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## A NEW LIGHTHOUSE!

Check out this introduction article from one of our newer additions to the IAOGI family.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

National Convention 2024 is fast approaching! Check out the initial announcement to mark your calendars!

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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

*Rev. Dave Kelsey*

GREETINGS TO YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD,

May God bless you abundantly this Fall and into the holiday season with His Presence and Love. The Lord is moving and doing great things. All over the world God is showing HE IS ALIVE!

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## HE IS GOD IN THE STORMS!

*1 Corinthians 15:13 -14 "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."*

It is interesting that Paul wrote this verse just after verse 9, "For a GREAT and effective door has opened to me..." Awesome, a great door is open for ministry; an invitation for me to go and share the gospel and for Holy Spirit to move. Yet the last part of the verse is like many we read in the book of Acts, 'and there are many adversaries.' So, I encourage you today, like Paul there are many opportunities to share the gospel, work in our communities, and work around the world. However, there will be obstacles. Good news! Jesus is the Victor and Overcomer!

I am here today to remind you; God is in the boat! Do not despair, just open your eyes and look! He is in the boat. He is our protector; He is our deliverer. He will keep you and protect you. Do not lose heart, Jesus is in the boat with you!

In these dark times, Paul writes to us reminds us, "For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, ..... to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God... We have THIS TREASURE in earthen vessels." (2 Cor. 4:6-7) Praise the Lord! We have Holy Spirit living in us. "We are hard pressed on every side, YET not crushed, we are perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." (2 Cor 4:8)

Everyone wants to be like the church in the book of Acts and to see the miracles, and the lame man walk all the time. However, we are quick to forget that in the days of Acts there was persecution, THEN salvations. Paul and Peter were beaten, but healings came forth. Leaders put in prison and whipped, then revival breaks out. In the midst of darkness God commanded the light to shine.

In these last days, be in the Word. It is your rudder in the storm. In the storms, be a person of prayer, it is your communication with the Heaven. Speak in tongues; it is your direct line to the Commander and

Chief of Heaven. The Lord of Hosts; that is the leader you want on your side. That is the leader you want to be in communication with. That is the one leader who you need to have speaking into your ear, KNOW HIS VOICE

Storms are coming and storms are here, and storms go. Thank God He put in His Word countless examples of deliverance and protection in dangerous situations. God still today delivers and protects today.

In Acts 27 & 28 Paul was on his way to Rome, and Paul hit a storm. His plan was moving ahead and was working, yet but he still ended up in a storm. I am here to remind you that in the midst of the storm God has a plan. Storms may try to blow you off course and alter how “you thought” things may go. Storms will test your faith, BUT God still speaks to you in the storm! God will walk with you in the storm, and He will protect you in the storm, and storms will end.

*Prophetic Word: Just believe His promises and hang onto Him as your anchor. For there will be times of buffeting, there will be times of testing. Look, what you hold dear may be crushed (in the natural), But God will preserve you! You may have tough decisions ahead. Decisions of letting go of what you or others may think holds value. But as you let it go - it will end up saving your soul. It is a season or a time of testing, and of letting go of what you hold as important in your life. But GOOD NEWS - God steers your boat and your life. Good news, He will up gird you. Good news, even when you are in some terrible storms and death would seem imminent - You have a Word. Hold fast to it like Paul did. You may have a spoken Word; trust the Word, speak the Word. Because in the storm that only thing coming out is His people who know Him and trust His Word (says the Lord).*

But thanks be to God WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. Therefore: my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain.’ (1 Cor 15:57-58)

I am here to remind you that like Paul, like Peter, David, Moses, and many others God will keep you, and God will preserve you in the storms. Promotion lays ahead - PAST THE STORM. In the midst of the storm Paul heard God speak. God won't leave you. He won't abandon you. The enemy for sure is whispering that into your ear or your heart, BUT REMEMBER GOD IS FAITHFUL!

Interesting to note - it is not Paul's fault he is in this shipwreck. It was someone else's decision that put him in harm's way. Here someone else chooses NOT to listen to the Word of God. Someone might be making decisions that affect your life, but God redeems!

In Acts 27, 28 Paul goes through a series of storms BUT GOD WAS WITH HIM. In the midst of the storm, in the midst of uncertainty and of loss you will find that God is still there. And He will get you through safely. You might feel stretched, terrified, tried, and tested. If you want to survive a shipwreck, you must hang onto a promise as Paul did. In verse 22 Paul said, ‘there will be no loss of life.’ Trust God - believe God. Even in the storms GOD STILL SPEAKS.



You survive storms and shipwrecks when you ALL HANG OUT TOGETHER. The soldiers tried to leave the boat and Paul said NO. God has a principle. Stick together through the storm. UNITY IS IMPORTANT. Your words can exhort, can encourage others.

Remember, God doesn't deliver you from a storm and a shipwreck, to have you die on the beach! (Acts 28) God had another plan, and it was for salvation and healing to be brought to that island. Trust God in the storm. Trust God's Word.

Romans 8:11 "If that same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells (lives) in you - it shall quicken (bring life) your mortal - human body." God's Holy Spirit changes everything. It will change your storm. It will take that which was going to bring death and give life. God did not send His Son so you would die, but Jesus came to give life, and life MORE ABUNDANTLY... even in storms.

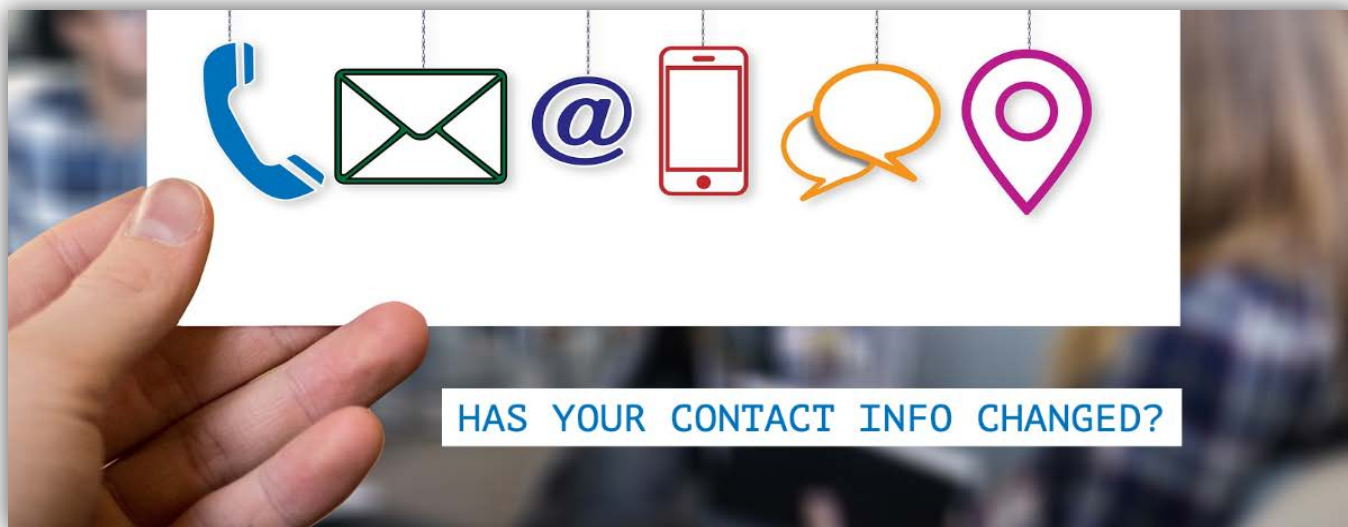
Trust Him in the storm. Look to Jesus, not to the world. Look to Jesus, not at the circumstances. Look to Jesus, for your Redeemer Lives!

In these last days THE CHURCH WILL GROW AND PROSPER. We will be the answer to the world's problem (not us but He who lives in us!). Be the light. Be the one who hears God and does what He says.

God Bless,



Rev. Dave Kelsey



The General Secretary has the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership list, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

PLEASE KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS,  
NEW ADDRESSES AND NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES.



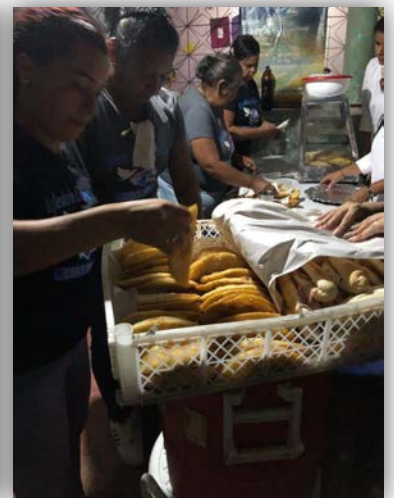
## FROM THE DESK OF OUR ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

*Rev. Yvon Stabili*

Good day dear brothers and sisters,

As I write these lines, I'm on the Island of Margarita in Venezuela, where we've been on mission for our Lord since August 16. Our journey began in the Dominican Republic, then took us to Colombia and now Venezuela. We've had a series of meetings where we've seen the hand of our Lord Jesus work mightily, and now we're getting ready for Margarita Island where I'll be celebrating the 106th anniversary of Ebenezer Church. Our journey will end in the city of Puerto Ordaz.

What's special about this trip is that when the doors opened for Venezuela, I was made aware that the majority of people there live on a salary of around \$30 a month, and bread costs the same as it does here! I prayed to the Lord and asked Him to confirm that He was indeed sending me there by giving me enough money to feed all the people in all the churches we would visit in Venezuela. After asking people to unite with me in prayer to have the necessary finances, I am so grateful to our God who when He gives a vision He also gives the provision so that in just over 3 weeks we have raised over \$20,000 and so far we have fed over 1,500 people and by the





end of the trip we expect to have fed around 10,000 in addition to sharing the good news of the Kingdom of God with them. So far, we've had several testimonies of people being healed, and a few hundred people have given their lives to Jesus.

### GLORY TO JESUS!

We've had some difficult travel conditions, being caught up in hurricane Franklin in the Dominican Republic, problems with accommodation and transport, and lots of other things that make us grateful to the Lord for what we've got.

In Colombia the pastors were so struck by the teaching on Faith and finances in the Kingdom of God that they asked me to return in October, so I'll be back the last weekend of October in Colombia for a seminar for leaders and pastors on Faith, tithes, and offerings.

### WHAT A GREAT GOD WE SERVE!

We're also praying for another big tour to Venezuela in February, all because of our God who works wonders.

I include a few photos of our trip and ask you to keep us in prayer. May our God bless and multiply his great grace on you and especially on those who support us with your prayers and seeds, thank you for being part of this work.

Yours,

*Rev. Yvon Stabili*





## GREETINGS FROM OUR TREASURER

*Rev. Jack Skafte*

"I feel that God wants me to visit the ministers in Newfoundland and Northern BC." This is what Dave Kelsey told me when he got elected as General Secretary. Last year Dave and I together with my wife, Karen went to Newfoundland to visit the ministers there. It had been 30 years since a Board Member had been to "The Rock." It was a great visit, and we have some articles in The Mantle by Shirley Noseworthy as a direct result of this visit.

This past July, I flew from Halifax and Dave was supposed to fly from London, but his flight was cancelled because of weather so Air Canada sent him by taxi to Toronto. We arrived in Prince George together at midnight but that was 4 am to me. The next morning, we met up with Arlo Johnson for brunch, who was Regional Secretary for Northern BC until 2008. It was great to hear his stories of how he started in the ministry and all the places he ministered in his 66 years of pastoral ministry. He continues to be a mentor at the age of 91.

Next, we met up with Doug and Marnie Phair. They are Christian country musicians, who pastor a house church called Adullam's Cave in their home. They truly have a heart for their people and the lost. Marnie has been with the IAOGI for several years and now Doug is considering joining also.



Lastly, we took a ferry from Prince Rupert to Lax-Kw'alaams to visit 4 ministers at the First Nations reservation there. We stayed with Eddie & Karen Knott who also run a bed & breakfast. They are the pastors of the Port Simpson Native Revival Centre along with Darlene Dudoward and Bertha Ryan. They minister to a large portion of the reservation and host a number of events that fill their church. The needs on the reservation are many and Eddie and Karen work hard to meet those needs both physical and spiritual.

I drove a total of 1600 kms from Prince George to Prince Rupert. We had heard reports of wildfires in the area before arrived in BC, but the day we landed, it rained, and the fires had been greatly reduced. We never saw any fire or smoke. Praise the Lord!

We flew back together to Vancouver. I got a direct flight to Halifax and was there 5½ hours later, but Dave was stuck in Vancouver because his flight was cancelled, He finally reached home 24 hours later. It was a long trip but was a blessing to us and the ministers that we were able to fellowship with.

God is moving and ministering through people across our nation. Blessings,

*Rev. Jack Skafte*



# MINISTRY UPDATES

## EAST COAST REGIONAL 2023

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August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> was our Regional Conference for the Maritimes (East Coast). If I could sum up the conference with just one verse it would be **2 Corinthians 3:17**; “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (NASB) for truly the Lord moved in power and we were free indeed. His presence filled the place, and He was faithful to touch His people.

Friday night was open to all, and the church was filled to capacity. From the praise and worship to the sermon, the presence of God went before us.

Rev. Wanda Grant led the worship and Rev. David Kelsey was our guest speaker. He shared on the

importance of having the Spirit of God in your life. After service, the altars were opened and some of the pastors ministered to the people who went up for prayer. So many lives were touched. A lady who went up for prayer told me how the Lord healed her leg and ankle. She said she watched her leg grow an inch and the bump that was on her ankle disappear. To God be the glory, great things He has done.



Saturday was just for the pastors to be ministered to. So often we pastors pour out but do not get poured into. That is why conferences are so important.

Rev. Tom King led us in worship and Rev. Dave Kelsey shared with us some important revelations from the book of Nehemiah. In the second session, Rev. Bob Ring shared about the importance of practicing the presence of

God and after his words of wisdom we did exactly that. We as a group of pastors prayed over each and every pastor that attended. It was amazing to see how we all worked together, and the pastor being





prayed over received many personal words from the Lord. The unity amongst the pastors was so amazing. The love of God was on display through each leader. We all left knowing that Jesus had met with each one of us.

I'll close with a plea. Please try to come to our conferences. Whether it is our National Conference or our Regional one, please come. Invest in yourself. Get poured into. Get refreshed and encouraged. Until you go, you don't know what you are missing and trust me, you are missing out. Sacrifice a coffee a week and put that \$2 in a conference fund. Be a David. **Psalm 122:1**, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (NASB). He was glad to go where the presence of the Lord is and you will be too.



*Wanda Grant, Regional Secretary, East Coast*

## EZRA CANADA - MINISTRY REPORT FROM UKRAINE

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I am the Founder/Executive Director of Ezra Canada. A ministry that Rescues, Returns and Restores God's Chosen people back to their Promised Land from absolute poverty and persecution and deadly danger in the brutal war zone of Ukraine. I am happy to report that none of our staff or 200 volunteers have been killed or injured to date. Although they suffer severe deprivation from lack of electricity, water, and serious travel restrictions, they continue to help God's Chosen people to return to Israel, averaging 120-150 monthly.

We do this in fulfilment of **Isaiah 49:22**, where the Lord, speaking through the prophet, declares that He will use the Gentiles to return His people in these last days. That just happens to be you and me folks.

As we have approximately 40,000 Jews in our system at any given time, it takes a massive amount of organization, co-operation, and funding to locate missing documents, feed, house and supply medical attention to these precious people while they await 'repatriation' to their Promised Land.

One of the most common questions I receive regarding our ministry to the Jews is "What does Israel have to do with me?" or "What do I have to do with Israel?", "What's the big deal about Israel anyway?". My response is, *EVERYTHING!* If you are a Christian, everything about Israel and the Jews is critical to your walk with the Lord and understanding of Scripture.

**Galatians 3:29** says... "and if ye be in Christ, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise".

### Isaiah 49:22

Thus says the Lord God:

*"Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders;*

As a Christian, you are a 'spiritual' child of Abraham. I encourage you to do a study on the Abrahamic promises that you possess as an 'heir'.

**Obadiah 1:16** says..."For the day of the Lord upon all nations is near; as you have done to Israel, so shall it be done unto you". In case you didn't recognize it, God has just threatened you, even if you simply ignore them.

**Ezekiel 43:7** says...."Son of man, this Israel is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live among the people of Israel *FOREVER*". We have been invited to join God's Jewish family by accepting God's Jewish Son, Yeshuah (Jesus) Messiah.

Jesus was born a Jew, lived as a Jew, taught as a Jewish Rabbi, died as a Jew, and is coming back as a Jew to Jew-rusalem!

*But, on the flip side...*



**Genesis. 12:3, 27:29** and **Numbers 24:9** promise to "bless those who bless you (Israel) and curse those who curse you...". What side of this Scripture do you want to be on?

**Romans 15:27** commands us to pray for and support Israel and the Jewish people.

For more information on our ministry, please visit [www.ezracanada.org](http://www.ezracanada.org) and support us via PayPal or monthly giving. You will be blessed when you do!!

He is coming back soon!

*Roy Trepanier, Ontario*

## GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES - GROWTH AMID PERSECUTION

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This is a challenging time for the church in parts of India. A main leader from North India contacted me recently to report that in Manipur in just 3 days over 300 churches were destroyed. This is a spiritual battle. It is a call for the worldwide church to pray, many have been martyred, women violated, and thousands displaced.

We weep with those who have lost their homes their loved ones and had to face incredible hardship. **Yet we have huge hope.** Paul says when he is weak when the trials of sufferings, weakness, troubles, and



insults come, **God's grace is sufficient** and thus when we are weak, He comes with His grace and makes us strong.

Our main leaders plus all their church congregations went through the worst persecutions ever in the churches' history in India in Odisha state in 2008. All their homes were destroyed as well as all the church buildings in this district. Many lost family members. I ministered to one brother who witnessed his wife murdered during this horrible time. Yet out of this, God raised a truly courageous powerful church! Again, the global church prayed, and God did answer. We see the results.

Paul declares in all these sufferings he experienced, "we are more than conquerors"!! The homes and churches have been rebuilt by the government and we are building many new ministry centers. New roads have been built plus there is now a much greater police protection. A number of hotels have also been built in the main town which has become a safe place to bring the many teams we have had visit the ministry, in recent years.

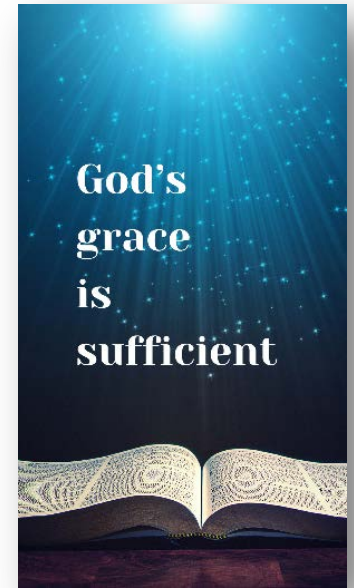
Jesus invites us in **Revelation 3:20,21** to suffer with Him in bringing the Kingdom so we may sit with Him on His throne to rule with Him just as in His victory He now sits with His Father on His throne. The true sacrifice of praise to God is the fruit of lips that openly profess His name **Hebrews 13:15**.



The church in Odisha is no longer nominal but they have become bold warriors for Christ a great example for all! A great many are continually coming to Christ with regular reports of whole families requesting baptism. As reported last news we have 11 young men who have committed themselves with great courage to share the gospel. Training starts in September after the heavy monsoons are over. All our young people are doing great in their studies.

We continue to look after destitute widows and the children in our daycare centres and our children's homes. All are very happy and safe!! Please pray for open doors for teams desiring to visit the ministry. The young evangelist will be paid \$50/month. It would be just great if the body would sponsor them and intercede as the Lord leads. Please also pray as Lorri and I and our leaders prepare to equip and train the young men to bring in the harvest. May you be greatly blessed!

*Kell & Lorri Frandsen, British Columbia*



## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FARMERS CANADA

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This year we were pleased to be a part of the “Love Your City” event in Nanaimo, BC. It seemed like half the city of Nanaimo attended the large Ocean-side Park in the center of the city. We had a public baptism of 12 new believers, with the service & testimonies being broadcast on maxed-out loudspeakers. This was followed by countless activities for kids all afternoon.

**Advance News** broadcasts carried the news of this event advertising free hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, and walking sticks. This was an effective way to draw 436 visitors to our tent. We gave 300 sticks plus 136 smaller free items and several dozen free Share Word Scripture material. Every visitor heard the full Gospel presentation using the 5-colored beads attached to the sticks and gifts. This continues to be our primary method of ministry and we are grateful how God uses us!

We are excited to have witnessed **17 people receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior**, right there in our tent. Prayer and follow-up for them has now begun.



**Volunteers** are always difficult to find, and this event was no different. I believe God uses this to stretch Carol's faith and mine. We had several committed Christians lined up in advance, of which many were no-shows. However, thankfully, our friend Harold Ewert from Chilliwack, BC came to help us. Harold takes no breaks and shares non-stop all day. What a blessing to see him arrive.

With set-up @ 9:00 am and take-down @ 5:30 pm this ministry can truly be hard work at times, but Oh-So-Rewarding! How could anyone remain the same after taking an active part in a harvest like this? We were also very blessed to have Karen and her friend, Melinda, who served together with us all day, along with Glen & Diane Dawson of the “Nanaimo Healing Rooms” tent nearby.

**We were denied success** again in starting a new Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada (FCFC) chapter on the Island. We have been pleased to be a part of the FCFC for many

years. After having done eleven events across the Island in the past nearly 9 years, determined to start a new chapter there, we came back empty once more. Our evangelist friend from South Africa who is excited about starting a new chapter was called out of town for the weekend. So, we will continue to pray for him and that new chapter on Vancouver Island, where there is a great darkness, and the need to reach many lost souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Thanks to everyone committed to us, for your prayers.

Comments from our volunteers:

From Karen Ferguson: *Very exciting how God works. 17 saved people is amazing. 300 sticks handed out is really good. Please pray for Parker, who is a Trans, lesbian, gay and bisexuality, as he told me. Very confused, however he used to attend Oceanside church, so he knows the truth. I told him I would*

## 17 people receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior

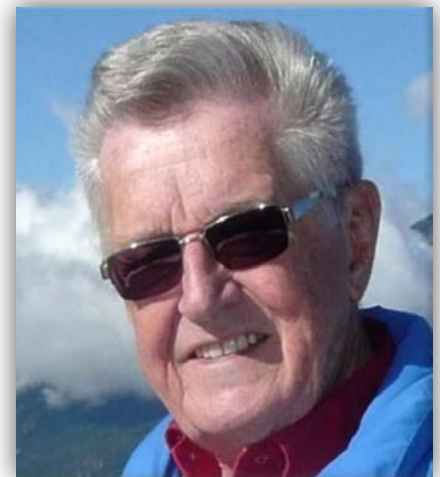


*pray for him and he returned to the booth to ask me not to pray for him, so I know he needs even more prayer.*

From Diane Dawson: *Henry and Carol, It was a blessing to be a part of the ministry, a wonderful day seeing people receive the gospel! God bless you!*

From Glen Dawson: *Henry and Carol, it was a blessing to work with you on Sunday. The training you provided on Saturday night gave me more confidence in sharing the gospel. I was able to pray for a guy who was coming off drugs. The fact that the free cotton candy never seemed to run out with the lineup in front of your tent made it a wonderful location.*

It was so exciting to have our prayers answered with many people who came to our booth with hungry hearts to hear about Jesus. I had a family who shared that 3 weeks ago he (Tom) had a stroke while camping. He gave God the glory for his wife who acted so quickly to get him help. He shared that he felt God was with him and giving him another chance to turn his life over to Jesus. His wife said she wasn't quite ready to make that decision yet, however, she was excited to share their story with me. As they left in tears, I encouraged Tom to practice that "green bead" and to find a good Bible teaching church and to bring his family so that they might give their lives to Jesus. I continue to pray for Tom & Chantelle and their family.



*Henry & Carol Janzen, British Columbia*

## LIGHTHOUSE - SHINING HIS LIGHT INTO OUR WORLD

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### Matthew 5:14-16

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Greetings to all! I'm Faye, a new member of our fellowship. I would like to express my gratitude to Pastors Jason & Lisa Harris for supporting me in answering the Lord's call on my life. I also want to thank our Regional Secretary Rev. Bill Fahrner and his encouraging wife, Pastor Jan, for their guidance during the licensing process and their ongoing encouragement. Many thanks to all of you!

In recent years, I've observed a sense of darkness and heaviness affecting those around me and the world at large. The need for the true 'Light of the world' has become increasingly evident. I felt compelled to create a way to share this Light and reveal the hope we have in Him, reaching out to the lost and to fellow believers facing life's challenges. And so, **Faye Lynne's Lighthouse** came into being.

The mission is to inspire hope and guide people toward their God-given purpose. Just as a lighthouse stands strong during storms, we are built on a solid foundation to endure the toughest conditions. The light draws in the lost and offers them strength. Christ, our foundation, and light is the beacon to guide us.

He is the Light of the world! **John 8:12** *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."*

I'm excitedly awaiting the Lord's plans for the future. His power within us enables Him to surpass all we can ask or imagine! Glory to God!

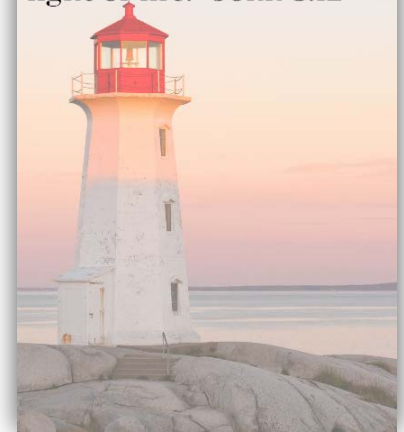
I'm eager to continue sharing His goodness with you for many years to come.

Shine bright for Him today,

*Faye St. Pierre, Ontario*

*Faye received her licensing with IAOG on June 4th, 2023 and has dedicated over 40 years to actively serving the Lord in the local church. Additionally, she holds certification as a member of the Maxwell Leadership team, specializing in coaching and training. The Maxwell certification equips her with premier leadership tools, a nurturing community, and comprehensive guides. By amalgamating her four decades of leadership experience with these proven tools, she is excellently poised to provide assistance to those working towards leadership excellence, personal growth, and fulfillment of their life aspirations. Cottam Ontario is where Faye calls home.*

**Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12**



## SPENST SUMMER MINISTRY UPDATE

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who gave us another great summer, travelling from our home base in British Columbia and ministering throughout Saskatchewan.

It started with going to Saskatoon for an awesome "Come Together", where the Jesus Our Light International Ministries (JOLIM) church we are working with was volunteering. It was a blessing to see so many people

worshiping in one accord. God's Spirit was on the move and there were many miracles, people freed from addictions, many were baptized. Right after this event together with our outreach team we visited first nation's reserves where we were able to counsel one on one, pray for needs and share God's word.

We all worked very hard in 28-degree heat wave, but God rewarded us with a great meetings and ministry by first nations evangelist from Montana and local Allen O'Soup. Worship was led by JOLIM church team and first nations worship band.



We were able to assist Pastor William and his wife during home visitation and prayed for a young man (lower right) who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. God also open door to pray and council others. There is a great need for person-to-person ministry. We also had a privilege to visit seniors in Hillview manor care home.

As a different aspect of our ministry, we were able to help with a fund raiser for a family who had financial need due to medical condition. It was a great event where whole community came together and showed love and compassion to someone in need and \$11,000+ was raised from the sale of

baking goods, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Because it was held in the church, we had an opportunity to share the love of Jesus and pray with people.

While ministering on Carry The Kettle reserve, we were staying in a beautiful 100+ year old Victorian home. We were the only couple in the entire house and never even met the receptionist who trusted us with giving the house into our hands. It was God's given place where we could relax during the day, enjoy this little picturesque town, and minister late afternoon.

The highlight of the summer was Len Lindstrom's crusade in Estevan, Saskatchewan. People were healed and delivered! For some who attended the witnessed their very first miracle in their lives. We saw the fire of God falling and the healing flowing among the saints just as in early church days. We look forward to coming back next year!

The Last event of the summer was our first JOLIM ladies conference where my wife Eva was the main speaker.



We are very thankful for the Lord to give us opportunities to serve Him. To see people coming to Christ and changing their lives is the greatest reward. It is harvest time and we see power of the Holy Spirit impacting lives. There are lots of young people who are confused and some on the verge of taking their own lives as they don't see future, but we share the good news and hope. We listen to their struggles, needs, and prayed for God's intervention and provision.

We serve an awesome God! Amen.

*Dennis & Eva Spenst, British Columbia*

*Dennis and Eva both come from European roots. After accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour, Dennis and Eva were filled with a great desire to serve the Lord, leading to 35 mission trips throughout North America, Central America, Europe, and Israel. You can find them partnering serving the Pastors of new Ethnic Churches in Surrey and Langley, BC as well as Estevan SK.*



**INVITATION TO THE 2024 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**LONDON, ON**

**MAY 6-9, 2023**

Please join us for our 2024 National Convention in London, ON. Each year these are powerful times of fellowship and strengthening together. Your annual convention fee is now included in your credential renewal. However, registration for the convention will still be required. We are pleased to announce that our special guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff Johns from Lafayette, Indiana.

Registration and further details will be available in the spring.

Mark your calendars to come and begin to pray for our time together!



# THINK ON THESE THINGS

From time to time the Lord speaks to His servants' words from His heart to His people. IAOGI fully encourages the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These words are submitted humbly and prayerfully.

Please take some time to carefully examine how they may strengthen and encourage you.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-31**

**LET THE PROPHETS SPEAK TWO OR THREE, AND LET THE OTHER JUDGE. IF ANY THING BE REVEALED TO ANOTHER THAT SITTETH BY, LET THE FIRST HOLD HIS PEACE. FOR YE MAY ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE, THAT ALL MAY LEARN, AND ALL MAY BE COMFORTED**

## SUPERNATURAL CHURCH

Rev. Jason Harris | [wordoftruth.jrh@gmail.com](mailto:wordoftruth.jrh@gmail.com)

Jesus made it very clear to His followers that He *will* build His Church!

*"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* (Matthew 16:18, NIV)

Two thousand years of Church history attest to this fact. Jesus declared that hell itself would not stop the advance of His kingdom on earth through His Church. But He also made it clear that it would be a fight—a struggle of kingdoms and the Church would advance at a cost.

*"Since the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it."* (Matthew 11:12, NIV)

The kingdom of God advances with *force*! It is not passive in nature. The kingdom of God is aggressive. It has to be! Remember this fight is not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers of the Spirit world (Ephesians 6:10-18).

This is why our weapons of warfare are not carnal (natural) but are spiritual and packed with *'divine power'*. The strongholds we resist, and tear down are of a supernatural nature. We cannot fight them by natural means because we are not facing a natural kingdom. *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."* (2 Corinthians 10:4, NIV)

The whole world is under the power of the devil. *"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient."* (Ephesians 2:1-2, NIV)

Be assured this is not a natural power. His power is supernatural. That's why Jesus came. *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil because God was with him."* (Acts 10:38, NIV)

Jesus walked in the power and authority of His kingdom by the Spirit within Him. He would destroy the works of Satan by the Spirit (1 John 3:8b). He did not work His ministry naturally—He was supernatural.

So how will He build His Church?

Jesus made it very clear that to rob the strong man (Satan) of his things you need to be stronger than him.

*"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoil."* (Luke 11:21-22, NIV)

If Jesus said He will build His Church, and the gates of hell itself will not be able to withstand it, how is He building it?

The only way the Church can be built is SUPERNATURALLY!

There is no other way...

This is why the early Church needed the power of the Spirit then—and why we need the power of the Spirit today! Nothing has changed. To state otherwise is false doctrine!

*"...stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."* (Luke 24:49, NIV)

The Church cannot afford to be merely a natural institution—it must be a supernatural organism (Acts 1:8).

The power referred to here is the Greek word *'dunamis'*. This is a supernatural kingdom power—a dominion power.

It is a power that comes with the authority to govern and rule. The Apostolic faith was and is a *supernatural* faith. A supernatural Spirit-immersed church is the only answer. The message of Pentecost has not changed. It is the gift of the Father to the Church for all generations (Acts 2:38-39).

The Church that is led and empowered by the Spirit will come forth in this hour to fulfill its mandate. She will stand in the face of adversity and will be victorious. But she will do so forcefully—supernaturally—by the Spirit!

*Jason Harris, Ontario*

*Reverend Jason R. Harris has been the senior pastor of Bethel Christian Church in Cottam, ON since 1997. He and his wife Lisa have been ordained with the IAOG from the beginning of their ministry.*



# ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE COMPASSION FUND?

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A contribution of \$20.00 will be paid to the Ministry of Compassion Fund when you are notified of the death of a fellow participating member. Notification will be sent when a fellow subscribing member dies so that you may contribute as an expression of compassion and love.

One-time registration fee of \$20.00 is required. Applications can be found on our website, or you can write IAOGI to request registration.



## REV. LILLIAN HURLEY (DOB MARCH 24, 1939)

(Rev.) Lillian Hurley was promoted to Glory Sept. 20, 2023, in a Toronto hospital with family near her. She was in her 85<sup>th</sup> year. She is survived by her husband of many years, Rev. Melvin Hurley, and her 5 children and many grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Sister Hurley joined the IAOG Canada in 2006. Lillian and Melvin started a church in Echo Bay. Both Lillian and Melvin served as regional Secretaries for the IAOG in North Central Ontario and served us well for many years.

Sister Hurley was a powerful woman of faith and of the Word. She cared for people and for other pastors. She will be missed. Please remember her family in Prayer.

Cards can be sent to 308 Maple Leaf Rd, RR.# 1, Echo Bay, ON. P0S 1C0

Rev. Lillian Hurley was a member of the Compassion Fund.

# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR CREDENTIALS

**DUE: JANUARY 31, 2024**

The time of credential renewal is upon us.

This year the renewal fee is **\$210.00** if sent in by JANUARY 31, 2024.

**NEW!** Please note this includes your \$50.00 annual convention fee, regardless of attendance.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: IAOGI**

After February 1, 2024, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$210.00  
= Total \$240.00.

Form 3 must be completed for all credential renewals and can be completed via hard copy and mail or online.

**Hard copy** forms must be sent your licensing or ordaining pastor/church with your cheque/money order. Your licensing or ordaining pastor/church must sign off on your documents. Your licensing or ordaining pastor/church will then forward your documents for processing.

**Online renewal** is available through [www.iaogcan.com](http://www.iaogcan.com) however, please consult with your licensing or ordaining pastor/church **FIRST**. The process must be completed **WITH** them.

If you complete Form 3 through our online renewal, please ensure you complete Step #2 for the online payment of your renewal fees.

**For a minister 75 years of age** and older your renewal fee is \$25.00. **NEW!** Please note this includes your annual convention fee. Please follow one of the options listed above for processing.

Thank you for being prompt in your submissions. All resources and forms are available through our website.

# IAOGI NATIONAL PRAYER

This is a great time to be alive! Just consider for a moment, that our great God chose you and I to be here on the earth preparing the way for Jesus' glorious return!

This special time is an invitation to do the things that we know we should be doing. I have met many who believe that they don't pray enough or read their Bible enough. Put those thoughts down and just get busy. Pray more. It's quite a simple thing to do and then read your Bible some more. As our wonderful Sister Anita Pearce would say "do it now"!

Remember - more is just more than what you are currently doing. If it is 5 minutes, more is 10, right? Start somewhere and then just keep going.

We as a fellowship of believers, have not prayed much together. I am believing for this to change. Before we join any more groups, we must join together. One of our greatest hindrances in joining with each other is our preferences in how we pray, and then, perhaps some differences in personal views on doctrine. Regardless, we are a fellowship that needs to learn how to work together.

Working together begins with submission to one another in godly fear. In the IAOG Doctrinal Statement, it is stated that we are Holy Spirit led, that we believe in the baptism of Holy Spirit.

Accepting that means we acknowledge that it is through Him that change happens.

I am asking that each region prays for IAOG leaders, each other, our missionaries, and our churches. You can begin to pray for them to be strong and very courageous. That the Word of God would have free course and be glorified. These are great verses to believe for each other and of course, other Scriptures as Holy Spirit leads.

I traveled to the western side of the Arctic, Cambridge Bay, in August. I discovered that cell phone and internet access was absolutely amazing. Therefore, I am aware that many in our great nation will be able to access prayer together.

So, please join us in online prayer meeting. The next one will be on

**Saturday, November 18th at: 9:30AM PST; 12:30pm EST.**

These prayer meetings will be broadcast from the IAOG Facebook prayer page; <https://www.facebook.com/iaogprayer/videos>. and <https://www.youtube.com/@celebrationlifechurch>

1. Please ensure you have the correct time for where you live.
2. You DO NOT have to have a Facebook account to watch the live video.

May the Lord bless you all as we stand up for the gospel in our nation and voice it around the world!

*Rev. Gwen Dreger* | National Prayer Coordinator, IAOG Canada



# THE ITINERARY OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

**Oct 13th** - The Ministry Company, Anniversary Service - London, ON

**Oct 21st** - Regional Meeting - Toronto, ON

Grace Through Ministries - Toronto, ON

**Oct 22nd** - Great Commission Ministry - Scarborough, ON

Christian Missionary Fellowship International - Scarborough, ON

**Nov 18th** - The Beautiful Church - Licensing Service - Kitchener, ON

**Dec 2nd** - Regional Meeting - Toronto, ON

**Dec 9th** - North Central Ontario Regional Meeting. - Manitoulin Island, ON

**Dec 10th** - Cornerstone Christian Fellowship - Little Current, ON

Keep us in prayer as we go and encourage pastors and their churches. May the Holy Spirit be released.

\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. \*\*\*



## ***WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!***

*Please do not hold back your testimonies, ministry updates, or words of inspiration and encouragement. Staying connected is important! Please send your articles to us for The Canadian Mantle in a Word document. Articles should be no more than 500 words in length.*

*Don't forget to share some photos too and include your ministry's information and website. Friendly reminder, all articles are subject to the discretion of the editor and will be reviewed upon submission.*

*Remember! We need each other's gifts!*

*Email: [mantlearticles@outlook.com](mailto:mantlearticles@outlook.com)*

***NEXT DEADLINE FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024***

## FROM THE EDITOR - THE NEXT IS HERE!

Mrs. Shalane MacKay | [mantlearticles@outlook.com](mailto:mantlearticles@outlook.com)

On September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, Jason and I were thrilled to welcome our new baby girl, Emily Anne MacKay into the world. We had done a lot of preparing in the months leading up to her arrival. Things in our lives began to get rearranged; an office turned into a nursery, baby items started filling every nook and cranny of the house. But it didn't stop there. Since she's actually arrived, it's still been continual adjusting to her big presence in our world. We just can't do things the same way we did before. Our schedules (including sleeping through the night), decisions, what we do, how we do it -- now work around her. **Adjustments have to be made when "next" arrives.**



Many of our favourite biblical stories had to make their own adjustments when "next" came along. Elisha didn't take his plowshare with him when he followed Elijah. David didn't use his sling and stone in the palace. We would think it absurd if Blind Bartimaeus went back to begging in the streets after he had been healed.

We love to get excited when we talk about God doing a new thing! But guess what! That new thing is here, the "next" is now! Canada is being saved, the Holy Spirit is moving in power, years of prayers are being answered. and adjustments have to be made in order to walk these things out today.

This means we may not be able to do things the way we used to before. What doesn't change is our attentive ear and

obedient heart to the Holy Spirit. As we lay down our methods and preferences, how things used to be, how we used to like to spend our evenings (like sleeping!), we can trust his instructions so we can fully walk in God's next, now! Amen!

PS. We look forward to seeing you at our next National Convention in London, ON. Make the necessary adjustments, changes, and plans to be there so we can walk in our "next" together.

**Shalane MacKay, Editor**



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