Stories, both joyous and heartbreaking, were shared and life spoken into parts of all our lives, no matter how daunting or seemingly insignificant. We found out what it meant to be on this journey of life together. Though we are called to bear our crosses daily in our walks, we never have to bear them alone. In our darkest moments we will always have Jesus to see us through, and a universal family to support us all the way.

One of the most powerful moments was when Pastor Dan had everyone stand up and just worship and dance. We were celebrating all that God had blessed us with, and His promise to continue to work even when we

returned home. At some point, someone wrapped their arm around their neighbour and it spread until over a hundred of us were in a chain of warm embraces. We might have been from different churches, but we were one body in Christ united to bring life and justice to a broken world.

Joey met the students right where they were with stories of his own life. He shared about a boating experience when God taught him to trust and live by faith even in the midst of being tossed overboard and seemingly abandoned in the rapids of life. Students heard about the width and breadth of Jesus' love and we lived by that all week.

All too soon the week came to an end and we returned home full of beautiful memories, new friendships, new hearts. We thank God for the blessings that He gives us and the promise that He will call us to life again when life feels like dust. We will ever dedicate our hearts to beat for Him.

So in the midst of sad farewells there was celebration for the journey that we had all gone through together. God always uses SYC in an amazing way and we look forward to seeing where He leads us next.

Photos by Henry and Eileen Lew





CNBC COOPERATIVE GIVING

	OCT	YTD 2015	OCT 2014
British Columbia			
Congregations			
Bethel Romanian Church, Abbotsford	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Bethesda Karen Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blessed Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$90.00
Bridge Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$774.54	\$2,861.30
Chinese Christian Gospel Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cityview Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$8,314.47	\$1,965.96
COTR Global Ministries, Pitt Meadows	\$0.00	\$2,117.31	\$2,138.41
Comox Valley Korean Baptist Church, Comox	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, Port Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
Cornerstone Baptist Church, Kamloops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grand Forks	\$0.00	\$1,328.94	\$1,569.31
Gateway Myanmar Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Great Commission Baptist, Aldergrove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Vancouver	\$50.00	\$1,125.00	\$450.00
Korean Baptist Church of Vancouver, Vancouver	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Korean Bethel Baptist Church, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Laotian Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$580.00	\$1,400.00
Living Word Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Logos Baptist Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mapes Baptist Church, Vanderhoof	\$0.00	\$2,530.00	\$2,455.35
Mien Baptist Church, Surrey	\$60.00	\$305.00	\$350.00
Mountain View Baptist Church, Salmon Arm	\$735.55	\$6,551.46	\$7,069.10
Okanagan Chinese Baptist Church, Kelowna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,771.83
Open Door Community Ministries, Richmond	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peace Korean Baptist Church, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Redeemed Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Re:Generation, Langley	\$183.37	\$558.97	\$364.00
Richmond Chinese Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Richmond Chinese Christian Gospel, Richmond	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Richmond Gospel Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Royal Heights Baptist, Delta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00
Salmo Baptist, Salmo	\$95.00	\$1,161.00	\$1,292.00
Solid Rock Biker Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.25
Surrey Chinese Baptist, Surrey	\$450.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Tent of David Fellowship, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$463.78
The Church of Loving People, Langley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Point, Burnaby	\$212.40	\$1,434.34	\$1,314.35
The Potter's House Community, Westbank	\$275.07	\$2,682.09	\$3,467.80
Towers Baptist, Richmond	\$0.00	\$3,212.50	\$3,150.00
Uplands Baptist, Terrace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Village Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$1,117.56	\$996.63
Vancouver Chinese Baptist, Vancouver	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,800.00
Vancouver Joyful Fellowship Church, Coquitlam	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Victoria Korean Baptist, Victoria	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Vietnamese Baptist Linh-An Church, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
WestCoast Japanese, Vancouver	\$0.00	\$440.97	\$1,473.60
Westlynn Baptist, North Vancouver	\$455.29	\$4,204.65	\$2,955.02
New Church Plants			
Canvas Church, Victoria	\$948.68	\$3,162.83	\$1,170.11
Ekklesia, North Saanich	\$729.94	\$2,672.20	\$3,609.42
Gateway Filipino Baptist Church, Surrey	\$0.00	\$287.10	\$0.00
New Hope Church, Port Coquitlam	\$633.33	\$2,434.55	\$1,738.07
Origin, Vancouver	\$880.32	\$3,533.30	\$3,002.01
The Common Place, Coquitlam	\$15.60	\$89.08	\$163.98
The Crossings, Vancouver	\$231.00	\$2,240.50	\$2,317.27
Zende (Living) Church, New Westminster	\$67.62	\$819.80	\$440.82
Zona Cero Baptist Ministries, Vancouver	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Other Plants			
His Will Church, Burnaby	\$0.00	\$152.55	\$366.48
Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$0.00
BC TOTALS	\$9,298.17	\$76,915.71	\$74,131.85

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Alberta			
Congregations			
Abundant Life Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,300.00
Alpine Christian Church, Canmore	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Rock Baptist, Okotoks	\$2,351.67	\$11,047.61	\$8,389.29
Bow Valley Baptist, Cochrane	\$2,819.83	\$33,323.40	\$44,315.30
Bridge International, Calgary	\$0.00	\$3,337.00	\$1,210.00
Calgary Bangla Baptist Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Calgary Chinese Baptist, Calgary	\$1,848.33	\$7,872.94	\$8,051.58
Calgary Korean Global Mission, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calgary Woori, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Cambrian Heights Baptist, Calgary	\$911.35	\$15,766.30	\$17,118.39
Christ International Assembly	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Connection Church, Fort McMurray	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coram Deo, Grand Prairie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Trail, Cochrane	\$735.80	\$6,042.89	\$6,126.31
Dovercourt Baptist, Edmonton	\$890.25	\$8,880.26	\$8,591.14
Edmonton Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,350.00
Église Baptiste de la Rédemption, Calgary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangel Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Evansburg Baptist, Evansburg	\$750.60	\$7,217.04	\$9,323.00
Fairview Cornerstone Baptist, Fairview	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,750.00
Filipino International Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$9,483.32	\$7,487.49
Grace Family, St Albert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,413.89
Jasper Place Baptist, Edmonton	\$668.33	\$9,450.77	\$9,255.99
Life-Touch Center Ministries, Calgary	\$0.00	\$2,944.00	\$3,639.14
Newway Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$300.00
Red Deer Korean Community, Red Deer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Richmond Hill Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$31,049.93	\$46,667.54
Southwinds, Calgary	\$0.00	\$10,199.39	\$7,926.00
Tapestry, Tuscany, Calgary	\$0.00	\$5,804.93	\$10,052.45
The Church of Generation for Christ, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
The Pathway Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$9,956.47	\$8,680.02
Trinity Baptist, Calgary	\$0.00	\$10,068.97	\$10,904.93
Truth Baptist, Calgary	\$4,431.62	\$17,871.34	\$20,592.70
Vertical Church, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$234.33	\$200.00
Vietnamese Community, Calgary	\$523.00	\$1,502.90	\$2,491.50
Westwood Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,666.71
Worsley Baptist, Worsley	\$1,739.41	\$13,174.49	\$9,956.96
New Church Plants			
Central Community Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$464.56	\$309.98
Genesis Church, Airdrie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Renewal Chinese Baptist, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$1,212.60	\$1,133.28
Missional Life Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Mosaic Church, Lloydminster	\$300.00	\$2,700.00	\$800.00
Noel, Cochrane	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Springbank Chinese Baptist Church, Calgary	\$373.35	\$4,289.65	\$0.00
The Open Door Community Church, Sherwood Park	\$0.00	\$2,273.88	1478.55
West Edmonton Fellowship, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$269.22	\$0.00
Other Plants			
Christ In You Baptist Church, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$0.00
Church in the Valley, Edmonton	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
True Love Arabic Church, Calgary	\$0.00	\$388.62	\$0.00
AB TOTALS	\$18,343.54	\$256,748.81	\$278,382.14

Saskatchewan

Congregations			
Allan Baptist, Allan	\$0.00	\$191.00	\$235.20
Bethal Christian Fellowship, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
Calvary Baptist, Moose Jaw	\$0.00	\$684.94	\$1,313.89
Community Baptist, North Battleford	\$0.00	\$1,083.67	\$2,725.89
Discovery Baptist, Regina	\$1,406.21	\$5,331.80	\$4,792.29

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	OCT	YTD 2015	OCT 2014
Emmanuel Baptist, Melfort	\$833.33	\$8,487.13	\$5,830.65
Faith Baptist, Saskatoon	\$1,305.81	\$6,470.40	\$5,347.98
Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship, Smeaton	\$0.00	\$185.80	\$238.73
Muskoday Baptist, Muskoday	\$30.00	\$285.00	\$150.00
Scarborough Baptist, Prince Albert	\$300.00	\$3,250.00	\$5,500.00
Watrous Baptist, Watrous	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Woori Baptist, Regina	\$0.00	\$1,132.35	\$1,843.10
New Church Plants			
Battleford's Cowboy Church, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$220.00
Gronlid, Gronlid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Gathering, Prince Albert	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
SK TOTALS	\$3,875.35	\$30,502.09	\$30,297.73

Manitoba

Congregations			
Garden Park, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$9,304.31	\$8,840.47
New Life Sanctuary, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$250.00
SALT Community of Believers, Anola	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$825.00
St. Adolphe Bible Fellowship, St. Adolphe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Tabor Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$1,603.00	\$1,500.00
Vision Korean Baptist Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Church Plants			
Family Life Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Renaissance Church, Winnipeg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
MB TOTALS	\$300.00	\$12,207.31	\$13,865.47

Ontario

Congregations			
All Nations Church, Sudbury	\$0.00	\$5,400.00	\$0.00
Bantry Gospel Seed, Richmond Hill	\$130.00	\$1,270.00	\$710.00
Baptist International Worship Centre, Brampton	\$250.00	\$700.00	\$405.00
Beacon Baptist Church, Victoria Harbour	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$700.00
Bethel Romanian Baptist Church, Kitchener	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Bible Centered Fellowship of Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Celebration!, Gloucester	\$0.00	\$2,116.28	\$6,790.83
Dixie Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Eglise Baptiste de la Saintete, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Eglise Baptiste Haitienne Salem, Hamilton	\$378.01	\$1,625.18	\$1,806.81
Eglise Evangelique Baptiste Eben Ezer, Ottawa	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$2,150.00
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Etobicoke	\$300.00	\$2,600.00	\$700.00
Good News Baptist Church, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greek Gospel Church of Toronto, East York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Iglesia Bautista Betel, Scarborough	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mississauga Southern Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
Oakville Christian Fellowship, Oakville	\$0.00	\$737.62	\$599.80
Polish Christian Church, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sequoia Community Church, Nepean	\$3,400.00	\$38,800.00	\$37,900.00
The Sanctuary, Kerr Village	\$259.00	\$2,934.00	\$3,697.25
The Sanctuary, Oakville	\$1,808.00	\$23,318.00	\$22,085.00
The Sanctuary, Milton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Sanctuary, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$2,266.80	\$1,748.90
The Vine Church, Mississauga	\$92.75	\$578.17	\$705.20
New Church Plants			
All Nations Southern Baptist Church of Toronto, North York	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ekklesia, Toronto	\$0.00	\$145.20	\$255.25
Fellowship Church, Mississauga	\$212.50	\$4,098.80	\$5,943.87
Fellowship Pickering, Pickering	\$4,120.00	\$6,373.70	\$533.00
Grassy Narrows First Nations, Grassy Narrows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Hamilton Ark Church, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Hamilton Bikers Church, Hamilton	\$150.00	\$231.00	\$410.35
Hamilton Fellowships, Hamilton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,170.00
Heaven Sent Community Fellowship, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$364.61	\$0.00
Life Eternal Asian Fellowship Canada, Brampton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$545.00
Mosaic Toronto, Toronto	\$0.00	\$824.66	\$2,038.49

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Ohr L'Goyim Messianic Congregation, Maple	\$63.00	\$889.77	\$1,246.52
Ottawa Good News Community Church, Ottawa	\$1,581.00	\$4,144.86	\$5,071.04
Pathway Church Kanata, Richmond	\$0.00	\$2,567.68	\$4,193.14
Refuel Church, East York	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$1,000.00
Rendezvous - Midtown, Toronto	\$0.00	\$162.20	\$89.10
SouthShore Bible Church, Barrie	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Starting Point Church, Oakville	\$0.00	\$3,512.00	\$2,736.00
The Gathering-Windsor, Windsor	\$100.00	\$1,100.00	\$500.00
Trinity Life, Toronto	\$274.00	\$7,506.88	\$4,417.45
Vietnamese Baptist Church Mississauga, Mississauga	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Wabaseemoong Gospel Church, Kenora	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Plants			
First Baptist Church - Orillia, Orillia	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
The Extra Mile, North York	\$111.00	\$503.30	\$84.00
Toronto Hope Church, Toronto	\$0.00	\$711.00	\$0.00
ON TOTALS	\$14,129.26	\$121,571.71	\$114,532.00

Quebec

Congregations			
Arabic Baptist Church of Christ of Montréal, Montréal	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$900.00
Assemblée Chrétienne de la Grâce, Granby	\$0.00	\$1,799.90	\$0.00
Assemblée Évangélique bon Samaritain, St. George	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bellevue Salem Baptist Church of Canada, Gatineau	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Connexion Montréal, Ahuntsic	\$291.50	\$504.50	\$85.00
Église Baptiste Communautaire Béthanie, Montréal	\$183.79	\$1,518.90	\$330.00
Église Baptiste Évangélique de Maniwaki, Maniwaki	\$0.00	\$2,764.40	\$5,746.90
Église Baptiste Galilée, Saint Hubert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Église Baptiste Haitienne Siloe, Montréal	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,900.00
Église Baptiste Nouvelle Jérusalem, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Église Baptiste Shéba, Montréal	\$300.00	\$1,100.00	\$600.00
Église Communautaire Mosaïque, Quebec	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Église de L'Amour du Seigneur	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église de Rocher Vivant Communauté Chrétienne, Saint Félix	\$116.00	\$890.00	\$1,492.00
Église Évangélique Baptiste de Manahaim, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Église Évangélique de Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal	\$0.00	\$536.20	\$724.74
Église Renaissance de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Église Renaissance du Long Sault, Grenville	\$0.00	\$780.00	\$1,672.50
First Romanian Baptist Church, Laval	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greek Canadian Gospel Church, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
International Christian Community of Montréal, Montréal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
On Noori Korean Baptist Church of Montréal, Cote St Luc	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$550.00
Renaissance Bible Church, Rawdon	\$323.85	\$2,735.06	\$3,151.34
New Church Plants			
Antioch Baptist Church, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Assemblée évangélique de Lévis, Saint-Jean-Christostome	\$0.00	\$399.00	\$0.00
Centre Connexion, Eglise Chretienne la Rencontre, Montréal	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$196.00
Church of the Lord of Lords, Saint-Laurent	\$0.00	\$1,520.05	\$394.89
Communauté Évangélique de Beraca, Laval	\$171.88	\$371.88	\$0.00
Disciples Christian Fellowship of Montréal, Montreal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Eglise Café Mosaïque, Joliette	\$75.00	\$216.00	\$0.00
Eglise le Contact, Repentigny	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$600.00
Eglise le Refuge, Pincoût	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Eglise Urbaine 180, Quebec	\$0.00	\$2,020.00	\$0.00
Eglise Urbaine Axe21 (Magog), Magog	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Encounter, Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$50.00
Initiative 22, Montréal	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$2,322.50
La Chapelle, Montreal	\$18,645.00	\$41,497.82	\$23,308.70
Passion Church, Beloeil	\$0.00	\$1,474.74	\$0.00
Source de Vie, Sherbrooke	\$573.76	\$1,849.05	\$0.00
The Village Church, Brigham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Plants			
Eglise Urbaine Axe21 - Sherbrooke	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
QC TOTALS	\$23,080.78	\$69,727.50	\$46,954.57

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Church Administration

To accept or not to accept: Understanding designated giving

Many of our churches receive designated funds for specific projects or ministries. The fund may be fairly small or the fund may be quite significant. In some cases the funds may have been sitting in a special account for years without being touched.

If your church has some designated funds sitting on the books, here are three important things to remember:

1. Designated gifts must be used only for the purpose for which they were given. (Designated funds are considered trust funds and the church cannot “borrow” from such funds to cover another need even though the intent would be to pay back the fund as soon as possible.)
2. Neither the donor, who gave up rights when the gift was made, nor the church, who is the owner of the funds, can change the designation
3. Court approval is necessary to change the purpose or use of a designated fund.

A donor-restricted gift policy will help your church move ahead and avoid the problems that might arise when funds given have conditions attached. Such a policy has two purposes.

A statement such as, “**All funds designated by a donor will only be accepted for a fund, program or project approved by ABC Church,**” will enable your church to say no to gifts that are not appropriate or helpful to your ministry. It also means that gifts accepted for such a fund are receiptable as the church has control of the funds and they will be used to further the work of the church.

A further statement will address the issue of church control over any funds left over once the project is complete or the need has been met. The Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) has suggested the following wording of such a policy statement: “**Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Should a donor choose to restrict a contribution for use in a particular program or project, we will honour that restriction, with the understanding that, when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reasons as determined by the church, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.**”

Adopting such a policy for your church and making donors aware of the policy will help your church maintain financial integrity and be in control of the funds it receives and spends in its ministry to the community.

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Newfoundland/Labrador			
New Church Plants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NFL TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Brunswick			
Congregations			
Hillside Church, Blackville	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Hope Community Church, Fredericton	\$591.00	\$4,405.00	\$3,309.00
Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown	\$370.00	\$370.00	\$1,225.00
Providence Christian Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$447.76	
New Church Plants			
Eastside Church, Miramichi	\$278.40	\$1,789.60	\$1,427.60
Eglise Cite de la Grace, Dieppe	\$0.00	\$341.94	\$70.00
Refuge Church, Riverview	\$0.00	\$805.00	\$520.00
NB TOTALS	\$1,239.40	\$8,459.30	\$7,051.60
Nova Scotia			
Congregations			
Baddeck Community Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journey Community Church, Enfield	\$0.00	\$350.43	\$0.00
Living Hope Community Church, Halifax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	OCT	YTD 2015	OCT 2014
Margaree Valley Baptist Church, Margaree Valley	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$325.00
New Church Plants			
Christian Community Church - Cheticamp, South West Margaree	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Plants			
Community Bible Chapel, Timberlea	\$250.38	\$2,781.03	\$885.24
NS TOTALS	\$250.38	\$3,466.46	\$1,210.24
Prince Edward Island			
Congregations			
Community Baptist Church, Charlottetown	\$962.60	\$12,205.23	\$15,499.43
New Church Plants			
Center Point Church, Montague	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
Center Point Church - Charlottetown, Montague	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00
Providence Evangelical International Church, Charlottetown	\$458.30	\$2,507.22	\$1,632.61
PEI TOTALS	\$5,420.90	\$22,712.45	\$20,932.04
Yukon/Northwest Territories			
Congregations			
Tli-Cho Baptist Church, Behchoko	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Y/NWT TOTALS	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
OTHER GIFTS	\$0.00	\$263.08	\$265.00
TOTALS	\$75,937.78	\$602,774.42	\$587,622.64

OASIS 2015: a retreat for CNBC ministry couples

By Lynda Blazina

Oasis, a place of retreat for CNBC ministry couples to find rest and renewal, was held in two different venues this year. Pastors and their wives from across BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan met in Canmore, Alberta. In the east couples from Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces gathered at Pictou Lodge, Nova Scotia.

Canmore is a beautiful little town in the Rocky Mountains that holds many hidden treasures to explore and find. Pictou Lodge is located along the beautiful and scenic shoreline of Pictou, Nova Scotia. These relaxing locations allowed couples time to soak in the beautiful surroundings, visit in a cozy coffee shop or find a unique token in one of the many specialty shops in nearby towns.

Gerry and Connie Taillon were the guest speakers following the theme, "Uncluttered Soul". Connie spoke on Friday evening and taught through laughter and personal stories. She shared life lessons on marriage, ministry and family and how using the gift of laughter can keep our souls uncluttered.

Gerry spoke Saturday evening and Sunday morning, giving scriptural challenges and encouragement peppered with humour.

The Taillons joined forces to bring humorous and practical lessons on how to live life with a decluttered soul.

Breakout sessions in Canmore were led by Abraham Shepherd from CGR (The Cluttered World of Refugees), Dr. John Loge (Life Uncluttered) and Paul Johnson (There's an App for That).

Eastern Breakouts were led by Dave and Lisa Storey, who spoke about evangelism and discipleship. Gerry and Connie held a guys only and girls only session.

Many comments were given on how Oasis is a time of encouragement and support, and how it feels like a family reunion. There is something unique and special about friendship between ministering couples.

Thank you to all the churches that give regularly to the Cooperative Program, so that Oasis can be a reality for those in ministry. Because of your generosity, the convention is able to encourage, equip and strengthen leaders, providing our churches with healthier ministers.



Connie and Gerry Taillon, Oasis guest speakers

Renewing old acquaintances and making new friends



Photos by Dan Hall, Melanie Morgan, Lynda Blazina



OASIS 2015
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Mobilizing the Next Generation of Missionaries

To see and hear more about this trip, watch the team's video [HERE](#)

By Aaron Richert

With assistance from the CNBC Mission Grant, a team of youth and young adults from Sequoia Community Church in Ottawa were able to visit Tijuana, Mexico, this past August in what turned out to be a life-changing week.



Part of the team prays together after an evening debrief.

Partnering with Mexico Caravan Ministries (MCM), the team was able to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time—building small homes for four families as well as spending time loving on some children at a local orphanage. The purpose of the trip, however, was about much more than demonstrating God's love.

MCM has been bringing students from across North America into Tijuana since 1989 with one goal: “to create World Christians and to mobilize the next generation of missionaries.” While the organization recognizes the tangible and meaningful value that each team brings to the families it serves, the week is planned in such a way that the lives of those who attend will be “wrecked” and that they will go home with a new perspective on life in light of God's heart for the whole world.

To accomplish this, each morning the teams are exposed to powerful teaching and incredible stories from seasoned missionaries regarding God's heart and plan for world missions, and each afternoon is spent in the hot sun building small homes and developing relationships with the families they are building for. And through it all, God is at work.

Part of what made the trip so powerful was learning about how important the Great Commission really is to God. Sixteen-year-old MacAulay Wilson reflects, “I didn't realize how much need there was for missionaries to go out into unreached people groups. I didn't realize it was

that big of a deal until now. They definitely stressed that we need to reach these people quickly.”

Danielle Allard, a recent grade 12 graduate on the trip, was also challenged by the experience: “Listening to the speakers was a really powerful part of the trip for me. This trip has definitely impacted me ... it is going to completely change the way I'm going to live my life.”

This is exactly what trip leaders, Aaron and Tessa Richert, were praying would happen. “We first came to Mexico Caravan Ministries with our youth group in 1997, and that week was pivotal in our journeys with Christ,” they said. “God used that experience and the teaching we received to lead us to surrender our lives more fully to Christ, to make us passionate about reaching unreached people groups, and eventually, to call us into vocational ministry. And we knew that bringing others to Caravan was one of the best discipleship experiences we could offer our students.”

Megan Schoblocher, a young adult from Sequoia, is convinced that anyone would benefit from a trip to MCM. “If you go on this trip, God is definitely going to work in your life,” she said.

The ongoing impact is already starting to be seen in this group of students, with many of them now interested in being involved in one way or another in finishing the task of reaching the unreached in our world. Grade 11 student, Daniel MacNeill, said, “This trip put me in a direction more towards missions. I've never really thought of it before, but now my mindset is more towards going. I'm going to start by sending [others], and then transfer to going myself.”

The reality is that not all of these students will end up “going” to another country to serve Jesus, but because of this trip, there are now a dozen more World Christians in Ottawa who will be praying more persistently, giving more generously, and supporting more passionately God's mission to the unreached peoples of our world.

The teams gather one morning to hear teaching from MCM Director Eddie Passmore.



International Connections

The testing of our faith produces patience

We landed in the city full of red dust, hot and humid, with temperatures close to 41 degrees. I don't know how the plane landed; we couldn't see anything until it touched down. I was shocked! I thought we were still in the clouds. The car that picked us up was full of dust and when we stopped to gas up, the driver asked to clean the windows with the squeegee, but that made it even worse. Now we couldn't see at all.

The hard part was that we got stopped at the airport coming in and the authorities confiscated all eighty mp3 NTs in Arabic, which we had brought with us into the country. They only returned twenty of them to us—the maximum we are allowed to bring in. However, after coming home we found another ten in Naomi's bag that they did not see, thank God! Another interesting part of the story is that our friend lost the keys for our apartment. Thankfully H had another set of keys with her and we were able to get into a hot, dusty house.

We left in a hurry to buy some food. We closed the door and realized that the only keys we had were left inside. Despite many attempts and even with the help of our neighbours we couldn't get in, so we called the locksmith. He came from his house—at night—to open the door for us.

We kept telling ourselves that everything works for good for those who love the Lord. Then as we went for a walk to the park to calm ourselves, N, while playing, hit her head hard on the metal bar, causing her head to swell. We rushed home, put ice on her head, and monitored her

through the night. Thank God, she is okay. Count it all joy. We don't know what will happen next, but we know that we need to lean on Him in times of trouble. The enemy is here to discourage us to give up.

To be honest, in my head I asked, Why did we come back here? Back home we had a nice place, a nice life—but we know deep inside of us, the Master's call upon our

lives is to serve Him here. There are so many displaced people who need to hear the good news. There are so many suffering people who lost everything and are in need of His touch of love and grace. Many are lost and in need of a Saviour.

With heavy hearts we left R and D in Germany for school. The house feels empty without them. N is a joy to have with us, but she cries at night saying how much she misses them. "How can I play with the?" she asks. We realize we need to spend more time with her. Enough of our stories.

I just wanted to let you know how it felt coming back to the country. There is always an adjustment to be made when coming back to this part of the world. We value your prayers and we need your prayers! Thank you for standing with us in serving the King of kings and Lord of lords!

Until next time, keep your hands on the plow and don't look back so you will not give up.

In Him, R for all of us

My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into different trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

James 1:2

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COURAGE; DO NOT BE AFRAID,
NOR BE DISMAYED, FOR THE
LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:9**

More Glimpses

Daphnee Excellent

By Elaine Phillips

Daphnee Excellent remembers being saved at 14 along with her whole family: “A pastor came to our house and after sharing the Gospel and telling us what Jesus did for us, we decided to give our lives to Him. It was the start of a new life for me.”

The church she later attended hosted an annual Christmas Eve party which other churches would join. “Joel attended that night and I was hosting the event,” says Daphnee. Joel asked a mutual friend to introduce them. After talking and exchanging phone numbers, the couple began a friendship that blossomed into love in the months that followed. They have been married since

August 2002 and have two children, Tricya (11) and Zackary (5). “Tricya has started to play basketball and loves it. She’s tall like her dad and he’s her biggest fan.” Zack plays soccer.

In 2010, Joel was serving as one of the young adult pastors at the church they attended. He met with his pastor about a two-year-old church in the city (Repentigny) where the pastor had just resigned. He asked if the couple felt God calling them to replant the church. “We said no,” Daphnee recalls. It would be a major decision to leave a church of 4,000 to replant a church with only a handful of people. She and Joel prayed and fasted to seek God’s will.

After a few days, the couple felt led by God to take the position. “On November 14, 2010 Joel was unanimously voted in as the pastor of Église Le Contact. And from there, it has been miraculous. From those first 30 people that day, God has brought dozens more,” Daphnee says. “Lives are being changed by Jesus—and just last month we worshipped with 277 in attendance! We feel it’s only the beginning ...”

As church planters, she and Joel love seeing lives being transformed every week. “Every time I hear a testimony, I am amazed at how Jesus is at work in our midst,” says Daphnee. She was really touched last year when her own cousin and his wife gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized together the Sunday following Easter. “They now serve Jesus with us.”

Many pastors’ wives from Daphnee’s former church have been role models and mentors for her. “These women didn’t feel they had to be in sight to have an influence. It helped relieve the fears I had that a pastor’s wife should be up front. I learned that I could be myself, supporting my husband from behind the scenes and encouraging other women.”

She adds with a laugh, “These women also showed me that a pastor’s wife can wear nice shoes!”

Daphnee works full time as an accountant at a television station. Another full-time challenge is juggling work, family, church ministry and adequate time alone with God, while supporting Joel. “It’s not easy at times but Joel helps a lot with the kids and tries to be at home at nights, which we appreciate. We worked as a team since day one—this is one of our biggest strengths.”

In the words of her spouse of 13 years, “Daph is the most gentle women I’ve ever met. She’s quick to forgive and believes the best in people. Not to mention that she’s even more gorgeous than the first day I met her!” Joel adds, “She brings a much-needed balance to my life. I tend to be ministry-driven, and she reminds me that we need vacations, dates together, time with the kids ... She keeps me in touch with everyday life and I appreciate that—even if I don’t always cooperate!

“She’s also the voice of reason. Often, she would give me advice (that I don’t heed!) and many months later, I would come home and say, ‘Honey, I met with my pastor and here’s what he suggested’ and she would sweetly say, ‘I’ve been telling you that for the past six months.’ All this to say: I should listen to my wife more often!”

Philippians 4:13 reminds Daph that she can do all things through Christ who strengthens her. “This is my favourite verse. When I feel like I’m not suited for ‘the job’ I remember it is Christ in me who makes possible what He calls me to be. I want Him to be glorified through my life; I want to do my best to honour Him with what He’s given me to do. For now this includes raising godly kids, supporting my husband and serving behind the scenes.”



Daphnee and Joel




Tricya and Zackary


“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

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 **Ed and Lana Allen** announce the birth of their twin grandchildren, **Addison Grace and Lincoln Charles**, born in Dallas, Texas, on June 25, 2015. Addison and Lincoln's parents are **Eric and Kasey Allen**. Ed is facilities manager for the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College and the CNBC offices.




 **Glenn and Sherri Watson** announce the birth of their twin grandsons, **Liam James and Jack Cleveland Watson**, born September 9, 2015, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Liam and Jack's parents are **Derek and Julie Watson**. Glenn and Sherri are IMB missionaries serving at Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College. Dr. Watson serves as professor of preaching and pastoral ministries and Sherri is director of student services.



 **Kelly and Brooke Reid** announce the birth of their son **Declan William Reid**, born August 23, 2015 in Calgary, Alberta. Kelly is senior pastor of Tapestry Church in Calgary.



 **Dan and Melanie Morgan** announce the birth of their grandson **Hudson John Thorsell**, born November 22, 2015 in San Diego, California. Hudson's parents are **Kevin and Dana Thorsell**. Dan is the CNBC team leader for New Churches.



 **Dr. Rob Blackaby**, president of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College, was in Tennessee November 10-11 for the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This was the final year of a ten-year mission partnership between the Tennessee convention and CSBS&C. On the evening of the 11th, the convention had a missions celebration that began with a parade of flags from every country with which the Tennessee convention has ever had a missions partnership.



Above: Dr. Rob Blackaby (right) is holding the flag of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College. On the left, Mark Puckett holds the Canadian flag. Mark, a Tennessean, served in Atlantic Canada from 2004-2010.

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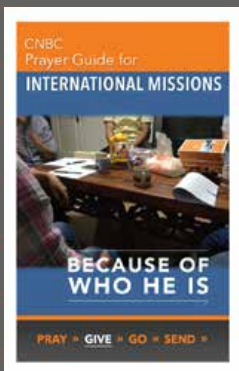
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