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Bill and Heather Bott continue to wait on God for the sale of their home in Alma. Heather's resignation from her current job takes place June 11. Heather and Bill have already catered for some groups at the Campbellville centre. Bill is able to be involved a number of days each week. They are trusting the house will sell soon so they can move on site. Your prayers to this end will be appreciated. They are in contact with a number of needy unsaved people and ask prayer for their salvation.

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"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad." Psalm 126:3

I have enjoyed looking back over the past few months and recalling different conversations or reports of people young and old meeting with God or hearing Him speak to specific situations in their lives. It really has been encouraging. Often we plough and sow, perhaps water the land, but to see the spiritual growth and reap the harvest has to be the most blessed time. I recall one young girl who gave her heart to Christ last summer; she has a deepening longing to follow after the Lord. Ladies in a Bible study have heard and known God challenging them and drawing them into a deeper relationship. These are just a couple of examples and I trust they bless you as they have done me. Please keep praying for all of the places where we minister and especially for those who make the life changing decision and choose to follow Christ.

Faith Mission Men are planning their annual summer open air services in Dunnville. The services will be held at the Central Bandshell beginning at 6:30pm on Sundays July 11, 18 and 25. Please plan to join us and bring along your lawn chair.

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This past April, Glenn was invited to be involved with Christian High Schools in British Columbia. The Spence's and Evans' approached the schools with the idea of setting some time aside each school day to create a "Spiritual Emphasis Week". The premise was to create an opportunity for the young people to meet with God in the midst of their regular academic studies. Two schools were involved; one in Vernon and the other in Kamloops. The meetings that resulted were very well received. The theme of the week was "What is Genuine Christianity?" Through these meetings the students were challenged to a deeper walk, taking God seriously. They were encouraged to be listening to what He is calling them to do, and then walk in obedience to that call...and do it. There was a testimony time at both schools on Friday, at the end of the last session. The comments made gave evidence that God had been working in hearts all week. Students stood and shared publicly what God had been saying to them. Several teachers also testified to issues that God had been speaking to them about. One young man was openly broken after one session and spoke personally to Glenn sharing that God had opened his eyes to the need for a deeper commitment. Continue to pray that what He began will continue in their lives. Pray that God would raise up a new generation of those who genuinely seek Him and are committed to His ways.

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Throughout the past few months God has provided us with an amazing opportunity. Some teen girls in our area approached us about doing some further Bible study. We meet each week and open up God's Word with these girls and it is so encouraging to see them desire to know God's will for their lives. One of these girls writes: "Coming to Jen and Debra's house every Thursday is so much fun. I learn something new every time and I feel like I get closer to God." Another girl who comes to the Bible study and also helps us with one of our kids clubs writes: "The most exciting part of my week begins when Jen and Debra pick me up from school and I help them out at the Vault kids club. Please pray that these kids would understand the wonderful love God has for them. Pray also for our Thursday Bible study. Jen and Debra help us so much in understanding God's plan for us girls". Please continue to pray as we finish our regular clubs and are preparing for a full summer of ministry.

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"As for God, his way is perfect:" Psalm 18v30. This text from the Psalms is up on the wall of our home, it is on our prayer card and it is hid in our hearts as we serve the Lord here in Falkland, British Columbia knowing that His way is perfect. We thank you for keeping us in your prayers as Stewart drove across Canada and arrived on Thursday March 11th and Jill and the girls arrived safely by plane on March 17th. Since arriving we have been busy getting our home in order with the help of our fellow workers and some volunteers, and getting started into our work here. Ellen and Sarah are attending the local school in Falkland and are enjoying it and making new friends. The kids from the Bible Club that Julieanne holds in the school have been out to the camp for their final club, it was great to get to know them and have opportunity to teach them God's word. We thank God for the opportunity to meet many of the supporters of the Mission here during the Men's Retreat and at the Spring Banquets, we had the opportunity to give our testimonies at these events. The summer months will be busy with mission camps and others that use the centre, yet we look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead as we adapt to our new surroundings. We have been very encouraged by the Lord here in being made to feel so welcome by our fellow workers and having their help, also getting to know the many people that give of their time to volunteer at the camp, having a door open for Jill to speak at a ladies meeting at the end of June, and seeing an answer to prayer concerning a financial gift. Thank you so much for praying for us.

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We are thankful to the Lord for every door He opens up for us. This year we have had a new opportunity for kids ministry in a small place called Cordova Mines. The church we are working with has a small congregation and no youth or children in it, yet God has brought them in from the community. One thing that has really been encouraging is that the parents who bring the children, stay for the meetings as well. God has given us a way to not only reach the kids, but to reach their parents at the same time. Please continue to pray for this area of ministry, we believe God is using this for His greater purposes. We have also had opportunity to be involved in meetings to reach the youth within Napanee itself, one meeting we had was at the Standard Wesleyan Church in town. We had no idea how many to expect and over 20 kids showed up from the community. None of those kids go to church anywhere and it was a great time to be able to testify of how Jesus can completely change our lives. Out of that has started a regular meeting once a month. There is need everywhere. We pray that we will continue to be faithful and allow God to use us, to reach people one at a time.

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"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our work of the Lord, because you know that your labours in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15: 57, 58

It has been exciting to see God work in lives in the various ministries this past winter, especially in the Ladies' Bible Study and to watch the spiritual growth among them as they study the scriptures. The light of the Gospel illuminates the heart. Whenever the Lord begins to work in hearts we see the enemy at work trying to quench the work through sickness and discouragement. But praise God the work continues on and He gives us the victory. Summer will soon be upon us and I covet your prayers concerning health and strength; traveling and for the summer clubs that boys and girls will be impacted by the gospel message. Some dates have yet to be finalized.

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"I will pour water on him that is thirsty and floods on the dry ground" 'As the hart pants after the water brook so my heart pants for thee the living God."

IA Pastor writes, 'At our first prayer meeting following the Thirsting for God conference numbers were tripled. Last week there was a slight decline numerically from the previous week but still at least double our "usual" attendance at the mid week prayer meeting, but having said that the folk prayed till past nine o'clock. This past Sunday I witnessed something I have never seen before. The service was over I was at the back door greeting people and I noticed something going on around the platform by the pulpit. After about 15 minutes or so I went to see what was happening - there were 25-30 individuals on their knees crying out to God to have mercy on this very wayward nation which was once founded upon the principles of God's Word...this was all very spontaneous. This lasted about half an hour. Once again I believe all of this is the Lord producing fruit as a direct result of His ministry through you His servants. Last week two individuals had approached me to take them out on door to door evangelism. Tomorrow, Thursday six people have asked if they can join in the door to door evangelism. Again as always, I thank you and I thank the Lord for allowing The Faith Mission in Canada to be a vital part of His work here in "The North Country"...To Him be glory, honour, and majesty both now and forever more.' Your Friend and Co-Labourer, Russ O'Neil

At the close of the final meeting of a conference in another church the pastor dismissed the people but no one moved, God was in the midst. After a period of perfect stillness people spontaneously began to pray and seek God. How grateful we are to God for these tokens of His blessing on the Thirsting for God conferences. The Men's retreat in February was a pack out with some having to be turned away. Prayer will be appreciated for the ladies retreats and the Thirsting for God conference weekend with Rev. Paul Washer.

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In our last prayer letter we shared with you about a weekly ladies Bible study that Julieanne conducts at the Falkland Centre. We are pleased to be able to share with you that two ladies who attend, recently made professions of faith during one of the studies. This was a particular encouragement as one of the ladies is in her eighties. Another encouraging outreach was recently conducted in the Vernon Christian High School, when around 150 teenagers listened intently each morning for a week, as Glenn Deane addressed the issue of 'Authentic Christianity'. At the close of the week of meetings a number of students and staff testified to having met with God. Our third annual 'Men of Honour' retreat was a great encouragement when over fifty men were challenged to 'Be the Man' in the areas of friendship, integrity in the work place and purity of life. It was also encouraging to learn recently that a teenager who was applying to be a counsellor at our summer camps was converted during a backyard club that we conducted several years ago in the town of Lumby, when a VBS was cancelled at the last moment. Little did we know that what we considered a disappointment at the time was indeed a Divine appointment! As we look ahead we would appreciate definite prayer for the following opportunities: 'Encounter' College & Career Retreat May 28-30 with guest speaker Jeff Goudy; 'The Haven' Seniors Retreat June 16-18 with guest speaker Pastor Elmer Fehr. 'Thirsting for God' Conference September 17-19 with guest speaker Pastor John McGregor.

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Jesus answered, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

As we transitioned our weekly schedule after our five Kids Klubs came to a close at Easter, God has led us into a few new opportunities. A drug addict that Kevin had been working with last year, who had given his life to Christ and was baptized, fell back into his old life of drugs in the Fall. Kevin kept praying and searching for him, and finally located him after Christmas, at a drug rehab run by the Salvation Army. In February Kevin attended his graduation, and brought this man home to live with us for 3 weeks, as he awaited his acceptance to Teen Challenge. He is doing very well, and growing strong in his faith. An added blessing is our contact with his eleven-year-old daughter who we take to visit her dad regularly. She plans to attend our camp this summer. At the close of our Marriage Enrichment Retreat in March, an unsaved couple blurted out, "We need God. And our kids need God. Who can teach us?" It has been a joy to lead a Bible study in their home since Easter, sharing Christ, and watching them respond and grow. God has given us a greater boldness to share our faith at our third round of teaching a Parenting class at the Pregnancy Care Centre. We have a larger group than ever before, many of whom have been searching in the wrong places for purpose in life. Thank you for praying as we share the Truth, and point people to the Only Way, the One who gives Life.

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"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

When Pastor Bill McLeod was training Jeff for ministry, he challenged him saying, "look for faithful men who have a thirst for God and pour your life into them encouraging them and passing on the things that you have been taught from God's Word." We are so thankful to have had people like Pastor and Mrs. McLeod who took the time to do that in our lives and God continues to give us opportunities to do the same in the lives of others. There are many people thirsting after God in the North East of Saskatchewan. There are now seven early morning men's revival prayer meetings in different communities and there are others wanting to start. The Melfort ladies prayer group, though small, is going well. Another group of ladies from a neighbouring community, are planning to start meeting together. What we see in these prayer meetings is a desire to be honest before God and men, and to seek to live a holy life and to be filled with the Spirit. Along with the prayer groups, we are involved in various other ministries- Jeff preaches most every Sunday, leads Wednesday night prayer at our home church, counsels and discipled others, partners with a close friend of his to lead the High School Bible Study and works with his brother to disciple a group of boys (Bootcamp). Jani is mostly at home with the children, but always looks forward to Wednesday morning ladies prayer group as well as Faith Girls. We love the churches in our area and are seeing answered prayer as we believe there is an increased burden for the lost and a renewed passion for prayer and evangelism. By God's grace and power, the Gospel is being shared and souls are being saved. The churches in the community seem to be growing and there are good things happening, but we continue to long for revival and a great harvest of souls for the glory of God. As Adoniram Judson said "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God." Remember us in your prayers that we grow not weary in well doing.

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This has been the quarter of "conversations". God has given us the opportunity to talk with both believers and unbelievers. With the unbelieving neighbour, a wayward friend, or strangers we've met, God has opened doors to visit and encourage; opportunities to share the good news of the gospel. With the believers, it has been a time of being able to encourage. We are once again awed at our amazing God who orchestrates all things and brings specific people to mind to pray for and then brings them along the path of our daily life. It has been exciting to be a part of the Men's retreat and March Break Leadership in Training. Andrew also had the opportunity to speak at a youth retreat in Timmins. How blessed we are to be a part of HIS work. We are looking forward to the birth of Porter baby # 4 in late August. Please pray for all the upcoming speaking engagements - that we would faithfully proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Summer Team Schedules

Brenda Thiessen

July

5-9 St. Catharines Immanuel Baptist VBS
12-16 York Maranatha Reformed Church VBS, Port Colborne Baptist VBS
19-23 Grassie Gospel VBS, Caistor Centre Free Methodist VBS
26-30 TBA

August

2-6 TBA
9-13 Selkirk Christian Chapel VBS
16-20 TBA
23-27 Hamilton, Mountain Church of the Nazarene, VBS
28-1 Camp Bring A Friend, Burlington

Glenn & Robin Deane

July

5-9 Kitchener VBS
12-16 Strathaven VBS & Markdale VBS
19-23 FM Camp in Northern Ontario
26-30 Harriston VBS

August

2-6 Mount Forest VBS
9-13 FM Discovery Camp in Campbellville
16-18 FM Adventure Camp in Campbellville

Jen Moldovan & Debra Hewitt

July

5-9 Oakville, Faith Baptist VBS - Jen
Goodwood Baptist VBS - Debra
12-16 Saugeen Valley VBS
19-23 FM Teen Camp, Campbellville
26-30 FM Tween Camp, Campbellville

August

2-6 Westmount Baptist VBS
Onward Gospel VBS
9-13 Chateaugay Baptist VBS, QC
16-20 Lachute Baptist VBS, QC
23-27 Lakeside Heights Baptist VBS, Pointe-Claire, QC, a.m.
Presbyterian Church of Ile Perrot VBS, QC, p.m.

Emma Martin

July

5-9 Napanee Standard Wesleyan Church VBS
11-17 Northern Ontario Teen Camp
19-23 Campbellville Senior Camp
26-30 Napanee Temple of Prayer and Praise VBS

August

2-6 Marmora Free Methodist VBS
7-15 Pine Orchard Family Camp
16-20 Kingston First Baptist VBS
23-27 Oshawa Emmanuel Baptist Church VBS

Jennifer Armitage

July

5-9 Lowbanks VBS
12-16 Bowmanville Baptist Church VBS
19-23 Campbellville Senior Camp
26-30 Campbellville Tween Camp

August

2-6 Yarker Free Methodist VBS
9-13 Campbellville Discovery Camp
16-18 Campbellville Adventure Camp
23-27 Havelock Baptist Church VBS
Cordova Mines Free Methodist Church VBS

Cheryl Mitchell

July

5-9 Delhi Baptist Church VBS
12-16 Port Stanley Presbyterian Church, VBS
19-20 Windsor, Riverside Baptist, VBS, a.m.
Essex Baptist Church, VBS, p.m.
Eden Baptist

August

2-5 To Be Confirmed
16-19 Aylmer Day Camp

Brian & Julieanne Spence

July

11-16 Discovery Camp (Ages 8-12)

August

1-6 Adventure Camp (Ages 13-15)
9-13 Vernon, Faith Baptist, VBS
15-20 Discovery Camp (Ages 8-12)
23-25 Squirt Camp (Ages 6-7)
27-29 Family Camp

Kevin & Janice Evans

July

5-9 Kamploops Summit Drive Church, VBS
11-16 Discovery Camp (Ages 8-12)
19-23 Scotch Creek Summer Kids Klub
26-30 Barriere, VBS

August

1-6 Adventure Camp (Ages 13-15)
9-13 Ashcroft Summer Kids Klub
15-20 Discovery Camp (Ages 8-12)
23-25 Squirt Camp (Ages 6-7)
27-29 Family Camp

Andrew & Melissa Porter

July

12-17 Senior Camp, Northern Ontario
19-24 Junior Camp, Northern Ontario

August

1-7 Camp Norland
8-13 Smokey Trail Native Camp, Kirkland Lake

Jeff & Jani Goudy

May

28-30 The Faith Mission College & Career Camp, Falkland BC

July

12-24 Edge Sports Camp (Junior & Senior), Millar College of the Bible

August

1-25 The Faith Mission Centre, Falkland BC

John & Isabel Bennett

May

28-30 Campbellville Ladies Retreat

June

4-6 Campbellville Ladies Retreat
18-21 Campbellville Thirsting for God Conference

July

3-9 Elim Lodge
19-23 Senior Camp
26-30 Tweens Camp

August

13-15 Stradbally Convention, Ireland
30-3 Willowdale VBS