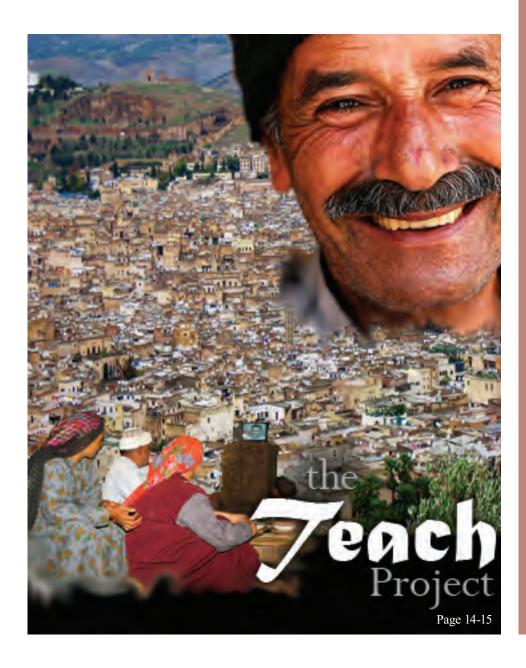
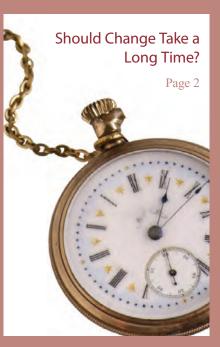
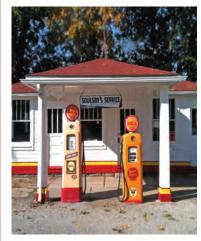
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By Blaine Donaldson, President



The Spirit is working in the FEBC. I am sure that we would all like to see changes happen faster, but as I travel, I sense a growing excitement about what the Lord is doing in people's lives.

People seeking орportunities to share their faith, and they are growing in the boldness to speak out. Many of our churches are celebrating stories of Gospel proclamation in Sunday morning services. By God's

g r a c e , we are trying to come alongside the work that the Spirit is doing in our hearts and in our lives.

However, as we seek to move forward and grow, we must also be patient to wait on the Lord. "If God is involved, change should not take a long time." That statement resonates with me. However, it is not always true, and it is not as simple as it seems.

I introduce this concept because of the FEBC vision: "We will be a Fellowship of churches that equips and inspires one another so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is pro-

claimed by every member of every church at every opportunity." We call it our 20/20 Vision, combining wordplay and the year 2020, indicating that our goal is to

accomplish this over a 10year span.

Does God want us to be a proclaiming people? Certainly He does. However, if He is involved and it is His will, is it reasonable to expect that it should take ten years to get there? I think that we

should consider a couple of examples from Scripture to help us answer that question.

Jesus went out of His way to help the disciples understand that the applied He was bringing equally to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Several of the most compelling stories about Jesus around His ministry with Gentiles (e.g. Samaritan woman: the demonaic; the centurion's servant; the Phoenician woman, the feeding of the etc.). thousand; Jesus disciples the expansive Gospel throughout

earthly ministry. Yet, it is a fair assessment that they did not grasp it until at least Acts 15, at the Jerusalem council - decades after Jesus started dealing with this problem. Jesus was the perfect teacher, yet the problem took decades (or longer) to solve.

The point of this article is not to say that everything has to move slowly, but that sometimes problems take years to solve even when everyone involved is doing the right things. As we consider the opportunity to become a proclaiming people, first blush, it seems simple. We just need to do it. We should be able to just make a decision today and everything will change. There may be some for whom this is true. A watershed decision may be needed. However, for many, there are decades of issues to overcome. These may include pride, fear, shame, ineptitude, or a lack of faith in God's presence or His love for us. We may not even realize that we have some of these barriers. Spiritual solutions often take time. Most of us need a heart change, not just a decision. As the vision moves forward, may we be diligent to work for change, and patiently to wait on the Lord.



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Comment

Summer is ahead, and so are a host of activities. For our family, the most significant event is our daughter's upcoming wedding. And by the time you read this, she will be a newly minted college graduate as well.

An important event in the life of the Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches every summer is the annual convention. This year's takes place July 18-22 at the Christian Fellowship Church of Rhineland and features four speakers from Fellowship churches. It's a time of renewing relationships, making new contacts, and helping to determine the policies and plans that will affect the Fellowship in the coming year.

One of the important traditions associated with the convention is the convention project. This year, you'll have the opportunity to give to The TEACH Project. "TEACH" stands for Theological Education for Arab Christians at Home, and is an Arabic language Bible and leadership development curriculum that is especially designed to meet the needs of Christians in the Arab World. Given the ongoing events in the Middle East and North Africa, what could be more timely? Read more on page 14.

Blessings, Sharon

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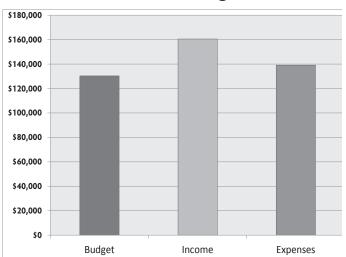
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But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV



Provoking Opportunities for Witness

by Harvey Schultz Focus on the Word

As a teenager I was encouraged to memorize Bible verses which would help me in my Christian life. I still remember the general gist of more than 100 verses so memorized. How I wish that I still had that memorizing capacity!

One of those verses is found in 1 Peter 3:15 and 16: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

That verse challenges us to be prepared to share the Gospel at every opportunity. It seems to be tailor-made for our Fellowship's Vision Statement.

Recently in my devotions, I was studying 1 Peter when I grasped for the first time in my life the real significance of this verse in its *context*. And yes, it does speak to our Vision Statement, but with a different twist than we usually give to it.

In the overall context of this epistle, Peter was teaching his readers how to live in this world as members of a *holy* or *royal* **priesthood** (2:5,9). Inherent in the priestly function is the responsibility to represent people before God (intercession) and represent God to people (communicating God's Word to them). That's what God wants us to do in this world. And shouldn't priests always be prepared to share God's Word at every opportunity?

After reminding his readers that they constitute a holy priesthood, Peter gives

practical instruction as to how such priests are to live in the various contexts of life:

- as **citizens** we are to submit to "every authority instituted among men;" a tough assignment in the best of times (2:13-17)
- as employees (ie. "slaves") we are to submit to our bosses ("masters") with "all respect," even if they are inconsiderate, harsh and abusive (2:18-25)
- wives are to be submissive to their husbands in such a way so that the unsaved husbands will be attracted to Christ "by the behavior of their wives" (3:1-6)
- husbands are to be considerate in the way they live with their wives (3:7)
- none of us are to "repay evil with evil or insult with insult but with blessing" and remember that if we "suffer for what is right" (3:9) we are blessed

Such conduct certainly is not natural for any of us. What do you think would happen if all of us began to reflect this kind of living in our daily lives? In the most difficult of situations? Over an extended period of time? What would happen if an employee would submit with respect to a nasty, abusive, unreasonable, unkind boss or foreman and, in addition, do kind things to him? What would happen if all

of us would consistently respond to those who mistreat us (i.e. "insult") us by doing

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kind things to them (i.e. blessing them)?

Sooner or later someone would ask "Why do you act like this?" That's when we are to be ready to answer appropriately with gentleness and respect.

Peter does not make any effort to teach us how it will be possible for us to live such lives (it is by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit). Rather, he focuses on the mindset we will need to make this become our daily pattern. We must "set apart Christ as Lord" in our hearts. If we do that, our focus in life will be to fulfill the mandate He has given ("priests" in this dysfunctional world), and to do it according to His instructions for our daily lives. We won't focus on promoting our personal interests, our agenda.

Since this kind of living is not natural to sinful human beings, it will attract attention. It will bring inquiry. It will "provoke" opportunities to share the Gospel with those around us.

Urbana 2012

The Urbana Student Missions Conference is scheduled for Dec. 27-31 (http://urbana.org/urbana-12). This can be a lifechanging opportunity for your college students. Please consider recruiting worthy students from your church to attend — meaning those who have demonstrated spiritual responsibility and perhaps have even participated in a short-term mission assignment.

Perhaps your church (or individuals) could consider financially assisting students who attend Urbana. It is expensive for

the students. The Fellowship will provide matching grants to your church for up to \$150 per student. We hope your church will be proactive in encouraging your youth to pursue career ministries for God's kingdom. Don't forget your college MKs! They also would greatly benefit from Urbana. Our Fellowship has been blessed with having second generation missionaries — and we hope this will continue.

Application forms for the matching grant will be sent out later in the year, but we wanted to give you a heads-up so you could start preparing for this as a church. May God reward your church for making disciples throughout the world.

By Fayth Boeker, Commission on Missions

Meet our Global Workers: These people have unique ministries that reach into many countries. And they have rich crosscultural experience — the nine listed in this issue have ministered a combined total of nearly 350 years!

For more than 45 years, **Bob and Marilyn Ehle** have had a diverse ministry in the United States, Canada and Germany, serving under Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC). They currently serve with Global Aid Network (www.gainusa.org), the compassionate aid ministry of CCC. This particular ministry takes the Ehles around the world as they lead teams to countries with needs. God has given Marilyn creative writing skills which she uses to produce devotionals and short articles for three websites.

In the past 41 years, **Darrel and Susan Heide** have worked in many teaching and leadership roles within Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC). For 20 years the Heides taught and led at ISOT (International School of Theology) in the United States. In the past year, as the Director of Human Resources for the International School Project, Darrel led several Convocations for Teachers in countries around the world. This will continue into 2012.

Brenda Friesen has served with Campus Crusade for Christ for 39 years. As with so many other missionaries, God has used her in a variety of ways, several of which capitalized on her musical ability. Brenda sang in the United States and then traveled throughout Asia giving evangelistic concerts. She continued living in the Philippines for 18 years. God then led her to California for six years as a cross-

cultural trainer. For the past nine years she has worked in Florida CCC's MK2MK (Missionary Kid to Missionary Kid) ministry — www.mk2mk.org.

For 25 years **Dennis and Cindy Wiens** served in Mali, Africa, with Gospel Missionary Union (Avant Ministries). During this time, they were involved with Bible school education, field leadership, urban church planting, dorm-parenting, guest house ministry and media. Eleven years ago they joined SAT-7 USA (www.sat7usa. org). Presently, Dennis is the Director of Church Connections for SAT-7, which is a Christian satellite TV network for and by the people of the Middle East and North Africa. Dennis and Cindy travel throughout the USA, holding conferences to raise awareness, funds, and prayer support for the ministry of SAT-7.

Pablo and Judi Perez have served together for 23 years. For eight years before that, Judi served as a single missionary in Ecuador with GMU (Avant Ministries). Over the years they have worked with Avant, HCJB Global and Leadership Resources International (from 2010 to the present in Mexico/Latin America). They concentrated their efforts on church planting and church leadership training. Twice a year, Pablo teaches a small group of key pastors in a weeklong class, focusing on one book of the Bible. Almost 90 percent of national pastors have not been to a Bible school, so they value the training Pablo can give.

Pray for ...

The Ehles as they prepare for ministry in Zambia next month. Also pray that Marilyn's financial support will come in (as trip

leader, Bob's expenses are covered). Hundreds of details for the smooth working of their time in country need to be worked out by the Zambian staff. [Grace Evangelical Bible, Abbotsford, B.C.]

Darrel and Susan Heid during this summer as they aid in the expansion of CCC's ministry to three new countries: Granada (March), Albania (June), and Honduras (July). Ask the Lord to provide the funding needed and strength for this expansion. [Cornerstone Bible, Mountain Lake, Minn.]

Brenda Friesen as she prepares for a summer project to Durban, South Africa. From July 6-Aug. 7 a team of 111, including MKs (missionary kids) from around the world; plus college MKs will minister in orphanages and slums and show the *Jesus Film*. The college MKs will train in Florida in June, then help lead the project under MK2MK staff. Brenda will serve as the project's financial administrator. [Evangelical Bible, Dallas, Ore.]

Dennis Wiens, who will have total knee replacement surgery May 2. Pray that surgery and recovery will go well. Also, pray that the millions who will hear the Truth for the first time through SAT-7's programming will place their faith in Christ and find a new life in Him. [Community Bible, Omaha, Neb.]

The TNT (Training National Trainers) training in Ecuador May 31-June 3 and Pre-TNT training in Honduras June 18-22. Also pray for the Lord's specific direction, as the Perezes change their focus in Ecuador to disciple and train pastors in a way that will be reproducible in their local churches. [Cornerstone Bible, Mountain Lake, MN]

Financial Update

Last summer church delegates approved a bare-bones budget which appeared to be doable. Many ministry items were left out of this budget. But wanting to leave room for God to provide, the delegates approved a separate motion to reinstate certain ministry items if income was above a certain level at a certain date. At the first marker, April 30, if income is \$14,000 above budget, Commissions will be given the okay to implement some programs.

At the end of March, income was \$30,000 above the budgeted level! We praise God for this, but this does not mean that we can stop praying and giving. Churches were asked recently how much they have budgeted for the Fellowship this year. With 20 churches reporting, it appears that we can expect \$175,325 from churches this year (up 4.1 percent over last year). But many churches have already given 100 percent of their commitment to the Fellowship. That means that in the last six months, we must rely on God to provide though friends and other sources. Would you consider making a special gift to the Fellowship?

Ministry in a Small Community Is Multifaceted

Commission on Women's Ministries

By Sharon MacConnell

Hello from "Momma Sharon." That's the name I've had for more than a few years. I am "Mom" or "Mother" to my three sons, but to many other people I am Momma Sharon. It's an endearing name to me. Over the years God gave me a heart to be a servant, an encourager, a listener and a prayer warrior to many. Many of my shirts have a collar, because often I wipe my tears on the tails of the collar. I am sometimes too attached to the troubles of the day.

Our bodies need sleep, but we can be spiritually asleep or slumbering, making us unusable for ministry. Psalm 121:3-4 NASB says "He will not allow your foot to slip, He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will not slumber or sleep." I often ask myself what God wants my ministry to be.

Prayer ministry is very important to my daily walk. When my children were young I would pray in the shower and anywhere I could sneak a few Many years ago I made it a habit of praying myself to sleep. I had trouble going to sleep and found that when I spent my last waking moments talking with God, I went to sleep more quickly. I felt that falling asleep while I was praying might be wrong, but I can't think of a better way to "rest" in the arms of Jesus.

My ministry is not solely mine. When I married my husband we were involved in a music ministry. Soon after we became involved in a ministry to young adults. We began something that would continue to this day, our "open door" home. God has given us numerous opportunities throughout the past 30 years to minister to people of all ages. It is not uncommon to have many visitors a day. A week in our lives includes many contacts with people we may only get to talk to once.

In our little community everybody "knows" everybody. We need to "know" someone enough so that we can be avail-

nough so that we can be available to encourage, listen or help them

with whatever struggle they are experiencing. We need to "know" them enough to be able to minister to them.

The ministry is multifaceted, and we to be multifunctional. We feel God prepares us for everything he sends our way. Ben leads three Bible studies a week, and I am involved in leading one. I have been truly blessed by God for being His servant in this area. I have been encouraged as we see a lot of growth in the people who attend these studies. When people are studying God's Word, He blesses them and gives them spiritual growth. We are not told how long we will have the opportunities with the people God places in our lives; we are just told to be faithful to share God's Word and teach what His Word says.

God has blessed us with faithful supporters of the ministry here, and for that we are thankful, as God has work for us to do. We are here and glad to be doing His work. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" – Joshua 1:9 NASB.

Sharon and her husband, Pastor Ben MacConnell, minister together at Paradise Valley Church, Natoma, Kan.



Students in Missions

minutes of time.

College students going on short-term missions assignments this summer may request a grant from the Fellowship. Grants are available for students involved in a cross-cultural ministry for six weeks or longer. E-mail info@febcministries.org for details and an application form.

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Focus on FEBC Church Planting

by Harvey Schultz

Here's an important question we asked our church planters:

What prayers, if answered, would make a significant impact on the development of your ministry by the end of 2012?

They shared their requests below. Can they count on us to pray earnestly and consistently for these requests? If we do, there will be significant progress in their ministry.

Community Bible Church, Tisdale, Sask.

- Brian and Linda Friesen
- Need for mature family units: New people are coming but the maturation process necessarily takes time, and Pastor Brian deeply senses the need for additional, mature Christians who can assist with mentoring roles, leadership responsibilities and strengthen the church financially.
- The financial aftermath of the building program: The added space of the new auditorium came none too soon! But with it comes the increased financial burden to finish paying for it even as operating expenses rise.
- Impact of children's ministries: The weekly children's events, Vacation Bible School and summer camps have

impacted whole families. Pray that summer ministries would bring new family units into the church by fall.

Community Bible Church, Indian Head, Sask. — Bill and Sandra Glasspell

- Profile of the next pastor: Bill and Sandra Glasspell will retire by the end of 2012. Pray for a deep sense of purpose and unity in the church body as they seek to discern, with the help of the Steering Committee, the profile needed for their next pastor.
- Pastoral search: Pray for divine guidance to the man who has the right mix of gifts and talents to continue the development of the church.
- Leadership development: Pray that God would raise up men who are spiritually mature and able to assume major leadership roles in the church.

Richer Fellowship Church, Richer, Man. — Simon Cheung

- An elder: Pray that a biblically qualified man would rise up within the church and be willing to assume the mantle of eldership.
- An additional female youth sponsor: The youth ministry has been encouraging. To ensure effectiveness, the youth sponsor team needs an additional female youth sponsor who

- can serve regularly. Ask God to provide that person.
- Vision statement for children/ youth ministries: Pray for wisdom as they finish rewriting this statement so that it will provide a clear, compelling focus to these ministries and ensure their full integration with each other as well as with the church as a whole.

Paradise Valley Church, Natoma, Kan. — Ben and Sharon MacConnell

- Mature Christian couple: Pray that God would send an older, mature Christian couple to Natoma to add maturity to the group and help carry the load of spiritual leadership.
- A facelift for the church building:
 God has wonderfully provided funds to sustain the ministry, but there are always those additional, unforeseen challenges. Now funds are needed to give the church building an attractive facelift.
- Encouraging weekly Bible study groups in Natoma and nearby towns: Pray that participants would understand the biblical concept of a local church and commit themselves wholeheartedly to the same.





FEBC commissions rolled up their sleeves and worked on the business of the Fellowship at the annual winter Workshop. A highlight for the Commission on Missions was interviewing and praying for the faithful FEBC missionaries who serve all over the world. Seated in the photo on the left are Janet and Henry Armstrong of World TEAM; on the right are Barb and Wes Peters of ReachGlobal.

Churches report on ways they minister to seniors

Christian Fellowship Chapel

Winnipeg, Man. John Harwood, Pastor

Thank you for your prayers. We were hoping to have good news to share and praise God, we do! We are happy to announce that **Nickolas and Christa Klassen** have accepted our call to the Associate Pastor position at CFC. Nick and Christa and their three beautiful children hope to move into the community and begin their ministry in the summer.

Nancy Kunkel, Correspondent

Christian Fellowship Church

Rhineland, Sask. Alvin Buhler, Pastor

Where two or more are gathered — and we have been gathering! The men met over coffee for Scripture reading, discussion, prayer and fellowship; the ladies enjoyed an evening of fellowship with the theme "On A Journey;" the men and boys cooked, served and shared a breakfast; he ladies and girls had a Spring Brunch where we were encouraged to dress in Victorian era costume or wear a hat; and Awana enjoyed a Grand Prix. We have taken on the challenge of sewing sundresses for girls in Africa, hoping to supply them with a few hundred dresses, and we look forward to hearing reports of short-term missions trips, a June baptism, and seeing all of you at Convention!

Verna Buhler, Correspondent

Community Bible Church

Omaha, Neb. Charles Tschetter, Senior Pastor

The Prime Timers has long been the fellowship group for seniors at CBC. They meet regularly during the year for social events and to celebrate special events in the lives of individual members.

Missions: A group of our high school students will travel to St. Vincent this summer to minister on that island. The youth will host a Vacation Bible School for children there. **Bob and Carolyn Lee** embarked on their last trip to Papua, New Guinea, setting up solar players with Madak Scripture and attending the dedication of the revised Madak New Testament. **Doyle and Marilyn Lester** traveled to Ukraine to teach a Christian education course on teaching preschoolers in the Bible school, and help finish work in the school's new building.

Hiroko McFarling, wife of the late **Louis A. McFarling**, who had donated the property for the site on which CBC is built, went home to the Lord on March 1. She was one of the five remaining believers at CBC who had worshipped at the church when it was called the Ralston Church of God. Hiroko remained faithful in her involvement at CBC and contributed generously to many projects at the church.

We offered a six-week study for fathers and sons entitled *Raising a Modern Day Knight*, by Robert Lewis. The study explores a biblical perspective of manhood and shares a unique approach to shaping a boy into a man.

Author **Sandra Glahn** spoke on God's sovereignty at the women's spring seminar "Coffee and Stories." The event was enjoyed by 130 women and included workshops on topics ranging from school choices to gardening.

Sharon Berg, Correspondent

Community Bible Church

Tisdale, Sask. Brian Friesen, Pastor

CBC is a church plant, and we just celebrated our tenth anniversary. Our church has grown. The average attendance is more than double in size; about 50 per Sunday now. My wife, who has attended for almost five years, noticed when we arrived that the congregation had a fairly high percentage of seniors. We still meet with the original Bible Study group. This group is a group of seniors who enjoy worshipping, praying and studying the Bible together.

Brian Friesen, Correspondent

Cornerstone Bible Church

Steinbach, Man. Jared Hiebert, Pastor

Cornerstone values all of its members, from the very young to the elderly. Our seniors are invited to participate actively in all of our church body functions. We do have a community group that is primarily made up of seniors that meets every other month for a passionate time of teaching and a wonderful fellowship lunch.

We are sending a team of 41 people on a mission trip to Haiti in July 2012. This team has been busily preparing to serve with Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. In March they hosted a fundraiser dessert night which allowed the team to pull together and use their various gifts to make this evening successful. In April they hosted a meal auction.

Cornerstone was once again the location of the annual Fisher Bay Bible Camp Banquet April 27.

Baptisms

Gerhard Kornelsen (Jr.), Kaylee Wiebe, Esther Kornelsen, Jillian Bercier and Jazzlyn Millen

New Members

Mark and Lindsay Reimer, Mark and Amanda Peters, Gerhard and Katarina Kornelsen. Sandra Heilmann

Marsella Wiebe, Correspondent

Cornerctone Bible Church

Mountain Lake, Minn. Nathan Janzen, Pastor

Ministry to the elderly: The deacons are beginning to organize and oversee our ministry to seniors. This is a real need, and we hope to develop a lay ministry team that will assist the pastor and deacons. Meanwhile, activities include a monthly church breakfast at local restaurants with food, fellowship and a devotional. The mission society ladies enjoy fellowship and working together as they make quilts for the needy, and pray for and encourage missionaries. They also have weekly Bible studies.

The movie "Courageous" was shown at Cornerstone in February, with about 160 people attending.

Arlene Stoesz, Correspondent

Cornerstone Bible Church

Meade, Kan. David Cummings, Pastor

To serve the elderly of the church and community we have a fellow responsible for requests by the elderly to help with projects that they cannot do themselves, whether it is changing light bulbs, heavy lifting, yard work, etc. Our TLC group does manual labor at least once a year for those who need assistance, and also bakes cookies, carols and visits.

Our team of 50 youth and sponsors ministered in Ecuador March 7-19. The mission society sent 20 comforters for the children in one of the orphanages where they worked. Wayne and Dianna Penner of CrossWorld shared in March about their ministry in Brazil. They are transitioning to South Africa to work at a Bible college.

Planning summer mission trips are **Gwyneth Nelson**, who will travel to Puerto Rico to work at a Christian school for the deaf; **Tanner Wiens**, who will work with Tiny Hands in Nepal; and **Jordan Friesen** and **Kjell and Laressa Nordgren**, who will focus on evangelism in Sweden.

Dalmeny Bible Church

Dalmeny, Sask. Dennis Friesen, Pastor

The youth hosted a supper for the seniors in our church. After supper they spent time playing games and visiting.

Matt Hiebert and **Tyson Kehler** ministered in Jamaica in February under Youth For Christ. They constructed a house and visited orphanages.

A team of 12 is traveling to Brazil in August to visit one of our Global Partners, **Scott and Patsy Buhler**, for two weeks.

At a "Big Cook" the ladies cooked and froze several meals to give to families who need a helping hand.

Pastor Dennis and **Pastor Dave** attended the FEBC Retreat at the beginning of March.

Marilyn Harder, Correspondent

Evangelical Bible Church

Omaha, Neb. Dr. Don Pahl, Senior Pastor

Ministering to seniors: The CARE Team offers many services and resources to our entire congregation, but many of the things they offer are especially helpful to our seniors. In the past year, the CARE Team has provided resources on strokes, colon cancer and screenings, healthy recipes, blood pressure, loss and grief, skin cancer, fraud/scams, salt intake, and walking programs.

The team offers blood pressure screenings one Sunday a month after worship services. Since 2009, they have seen 16 individuals improve their blood pressure. Many participants' are now able to keep their blood pressure at healthy levels.

The CARE Team has also developed a list of medical equipment which is available, on loan, to anyone at EBC. This list includes a blood pressure cuff, a sling, a foot boot, walkers, canes, wrist crutches, crutches, wheelchairs, heel protectors, an extender, raised toilet seats, a bedside commode, and a shower chair.

The "Prime Timers" are the more mature members of our congregation. Typically this group meets for a potluck dinner one Sunday a month, sometimes with entertainment, and they schedule a couple of special events each

year. This group supports each other in prayer and encouragement, and they have a lot of fun!

New Members

Robert and Barbara Quiring, Corinna Swearingen

Baptisms

Jennifer Cooper, Colton Folkers, Jana Taylor, Tim Taylor

Sherrie Lindsey, Correspondent

Evangelical Bible Church

Dallas, Ore. Jerry Franz, Pastor

Our congregation is a good mix of elderly patrons and young families, and it is wonderful to see the blend, each helping and reaching out to the other.

We have a very active Healthcare Committee. A couple of times a year they sponsor workshops for things like nutrition, keeping the mind stimulated, and help with insurance and Medicare. They also encourage physical activity with prayer walks around town, outings to places of interest in the area, and three times a week they host "Walking the Gym."

We also have a visitation committee that specifically visits homebound members of our church. We offer communion service to those at a local retirement facility who are unable to attend regular church services. We mail copies of our bulletin, and we offer CDs or DVDs of our services for those unable to attend.

Our Healthcare Committee sponsored a workshop in March entitled "Godliness: 50-100." The focus was on relationships for couples and singles, as life brings changes. Several panel members discussed surprises they have encountered along the way.

Our church has once again offered the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes. It has been well received from our congregation and our community.

Plans are being made for a summer high school mission trip.

Vicki Kibbey, Correspondent

Evangelical Bible Church

Langham, Sask. Greg Guarnett, Pastor

Ministry to Seniors: The Congregational Care Committee hosts an annual appreciation banquet each January to honor the seniors of our church. The senior youth invited the senior adults to a table game evening that was enjoyed by all who attended. We are thankful for the wisdom and experience our seniors bring to us, and we dearly miss the many that have moved away. Congregational Care also organizes a tea four times per year at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon where many of our seniors have moved.

Our church also ministers on a monthly basis in the Langham Seniors Home. Volunteers are split into eight groups, taking turns in bringing a monthly half-hour worship service to those at the home. The "Willing Hands" ladies group brings a program to the seniors homes in Langham and Dalmeny each spring.

Other highlights: Five people were part of a mission team to Mexico in February. **Don Pickel** with ASSIST shared about the growth of churches in Cuba. We invited the community to a free showing of the movie "Courageous." Pastor Greg and Darcy Friesen travelled to Grunthal for the FEBC Workshop.

Marilyn Friesen, Correspondent

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church

Lustre, Mont. John Skillman, Pastor

"When God's People Pray," Jim Cymbala's DVD series, was shown in our adult Sunday School class during the winter. **Dwaine Wall**, the discussions leader for this study, strongly emphasized the need for corporate prayer behind our efforts to proclaim God's Word at every opportunity.



"Verenika-making day" in March brought out ladies and rolling pins of all sizes as we made about 900 "cheese pockets" for Schmeckfest, our fund raiser for our Christian school that took place later in the month. We also had a "Mostly Denim" table selling recycled denim items, with the proceeds going for the school and missions. Creative women have been working together these last months making quilts, potholders, bags and even greeting cards from used denim.

Sharon Skillman, Correspondent

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church

Marion, S.D. Randy Maass, Pastor

Our church was again involved in the community at before-Easter services every Sunday evening for six weeks, with the theme "The Songs of Easter." Each service featured a different pastor of one of the participating churches. A Good Friday joint Communion and Tenebrae Service was held with the neighboring Bethesda Church.

Grace Lutheran Choir of Parker presented their annual concert at our church in February. This year's message revolved around the central theme of "Family Traditions," singing old-time favorites telling of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Ray Becker, Correspondent

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church

Grunthal, Man. Russ Reimer, Pastor

Our church's ministry to seniors involves helping at the local Menno Home for the Aged. One month out of five, our members go in to hold church, and several other events such as a birthday party, men's coffee time, and a time when moms bring their young children to visit.

In February, our church was privileged to host the FEBC workshop. We also hosted "A Night in Vienna" Valentine's Banquet. It was a beautiful evening, and we enjoyed a special program put on by some students from Briercrest.



Our church was full as friends and relatives came to support the baptisms of five people. From left to right are Braeden Reimer, Nathan Fehr, Theo Fehr, Megan Froese, and Curtis Froese

Tamara Bergen, Correspondent

Faith Evangelical Bible Church

Henderson, Neb. Michael Fink, Pastor

Our "Senior Coffee" is an opportunity for the older women of our church to meet in homes for spiritual encouragement and prayer, enjoying rich fellowship over coffee and dessert.



A group of farmers in our church donated a container of corn which will be sent to Haiti and distributed by Grace Mission.

There is great enthusiasm for our current adult Sunday School class, as Pastor Mike is teaching "Beyond Acts," a six-week course on church history.

Our church was privileged to receive a gift of a Kids' Handbell Starter Set. It will be a special experience for our children to participate in music worship in this way.

Alice Decker, Correspondent

Faith Evangelical Church

Winkler, Man. Mike Comtois, Pastor

At our March Ladies Fellowship meeting we split up into groups of three to visit some of our elderly and sick people, and blessed them with some baking. We also brought items to put together a few gift baskets and brought them to our local police station, firehall and other ministries in our community to show them our appreciation for their service.

Pastor Mike took a team of four men to Haiti at the end of January. While he did more pastor training, the team helped with different projects around the orphanage.

Our youth group finished our DVD series "Does God Exist?" and "Is the Bible Reliable?" by Focus on the Family. It was a great series, and we learned how to defend our faith with evidence from science, biology, cosmology and archeology.

Our church hosted a regional quiz meet where our team competed against quizzers from Manitoba and Ontario.

Liane Thiessen, Correspondent

Grace Evangelical Bible Church

Abbotsford, B.C. Dr. Warren Schatz, Pastor

We are grateful for our senior folk, who faithfully pray for our pastors and the congregation, attend church services and other events as they are able and write encouraging notes, sometimes even through e-mail. Grace Church endeavors to minister specifically to their needs through Wednesday morning Bible study (their care group), Ember ladies (bi-weekly) and through bimonthly potlucks, usually with a theme. Our deacons also arrange for their escort to doctor and other appointments, and members of the visitation team visit them in their home or extended care facility. Grace Church also conducts monthly services at two of the extended care facilities in our city. Special thanks to **Randy and Dorothy Heinrichs** who faithfully visit and minister to our seniors.

Grace Toews, Correspondent

Hebron Bible Church

Hebron, Neb. Jeff Friesen, Pastor

Our ambassador for our church is **Jean Shipley**. We are glad Jean has felt called to visit our members who cannot attend services or are sick. She is very well thought of, and we love to see her smiling face.

Linda Krueger, Correspondent

Jansen Bible Church

Jansen, Neb. Paul Carpenter, Pastor

While Jansen does not have an organized ministry to the elderly, seniors in the congregation receive many spontaneous visits and phone calls.

A new fellowship opportunity for the church body is a monthly Friday Family Fun Night. Food, a planned activity and fellowship are the order for the three-hour gathering. "Family Feud" of Bible Trivia challenged both young and otherwise in March.

At our Spring Bible Conference, Dr. Bob Wilkin featured a survey of 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Gracia Burnham shared her story of being kidnapped, along with her husband, Martin, by terrorists in the Philippines.

Tena Dick, Correspondent

Martensville Mission Church

Martensville, Sask. Wilf Gaertner, Pastor

Our youth pastor, Brendon Johnston, has been a real blessing to our youth in countless ways, and has been working tirelessly to complete the final stages of the youth room, which has been given the name, "The Well." This space is now better equipped to hold the larger volume of youth now coming on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and it will also be a place where they can learn how to increase their musical gifts.

Dave Wright of New Tribes Missions in Papua, New Guinea, spoke at our annual Missions Conference in March. His focus was on The Great Commission. We were surprised to hear that there are still 3,700 languages that have not yet heard of Jesus' first coming.

At the last meeting of the year for Awana, the children drew a picture of their favorite moment from the past year or a favorite Bible verse. It became clear that John 3:16 was a common favorite for many. We also took the opportunity to invite them to Daily Vacation Bible School in July, when we will go on a different "Treasure Hunt" each day with the help of Betty Reimer from Canadian Sunday School Mission.

Baptisms

Brian Fehr and Emily Braun

Joanne Born, Correspondent

Northeast Bible Church

Calgary, Alta. John Fehr, Pastor

We have a young congregation, with only a few senior people, three of them in their 90s. We enjoy the balance they bring when they are able to attend.



Pastor John Fehr and his wife, Marilyn, toured Israel March 5-16. John said seeing firsthand the places where everything in Scripture happened and where it will happen in the future, made a profound impact on him. Marilyn gave each member of the congregation a bookmark from Jerusalem and in Junior Church the children each made a collage of photographs showing the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and the empty tomb.

Julie Ann Simpson, Correspondent

Richer Fellowship Church

Richer, Man. Simon Cheung, Pastor

When it comes to church ministry, seniors are sometimes viewed as "visible minorities;" respected but kindly placed on the shelf like the old mantle clock. But at Richer Fellowship, seniors are the "brains behind the operation"! These keeners are heading the Awana club, children's church, Ladies Fellowship and prayer meetings, Bible studies and prayer chains! Our seniors also help make decisions that affect the future of our church and community.



When it comes to outreach the seniors are at the heart of it. They are the first to offer their services at the local soup kitchen, and Anna's House, (a centre

Senior citizen Georgina Sopko helps out at Richer Fellowship

for unwed mothers). They also organize care packages, while volunteering to do respite work in the community. One of our seniors even has a radio ministry sharing Christ with her own First Nations people.

We can glean much wisdom from our seniors, for they are the backbone of the church and family. They have broken ground, toiled with patience, and paved the way for us to follow.

Michelle Driedger, Correspondent

Stuartburn Gospel Chapel

Stuartburn, Man. Mark Funk, Pastor

Once a month, members of our church and friends from the community go to the Vita Personal Care Home to minister to the residents. Pastor Mark gives a short but energetic and inspirational message which engages the residents. The members sing a variety of musical selections from the hymn book or chorus sheets. After the message and the music, the residents and visitors spend time together over a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshment brought by volunteers. We also have a few women in the church who have taken the Palliative Care workshop and make themselves available to volunteer in the Home and the hospital. While we hope to meet some of the needs of the elderly and those confined to the Home, we find our own lives immeasurably enriched by the pleasure of this experience.

We are also committed to raising up children who know and love the

Lord. Our Awana program has about 60 children from both our church and the surrounding community enrolled. We have added "Parent Participation" evenings this year, which have proved fun and successful. There was also a fun family night with games and about \$700 raised to send to the food program in Costa Rica that was introduced to us by the 2011 missionary team.

We added a children's feature to our Sunday morning services. The congregation enjoys watching as many as 30 children up to age 10 hearing a simple message presented as an object lesson. The simple faith of young children is an object lesson for the rest of us!

Our senior youth hosted a "Dinner and a Movie" event in February, with the showing of "Courageous." Nearly \$1,200 was raised to support youth activities. We had a second showing in March for the community at large.

New Members

Jim and Marie Mack, Elizabeth Mack

Sue Hoy, Correspondent

Yalley Bible Fellowship

Morris, Man. Ryan Rear, Pastor

Pastor Ryan has started a boxing club in the local Youth for Christ building. It has become a great "hit" with the youth of Morris, something totally new and never tried in our community. Pastor Ryan appreciates the support he received from the elders and also the congregation in starting this outreach, in a church that believes in pacifism. Through this outreach he is leading a Bible study for some of these youth in the church basement. Most of the youth come from unchurched homes. Many from our congregation attended the Youth for Christ banquet held in February where the boxing club was explained and featured.

Joyce Ginter continues to head up the Kids Klub in the local school gym, with other leaders coming from community churches. This year they had about 25 children attend between the ages of 6 – 12 yrs.

Myron and Cheryl Henschel served our congregation with the message and music on April 1 while our pastor was away. It was good to have them back for one morning again! It's been the season for banquets: Canadian Sunday School Mission, Mennonite Disaster Service and Fisher Bay Bible Camp.

Rita Voth, Correspondent

Vita Bible Church

Vita, Man. Jurgen Penner, Pastor

Our senior youth enjoyed their trip to Briercrest College in February for Youth Quake. In March the Women's Ministry met to enjoy fun and fellowship at a "Movie and Popcorn Night."

Baptisms and New Members

April Wiebe, Ben Tuurenhout, Bethany Rempel, and Corissa Rempel were baptized and accepted into membership. Along with the baptismal candidates, Pastor Jurgen and Kim Penner, Viktor and Anna Kasatkin, Hans and Adina Unger, and Jessica Driedger were also accepted into membership.

Tiffany Tuurenhout, Correspondent

The Record

Births

Community Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

- Lucas Don to Justin and Sarah Wissink, March 22; grandparents are Mike and Cheryl Ozmun and Cecil and Claudia Wissink
- Elsie Ann to Dustin and Katie Meester, April 2; grandparents are Larry and Sue Kohler
- Ransom Scott to Tyler and Laree Lindburg, March 18

Faith Evangelical Church, Winkler, Man,

Samuel Owen to Nat and Candice Comtois, Jan. 31

Cornerstone Bible Church, Mountain Lake, Minn.

- Tayler Samuel to Joshua and Marlene (Derksen) Brekke, March 17; grandparents are Duane and Cheryl Derksen
- Austin Michael to Pastor Nathan and Megan Janzen; March 7

Dalmeny Bible Church, Dalmeny, Sask

- Kamara Belle to Kailey Petryshyn and Dean Bernard, March 26; grandparents are Rod and Carla Petryshyn; great- grandparents are Dick and Ruth Krahn
- Kalena Jane Schultz to Mitch and Wendy Schultz, March 17; grandparents are Alvin and Emma Schultz; great grandmother is Wilma Schultz

Evangelical Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

- Maera Brienne to Stanley and Joni Fast, Feb. 11; grandparents are Ron and Sherry Dick
- Josiah Ray to Ryan and Debbie Friesen, March 13; grandparents are Darrell and Carol Lind

Evangelical Bible Church, Langham, Sask.

• Levi to Lyndon and Monica Ledoux, Feb. 8; grandparents are Henry and Elaine Friesen

Grace Evangelical Bible Church, Abbotsford, BC

Kristoff Jordan to Lukasz and Venette Turek, March 26

Jansen Bible Church, Jansen, Neb.

• Allison Leigh to Daniel and Morgan Stewart, March 7

Salem Church, Waldheim, Sask.

- Elias Michael Graham, to Mike and Tamzyn Neufeld, March 23; grandparents are Ken and Annette Neufeld
- Brooklyn Rosealee, to David and Stephanie Neufeld, March 27; grandparents are Ken and Annette Neufeld

Vita Bible Church, Vita, Man.

• James to Wendell and Tina Harder, Feb. 11

Deaths

Cornerstone Bible Church, Steinbach, Man.

• Arthur Rempel (91), Jan. 19

Evangelical Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

 Marian Pahl (86), Feb. 4 (mother of Pastor Don Pahl)

Evangelical Bible Church, Dallas, Ore.

- Frances Shenk (95), Feb. 3
- Betty Hartley (91), Feb. 8
- Eldon Neufeld (84), Feb. 22
- Larry Fitzwater (85), March 20

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, Marion, S.D.

- Connie Dick (65), Feb. 1
- Otto Thomas (95), Feb. 16
- Mildred Albrecht (90), Feb. 16

Community Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

- Hiroko McFarling (79), March 1
- John Emery (73), March 18

Dalmeny Bible Church, Dalmeny, Sask.

• Allan Baerg (80), March 21

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church, Lustre, Mont.

Wanda Teichroew (93), Dec. 11

Stuartburn Gospel Chapel, Stuartburn, Man.

Tena Loeppky (83), Jan. 9

Marriages

Community Bible Church, Omaha, Neb.

• Kelsey Dick, daughter of Dennis and Kathy Dick, to Justin Wilmert, son of Kyle and Ellen Wilmert, Mar 10

Cornerstone Bible Church, Steinbach, Man,

Jessica Oldenkamp to Jordan Klassen, Dec. 31

Cornerstone Bible Church, Mountain Lake, Minn,

• Gail May to Loren Klassen, March 31

Countryside Bible Church, Meade, Kan.

• Jessica Berlin to Brock Ediger, son of Laurel and Arlene Ediger, July 28

2012 Convention Project - The TEACH Project

Join other Fellowship churches and friends to provide \$20,000 to facilitate theological training for Arab Christians.

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—FEBC worker in Europe

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The entire project will cost more than nine million dollars. Our goal seems so small in comparison. But like the little boy with generous faith who gave his lunch to Jesus, God can multiply our gifts. In fact, just learning about this project may make some readers realize that they can have an even larger part in this project.

I'm encouraged to learn of the FEBC's interest in Christian outreach in the Middle East and North Africa. As you are aware, the Middle East and North Africa is a region where Satan's influence is especially strong. Yet the Body of Christ is growing in most countries —particularly in Algeria and Iran.

To reinforce this growth, SAT-7 and its partners have developed a special effort to edify the region's Church and disciple its new believers in the Word. Our new farreaching initiative is called "The TEACH Project."

The TEACH Project is an Arabic language Bible and leadership development curriculum featuring courses presented on air — via SAT-7 ARABIC and SAT-7 PLUS — and online — via adult distance learning Internet sites supported by regional Christian seminaries.

The TEACH Project began with questions:

- What does a new believer in the Middle East and North Africa need in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord?
- How can we disciple him or her toward becoming a spiritually mature and dynamic leader in the regional Church?

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With these questions in mind The TEACH Project participants began working more than three years ago. to craft new courses especially designed to meet the needs of the Church in the Arab World.

The TEACH Project's curriculum is divided into six areas of study: Christian Life; Family—Building a Home that Honors God; Leadership and Ministry Skills; The Bible; and The Church. Courses include, for example, [Bullets??]"Beginning with Jesus;" "Building a Rich Christian Marriage;" "Effective Faith Sharing," "Christian Social Ethics," and "Biblical Interpretation."

Each of the curriculum's 43 courses is structured around 10 lessons. Each lesson contains one or more key learning objectives.

SAT-7 will develop, produce, and eventually air 430 to 475 one-half hour episodes teaching, supporting, or otherwise communicating the Christian content of The TEACH Project courses. Partnering seminaries will support courses online, structuring degree programs that fit students' needs and the school's mission.

Over the next five years, some \$9.6 million is needed for full project funding. God has already provided two significant lead grants! Funds will support professors' stipends, research, program production and airtime, website development, technological support, and more.

Please pray for SAT-7 and The TEACH Project, for nothing will bless the future of the Middle East like teaching and applying the Word of God.

Dr. Rex Rogers President, Sat-7 USA







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Catch the Vision

Opportunities to share faith are found in an ordinary workday

By Brad Cromer

Scripture is very plain that we should be ready at any moment to be a witness for our Lord. I have had plenty of those opportunities where I work.

My wife, Phyllis, and I teach the pre-kindergarten/kindergarten Sunday school class at Heartland Bible Church. We use many props to help us tell the

stories. I build just about all of those props, and I ask my co-workers for ideas. They not only help me, but give me tips on how to build it (I work at a hardware store). This gives me the chance to tell them the stories. They

I do not neglect my work, but incorporate sharing my faith into what I do.

will even come to me and ask, "Well, Brad, what's the story this week?" I look forward to those times. Most of them do not even know the simplest of Bible stories. I use these times to tell them about my Lord.

We also make out our orders each week for the departments we are in charge of. On my order sheet, I will always write down a Scripture verse and prayer requests for myself, family and friends. A number of times my co-workers found my clipboard and added prayer requests or made comments on it about the Scripture verse. If I know who has written the comment or prayer request, I will follow up with them.

On other occasions news stories promoted conversation. More than once I used these chances to be a witness for Christ. I copied stories that relate Christ to the news stories, and left them on my desk, which is a very public place. Co-workers and customers alike read these articles.

No one has ever complained. People know who I am. In fact, if I did not do these things, I believe people would be disappointed because they have grown to expect them from me. It is never looked on in a bad way. I do not neglect my

work, but incorporate sharing my faith into what I do. Most of my co-workers do not know the Lord, so I feel I need to do everything in my power to tell them about Him. Of course, the Holy Spirit is the one moving the hearts of the hearer or reader, but I must do my part and tell people of Christ.

Brad and his wife, Phyllis, attend Heartland Bible Church in Lincoln, Neb.