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At the end of September three faithful workers will be withdrawing from the work of The Faith Mission (in Canada). Brenda Thiessen as reported in the last issue of PIP, and Glenn & Robin Deane who have received a call to Bracebridge where Glenn will serve as preaching pastor in the Fellowship Baptist church. All three will be greatly missed. They have served with distinction. Brenda who has been loyally supported by her husband Jeff has endeared herself to many in the Hamilton/Niagara region as an excellent children's worker, ladies Bible teacher and preacher. Pioneering Bible clubs in schools in the Mount Forest area, preaching in churches and fellowships, plus a youth ministry that has impacted and inspired many have marked the ministry of Glenn & Robin. We are sorry to lose these valuable workers from the Mission, however we must bow to the will of God. We wish them God's richest blessing on their future ministry. Appreciation services will be held in Grassie Gospel church 2:30pm October 1 for Brenda, and Faith Baptist Church Mount Forest 6:30pm October 2 for the Deanes. Timothy & Emma Condy take over the work in the Hamilton area. As of the time of writing we do not have replacements for the Mount Forest area or a co-worker to join Jen Armitage in Napanee. For the immediate future Bill & Heather Bott will assume responsibility for the school clubs and Isabel & I will look after the other district needs. "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into the harvest field." We hope to see you at the various rallies in your area or ladies at the October 21 - 23 Ladies Retreat when Marjorie Bennett is the speaker. Flyers and details are available from district offices.

Brenda Thiessen

Recently I heard this devotional being read. At first I thought it had been especially chosen for me (it hadn't, it was just one of those "God moments").



"Olives have a pit for a purpose. The pit is the guts of the olive, the part that connects it to the tree so it can grow. But once an olive is picked, the pit has served its purpose. And to make a can full of

easy-to-eat olives, the pits have to be removed. Their time of usability is over, so the olive can be canned, sold, and eaten. We can learn a spiritual lesson from a can of pitted olives. Often we hang on to the past or the incorrect things and we can't let go. Maybe you have experienced a radical change in your life. You have lost a relationship, a job, or something else that meant a lot to you. But that relationship, that job, or that way of life may have just been for a season. Its purpose in your life may be over, like the point of a pit is eventually over in the life of an olive. Be prepared to release it and move on with God to the next assignment He has for you. Jesus recounted, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Like the pits of olives, we must let go of the past and put some things behind us in order to fulfill God's call on our lives."

Spring 2011 has been a time of realizing change, as Johnny Parks puts it in his song, "Though our seasons change, we still exalt His Name. Whatever is His way all is well." As many of you have read in Partners in Prayer, I will be retiring from full-time work in The Faith Mission effective September 30, 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to send my heartfelt thanks for all of your prayerful support over the past 16 years. As a family, we have been encouraged and blessed by your partnership in the Gospel with us. As Timothy and Emma Condy take over the District work in October, I know you will be a blessing to them as well. Jeff, James and I will be staying in Hamilton and plan to still be a part of the monthly prayer union and attend the various Mission events that are conducted in the area.

Dates for your calendar:

October:

Saturday 15 Faith Mission Men's Family Sports Breakfast 8am at St Anns Community Church

Sunday 23 - Tuesday 25 Thirsting for God Conference at Caistor Centre Free Methodist Church

Friday 28 Faith Mission Men Annual Banquet 6:30pm at Emmanuel Bible Church, Simcoe

Glenn & Robin Deane

Life is filled with bittersweet moments and this is one of them. As far as we know now, this is the last time that we will be writing in *Partners in Prayer*. After thirteen years of ministry with The Faith Mission, we have felt the call to move in a new



direction. Early in January we had a staff meeting with the Ontario workers. A passage from Isaiah 43 was shared which included these words: **"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"** At the time, we felt this was a word for the Mission. But as our year began to unfold it became clear it was also a personal word to us. This past spring we received a phone call from a church asking Glenn to consider taking the role as their Preaching Pastor. This was unexpected, not to mention unsolicited. Initially we did not feel this was for us but as we began to pray about the idea God began to turn our hearts. The more we prayed, the more the Lord seemed to be telling us He was doing a new thing in our lives. And so we find ourselves reflecting on God's goodness over these years and looking forward to what will unfold. We think back to the many places and faces we have been in contact with throughout Southern Ontario (and some in Western Canada as well). There have been a lot of churches and situations that we have ministered in. But the real blessing is just how much the Mission has ministered to us. We can see how our own hearts have been changed, sanctified, and shaped through the opportunity to serve with the Mission. Our fellow workers have become like family to us. It will be difficult to leave but we are also excited at the "new thing" God is doing and the challenge He has put before us. We will be moving to Bracebridge, Ontario, in September. Although we will physically no longer be with the mission, our hearts will be. Please continue to remember us in prayer, and for God's provision of workers to take our place. And we will be joining you to pray for The Faith Mission.

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I praise God for the wonderful opportunity to conduct five Vacation Bible Schools during the month of July. Laura Twinem, from Springfield, team taught with me for three of the weeks and I appreciated her ability and spiritual maturity. In Windsor I was on my own, but the Lord brought just the right people to assist with music. In the morning club four older Romanian children came with questions regarding their Christian walk. (They had accepted Christ the year before.) These children do not attend a Bible believing church but are still maintaining their love for God. I gave each of them a New Testament and they were thrilled. During the week they would look up Bible verses. I was amazed at the thirst they had for the things of God and for wanting others to know Christ. One day they invited five friends to club and afterward they brought them to me so that they could be "saved". After talking with the five I knew they were not comprehending what was being said and so I prayed with them that some day they would accept Christ. I thought afterward, if only many of us had that same passion and desire as new immigrants have for the things of God. In their homeland they were denied the privilege of learning about the Lord.

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It has been a great summer so far, though there were many challenges along the way. We have definitely seen God at work in the lives of the many kids we have shared the Gospel message with. Thank you to everyone who have been praying for us this summer, we have known God's help and strength just when we needed it. It has been really good to work with Lauren Gagne over the summer and I asked her just to share a few thoughts of how her summer work has gone.

"Working for the Faith Mission over the summer was a growing experience both spiritually and in every way. Coming from Quebec and working in Ontario was encouraging in the amount of support that was available. I find that in Quebec it is a lot harder to find support. Through the summer I was able to work at a family camp in Pembroke where it was different because of having the parents there during the day. Working in Campbellville as a camp counsellor for the first time was exciting and fun. Being able to have the encouragement of the other counsellors was definitely a nice thing to have. Then we went to Lachute, Ouebec, where we worked with a group who had been working together for the summer. It has been thrilling to be able to go to all these different places and teach kids about the one true God. Hearing all the good questions that were asked during chapel or during our quiet times was a wonderful encouragement."

Please continue to pray that I would know exactly what God wants me to do through the fall and winter.

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God has been gracious to us throughout the summer months. We have been so thankful for all of the volunteer support for our camps this year. It was amazing how people felt led to come and lend a hand wherever they were needed. Looking back over the last few weeks we have been blessed in being part of the children's camp ministry. Lives were changed as a result of the Gospel message going forth. Yet we see the need for more workers to come alongside as the "fields are white unto harvest". This fall, we are asking for prayer for the Lord's leading in the area of children's ministry. There are a few directions that are opening up, but we need guidance from the Lord in it all. We praise God for the interest as many church groups are using the Campbellville Centre. It is our desire that all who come will meet with the living God.

A work bee is planned for Saturday September 17 at the Centre, any available help will be appreciated. Call or E-mail.

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"Partners in Prayer"... just thinking about this title brings encouragement to our hearts and strengthens us in the work of the Lord. As we serve here in Saskatchewan, we are thankful to know that there are many of God's people faithfully praying for us. Recently, a man told Jeff that he prays for our family and for the ministry each morning and is often wakened in the night to pray as well. We know that these men and women of prayer, who are battling on their knees, are the backbone to any ministry. And though we may not even know many of you, we are grateful for your prayer support. **"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Romans 8:35** We have had some difficult trials and some persecution these last months and we praise God for undertaking for us in so many ways. He is our keeper, our rock, our fortress, and our strong deliverer. He promises to be with us in trouble, and that, in Christ, we are "more than conquerors in all these things." And that not one of these trials affects our relationship to God in Jesus Christ. Like Oswald Chambers said- *"out of the wreck I rise"* every time. And that's our God. What a privilege we have to spread the truth and to introduce Jesus Christ to children, young people and adults. Jeff again has had the opportunity to preach at many churches in our local area. What a joy to be able to spend time and to share the Word with the Bride of Christ. He was also asked to speak and to serve at several camps throughout the months of July and August and enjoyed each one. Some of our children were able to travel with him to the different camps so that was a blessing. We hosted a Backyard Bible Club here at home which was tons of fun. It is always exciting to see and to hear of what God has accomplished in hearts through the preaching and teaching of His Word. He is simply AMAZING. Most of the men's prayer groups have continued to meet throughout the summer. The relationships that have been formed through these prayer groups is so precious. The men who pray together have become so close and they help and support each other throughout the week and encourage one another in the Lord. The women's group, though much smaller, is the same and will meet again in the fall. We look forward to the fall and the doors that God will open then.

"Prayer is the real work, Evangelism is just the mopping up."
-Unknown

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As we write we are nearing the end of the busy summer work, and through it all God has proved Himself to be faithful. The centre has been used by churches for camps, a family reunion, and camping retreats in between our own Mission camps. There have been many encouragements from those we have worked alongside throughout the summer, and the willingness of others to help has been such a

blessing. One of our neighbour ladies whom we mentioned in the last *Partners In Prayer* has come to the prayer union we have in our home, it was her very first time in a prayer meeting, and it is great to see her wanting the things of God. We also praise God for meeting all the needs to finish the renovation work in the centre before summer. **Mark 1 v 37 says, "All men seek for thee (Jesus)."** We count it a great privilege to be a link in the chain to those who seek Him.

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"Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"
Philippians 1:6

We have much to praise the Lord for since arriving back to Canada as a married couple and for meeting all our needs. Before coming to Canada a major concern was Timothy's work permit which had not been approved when we arrived. This became a matter of much prayer and we are glad to report that the permit has now been approved for 3 years. Again another confirmation that God completes the work He begins. Since beginning our united ministry we have had the privilege of sharing God's Word with many young people at Vacation Bible Schools and during our 4 camps at Campbellville. Though it was at times physically exhausting, we praise God for His work in young lives and for the joy of seeing a number trust the Lord for salvation. Many of these young people return to very difficult situations and we would covet your prayers for them. It was also encouraging to see their desire to get into God's Word and our prayer is that the entrance of His Word will continue to bring light, life and liberty. We now prepare for moving to Hamilton to take over the area work in the Southern Ontario District and would appreciate prayer as we settle into this new ministry. We are confident that God has led us thus far and we know that He will continue to lead us as we look to Him. Our prayer is that God would give us a fresh vision for the area and we would know exactly what He would have us to do for His Glory. Thank you for your prayers.

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Through the summer we have had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with many kids and youth in VBSs and camps. It has been our joy to see young lives surrendering to the claims of Christ in Northern and Southern Ontario and in Quebec. At one camp in Quebec we were thrilled to have a number of the kids from the Verdun club attend. The church had sponsored them. This was a first experience for many of them. We look forward to recommencing our regular fall program.

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We praise the LORD for His provision during the upgrade of the Falkland Centre dining hall in May. We appreciated all who volunteered their time and skills during the project, enabling us to get the job completed in just five weeks. Over forty attended our annual 55 plus retreat in June, when John Bennett ministered the Word with power. Many spoke of blessing received and assured us that they would be telling others about this great opportunity for Christian fellowship and the solid preaching of the Word. Our summer camps to date have been outstanding. The Teen Adventure Camp was our biggest yet with 67 teens in attendance. This year we partnered with Canadian Kindness Foundation, who sponsored eleven teens from Russia. This was a new opportunity for the Russian kids who thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. One teen commented that his country would be different if they had God; while another indicated that he has started to read the Russian Bible. Another teen was challenged about being unequally yoked and broke off her relationship with her unsaved boyfriend. One of our memory verses for the week was, **"Remember your creator in the days of your youth;"** it is our prayer that God will bring His Word to fruition as these teens return to Russia. Pray also for the three teachers who accompanied the Russian delegation. One of the teachers is a professor in the University of Moscow. All of the teachers listened intently to the messages and seemed to be moved by what was being taught. It was thrilling to have one of the teachers stand up in chapel and quote one of the memory verses that she had learned during the week. We would also appreciate prayer for several Canadian teens who know the truth but seem intent on going their own way. Pray that God will apprehend them, as they pursue the things of the world. Looking ahead we are excited about our upcoming *'Thirsting for God'* Conference Sept 16-18, 2011, with Pastor John Shearer from Scotland, and our annual *'Women of Strength'* ladies retreats October 14-16 and 21-23, 2011.

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"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds... O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come."

Psalms 71:17-18

As I type this report we can attest to God's faithfulness in planning out our summer and giving us opportunities to share about him with many from another generation. Here are some highlights. At the beginning of the summer at our annual Northern Ontario Faith Mission Teen Bible camp cabin quiet times seemed to be used mightily of God. Each day many key questions were asked by the

campers. There was a clear hunger for God and a dissatisfaction with present spiritual failure, among some who profess to be saved. Amongst those who were not saved, there seemed to be an understanding of spiritual concepts and a recognition of personal need. A lot of the teens are from Kirkland Lake and so we are able to follow up with them. During the Junior camp the second week, one of the encouragements was during the rest hour seeing a number of the campers (of their own decision) getting into groups and reading their Bibles. Melissa was invited to teach at a girls camp and at one of the evening chapels, she gave her testimony. The next day, one of the staff members came up in a bit of a panic, asking for help. She was supposed to be writing down questions for the quiz but was so enthralled with Melissa's testimony that she forgot to write the questions down. As much as there is to encourage from the summer, there is also cause for sadness and continued prayer. At one camp three campers had to be sent home due to bad behavior. When asked if they had learnt anything from the camp they boldly voiced their boredom and resentment at being forced to attend chapel. How sad that they seem so hostile to the things of God. By the time you read this report we will have held a V.B.S. at a brand new church plant near Kirkland Lake which is another exciting opportunity. We are so thankful that we have such a wonderful message of a wonderful Savior who is mighty and powerful. Thanks for your support.

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"My eyes fail from weeping, I am in torment within, my heart is poured out on the ground... because children and infants faint in the streets of the city." Lamentations 2:11

This summer we became grandparents!! No words can express the incredible joy and pride as we hold our grandchild. He is so loved and prayed for by parents, grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, and uncles. What a stark contrast with many of the children we have grown to love through camps, VBSs, and Summer Kids Klubs, who have so many struggles at home. Many are tossed from foster home to foster home, searching for someone to love and care for them. Many live under constant verbal abuse and bad examples, and certainly don't have praying parents or grandparents. Others are constantly told by parents that God is not real, and they are raised to be skeptics. As we read Lamentations 2:11, we ask ourselves, "How often do we weep and pour out our hearts to God for the little ones falling by the wayside?" Please pray that God will give us a greater burden and love for the children He continues to bring across our pathway, and that we will have opportunity to lead them to the greatest Father of all. As we work with former drug addicts, inmates, and couples struggling in their marriages, we see the results of lives lived without Him. But, oh, the joy of pointing people of all ages to our gracious Father, and helping them to grow in dependence on Him. You are such an important partner in this ministry as you pray faithfully for us and the people we minister to. "Thank you" isn't enough!! May God reward you!