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CUBA & SOUTH AMERICA INVASION

It seems the Holy Spirit has mobilized several of our ministers to our Spanish friends in the south! What great reports of what God is doing in several Spanish speaking nations

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A WORD THAT LASTS

God's word lasts and comes to pass. Wait and see! Think you've been waiting too long? Be encouraged by the story of Celebration Church!

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RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

Unity is more than mental agreement on a subject! Hear the call to prayer and right relationship from IAOGI's national prayer coordinator.

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. David Kelsey

What a privilege to write to you today. Pattie and I pray you have an incredible year in the Lord. This is the year, this is the month this is day, 'That the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.' We are a fellowship. We need to fellowship together not just as the IAOGI, but as believers, as His body as one powerful force. Walking together, praying together, and worshiping together. I hope you have already made plans to come to this year's **National Convention 2024, May 6-9 in London, Ontario**. I believe it will be powerful and uplifting whether you can come for all of it or part, come and let us BE TOGETHER AS ONE! (Please find all convention related information included in this mantle as a separate pamphlet).

LET US ARISE AND BUILD

Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies [a]waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set[b] their hands to this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

Nehemiah 2:17-19



In the book of Nehemiah, we see in this passage how he calls out to the fellow workers in the city, '....you see the trouble we are in, (our country, our city) lies in ruin.... Come let us rebuild!' In my Spirit, for some time now, this scripture and the book of Nehemiah have been speaking to me. It is a great book for pastors to read and study full of leadership principles for us to glean from.

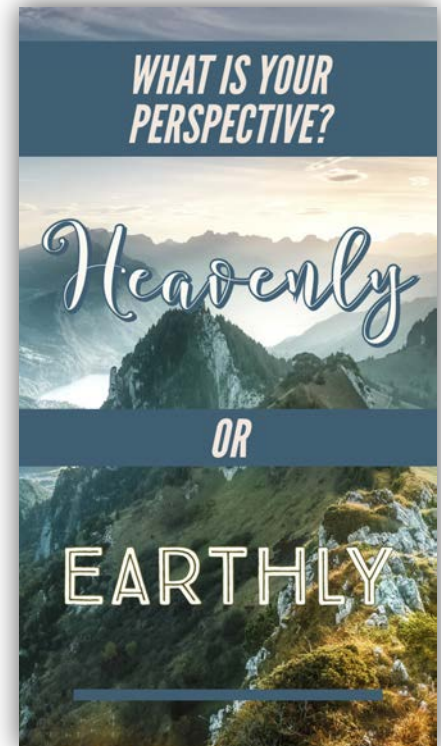
I want to encourage you today; God is on the move. God is still healing, He is still saving, He is still moving in nations all over the world - EVEN IN CANADA! Many look at the world, at Canada, and can feel, "What is the use?". Let God open your eyes to see the world like Paul did: 'For a great door for effective work has opened to me...' (1 Cor. 16:9) Praise the Lord, there are great opportunities! This scripture was written in Ephesus where

Paul had suffered, and the work had been hard. He says in verse 8, 'I will stay here for a while', BECAUSE a great door has opened for God's work. However, the last part of the verse 9 is too familiar, 'and there are many who oppose me.' The King James Version uses the word, "adversaries"

Can I just encourage you today, PRESS ON! While the battle may be hard, the rewards are higher and greater. Lives and souls are at stake; we must fight on. Be encouraged -- the Word of God is true! The harvest is ripe! This has been the greatest time for the church to arise. So, arise and build!

Have you considered what affects your vision or your outlook?

There is an old story of a young shoe salesman sent to Africa in the late 1800's looking for a new market. Within a few days he sent home news, 'I am coming home. No one here wears shoes.' A couple years later another young man went. He also sent a message home, 'Send all the shoes you have, no one here wears shoes!' There is a great door open to you. What is your perspective? Heavenly or earthly?



A few have heard about this new year 2024, and its 5784 counterpart in the Jewish calendar. The number 4 is a very important number in Hebrew. It means "open". Some believe it relates to an open door, or an open opportunity, a year to an open door of God's possibilities. So, this year, start by asking yourself, what is God saying to me? What is God doing? The 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 passage reads, "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPENED UNTO ME, and there are MANY adversaries."



The enemy will attempt to not let His work go easy for you. But GO AHEAD, for the Lord has opened the door for you! Go forward, for God is in it. Go for the prize, because you have a higher calling. God will give you the ingredients. God will give you the plan to confuse the adversary at the OPEN DOOR. Go for the possibilities that God will open for you in this coming year!

Like Nehemiah and Paul, we need to catch God's vision for our lives and His ministry through us. Nehemiah extended an invitation to the people to join in the build, THEN he testifies of what God has done for him already. Together they rise to BUILD. It is a good work (ministry) to build and rebuild lives.

Nehemiah's ministry is a foreshadow of Jesus who came as a minister of restoration. Nehemiah, like Christ, gave up a high position to be with the people. His life of prayer was much like Jesus's. In the book of Nehemiah all things were restored: the temple, the city, and more importantly, the people were restored. Sounds like a God plan to me! When God is in it, God shows His blessing on it, even in the midst of adversaries.

Note how long Nehemiah prayed. Note how long he waited for the vision. How long he waited for his release. (God's timing). See how long he planned **BEFORE** starting out; he waited 4 months! Many pastors, churches, ministries, and leaders **FAIL DUE TO POOR PLANNING**. Pray, seek God, get His vision but do not stop there! Get God's plan on how to execute the vision.

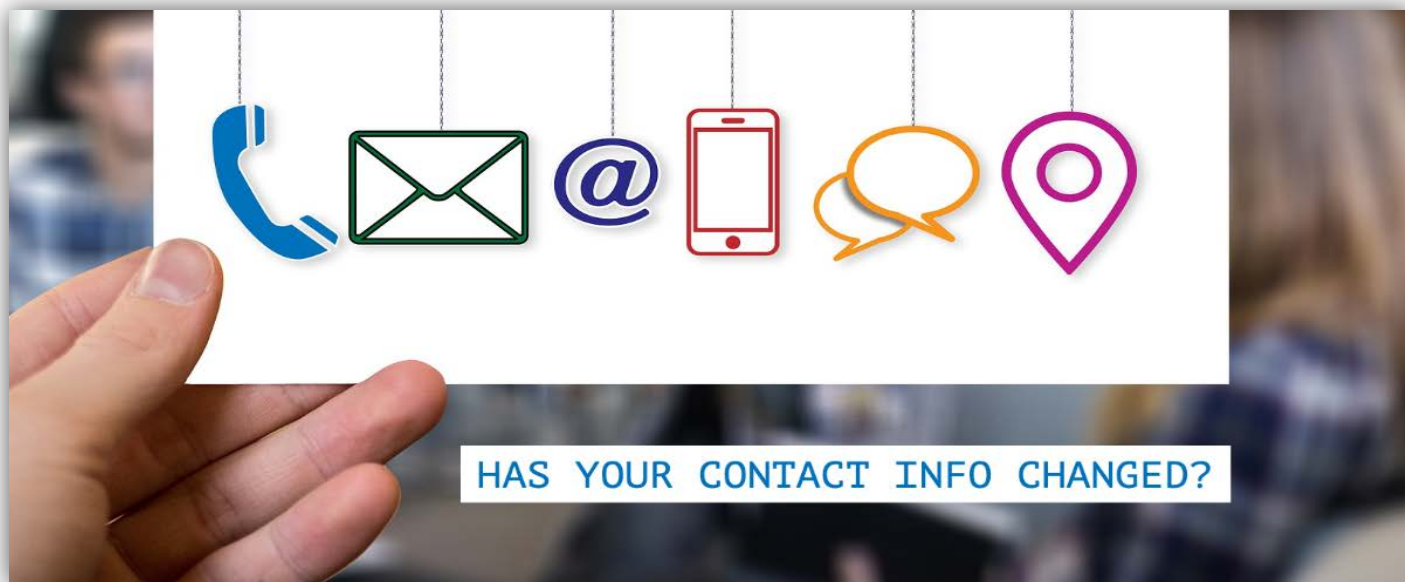
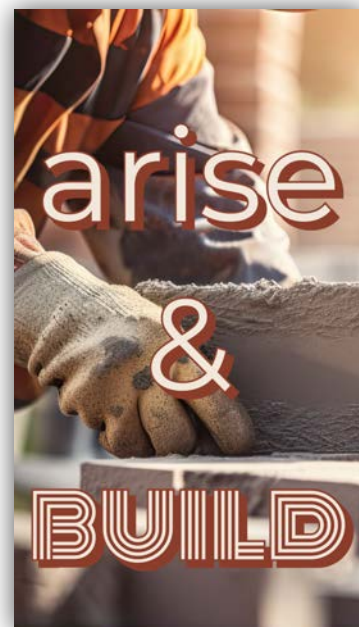
Something that had NOT been done in many, many years was now completed in 52 days! (Neh. 6:15-16) It was God's plan, and His people caught the vision of it, and ran with passion towards it. Even the unbelievers took note! This was God. A great testimony of God's power, and strength, to all the nations.

Each new year is a new slate. There is an open door for you to step through. Hear His call.

Pray and get His plan. Be patient. I do believe "there is a great door of opportunity" for the church of Jesus today in 2024. Press on!

ARISE and build.

God Bless,



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



GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL
AND WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS,

What a privilege it is to serve our Lord in this particular time in human history. More than ever, we are all aware that time is of the essence; the signs evidently prove it to us every day.

Be that as it may, we know that glorious things are being prepared. This doesn't mean that things will be easy. On the contrary, I believe it'll be quite the opposite! Remember when Jesus said to Peter in Luke 22:31-32:

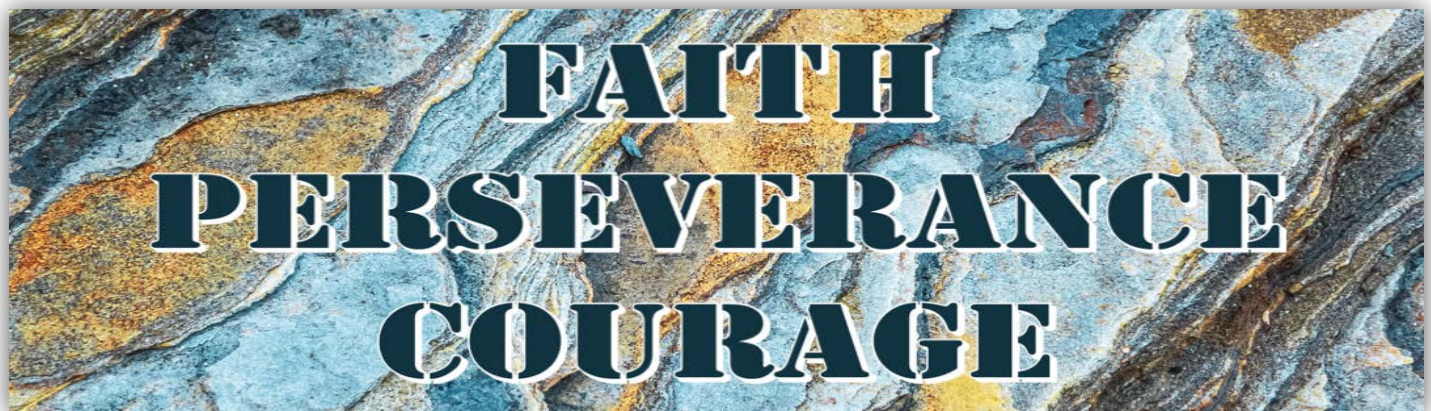
"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Jesus didn't say, "I prayed that you wouldn't experience this," but rather "that your faith doesn't fail when facing adversity". I believe that now more than ever, we should pray for one another, not only so that our faith doesn't fail, but so that we fully accomplish everything the Lord has in store for us.

Nowhere in the Bible does it say it will be easy, but it does promise us victory in Jesus Christ. I encourage you to persevere with faith and courage, and I pray that your faith does not fail, but that victory manifests itself in a glorious way for the advancement of the Kingdom of our God.

Be blessed and thank you for answering the Lord's call!

Rev. Yvon Stabili



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MINISTRY UPDATES

INSPIRATION MINISTRIES

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Many people have asked about my journey from conversion to Christ as a child in Saskatchewan to international ministry. There has been particular curiosity about the amazing opportunities and challenges I have experienced as a single woman in full-time, itinerant evangelism. With the urging of friends and colleagues I endeavored to answer some of these questions in my autobiography, "Passionate Pursuit". God has been faithful through tragedy and triumph. The challenge is for everyone to pursue Christ with perseverance and passion.

Here is an excerpt:

"Since I was going to be a preacher I needed to practice. Only being about eight or nine years old who was going to listen to me? Not to worry. In the pasture near the barn was an empty hay rack. Perfect!

With Bible in hand, I climbed up on the rack. Cows were moving around the barnyard. It was nearing milking time. The crowds were filling the auditorium. With much shoving and mooing they prepared to hear the gospel. As I started to preach, everyone in the congregation looked on with fascination. Big,

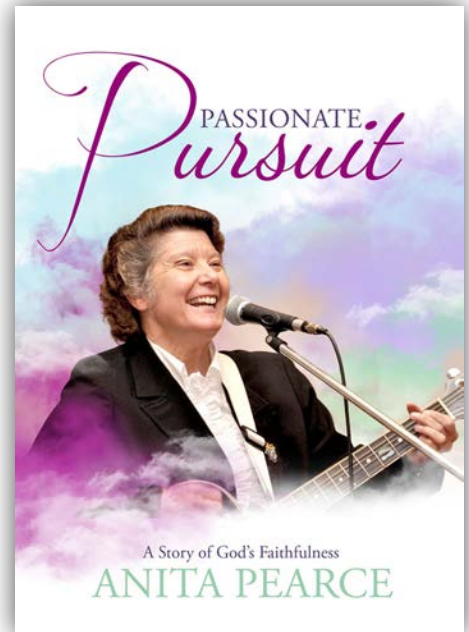
brown eyes stared in amazement. I shouted my text, telling the cows to repent or perish. After a few minutes of loud and lively preaching I watched several of them slowly walk away. Not one convert! The passionate pursuit had begun.”

I trust you will enjoy and be inspired by my story. Copies of my biography can be purchased on our ministry website: www.inspirationministries.net

Many blessings,

Anita | Saskatchewan

Converted to Christ and receiving a call to evangelism as a child, Anita has traveled continuously for nearly forty-five years, ministering in more than forty countries. She is a passionate preacher of the gospel, motivational speaker, musician, songwriter, and author.



LIFEGIVING MINISTRIES - CUBA

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Thank you for sending me back to Cuba! During the first days of November in 2023, I travelled with my local church of 11 team members to the Habana province. There we visited 12 churches, prayed for the pastoral families, and gave each \$200 USD, along with thousands of dollars of gifts like meat and milk, bikes, and construction tools. Privacy policies do not permit me to post of the team in Habana. One night that I preached in Spanish, an elderly man gave his life to Christ all because of your prayers and partnership!

MATANZAS ADOPTION

The last part of this trip was spent visiting 10 of the 21 churches in the Matanzas region that Lifegiving Ministries adopted in 2021. These 21 churches are overseen by Pastor Lazaro who is known as a generous, loving father to these leaders. He advocates for them so they can buy food for their families, and material to build their churches. With your donations, I gave \$100 USD to each





pastoral family. One church received \$450 CDN to buy fans as they had none in scorching heat. Gifts of toiletries, construction material and food were also distributed.

Despite communist-government control of food, electricity, and access to water, this Matanzas Presbytery of 21 churches are passionate about winning souls for Jesus. Their hope for Cubans to survive communism is inner joy, peace and freedom.

THANK YOU for supporting Cuba! If your church or ministry like to go on a Short-Term Mission Trip to

Cuba (4-5 days), adopt a Presbyterian in Cuba, OR would like to have me speak at one of your events, I would love to hear from you!

I look forward to sharing with you again soon about our Provincial Youth Leadership Conference that took place at the end of January.

The Lord Bless you!

Yajaira | Ontario

Dr. Yajaira Gomez is based out of Hamilton, Ontario and serves as Founder and Director for Lifegiving Ministries. Functioning in a variety of capacities as a Guest Speaker, Short-Term Missions Worker, and Visionary, Yajaira delights in encouraging leaders and their communities. She also serves in her local community as Associate Pastor at Central Community Church.



MOUNT ZION HOUSE OF PRAISE

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Revival, restoration - Let's Get Real!

That's exactly what the Women's Leadership did last October. We extended an invitation to other churches and held a Deliverance Retreat on October 27 and 28. The clarion call went out and 65 women answered. The topic was "Let's Get Real". Our guest speaker was Dr. Grant Mullen who outlined the natural and connected the spiritual baggage we all carry and how it affects us in practical terms in our daily lives.





Some of our women, well versed in deliverance for 40 years shared their “real” testimonies; the Word flowed richly and watered all present. It was well attended by young people and those more seasoned in age. The venue was top notch, offering everyone a taste of the abundant life that Jesus came to give us - spiritually as well as naturally. Time was allotted for deliverance prayer, and we held post retreat prayer sessions with a few churches as they requested. However, the cry was so great, and the ladies were so hungry, that we are also hosting a Day Conference on March 2, 2024, with plenty of time for individual prayer.

The Men’s Leadership hosted their retreat a week prior and saw young men moving in the Lord in maturity as individual prayer was also requested as a result of this retreat. The men were encouraged and continue to grow in numbers.

Follow through continues with the men and the women - that’s revival! The work of discipleship goes on and we are privileged to be a part of tearing down strongholds in people’s lives to help them truly live and realize their role in helping others as they are healed, restored and REAL!

Our Founders, Pastors Neville & Del Edwards, started running deliverance retreats about 30 years ago for Men and Women from all over Ontario. They taught about the body, soul, and spirit of man coming in alignment with the Holy Spirit - that could only happen when recognition, repentance and restoration happened through the deliverance process. Both have since gone to be with the Lord. It is a privilege to pick up and continue the work that the Lord has given our body of believers to do, and we will continue until the Lord comes by His Grace.



The Leadership of Mount Zion House of Praise | Ontario

WORLD HARVEST MINISTRY

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Greetings fellow ministers!

I would like to introduce myself to you all as I have recently taken credentials with Independent Assemblies of God Canada.

My name is Russell Murray and am registered as World Harvest Ministry with Revenue Canada. I have been a missionary since October 1991 with Pentecostal Holiness churches of Tanzania.

Over the last four years our ministry has built and planted 30 churches in Tanzania. God is at work.



In January of 2023, we were able to launch World Harvest International Bible College due to a miracle provision of finances. What started as a vision with a sense of urgency from the

Holy Spirit to build a Bible College, with only faith and a few dollars in the account, has been realized to a multi-building complex, on one and half acres, including a well that serves the community and college. We have now begun our second year of classes and instruction and are grateful for all the Lord has done!

My wife Sonia and I currently live in Sarnia, Ontario. While we love Tanzania, we also have a real heart for smaller churches and love to visit and encourage them and see believers equipped and mobilized for the gospel in Canada.

We would like to connect with other folks in the Independent Assemblies. Please reach out to connect and email me at pastorussm@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Russ & Sonia | Ontario



OASIS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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It was our privilege once again to minister in the country of Peru this past year. We held a pastors' conference, leadership training, and church services in Huanaco and La Merced.

In Huanaco, we ministered with Pastor Gregorio Caqui and his team. They are experiencing good growth and a wonderful presence of God in their services. The Pastors' conference was held in his church and pastors came from both near and far to fellowship, be blessed, and encouraged.





The theme of our conference covered sessions on *Leadership & Character*, *Leadership & Calling*, as well as *Leadership & Commitment*. We also did some sessions on “Leadership & Competence” which had to do with the development of spiritual gifts, their understanding, and administration.

In La Merced we ministered in two churches. First with Pastor Jose Avalos, and then with Pastor Sandra Moran. On both occasions there was a strong presence of God in the sessions. In one session at Pastor Avalos’ church a man turned up at the church (not a leader) who had just been released from prison. We had the privilege of leading him (Johnny) to the Lord. We suggested he write a book called “From Jail to Jesus”. In recent conversation with Pastor Avalos, he reports that that Johnny is

doing well and growing in the Lord.

We saw many touched by the Holy Spirit and encouraged in the Lord and we praise God for the privilege of being servants to bring strength to pastors and churches.

We currently serve seven Pastors and their leadership teams in on-going leadership training via Zoom in both Peru and El Salvador! Mary and I are also ministering regularly to churches and pastors in the United States and Canada.

We find ourselves doing itinerant ministry often throughout Canada and United States, we have had the privilege of being with some of you and your congregation and look forward to seeing some of you in 2024.



I just wanted to take a moment and highlight to our fellowship a recent conversation I had with one of our fellow IAOGI ministers, John Turner in Dauphin, Manitoba.

John Turner is currently pastoring New Life Centre which has been serving the Dauphin, Manitoba area since 1980. Prior to pastoring, John, was an itinerant minister in word and song and has also farmed in the area!

Like many of our churches, it's had its ups and downs but was particularly hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many churches suffered a decline because of that season as people now choose to stay home and watch online instead of joining regular weekly fellowship in person. New Life Centre was no exception to this.

However, they are seeing some new families arrive on the scene and that is always encouraging. God is touching people by His Holy Spirit! One sister gave testimony to the healing power of the Lord. She had a very bad, painful cyst on the back of her knee which was inoperable. At a service, a visiting



evangelist laid hands on her and prayed for her. She went back to see her doctor and he could not feel anything on the back of her knee anymore. He ordered an MRI to be done and the MRI turned up nothing - the cyst has completely disappeared. - PRAISE THE LORD! This healing was corroborated by before and after MRI's.

New Life Centre is smaller congregation, and they ask for specific prayer for the need on their building. The roof badly needs to be replaced and as a small fellowship they are struggling to get

funding to get the job done. Please join us in agreeing for all the provision to come in. We hope you will also consider partnering with us, our fellow minister John, and the New Life church family by sowing a financial seed. If you can help by taking an offering or sending a love gift to help them, it would be deeply appreciated by Pastor John and his team. He can be contacted at:

Dauphin New Life Centre, 404 Main Street, W, Dauphin, Manitoba, R7N 1L8.

Or you can reach him by email: nlcsecretary@wcgwave.ca. For further details you can also call him at (204) 767-2076.

Their vision is to keep reaching out to Dauphin and area with a desire to particularly touch the lives of indigenous peoples who make up nearly half the population in that area.

We thank you for all your continued prayers and support for Mary and I. We believe the Holy Spirit will continue to work through us as we go and follow His call to minister.

Blessings,

Colin & Mary | British Columbia

From pastoring to itinerant work, foreign missions, teaching the Word and ministering in music and song, Colin and Mary have been ministering for over 45 years. They have had unique assignments of working with struggling churches that need healing and rebuilding to come to a place of restoration and growth. They continue to partner with churches and travel itinerantly, developing leaders, and encouraging the body of Christ. Colin and Mary currently call Abbotsford, BC home.



ÉGLISE VIVANTE DE CHRIST (LIVING CHURCH OF CHRIST) SOUTH AMERICA UPDATE

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What a privilege it is to be able to share with you a little bit of what God has done during our various trips to South America. As mentioned in the last edition of The Mantle, we visited the Dominican Republic and then went to Colombia where we had such a blessed conference; some were healed, others experienced miracles.

A young girl who had difficulties with her studies even asked me to pray for her. I told her I would pray for her just like I do for my own children but that first, she needed to believe that God would listen and answer that prayer. Guess what? A few weeks ago, I received the testimony of her family saying she had finished all her classes almost 2 months early, and successfully at that! She's now walking around telling people that they need to have faith in Jesus because He answers prayers. Glory be to Jesus! Many people received salvation. We went back in October and met with several pastors from various churches.

We finished this trip in Venezuela. We had prayed the Lord to be able to feed every single person that would attend the meetings there and I glorify Him for His faithfulness. We managed to feed about 10,000 people. That's right, 10,000! We visited Caracas, the capital, as well as Margarita Island, and finally, the city of Puerto Ordaz. In the latter, we held a meeting with 450 pastors from the region. It was a great miracle.

We were also in contact with high-ranking people (such as Generals and Margarita's anti-drug officer) and witnessed the Lord's hand at work, healing and granting salvation to many. We are currently organizing another trip to Venezuela, and we pray to the Lord to give us the means to feed at least 20,000 people during this trip.



Please join us in prayer and faith for God to stretch out His hand and allow us to gather \$50,000 to do His work for His glory. Also please keep our Cuban brothers and sisters in prayer. Their situation is worse than ever. Our prayers are essential.

Pastor Yvon | Québec

Senior Pastor, EVC

Assistant General Secretary, IAOGI



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

ONE PRIORITY

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Recently, when preaching on the temptation of Jesus, I was reminded of a very important truth that many of us miss. The devil tempted Jesus to worship him in return for all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. Christ's response in Luke 4:8 was a quote from Deuteronomy 10:20, "*It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only you shall serve.'*" It's the order of the instructions in that verse that we miss. The first command is "*worship*" the Lord; the second is "*serve*" Him.

Here are some excerpts from A. W. Tozer's book, "Worship, the Missing Jewel of the Evangelical Church".

Why did Christ come? ... In order that He might restore us again to the place of worship we knew when we were first created... We were created to worship... Every glimpse of heaven shows them worshipping... Worship is a moral imperative... In Luke 19:37-40 the whole multitude of disciples were worshipping...and some rebuked them. The Lord said, "Don't rebuke them; if they didn't worship me, the stones would cry out." Now, worship is the missing jewel in modern evangelicalism. We're organized; we work; we have our agendas. We have almost everything but there's one thing that the churches, even the gospel churches, do not have: that is the ability to worship. We are not cultivating the art of worship.

So, maybe we do worship well in church but how about at home? In His discourse with the Samaritan woman in John 4:21-24, Jesus said the Father is *seeking* true worshipers. In John 9:31,32, the once-blind but now-seeing man got it right. He said, "God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him". Notice the order: 1) a worshiper 2) does His will.

Do we have it right? Mary took time to sit at the feet of Jesus while Martha was doing the service. Remember, Jesus said in Luke 10:42, "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her". Notice one priority is needed - not the service but the worship, and that cannot be taken away from us as well.

I close with Hebrews 13:15-16, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Praise and worship are our first priority, but we mustn't forget to do good and share in service. Which are we arranging to be first in our lives - worship or service?

God bless you in your worship and service to Him!

Karl | Saskatchewan

Karl pastors New Life Community Church in Wadena, SK, a church that he and his wife Darlene founded 42 years ago. He has been ordained with the IAOG since 1976 and Prairie Regional Secretary for about 30 years.



LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES CELEBRATION CHURCH'S STORY

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There was a church in Trail, BC that had a congregation of 300. The witness of this church affected nearby towns and the Lord demonstrated His Spirit in many marvelous ways. Eventually, however, the founding pastor moved on, and two other succeeding pastors were hired to direct the affairs of the

church. Sadly, they both succumbed to the enemy's wiles. The reputation of the work suffered greatly; the damage seemed to be beyond repair. The people slowly left, and the elders eventually sold all the financial assets, directing the money to popular television ministries.

The devastation of this work caused many to falter in their faith. However, one godly elder held on to a word of prophecy where the Lord indicated that He would eventually send a man to restore the work once again.

This elder prayed and waited for 10 long years. Then we met him through an unusual series of events. This elder, John, invited us to hear the sad story of this once mighty work of God and then asked us if we would pray about rebuilding this work once again. John simply said, "I believe you (Ron) are the man God has sent to restore this once great work."

The apostle Peter wrote that we have a more sure word of prophecy that we ought to pay heed to, as a light which shines in a dark place. (2 Peter 1:19) This elder never faltered in his faith and for 10 long years he looked for whom God spoke.

John knew many people who never attended any other local church, however held prayer meetings in their homes. He pledged to call them to see if they might want to begin again. And they did!

Micah 7:8 writes, "Rejoice not against me oh my enemy, for when I fall, I shall arise..." Our God is able to do what we never could imagine. It looked as if the work was dead, ruined, and at a complete end. But God said - and John believed. One man made a difference in his community because he held fast to a sure word of prophecy.

Today, our work there is completed, and the church has since hired the former youth pastor to be their lead pastor. Wounds are healed, the work continues, and God is displaying His glory as He did in former times. Haggai writes, "The glory of the latter house will be greater than the glory of the former, and in this place will I give peace".

Have you done a work for the Lord that you have not seen any measurable fruit? Let John's faith strengthen your resolve. Our God is able. His timetable is different from ours. If you don't quit, He won't abandon you. Let the enemy mock - God has the last word!

Ron & Celeste | Alberta

Ron and Celeste Wiseman have served the Lord in planting eight churches across Canada. Originally ordained by Brother Harry Wuerch in London, ON, Ron and Celeste have since continued to be faithful in the work of the ministry including foreign missions in both Mexico and India. Currently Ron and Celeste encourage and counsel pastors who are experiencing unusual pressures during these trying times. It has been their delight to serve as interim pastors while various churches are between pastors or while their own are taking a sabbatical. Today they make our home in the southern Alberta region and attend church in Lethbridge.



THE MARBLE RUN

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In the realm of ministry, we strive to build wisely in God's kingdom on earth. My sister, Sohani Faria, is one of our ministry directors and recently shared a deeply resonating article, "The Marble Run" in our last newsletter. As ministers, let us delve into the wisdom she imparts, recognizing the invaluable lessons for our own divine building assignments:

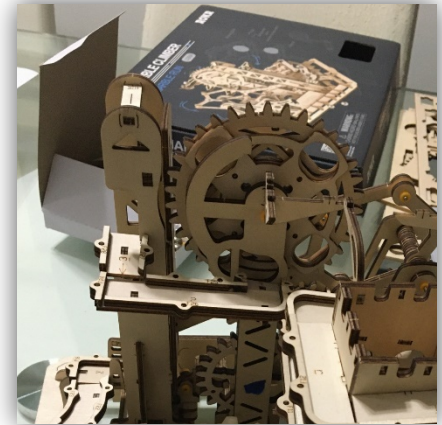
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Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1

I sighed as I saw the unfinished wooden marble run project still on the dining table. Intricate little tools and wooden pieces, some a tad bigger than a nail head, lay scattered about, a few buried underneath the instruction manual.

It was our DIY Christmas gift to our daughter with 700 wooden pieces neatly embedded into wooden boards. She had to snap out the pieces in order, one by one as per the instructions, and build a Marble Run.

At first, she went at it with enthusiasm and spent hours on it. Reading the instructions, snapping off a piece from the board and fitting it into place. The marble run slowly took shape. It was a painstaking process, but she kept at it. And then alas... the excitement wore off because she couldn't figure out where to insert one piece. Discouraged, she gave up altogether.



As I looked at the unfinished structure, I couldn't help but draw a parallel. Our life as builders of God's Kingdom on this earth can sometimes resemble this scenario.

Most people would fall into one or more categories below though it's not an exhaustive list.

- *They have given up building because of past experiences and their own negative assumptions that have led to doubt and lack of hope.*
- *They are juggling too many pieces in their haste to build faster than God and are frustrated due to lack of planning and structure in their lives.*
- *They are preoccupied looking at the design and structure of others, comparing and falling short in their own eyes, forgetting that everyone's gifts and callings are not the same.*
- *They have designed their own blueprint for themselves and are building a different structure and are left with mismatched pieces they have borrowed from others, not depending on God's Word or His voice for direction.*
- *They look at their skills and have decided the project is too big for them. The calling involves too many sacrifices and have given up and are content to pray about it.*
- *They are too engrossed with 'fixing' the issues of their life, so they have no time to build.*
- *They are praying, reading the Word and have fallen into a state of faith only, and no works. Faith without works is dead.*

Can you see yourself in any of the above? Are you praying about something when deep down you know He has already spoken to you and confirmed His Word? Are you in a state of “let’s pray, wait and see”? How many of us sometimes feel God is too slow and snatch the plan impatiently out of His hands?

Our Father loves us too much to give all the pieces of the ornate, intricate building He is fashioning out of our lives at the same time. He gives us the building blocks piece by piece. He is also a builder. THE Master Builder. We cannot build His kingdom unless we allow ourselves to be built up by Him.

We can spend our whole life praying about things and never really begin “to do” anything.

Let’s be willing to build with what God has given us and show Him our faithfulness in the little things so he can entrust more into our hands. He will give you another piece tomorrow if you faithfully serve Him with the piece He has given you today, and in due time He will raise you up. Let us go back to building with joy again.



Sohani Faria

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In conclusion, Sohani’s article serves as a timely reminder to us as about the significance of partnership with God, obedience to His Word, and the need to faithfully build with the pieces given to us. Let us embrace each “piece” with joy, knowing that our heavenly Father is the ultimate master builder who guides us through every challenge. May we, as ministers, continue to build in God’s kingdom with diligence and unwavering faith.

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NEXT DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 31st, 2024



REV. DAVID DUMANGENG

(DOB 12 APR 1968) Rev. David Dumangeng passed away on December 2, 2023. Originally from Baguio City, Philippines, he and his wife Elsie resided in Calgary, Alberta. He and Elsie have four wonderful children. David was an Associate Pastor at Calgary Christian. David was a wonderful singer and musician, which was a blessing to so many. He had a musical gift to teach and help train up others. David joined IAOGI in October 2010.

Please remember his wife Elsie and their family in prayer.

David was a member of the Compassion Fund.



REV. KEN JASPER

(DOB 18 MAY 1951) Ken Jasper has passed into Glory. In the past year he had suffered a stroke and after some months of continued difficulty was ushered into the Lord's presence on Monday morning December 30th, 2023. He is survived by his wonderful wife Cam of over 48 years, and their three beautiful daughters and families!

Ken was well known in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia as the base singer for the Centurions, a quartet originating out of Evangel Church. They travelled widely across BC and Western Canada. He was also a proficient guitarist and base player. As his music ministry progressed, he served many years as a music pastor in various churches. He held positions as worship and music pastor in Kelowna, Leduc (AB), New Westminster, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford. He was also a frequent seminar instructor for the Canada Arise worship conferences! In recent years, he participated in variety of music events in the lower mainland while also giving guitar and vocal lessons to students. He also worked from home as a qualified and registered financial advisor. He has lived in Abbotsford, BC for the last 25 years and will be deeply missed.

Please keep Ken's wife and family in prayer.



REV. RON JOHNSON

(DOB 22 JAN 1959) Ron Johnson passed away Feb. 12, 2024. Ron was originally from Vancouver, BC where he met the love of his life from 18, Laurie. He and Laurie had been married for 37 years and had five wonderful children. They were most recently residing in Cut Knife, SK for many years.

Ron loved people, loved the Holy Spirit, and often could be found playing his violin during worship, which was a blessing to all and only the tip of the iceberg on instruments he could play.

You also might find him enjoying a ride on his motorcycle, working on his Revival Café project, or coming home from a day of pipefitting - his trade and profession for many years. He had a reputation for being an excellent craftsman. Please continue to keep Laurie and their family in your prayers.

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1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship (fellowship) and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (AMPC)

Truly our God is faithful. He has called us to be in right fellowship, in perfect harmony, unity, with Him and with each other. Yet, unity seems to be an almost impossible goal. How many meetings have pastors and leaders gathered where this subject is on the table? In my opinion, too many, with little result.

Now, I happen to believe the Bible, as many of you I know do as well. I also happen to believe that God wants AND calls for unity. He calls it “good and pleasant” in Psalms 133. Moving forward, we must agree that this is God’s plan and will for us. This should settle how we pray about it. Let His will be done on EARTH as it is in heaven. Right? Good. Got it!

I believe there are other things which can be settled too. We just need to see them through the Bible; the place we agree and believe. We believe that we are all created in His image, in His likeness. Yet, we are all different.

The previous National Prayer director, Rev. Doreen Charette, is mother to identical twins. Admittedly, when they were small, it was extremely difficult to know which one was which. As they grew, I got to know them, and could distinguish them. I also learned to appreciate their individual uniqueness. This opened my eyes to a simple and thought-provoking truth:

God is our heavenly designer. He made us just as He purposed us to be. If we are different (and we obviously are!) then it is His plan. Many of the meetings I sat in (and possibly you have as well) tried to determine our ‘sameness’. Where we are identical. This would be in our thoughts, our beliefs, behaviours; right down to how we serve Jesus! If it wasn’t identical, it wasn’t unity; at least that appeared to be the conclusion.

Instead of striving to be completely like one another, let us learn to love the differences in each other. He called five different ministries for a reason. Furthermore, within those ministries are different expressions; every prophet in the Old Testament was unique! Come on people, be your different self He called and purposed you to be. Embrace who He has created in you and in your neighbour. This IS loving your neighbour as yourself!

Now, as the National Prayer coordinator I ask of you this one thing: pray for each other in a right spirit of fellowship. Pray we would learn to love each other as God designed us. That as we are called into companionship, we would be participating with Jesus in it. Then we can be assured what He called us to, will come to pass. We WILL walk in unity.

Remember, God is faithful to keep His Word. He is reliable, trustworthy, and we can count on Him!

Sincerely,

Rev. Gwen Dreger | National Prayer Coordinator



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- FEB 3** - Central Ontario Regional Meeting - Toronto, ON
- FEB 4** - Ebenezer Revival Tabernacle - Scarborough, ON
- FEB 19-21** - PCCNA Conference - Montgomery, AL
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- FEB 29 - MAR 2** - BC Southwest Regional Conference - Surrey, BC
- MAR 12** - Southwest Ontario Regional Meeting - Leamington, ON
- MAR 18 - 22** - Arctic Bible Conference - Aupaluk, QC
- MAR 25-26** - Denominational Leaders of Canada - Toronto, ON
- MAR 27** - U21, Empowerment 21 Gathering - Toronto, ON
- APR 5-7** - Faith Tabernacle Anniversary Weekend - London, ON
- APR 13** - Eastern Ontario Regional Meeting - Smith Falls, ON
- APR 14** - Tent of David - Rockland, ON
- APR 20** - Central Ontario Regional Meeting
- APR 27** - Our Christ is Wonderful International 25th Anniversary - Toronto, ON
- MAY 6 - 9** - IAOG National Convention - London, ON
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FROM THE EDITOR

Where in the world is _____?

That's going to be my question when I get to the National Convention, and I don't see you there! I hope you have already made plans to join us in London, ON. If you haven't yet, I'll ask one very important question - did you ask the Holy Spirit about it? We are often quick to decide solely due to logistics, finances, and whether we actually feel like doing things, versus bringing it before the one who truly leads us, with faith!

Recently I was faced with a very similar situation regarding an inter-denominational conference in February. We were invited to attend and participate but the stacked list of practical items which seemed to be a barrier did not feel worth the effort. Paying for a hotel, conference registration fees, flights across the continental USA with layovers, coordinating Sunday service coverage due to weird flight options, time off work for my husband, not to mention attempting to do it all with a baby! How many diapers can you fit in a suitcase anyway and will our baby formula be mistaken for drugs on the luggage scanner? It was an OBVIOUS choice. NO. Not this year. The "timing" isn't right, it's too much of a "stretch", and the logistics are just not PRACTICAL or WISE.

I admit, I had allowed my "reasonable" justifications to replace even bothering the Holy Spirit with an inquiry.

Anybody else grateful that the Holy Spirit works his own fruit!? He's patient, kind, and loving. While I was about to continue my merry way, he gently brought back to remembrance a word given during our

church service not long ago about “Right relationships in the body of Christ”. As I heard that still small voice, I knew we were meant to go. This time of gathering with other leaders in the body of Christ from other denominational streams was important.

The only thing I could see to do was begin preparation and activate my faith to believe for His provision. Wouldn't you know our hotel got paid for, someone else contributed to our flights, logistics of rides to and from the airport at our destination were solved without me asking and that's only the start. I say it's only the start because while this *Mantle* edition is being wrapped up and send to the printers, we'll be off at the conference. I just have great expectation that God has something good in store.

I have that same expectation for our time together at our fellowship's National Convention in May. We have important things to do in person; from fellowship over breakfast, to Holy Spirit services, to electing our executives and simply, just being together in relationship. I truly am looking forward to seeing you all and hope to not search too hard to find you in London, ON! Trust the Holy Spirit to lead AND to provide in ALL WAYS!

Many Blessings,

Shalane MacKay, British Columbia



PS. Come find me and I will share with you the rest of the story about our February conference and give you the riveting answer to just how many diapers you need for a five-day travel experience with a baby!

***** SPECIAL THANKS! Over the last several years I've had the pleasure of working with Pastor Marcel Racine who has graciously translated our publication and given generously so much of his own personal time and been such a blessing. Thank you so much for your excellence and service *****

I would also like to introduce Jessie Dinkota, our new French editor! We are grateful for all the joints that supply!

Shalom to all!

My name is Jessie Dinkota, and I am pleased to be able to take over the French translation of The Mantle. Having a BA in English Literature and Linguistics, I have always been passionate about languages, so when I was approached to carry on the project, I saw an opportunity to do what I love all while serving the Lord!

I am the head in the multimedia department at Bethel Center, QC and I also happen to be the daughter of Pastors Tity Dinkota (Quebec Regional Secretary) and Odette Abengea-Dinkota. I thank the Lord for the lives of His servants who are a great source of blessing to me not only as leaders, but especially as parents.

I'm just getting started, but I'm very excited to see what the Lord has in store for me and will teach me through this service. Stay blessed in the precious name of Jesus Christ and I am looking forward to meeting you all.



Jessie Dinkota, Quebec

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