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Update on Papyrus Project

The Fellowship has completed the financial goal for the Papyrus Project. Funds have already been sent to Source of Light Ministries. Alternative Media Director Ben Watson reports on the current progress of the project.

Dear FEBC Family,

It is with great joy we write to thank each of you for your contribution to this year's convention project. Gladys and I, Source of Light Ministries International and the Alternative Media team of SLM deeply appreciate your giving so that even more people can be exposed to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through audio versions of our lessons.

At this writing (Oct. 15), recordings of three courses in both Amharic and English have been completed. A fourth English course has been completed, and its Amharic counterpart is being recorded by Pastor Mesfin Tadessa, an associate pastor in an Ethiopian Evangelical Church in the Atlanta area. Ben is writing the notebook that will be the basis for training Ethiopian leaders in the use of the players. Renew World Outreach of Social Circle Georgia, maker of the Papyrus player, has received a shipment of 3,000 players. We have reserved the 100 players you helped purchase, and will have taken delivery by the time you read this.

This winter we plan to visit Ethiopia to deliver the players and to train chosen church leaders in their use for their ministries. We hope to be able to report to you soon after returning from Ethiopia. Watch *Fellowship Focus* and the FEBC web site for those reports.

May God bless you for your prayers for and contributions to this year's project.

*In Christ,
Ben and Gladys Watson*



Comment



By Sharon Berg, Editor

Update on the FEBC 20/20 Vision: Many Fellowship churches have voted on whether to adopt this new vision that was unveiled at the convention in July. The result thus far has been unanimous support. What's next? FEBC President Blaine Donaldson shares his ideas on page 3.

"I was tired of living so close to sister churches and not fellowshipping in meaningful ways." So said Lee Young, youth pastor at Salem Church in Waldheim, Sask. That dissatisfaction prompted Lee and two other FEBC church youth pastors in Saskatchewan, Dave Cornelius of Dalmeny Bible, and Brendon Johnston, Martensville Mission, to do something about it. They formed the FEBC Youth Ministerial to share ideas and plan events. The result has been a lot of fun for the youth of those three churches as they connect and grow together. And the impact is growing: A winter retreat is planned for youth from the Saskatchewan and Alberta churches that make up the Prairie West Extension. Read more about it on page 7. FEBC President Blaine Donaldson is hoping the idea will catch on in a big way. "My desire is that each of our extensions would have a similar retreat for their extension youth," he said. "I would love for this to develop so that we can rebuild our FEBC youth ministries from the ground up."

By the time you read this issue, the holiday season will be in full swing. In the midst of the festivities, I hope you can carve out a bit of quiet time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and the faithfulness of the One who made them possible. Blessings as you celebrate Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Merry Christmas!

Sharon

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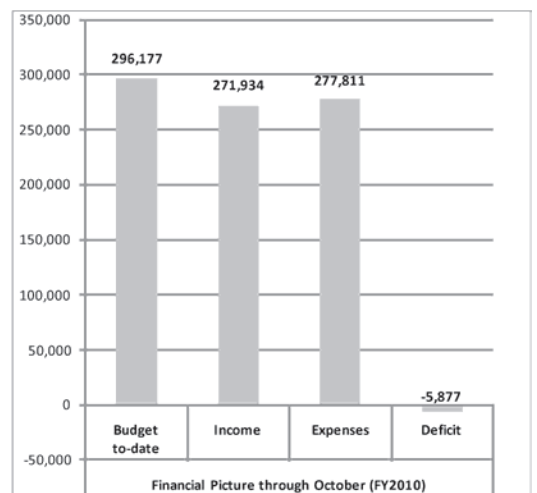
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The FEBC 20/20 Vision: *What's Next?*

Praise the Lord! So far, we are unanimously in favor of the new FEBC 20/20 Vision. Excitement is building, and as I visit the churches, I am frequently asked, "Now what? How do we implement this vision?" While the vision is for the Fellowship, it cannot be accomplished unless each of our churches assumes the ownership and implementation of a compatible, localized vision. Both of these visions can only be accomplished as each individual member of our churches tells their unbelieving friends about Jesus.

I propose a threefold approach to implement the 20/20 Vision — at the Fellowship level, at the local church level, and at the level of the individual.

The Fellowship

FEBC leadership will develop a strategy to accomplish the vision. We need to ensure that all Fellowship churches are aware of the vision and its emphasis on the personal proclamation of the Gospel. We'll work to enhance our ability to communicate with and have a presence in all Fellowship churches. We can inspire one another by sharing the proclamation successes that will happen regularly.

Even our decision-making process will be evaluated to see if change is needed, as well as how our commissions, conventions, workshops and the *Fellowship Focus* are serving our vision and purpose. We will set measurable goals that we can use to evaluate our progress.

The leadership will recommend to convention delegates any needed constitutional changes. While much of the vision's implementation can be accomplished without those, some are likely necessary.

Fellowship churches

The leadership of individual Fellowship churches can ask the following questions:

- Is the Scriptural command for per-

"A church needs to allow its localized vision to become the focal point of all of its ministries"

sonal proclamation of the Gospel truly applicable to every member?

- Are we weak in our personal proclamation of the Gospel? Is this biblically acceptable?
- Does the Lord want this change in our church? Is this our priority?

A church needs to allow its localized vision to become the focal point of all of its ministries — preaching, prayer, Sunday school, children's programs, student ministries, small groups — so that the new vision becomes part of the DNA of the church. Each church will need to develop ways to measure whether the vision is being accomplished.

Individual churches can provide their congregations with the prayer, training

and encouragement in the boldness that will be required to live out the vision.

Our role as individuals

As individuals, we need to desire to be fully obedient to the Great Commission, and seek opportunities to build relationships with unbelievers. What changes in our personal lifestyle is God calling us to make so that we can faithfully share Jesus with them?

We can start by praying, confessing our inadequacy to accomplish this on our own. We can invite God to go with us as we go into the lost world, asking Him to provide opportunities to share our faith. It will be important to listen to the Holy Spirit's promptings, seeking boldness to speak for

Jesus. We must believe that He will go before us to prepare people to hear the Gospel.

When we know that we are likely to have an opportunity to share our faith, we can ask others to pray for us. When we do share, it will be important to communicate that to our church and to the Fellowship, as well as when we lead someone to Christ. Those to whom we have witnessed will need continued prayer, and we must ensure that any new converts are discipled.

As the FEBC leadership, churches and individuals partner in carrying out the 20/20 vision, expect to see God's power change us and the world around us. ■



Praise the Lord; with the majority of the votes registered, the vote to adopt our 20/20 Vision has been unanimously in favor. We have a number of churches yet to communicate their votes; however, we believe that it will pass overwhelmingly. Therefore we are *calling the election* like they do on the news. We will still count the remaining votes, but we are marching ahead assuming that the 20/20 Vision will be fully adopted. With the Lord's help and grace, we are focusing our efforts and resources on planning for and accomplishing this vision. Praise the Lord!

Blaine Donaldson, FEBC President



“Strengthened by ???”

By Harvey Schultz



How can a Christian receive spiritual strength to be able to stand firm in the face of trials, peer pressure, temptations and opposition? Can you explain that to a child?

I grew up in what I consider to be a fine Christian home with wonderful Christian parents. I was nurtured in a strong Bible-teaching local church. The teaching that I received about receiving spiritual strength and that I remember could be summarized in the line of a little ditty we used to sing: “Read your Bible, pray every day — and you’ll grow, grow, grow!”

Such an approach can very easily develop a subconscious thought pattern which says: “God’s strength is accessible for those who have *trained* themselves to *consistently* practice spiritual *disciplines*.” Although it doesn’t say it in so many words, it is almost as though spiritual strength is something *you* develop, acquire or earn because of your spiritual exercise program. However, spiritual strength is not the automatic result of the practice of spiritual disciplines. Rather, it depends on the simple practice of relying on God to manifest His power through us.

The Galatian believers thought that spiritual maturity depended upon observing rules and regulations. Paul exclaimed to them: “Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” (Galatians 3:3). “Human effort” is not the key to achieving spiritual maturity.

The believers to whom the Epistle of Hebrews was addressed had a similar ap-

proach. They were weak in the face of opposition. Their solution was to go back to observing religious ceremonies such as making sacrifices in the temple and eating the sacrificial meals connected with those sacrifices. In that context the author of the epistle declares “our hearts are to be *strengthened by grace*, not by ceremonial foods ...” (Heb. 13:9).

“*Strengthened by grace*”! Have we grasped the significance of those three words? Divine strength to live the Christian life is ours by grace. You can’t earn

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grace. It is communicated to those who don’t deserve it. You can never deserve the strength you need to live the Christian life. It isn’t something you develop by observing spiritual disciplines. It isn’t something you merit by doing the right things. Even the mature, faithful, exemplary Christian doesn’t deserve to receive this strength. Overcoming power and spiritual strength is ours because of God’s grace.

Earlier in the epistle the author had said: “Let us then approach the *throne of grace* with confidence, so that we may *receive mercy and find grace* to help us in our time of need” (Heb 4:16). We are made strong by relying on God’s power, which He graciously gives to the undeserving.

Yes, God will communicate His life

and strength to the person who walks faithfully with Him. But He will also do that for the Christian who has failed miserably in the past but who *now* comes to Him for victory. He will communicate His strength to the young child who relies on Him for strength to overcome temptation. He will communicate His strength to the new convert who relies on Him for strength even though he has not yet learned to read his Bible and pray every day. Every time a person comes to God and seeks His strength to overcome, to be

consistent, to be faithful, to be persevering and reliable, strength will be given to him. It will be given because it is grace — unmerited favor — which strengthens us.

Peter says: “*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*” (2 Peter 3:18 NIV). As

we know more about Him, we will realize how trustworthy He is and we will increasingly rely on Him for grace (strength) to live the Christian life. That’s where Bible reading and prayer fit it. In and of themselves they do not automatically give us spiritual strength. They help us realize increasingly that He is totally trustworthy.

The only spiritual “discipline” we need is that of habitually relying on Him and expecting Him to give us strength. As we do that, He strengthens us *by grace*; by grace because we don’t deserve it. Therefore it is available for the weakest as well as the most mature Christian on earth. ■

(All Scripture references are NIV)

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Papyrus Project

The Papyrus Project is complete! Thank you for your generous gifts which will provide scriptures and Bible studies to people in Ethiopia who cannot read. The media will be on a small, solar-powered audio player called a Papyrus Player (www.renewoutreach.com/papyrus.html).

Source of Light Ministries reports that the players have now been manufactured. English versions of three courses are already being recorded. A native Ethiopian Amharic speaker comes in every two weeks to record the lessons in Amharic. Ben Watson is developing a training manual to teach techniques for effectively using the players as a learning tool. Hopefully, by mid-February all players and training material will be ready to take to Ethiopia.

Welcome New Pastor

Sean Brandow has been called to pastor Humboldt Bible Church of Humboldt, Sask. Sean ministered for the past 10 years as associate pastor at Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland, Sask. On Oct. 1 Sean began his work at Humboldt. The church held an installation service on Oct. 21. Sean follows Ed Fischer, who is moving on to another church planting situation.

Graduation!

Graduation! What a joy it is to see young people walk across the stage to mark the successful completion of an education program. Graduation is a doorway into the next level of responsibility and service. This summer two Fellowship churches walked across the stage from church plant status to full membership status. **Humboldt Bible Church** of Humboldt, Sask., had only six members a few years ago and no lay leadership. Now they have a functioning elder board and 19 members, plus many more attendees. **Hebron Bible Church** of Hebron, Neb., began in 2003 from a men's Bible study. Your gifts have been scholarships to help these churches grow and mature. Thank you! Please continue to pray that God will guard and nourish these churches.

Bequest

Sara K. (Friesen) Peters has left the Fellowship a bequest through her will. As a young woman from Jansen Bible Church, Sara spent two summers in the Ozarks (Go Ye Mission) and one summer in Floodwood, Minn., holding vacation Bible schools. After she finished her training as a nurse in 1953, she began to work in the Belgian Congo under Congo Inland Mission (an agency of which our Fellowship was a partner). She returned from Africa in the early 60s to care for her parents, and in the course of things, fell in love, got married, and spent the rest of her life in Loveland, Colo. Throughout her life she maintained an interest in missions and church planting, even loaning money to the Fellowship to help new churches get started. She went to be with the Lord on Feb. 5, 2010.

To learn more about estate planning, and to see how you can set up a will, go to www.febclegacy.org.

It's a Whole New Year!

New Year's Day comes two months early for our Fellowship. Our fiscal year begins in November. The budget for fiscal year 2011 calls for \$255,000 in contribution income. To accomplish this, churches and individuals will have to increase the level of their giving by 10 percent over the past year.

FEBC Winter Workshop

How do you manage a group of workers who are scattered throughout five states and three provinces of Canada? Another complication is that these workers are volunteers. For our Fellowship, even though the volunteers work from their scattered homes, it has been important for them to meet face to face at least twice a year. This February they will gather at Faith Evangelical Bible Church of Henderson, Neb., for two days of planning and discussion. This will be an especially important meeting as we begin to move toward the 20/20 Vision for our Fellowship.

Fellowship Directory and Annual Report

The 2010 Fellowship Directory and Annual Report is available for \$5 plus postage. E-mail orders@febministries.org to order your copy.

Shepherd Search

Do you know someone who would be a good shepherd for one of these churches? If so, pass this information on to them. Pray that God would provide shepherds for:

- Vita, Sask. — **Vita Bible Church** (pastor)
- Langham, Sask. — **Langham Evangelical Bible Church** (associate pastor of youth and worship)
- Wymark, Sask. — **Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland** (associate pastor)

For more information go to:
www.febministries.org/opportunities/pastoral_openings.
To request an FEBC Application for Ministry, e-mail info@febministries.org

A Note of Thanks ...

I would like to thank you for the very generous (FEBC) scholarship for the cost of my attendance at Calvary Bible College. It has been an encouragement to me and an honor to receive this scholarship. It was also an answer to my prayers.

*With Gratitude,
Chris Rempel*

God-given opportunities may be found in new social networks

By Trudy Reimer

Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are popular ways of keeping in touch with family and friends. When our grandson created a page for my husband and me on Facebook, we got many surprised looks. Facebook started out very popular with the young people, but now more and more older folks are enjoying this medium also.

My Facebook "friends" include many

Opportunities are strange things. Can we always recognize one when God puts it into our lives?

different kinds of people — missionaries, relatives, members of churches where we have served; old school acquaintances and a few businesses and organizations. It is amazing how my list keeps growing. I get one "friend," and then I find someone on her list that I have not thought about for a long time. What a joy to reconnect! I imagine some people have wondered, "How did she find me?" I

have even gotten requests from some whose names are a complete mystery.

As I thought about this, I also thought about the phrase in our new vision statement about all of us taking every opportunity to share the Gospel. We stand amazed at the great proliferation of ways to communicate with others which have been given to us in the last decade. Facebook is one way that we can use to bring people's attention to Jesus and what He can mean to us in our lives. As I open my Facebook page, I can read Scripture, be encouraged by what is happening in others' lives, share their concerns and difficulties, and share prayer requests. I learn what is happening here at home and out on the mission field.

Yes, it is an opportunity. But opportunities are strange things. Do we always recognize one when God puts it into our lives? So often I see what could have been an opportunity, but only after the fact. Why did I not see it then? Why did I not respond at that moment? I was not listening to the Holy Spirit at that time. I

was probably caught up in the moment of what I had to do, or what I perceived as my responsibility at that time. It is so easy to wake up in the morning with our schedules all planned.

But God has other plans. Proverbs 16:9 says "A man's heart deviseth his way but the Lord directs his steps." Do we really view each moment of the day as one in which God has something special for us to do that we may have given no thought to? In these days of turmoil, let us be much in the Word and in prayer, that the Holy Spirit might help us to recognize every opportunity that He puts into our day, and carry out His will for our lives.

Trudy Reimer has served on the Commission on Women's Ministries for six years. She attends Heartland Bible Church, Lincoln, Neb.



Estate Planning Seminar

Legacy Giving
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You are invited to participate in an estate planning phone seminar in partnership with PhilanthroCorp on **Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. Central Standard Time.**

Stewarding the assets accumulated during a lifetime in the most effective manner is a large task. **Join us for this toll-free 45 minute phone seminar** designed to help you understand the critical issues. Here's a sampling of topics:

- Difference between a will and revocable living trust.
- Important considerations for my Advanced Healthcare Directive

- Important considerations in selecting a guardian
- How should a trust be structured for my children?
- Should all my children be treated the same?
- How to minimize taxes and probate costs
- How much do people leave to charities?
- What is a letter of testimony?

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions and gain professional advice. This is not a

sales call; no products will be sold. Following the teleconference, you will be given additional resources that you can use to create your own estate plan.

Registering is easy! Contact Rachel Means at PhilanthroCorp at rachel.means@plannedgift.com or call **1-800-876-7958**.

To register online, visit www.febclegacy.org, click on the "Wills and Trusts Teleconference," and submit a contact form.

FROZEN TOGETHER

By Lee Young, Youth Pastor, Salem Church, Waldheim



When youth pastors get together and start brainstorming about ministry, the local police should probably be warned. It usually means that a large group of teens are about to be organized and set loose on the surrounding community. If crafted properly, this can create excitement, energy and a holy fire that rejuvenates the church. If done carelessly, without purpose, the police are usually involved.

About a year ago, Dave Cornelius (*Dalmeny Bible Church*), Brendon Johnston (*Martensville Mission Church*) and I got together to talk about how we could connect as youth pastors, and ultimately as youth groups. I was tired of living so close to these sister churches but not “fellowshipping” in meaningful ways. We met together as a newly formed FEBC Youth Ministerial to brainstorm ideas and formulate plans.

Out of these meetings came the birth of Freezin’ 2010. Last January we coordinated our efforts and planned a small winter retreat at Camp Kadesh on Christopher Lake. About 35 youth and sponsors attended the retreat and we had a blast! Broomball, pond hockey, downhill snow tubing, ice climbing, and intense games of Risk® occupied our free time. Our purpose for the weekend was to draw students together from our Fellowship to worship God, forge new relationships and grow deeper in their walk with Christ. The theme of the weekend was centered on Acts 2:42-47, where we looked at the early church and what community really means. It was a powerful weekend that the students still talk about almost a year later.

The event has encouraged us, and motivated us to build on what we started. This year the retreat is open to all the churches in the Prairie West Extension (PWE). We will go back to Camp Kadesh Jan. 28-30 for *Freezin’ 2011*. Briercrest College is teaming up with us to send a speaker, Nate Wall, and a worship team for a fraction of the regular cost. Dave, Brendon and I are excited and eager to see the youth connect with each other and forge new relationships that will last a lifetime.



EYES ON THE WORLD

By Fayth Boeker, Commission on Missions



In the Sept./Oct. issue of the *Fellowship Focus*, eight missionaries were honored for their time of service. Six of those have officially retired. In contrast, just two new missionary units were welcomed into the Fellowship this summer. Let's pray that God will use our churches to encourage more men and women to consider a cross-cultural ministry.

In July the Commission on Missions met with **Hannah Curby** to get acquainted, learn about her ministry and pray for her. The same day, the Commission on Missions had a fun Skype conversation with **Greg and Julie Dole** in Manitoba. The Commission followed the same pattern of interview and prayer. As a result, both were approved as FEBC missionaries.

Hannah Curby is not new to the Fellowship or to serving overseas. She is the oldest daughter of FEBC pastor Arnold (Grace)



Curby, serving at **Saron Mennonite Church**, Fairview, Okla. After graduating from Patrick Henry College, Hannah spent two years in Italy on a short-term assignment. From this experience, she felt the Lord calling her into full-time ministry. She was accepted by Avant Ministries, joined a short-cycle church planting team, and hopes to be in Italy by the time this article is published! Over the next five years,

Hannah anticipates being used by God as she connects with the Italian people and works in developing team unity.

Greg and Julie Dole followed a different route to overseas ministry. This couple graduated from Prairie Bible College, and later Greg qualified as an electrician. They then moved to Steinbach, where Greg became a flight instructor to gain more hours and experience in flying. In April they were accepted by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) as pre-field missionaries. Since August, Greg and Julie, along with their three small children, have traveled to Vancouver and back, visiting with many about their desire to serve God through aviation.



Bryon and Sandy Brock and their children (two in high school; two out of the home) live in Tucson, Ariz., and serve with United Indian Mission (UIM). Working with them are **Tony and Suanne Harmon**, also with four children (ages 7-14). Both are in the UIM Aviation Services. Bryon directs the Aviation Services, overseeing the Tucson operation, and also directing the vision for the ministry. Tony works directly with engine overhaul

and maintenance of all planes. UIM Aviation flies into Mexico several times a week, serving its own missionaries, New Tribes Mission, and other organizations seeking their help. UIM Aviation Services hopes to implement a new vision of agricultural and community development through water purification devices and land development for the nationals. Aviation is a tool to help the nationals reach their own people more quickly.

Reg and Mary Epp (and family of three) have been serving with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF) since 1985. The first 13 years were spent supporting mission, church and medical work in Botswana, Africa. In order to receive medical help for their younger son Jason, diagnosed with a brain tumor, they returned to California. God saw fit to heal Jason of his cancer. When MAF moved to Idaho in 2006, the Epps moved as well. Reg specializes in updating and refurbishing older aircraft. Occasionally he travels overseas to help with larger maintenance projects. Mary continues to work with children at church and in the local school as a substitute teacher.

PRAY

- Pray for **Hannah Curby** (*Saron Mennonite Church, Fairview, Okla.*) as she and Italy Team 2 of Avant Ministries adjust to working together and thus reaching Verona with the Good News of Jesus. Funding for each missionary is a constant concern.
- Right now **the Doles** are with family (*Cornerstone Bible Church, Steinbach, Man.*). Pray with the Doles for safety in their travels to Michigan in January and February. They also seek wisdom in determining where God would have them serve in the future.
- Pray for **Tony and Suanne Harmon** (*Evangelical Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.*) as they lead their family. Tony requests prayer for repairs of cracked gear brackets on a plane confiscated by Mexico for seven months. They are asking God to provide the cost of extensive orthodontic care for two of their children.
- **Bryon and Sandy Brock** (*Evangelical Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.*) are pleased with how God is answering prayer for their young adult children. God preserved Joshua's life following a serious motor bike accident. Pray that Bryon will pursue his job of leadership with tact and wisdom while pursuing an aggressive vision for the aviation work in Mexico.
- Pray for **Mary Epp** (*Saron Mennonite Church, Fairview, Okla.*) as she begins a new Wednesday evening children's ministry at her church. **Reg Epp** asks for prayer as he continues to rebuild a Cessna 206, to be deployed to Haiti. They praise the Lord that Jason will graduate from Moody Bible Institute in the spring.

FOCUS ON OUR CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Omaha, Neb.

Charles Tschetter, Senior Pastor

Our Fall Bible Conference featured **Bob Wilkins** of the Grace Evangelical Society. He spoke on the ten most misunderstood words in the Bible; words like faith, grace, and the final judgment. A children's Bible conference was held concurrently, with ages three through third grade learning about Bible children.

Missions Focus – **Rachel Woolard** shared about her summer ministry with the Navigators in Jacksonville, Fla. **Eric Townsend**, who spent more than five months in Brazil with CBC roster missionaries **Ken and Lori Stucky**, shared his experiences. **Bob and Carolyn Lee** (*Wycliffe Bible Translators*) gave us a better understanding of what it is like to translate the Scriptures into a local language.

In September, Pastor Tschetter revealed the 20/20 Vision Statement for Community Bible Church: every member, lovingly sharing Christ, at every opportunity. It is our hope and prayer that every individual who attends CBC will see involvement in evangelism as something they do as part of their daily walk.

Sharon Berg, Correspondent

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Prince Albert, Sask.

Pastor Jim Fast



At September's ordination service, Peter and Deanna Fast kneel under a tallit (prayer shawl) to illustrate the covering of prayer. Left to right are Harvey Schultz, Pastor Jim Fast, Brent Wahlstrom and Howard Rensberry.

It was with great joy that we held an Ordination Service on Sunday, Sept. 5, for **Peter Fast**, son of Jim and Beth

Fast. We appreciate the way the FEBC Commission on Churches handled Peter's application and the Ordination Council.

Peter and his wife, Deanna, have moved to Israel to assume duties with Bridges for Peace in a number of areas for the next two years. Peter has been involved with Bridges in Israel on a number of other occasions and has served as a junior representative over the last few years. Deanna shares this call to ministry, and has visited Israel a number of times in the past as well as served on some short-term ministry trips with other groups.

Pastor Jim Fast, Correspondent

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHAPEL

Winnipeg, Man.

John Harwood, Pastor



The Reimer Family were recommissioned for ministry in Uruguay.

In August the **Mike and Carolyn Reimer Family** was recommissioned for ministry in Uruguay, South America, with Avant Ministries. Mike and Carolyn each gave a report to the congregation of their anticipated ministry in Maldonado, Uruguay.

The church family retreated to **Camp Cedarwood** (*Youth for Christ*) for a September weekend. Our guest speaker for the weekend was **Pastor Steve Janz** from the Transcona Alliance Church in Winnipeg. He spoke about being satisfied with Jesus, chasing hard after Him, and the expression of our love for Jesus in reaching out to the lost around us.

Baptism: Cornelius Ginter

Nancy Kunkel, Correspondent

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF RHINELAND

Wymark, Sask.

Pastor Alvin Buhler

We had a Farewell Fellowship for our **Associate Pastor Sean Brandow** and his wife, Marsha, and children Bo and Eli. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new position at our sister church, **Humboldt Bible Church**, in Humboldt.

We appreciate the time spent with **FEBC President Blaine Donaldson** during his visit here.

A crew of men from our church gave the north and east sides of our building a new look replacing the siding that was beaten by age and the windows beaten by hail.

We are planning a Fund-raising Silent Auction where meals that our congregation donated will be auctioned off.

We look forward to a visit from **Eugene and Marsha Ens** who will share with us about their work with Grace Missions in Haiti and Mexico.

New Member: Devon Frostad

Verna Buhler, Correspondent

COMMUNITY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Tahlequah, Okla.

Chris Wiley, Pastor

Our congregation recently enjoyed traveling, in our imaginations, to France and Mexico as we learned more specifically about our missionaries to those areas of the world. **Ryan and Dana Powell** (*TEAM*) are preparing to depart soon for their missionary sojourn into France, along with their four children. We learned about some of the unique challenges this precious family will face, and were appalled by the number of non-Christians in such a developed country. We ate French food prepared by several ladies in the congregation, amid photographs of French landmarks.

Later, we celebrated the success of the Bult family, who left to begin their mission work in Mexico with Central American Missions (CAM), arriving safely in Puebla. **Kevin and Andrea Bult**, along with their three children, are

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quickly and admirably settling into their surroundings. At the spotlight dinner featuring this young family, we prayed for the many people to whom Kevin and Andrea will reach out. We pray continuously for their safety as they will reside closely to major drug cartels. We sampled delicious regional food, and examined articles of interest from that region of Mexico, while **Jim Smith**, formerly of Christian Missionary Alliance, shared with us what he and family encountered as missionaries in the same area.

Have any Fellowship churches hosted a "Movie Night" for the congregation? We enthusiastically encourage you all to try this. Please feel free to contact a member of our Events Committee for any questions. The adults viewed "Fireproof," while the children watched "Up." Pastor Chris began and ended the event with a challenge to see what we could learn from either film. We rented a popcorn machine and guzzled sodas like they were never to be served again. It was an inexpensive, simple event enjoyed by all.

We have been blessed with many visitors recently, three of whom joined our church family as members: **Brent, Jennifer and Garon Kourt**.

Bryn Smith, Correspondent

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Mountain Lake, Minn.
Pastor Nathan Janzen

Awana and the youth program started again with a good attendance and enthusiasm. It is an abundant opportunity the Lord is giving us in ministering to our community: 36 Sparks, 60 T&T and 33 youth. Please pray that we will make the most of the time to reach the unchurched kids in our community.

We had our Children's Day in August, and the young mothers group, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), is again meeting.

About 20 ladies enjoyed a retreat at Shalom Hill Farm in September. **Melissa Boror** spoke of seven years of service in Ecuador with American Missionary Fellowship.

John and Cindy Gardiner shared their passion to reach southwestern Minnesota for Christ through American Missionary Fellowship "Camp Grace" and other ministries.

Milestone: Marie (Wall) Wiens, 100th Birthday, Sept. 19; wife of Pastor Henry P. Wiens

Arlene Stoesz, Correspondent

COUNTRYSIDE BIBLE CHURCH

Meade, Kan.

David Cummings, Pastor

Excitement is building as we finalize details of our 100th Anniversary celebration.

Evangelical Bible Church of Omaha stopped in Meade in August on their way to and from Gallup, N.M., on a mission trip for United Indian Mission Kids Conference.

Bill Lurwick headed to Ecuador with other radio broadcasters in September to explore opportunities for radio ministry in that part of South America. **Jessica Spare** shared about her recent missions trip with the Navigators to Cambodia.

About 45 youth in Teens Living for Christ attended a work retreat in August. The Annual Bike Ride by the high school and young adult Sunday school classes met at the church for supper, followed by a bicycle ride to the Meade Lake.

New Members: Kara Bird and Kjell and Laessa Nordgren Family

Milestone: Laura Wiebe Nickel, 90th birthday, Sept. 12

Ann Classen, Correspondent

DALMENY BIBLE CHURCH

Dalmeny, Sask.

Dennis Friesen, Pastor

Together with the Community Church we had a combined service and barbecue lunch to start off our week of Vacation Bible School in August. We had 112 children gather for four exciting evenings at our "Hero Headquarters" at VBS.

Our missions focus included a report from those who visited our sister church in Talnoe, Ukraine, in July, and

we heard from **Cas and Lindsay Bitner** serving with Youth With A Mission.

A pancake breakfast was served in September to kick off a new year of Bible Discovery. We are thankful for willing teachers to teach God's Word every Sunday morning.

Marilyn Harder, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Omaha, Neb.

Dr. Don Pahl, Senior Pastor

Our men's fellowship group, Iron Sharpeners, enjoyed their annual retreat at Camp Calvin Crest. **Dr. Paul Nyquist**, former EBC pastor and now president of Moody Bible Institute, challenged the men on the topic "Traits of a Godly Man."

The women also enjoyed a Fall Day Retreat with **Kris Perry**. She spoke on the "Five Unlikely Women of the Bible."

A homemade soup and bread supper was a real treat before the annual meeting. The C.A.R.E. Team and Missions Committee sponsored this supper to help fund the Niger Fistula Project supported by missionaries **Steve and Mikki Schmidt (SIM/Niger)**.

To help celebrate our church's 50th anniversary, Women's Ministry put together a cookbook. Proceeds will go to the Niger Fistula Project.

Betty Masters, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Langham, Sask.

Greg Guarnett, Senior Pastor

Pray for us as we continue to search for an associate pastor of youth and music. Pray for the parents as they lead this group of 30-40 youth to a better understanding of Christ.

It was a joy to have **FEBC President Blaine Donaldson** share about being a witness for Christ. Our church voted unanimously in favor of the FEBC Vision.

Forty children have registered for Wednesday night club. Please pray that we will have enough workers to minister in this mission field.

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VBS staff prepared for a western theme at "Saddle Ridge Ranch."

Many of our youth impacted children for Christ by working at local Bible camps over the summer. Vacation Bible School was an exciting week at "Saddle Ridge Ranch" for the more than 30 children attending.

Retired missionary **Dorothy Peters** spent a month visiting her "home" in Japan where she ministered for 40 years.

Marilyn Friesen, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Grunthal, Man.

Missionary Focus: In August, **Frank and Margaret Martens** shared of their work at New Tribe Mission's school in Waukesha, Wis., and of their desire to go to New Guinea next year to help with much-needed mechanical maintenance. **Don Pickel** of Avant Ministries shared how God led him and his wife to change ministries. Over the next year, Don will take responsibility for the Cuban Church project from **John Harder**. **Frances Hartog** with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission in Koostatak, Man., shared with us her work with children at our FEBC Bible Camp at Fisher Bay. She also holds children's clubs and youth ministries in her home the rest of the year as follow-up to the camp ministry in the summer. **Ron and Eunice Wiebe** spent the month of August visiting friends and family. They shared their work with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Brazil in many places along their 13,000 km. trip.

Our Leadership Team invited all

committee members and their spouses to a dessert potluck in September, where each committee chair reported on the work accomplished and shared prayer requests. This gave us all a pretty good picture of what is happening in our church. After dessert, we watched the short video of Pastor Rick Bragg's presentation of the 20/20 vision statement (Rick serves on the FEBC Vision Team). This time spent together was a great encouragement to all.

Sixty ladies gathered at our church for our 37th annual Ladies' Day in September. Nine of the eleven Lakeland Extension churches were represented. **Eunice Wiebe** spoke about *Contentment in Transition*, comparing our lives to a pilgrimage. We need to keep our eyes on eternity at every stage of our lifelong journey.

Marilyn Goertzen, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Marion, S.D.

Randy Maass, Pastor

Our church voted unanimously in favor of adopting the FEBC 2020 vision statement.

Pastor Maass is teaching a class on "Biblical Foundations of Sermon Delivery" at the Sioux Falls Seminary this semester.

Harold Becker has been teaching the book of 1 John in Sunday school. Harold and his wife, Irene, will spend the winter volunteering at Wycliffe Translators in Tucson, Ariz.

Ray Becker, Correspondent

EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Dallas, Ore.

Jerry Franz, Senior Pastor

Mission Weekend in August featured **Dr. Jack Elwood**, president of Avant Ministries. We explored the theme "On a Mission from God."

All ladies were welcomed to a Heart-to-Heart social in September. They were blessed to hear some of the ministry stories from the ladies on the Mozambique short-term mission team.

On Sept. 22, the EBC high schoolers were invited to meet at the church at 6:15 a.m. for breakfast burritos, followed by prayer at the Dallas High School flagpole. All the Dallas-area youth groups were invited to another local church for more "See You at the Pole" festivities that evening.

The topic of the Women's Ministry Committee's fall kick-off in September was "Women Who have Made an Impact or Difference in Your Life." In October we enjoyed a friendship and fellowship craft day.

Coming Event: Women's Candlelight Dessert and holiday craft boutique, Dec. 3

Milestones: *August anniversaries:* **Harvey and Jean Classen**, 55th; **Dan and Gladys Wiens**, 62nd

Ashley Brown, Correspondent

FAITH EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Henderson, Neb.

Michael Fink, Pastor

In September, **Hannah Curby** shared her plans to return to Italy as a full-time missionary with an Avant Ministries team. She is the daughter of **Pastor Arnold and Grace Curby** of Saron Mennonite Church, Fairview, Okla.

Awana continues to be a vital part of our church ministry. We made a "splash" at our kick-off at registration in August with water games and ice cream cones. High school youth helped with the games and then had their own kick-off party the following week.

Pastor Mike's Sunday morning messages are from the book of Ecclesiastes, focusing on the purpose of life. Our adult Sunday school class completed a series of studies "Living above the Level of Mediocrity," by Charles Swindoll. During the fall quarter Pastor Mike is leading the men in a series titled "Leading and Loving," featuring Bruce Wilkinson. The Women's Ministry Team will lead a study titled "A Woman of Purpose," by Dee Brestin, based on the book of Luke.

Our church hosted a community communion service in October.

Alice Decker, Correspondent

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FAITH EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Winkler, Man.

Mike Comtois, Pastor

On Sept. 26, **Elena Derksen** and **Niko and Elena Derksen** were baptized upon their confession of faith.

Liane Thiessen, Correspondent

GRACE EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Abbotsford, B.C.

Dr. Warren Schatz, Pastor

September began with our *Fall Kick-off Breakfast and Worship* in the Activity Centre. Our message series, *Called to My City*, was introduced, and the congregation was urged to participate in what God is asking them to be involved with this year.

Some of the message themes were: "Seeing Past the Shame" (giving dignity and love to women who have been "shamed"); "Breaking Down Obstacles" (recognizing the main obstacles that keep people from God are ones we set up); "Nicodemus: Reaching Out to the Rich and Famous"; "Reaching Out to Marginalized People"; "Reaching Out to Immigrants"; and "God Often Chooses to Work Through Unlikely People."

In keeping with our fall theme, Grace church participated in a number of community events:

■ **Homelessness Action Week**

A free event for homeless people in our community, where they are served breakfast and lunch, receive haircuts and eye care, as well as information on income assistance, housing, outreach services, and women's services, etc.

■ **CARES (Counseling and Restoration Services) Dare to Care Fun Run & Walk** to raise awareness of emotional, mental and relational struggles facing our communities as well as the services offered by CARES to meet these concerns.

■ **The BC Teen Challenge Banquet** was hosted by Grace Church to share testimonies and to raise funds in sup-

port of the men's and women's centers for people with addictions.

For information about Grace Church and its ministries visit www.graceabbotsford.com

Grace Toews, Correspondent

HEARTLAND BIBLE CHURCH

Lincoln, Neb.

Scott Hecht, Pastor

Missions Movie Night in August featured the film "Last Flight Out," a thrilling ride through tragedy, lost love and redemption.

With absolutely great weather, good food and an excellent turnout, we had our kick-off to our regular fall schedule with a picnic at Roberts Park. Adult Sunday school classes for fall include teaching "Through the Bible in 5 Years," with a study in Jeremiah and Lamentations. Another class features church history with a look at the Reformation. There is also a Fellowship Night on Wednesday evenings, with a Bible lesson, prayer, personal testimony and encouragement. The ladies Bible study has resumed on Monday evenings with a study in the book of Revelation.

Our old partitions for the Sunday school rooms had seen better days and were posing a safety hazard. New ones were delivered and installed the last of September.

Trudy Reimer, Correspondent

HODGSON BIBLE CHURCH

Hodgson, Man.

James Thiessen, Pastor

Carol Hartog was the recipient of this year's Anna Rieger Christian Education Worker of the Year award at July's FEBC convention in Nebraska.

About 30 children joined in the High Seas Adventure each night at Hodgson Bible Church Vacation Bible School. During these five days of action, the children explored the mighty love of God through hands-on activities. We learned that God's Word is true, comforting, surprising and life changing, and that God's Word is for everyone. A new idea this year was

for the children (ages 5-12) to be placed in multi-age crews. At first we were skeptical, but it worked well, with children cooperating (older helping younger) rather than competing with their peers. The Gospel message of God's love was clearly presented, and we pray that it will be remembered and accepted.

Sara Plett, Correspondent

JANSEN BIBLE CHURCH

Jansen, Neb.

Paul Carpenter, Pastor

Missionaries **Menno and Barb Kroeker** and **Jeff and Nicky Porter** visited this summer and served us in the Word. **Hanna Curby** (Avant Ministries) shared her burden for short-cycle church planting with Team Italy. **Vic and Gwen Flaming**, Asian representatives of International Training Partners Incorporated, now live in our community. They reported on their recent extended training ministry trip in Asia.

An all-day Sunday school picnic at Camp Jefferson in September began with a worship service. It concluded with a late afternoon celebration in song, followed by an ice cream social.

The high school youth group traveled to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Mo., in September.

Tena Dick, Correspondent

KENORA BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Allan Dueck

Kenora, Ont.

Aaron Causyn affirmed his desire to serve the Lord and was baptised. Aaron is one of our elders, and also headed up a ministry called Hittin' the Streets, which our Pastor Allan Dueck labeled the work of beautiful feet. This ministry was a cooperative effort with other Christian congregations over the summer. On Wednesday and Friday nights we walked around Kenora and visited with all the people we met. We also offered a CD of rap music that included the testimony of an aboriginal person and the story of his Christian walk. Many connections were made. We wound up this part of

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the ministry with a barbecue for the people of Kenora.

Now that we have enlarged the church by removing walls, we have to think about parking and perhaps expansion or a new building. God is doing exciting work in Kenora.

Wendy Paton, Correspondent

NORTHEAST BIBLE CHURCH

Calgary, Alta.

John Fehr, Pastor

Our Ladies Care and Share group meets twice a month as does Men's Night Out. The men share their testimonies with the group.

The Life Recovery Group meets weekly for people who want to support each other in efforts to recover from the many wounds that life can bring. This year the group is watching a DVD series called "Twelve Christian Beliefs That Drive You Crazy," by Dr. Cloud and Dr. Townsend.

Junior Church is excited about learning news songs and practicing together. The group sings for us in the morning worship service once a month. Their joyful voices, smiling faces and exuberant energy inspire us to praise God for blessing us with such precious little ones to love and care for.

Julie Ann Simpson, Correspondent

RICHER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Richer, Man.

Simon Cheung, Pastor

This September, along with Awana, we were excited to launch Awana Junior

Youth for ages 11 and up. With the high rate of depression and crime among young people, our mission is to help them understand God's purpose for their lives. Please pray for them and the Awana team.

During our Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) Five-Day Club in August, three children were wide eyed when they learned that going to church and doing good things will not get you to heaven! **Shirley Friesen** from CEF planted good seed as she presented a clear Gospel message to all six children.



Pastor Simon Cheung teaches at Fisher Bay Bible Camp.

God is transforming lives at Fisher Bay Bible Camp! A few families from our congregation, including Pastor Simon, the main speaker, served the eight-to-11-year-old children in July. One of the families had the privilege of bringing two Pakistani children to camp for the first time. One boy shouted during chapel, "Pray to Jesus *alone*?" Then he paused, smiled and said, "We'll try it!" Meanwhile, other children gave their hearts to Jesus, and we praise God, Who is calling our First Nations people out of darkness into His marvelous light!

Michelle Driedger, Correspondent

SALEM CHURCH

Waldheim, Sask.

Darrell Derksen, Senior Pastor

As the leaves fell to the ground, Canadian churches focused their energy on new opportunities. Sunday school, Kids Club and our weekly prayer meeting resumed, and service times returned to normal. Fall brings with it the excitement of the wheat harvest and the potential spiritual harvest through regular ministry opportunities

The Junior Youth participated in their sixth annual Girls Makeover Night. This event focuses on both the outer and inner beauty of each young lady. A highlight of the evening was **Jordon Zacharias**, one of our senior youth, sharing her own spiritual growth through a season of trials. While this met real needs for the girls, the guys made an excursion into the forest on quads and bikes.

Along with our regular weekly events, we enjoyed the Potter's Clay concert on Oct. 30, the "Welcome to Waldheim" dinner and the Annual Sportsman's Night. These special events provide opportunity to integrate the 2020 Vision into the life of our church.

Baptisms: Shawna Epp, Don Schultz
New Members: Tamzyn Neufeld, Kendrew Friesen, Kevin Dyck

STUARTBURN GOSPEL CHAPEL

Stuartburn, Man.

Mark Funk, Pastor

Plans for a missions trip to Costa Rica in February 2011 are well under-
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Five Lies That Ruin Relationships

By Chip Ingram



Have you ever looked back over a circumstance or relationship in your life and wondered how it became so messy or difficult? This series, centered on James 4-5, defines five of the most common lies that have the potential to ruin relationships with those we love. We'll uncover the source of quarreling, how our words wound, how not to make decisions and why better things don't always make things better.

Together we'll ask and answer "Do wrong beliefs produce wrong behavior?" What we think about life determines how we live it. There is power in knowing and applying God's truth when confronted with these lies and discovering the freedom He longs for us to enjoy in our relationships.

This ten-session study is available on loan from orders@febministries.org.

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way. Many of those planning to go have taken Spanish lessons since the beginning of the year. The group will be doing work projects on a small church and a home for underprivileged boys and girls. They will also be involved in children's activities as well as participating in a children's feeding program. Pray for the group as they raise funds for these work projects; for God's hand of protection in all of this, and also as they minister to the needs of these people when they arrive in Costa Rica.

The combined family camp with **Vita Bible Church** was held in September at Roseau River Bible Camp, with about 80 people in attendance. Speaker **Rick Penner**, head of the Manitoba School Bus Safety Division, compared a school bus ride to our journey with God. He noted that we need our pre-trip inspection; we have to get on the bus, and we need to let God be the driver.

The kids had a "bouncing" good time at our Awana opening rally in September. A "bouncer" was brought in for the evening. It was also a time for the children and teachers to get acquainted as they gear up for another year of learning God's Word and Bible verse memorization.



Amy Funk, Robyn Gerbrandt, Pearl Behnk and Gwen Loepky

A baptism and communion service was held in September. Four young ladies, who testified to their faith in Jesus Christ, were baptized in the chilly waters of the Roseau River at just a block from

the church. About 190 people attended this special occasion that was followed by a soup lunch.

Marilyn D. Thiessen, Correspondent

VITA BIBLE CHURCH

Vita, Man.

We joined once again with **Stuartburn Gospel Chapel** for our annual family camp weekend. It's a great opportunity to build relationships with our sister church.

Our Women's Ministry has been busy raising money for kitchen improvements by hosting a garage sale and participating at our local Farmer's Market.

We enjoyed a Sunday noon potluck by bringing recipes from our church cookbook.

Our children enjoyed an exciting week of Vacation Bible School with a nautical theme.

Jane Roman, Correspondent

Fisher Bay Bible Camp in Manitoba

Bible camp sees record number of campers and many answered prayers

Fisher Bay Bible Camp in Manitoba has ties to the Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches through the support of our Manitoba and Ontario churches. The highlights below are taken from camp director Carlyle Hartog's report.

Greetings from Fisher Bay Bible Camp. The seven weeks of camp are over and we were blessed with an amazing summer. ... a great group of returning staff, an awesome group of new staff, good weather ... campers with open hearts to the Gospel, enough financial support, no major injuries ... great speakers ... campers and staff growing closer to God, and many more things that were great. ... It was amazing to see God answer prayers so visibly and often so quickly this summer.

We had 256 campers, our largest group so far! That means more kids got to hear about Christ and His love. There were a few weeks where we were over-

filled, a few where we were full ... It seemed like almost every day, or a few times a day, a counselor would tell me of a camper coming to know the Lord, and we got to disciple many children and youth. One of my favorite stories of the summer is of a girl who came to camp and already knew lots about Christ. When her counselor asked her where she had learned about God, she told her that her friend had gone to camp last summer and became a Christian. Her friend told her about God all the time, and told her how to be a Christian. This is so exciting, to see kids standing strong in front of their friends and even sharing the Gospel with others as they go home. Pray that many children will have the bravery and the conviction to share God in their homes and schools.

The weeks of camp are over, but the work of the camp, which is spreading God's kingdom to the local reserves and

towns, is not. Pray for the workers who carry on year round. There is one new addition to the workers, **Scott Rosom**. Scott was a senior counselor and the lifeguard this summer. He felt God calling him to change his plans for this fall, and instead of continuing university in Regina he moved to Fisher River. He will be working with **Kevin Simms** (pastor of Riverbend Bible Church at Dallas, Man.) to start a youth group at the Dallas church and connect with kids from the camp. Pray for him, for **Kevin and Janice Simms**, missionary **Fran Hartog** (*Northern Canada Evangelical Mission*), **Pastor James and Juliann Thiessen** (*Hodgson Bible Church*), **Logan and Mel Spence** (youth workers at Hodgson) as they carry on follow-up efforts, as well as for the other believers in the area. God has been sending workers into His fields for a harvest; please pray for them as you remember the camp.

Carlyle Hartog, Director

THE RECORD

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Community Bible Church Omaha, Neb.

- Zebadee Matthew to Jesse and Aly Moon, Sept. 8
- Elliana Rose to Dustin and Katie Meester, Sept. 10

Countryside Bible Church Meade, Kan.

- Karis LouAnn to Kjell and Laressa Nordgren, July 23; grandparents are Mike and Cindy Friesen; great-grandparents are Mick and Hilda Friesen

Cornerstone Bible Church Mountain Lake, Minn.

- Elsie Lee to Camden and Sherry (Schultz) Hofer, Sept. 8; grandparents are Delmar and Carol Schultz; great-grandparents are Abe and Myrtle Schultz
- James Lee to Titus and Chantal Penner, Sept. 12; grandparents are Jonathan and Kathy Penner and LeRoy and Sharon Reynolds; great-grandmother is Salome Penner

Evangelical Bible Church Omaha, Neb.

- Micah William to Stephen and Laurie Cosgrove, Aug. 14; grandparents are Bill and Dianne Cosgrove
- Myles Alexander to Marcel and Michelle, Sept. 12; grandparents are Marv and Mary Ann Wall
- Timothy James to James and Amy Harris, Sept. 5; grandparents are Bill and Jayne Janzen; great-grandparents are Doris Janzen and Roy and Phyllis Watson

Evangelical Bible Church Dallas, Ore.

- Madelyn Sophia to Jason and Michelle Hull, July 26; grandparents are Kathy Hull
- Tucker John to Colby and Laura Radke, July 26; grandparents are Darren and Sandie Radke; great-grandparents are Gary and Alvina Radke

Evangelical Bible Church Langham, Sask.

- Benjamin Henry to Jason and Samantha Nemanishen, Sept. 20

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church Grunthal, Man.

- Kaeden Erik to Nathan and Annie Driediger, July 13
- Declan Asher to Tyler and Alishia Froese, Aug 17; grandparents are Vern and Hilda Froese

Faith Evangelical Bible Church Winkler, Man.

- Tyson James to Willy and Ellie Funk, Aug. 20; grandparents are Jakob and Annie Rogalsky

Faith Evangelical Bible Church Henderson, Neb.

- Hayden Logan to Mark and Stacy Perez; grandparents are Pastor Mike and Jan Fink

Hodgson Bible Church Hodgson, Man.

- Embry Steven James to Chris and Penny Thomas, June 24
- Keilah Joy to Logan and Melanie Spence, Sept. 18; grandparents are Donna and Alvin Spence

Jansen Bible Church Jansen, Neb.

- Garrett David to Tristan and Natalie Rempel, Sept. 1; grandparents are Dave and Jacki Rempel; great-father is George Rempel

Vita Bible Church Vita, Man.

- Jonathan to Viktor and Anna Kasatkin, Sept. 4

Stuartburn Gospel Chapel Stuartburn, Man.

- Angel Dawn Kansky, chosen daughter of Mike and Carol Funk, Aug. 15; grandparents are Peter and Rachelle Wiebe

WEDDINGS

Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland Wymark, Sask.

- Elya Rushka to Caleb Lam, June 12
- Kristin Giesbrecht to Kevin Friesen, June 13
- Becky Heenan to Michael Wiebe, July 18

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church Grunthal, Man.

- Kayla Wiebe, daughter of Pete and Shirl Wiebe, to Danny Gortzen, Sept. 11

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church Marion, S.D.

- Chris Albrecht, son of Steve and Marci Albrecht, to Amy Losing, July 25

Faith Evangelical Bible Church Henderson, Neb.

- Anna Venhuizen to Trevor Nunnenkamp, son of Gary and Joyce Nunnenkamp, Sept. 4

Grace Evangelical Bible Church Abbotsford, B.C.

- Lindsey Ferguson to Stephen Toews, son of Dave and Grace Toews, Sept. 18

Jansen Bible Church Jansen, Neb.

- Chrissa Vishnefke to Richard Bridgmon, Aug. 28
- Trisha Larson to Jordan Schlake, son of Kendall and Lola Schlake, Oct. 9
- Dominique Miller to Joseph Clay, son of Jerry Clay, Nov. 6

Kenora Bible Church Kenora, Ont.

- Amanda Lindsay to Ryan Larsen, Sept. 4

Northeast Bible Church Calgary, Alta.

- Victoria Ask to Tyler Leslie, Oct. 23

DEATHS

Christian Fellowship Chapel Winnipeg, Man.

- Leslie (Les) Janzen (81), Aug. 3

Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland Wymark, Sask.

- Jake Knelsen (89), Aug. 19

Cornerstone Bible Church Mountain Lake, Minn.

- Harvey Pankratz (66), Sept. 1

Evangelical Bible Church Dallas, Ore.

- Marion Elliott (83), Sept. 23

Evangelical Bible Church Langham, Sask.

- Anne Peters (93), Sept. 3

Faith Evangelical Bible Church Henderson, Neb.

- Winifred Siebert (83), Sept. 18

Vita Bible Church Vita, Man.

- Carolyn Jaman (56), Aug. 29

NO ENDORSEMENT



Focus on FEBC Church Planting

News and updates on our church plants and their pastors

By Harvey Schultz

We have experienced some exciting developments in our FEBC church plants in recent months. Thank you for participating in these ministries by your prayers. More than anything else, they need our faithful, focused prayers. In this way we will build these churches.

At Convention 2010, **Hebron Bible Church** (Hebron, Neb.), was officially recognized as a fully autonomous church within our Fellowship. The same was true for the **Humboldt Bible Church** (Humboldt, Sask.) although some pieces of the puzzle were not fully in place at that time. Within the next few months Community Bible Fellowship (Tahlequah, Okla.) will also “graduate” to this status.

In July, Convention delegates, in anticipation of Humboldt’s autonomy, recognized that church as an autonomous church within our Fellowship. In August, **Sean (Marsha) Brandow** was officially called, and accepted, to be the next pastor. In September, a third local elder was recognized and the elder board officially organized. With that the Steering Committee ceased to exist. On Oct. 24, Sean was installed as pastor. The church is praising the Lord for spiritual growth, growth in attendance and financial growth (budget targets have been exceeded). In the summer of 2005, when the church asked for “replant” status, numbers were down to less than a dozen.

In July **Chris (Haley) Wiley** was called to serve as interim pastor in Tahlequah. Today, after a year of struggles, the church is recovering. Attendance is up and for the first time ever, there are several Sunday school classes for children and teenagers. The church has not only survived, financially but has continued to grow. Recently, the membership voted unanimously to forego any further FEBC subsidies as of Jan. 1, 2011. Be prepared to recognize this church as a fully autonomous church within our Fellowship at Convention 2011. PTL!

In Indian Head, Sask., (**Bill and Sandra Glasspell**), **Community Bible Church** is carrying on valiantly without financial subsidies, waiting on the Lord to build up the congregation and bring additional leaders to the fore so that they can also function as an autonomous church. In August the Steering Committee called on all churches in the Prairie West region (Saskatchewan, Alberta and Montana) to give the church special prayer backing for the next four months. After one month, Bill has reported two new families and a new spirit of expectancy in the church.

Community Bible Church in Tisdale continues to see an influx of new people; both Christians and new converts. People have invited their friends who in turn have invited their friends. The August Vacation Bible School outreach brought new contacts. The present auditorium has, at times, been overflowing. A solution must be found.

Recently, the church’s **Pastor Brian and Linda Friesen** returned from Costa Rica where she underwent the controversial “liberation treatment” for her multiple sclerosis. The results, so far, are positive and encouraging. Linda is enjoying a restoration of mobility as well as feeling on parts of her body which had been numb for years. Hubby Brian has to adjust! She wants to accompany him more often on walks and ministry outings! Let us praise the Lord together

All churches in the Prairie West region (Saskatchewan, Alberta and Montana) were called upon to give Community Bible Church at Indian Head, Sask., special prayer backing for the next four months. After one month, Pastor Bill Glasspell has reported two new families and a new spirit of expectancy in the church.

and continue to pray for long-term healing. We expect to be able to share some very interesting updates in the next issue about ministry at Richer, Man. (**Richer Fellowship Church**) and Natoma, Kan. (**Paradise Valley Church**). At Natoma, the Steering Committee is actively seeking to develop a new approach which will, we hope, enable **Pastor Ben and Sharon MacConnell** to see fruit for their faithful service in that needy area. Stay tuned.