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C.C.C.C. Mission Church Project

Hosanna House Fellowship



Dear C.C.C.C. Family:

"May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance" (Jude 2).

I have <u>WONDERFUL NEWS</u> to share with you about the National Board's appeal to help one of our C.C.C.C. Mission Churches in a tangible way.

As you know, Hosanna House in Saskatoon has been selected for a special National Conference project this coming July. Their children's ministry will be enhanced with a large screen television, a combination DVD / VHS recorder-player, a speaker system for amplification in an auditorium, and a portable A / V cart & stand. The "ballpark" figure for this acquisition is \$1,800.00.

I am very, very pleased to announce that you have responded generously and all the necessary funding has

been received! Praise God for His goodness through you, His people. It will be a joy for Hosanna House to accept your gift at our up-coming conference in Saskatoon.

In my 43 years of ministry, at times I have felt like Moses (usually during times of testing and difficulty). However, this is a time of blessing and I will borrow his words in Exodus 36.1 – 7 to say that no further funding needs to be received. There are sufficient resources for the task at hand.

The National Board of Directors desires to have a similar annual missions project in future years – targeting a C.C.C.C. Missions Church in whatever region the National Conference is being held.

But should you feel led to help C.C.C.C. Mission Churches in the immediate days ahead, do not hesitate to speak to Rev. Dr. Kathleen Horwood at our National Office. She will provide you with a contact list of other C.C.C.C. Mission Churches, Church Plants, and our overseas Missionary, from which you may prayerfully select a ministry to partner with.

Peace in Jesus,

(Rev.) Gerald Cressman Atlantic Region National Board of Directors

Emmanuel Church, Middleton N.S.

We are living through some very exciting times at Emmanuel. Here are a few of our highlights...

Our National Pastor came for a visit on a Sunday in February. Instead of a preaching a sermon, David Schrader was interviewed, which allowed us all to get to know him on a more personal level. In the process, he managed to challenge everyone in the audience. (A video of the interview is available on the 4C's Facebook page)

In relation to our Bible Reading Challenge, we threw a Pentateuch Party to celebrate the completion of our reading through the first 5 books of the Bible. There were great testimonies, some teaching and a video with an overview of the book of Joshua.

Our 'Families with a Future' ministry hosted a 'March Break Clothing Exchange'. Loads of clothes were donated by people from the church and community, and about 100 people of all ages were blessed with free clothes.

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Women's Ministry of the Christian Community Church at Burdett, AB,

The women are gearing up for another stimulating one-day woman's conference.

Our theme this year is: "Who is Running in Your Crowd?" Some questions to ponder are: who are you influencing, and what kind of "footprint" are you leaving on the piece of Real Estate God has placed you?

Does who you think you are, make a difference in how you influence others around you?

Our accomplished speaker, Diane Laubenstein, needs no introduction to this community. I know she will bless us as she shares Godly principles concerning our theme.

At noon you will be provided with a hot lunch, stimulating conversations and an opportunity to browse and see what Living Books and Twigz have to offer. These ladies will also welcome your purchases. The afternoon will be equally as refreshing as a representative from the Champion Center shares stories about their work and the purpose God has called them to. The Champion Center is located in Medicine

Hat. It is God's love in action. A place where the physical and spiritual needs of hungry, homeless and lonely individuals are met by providing food, clothing, supportive living, and a staff who listen and encourage them. We ask you to bring some "personal care" toiletries so we can fill a box to send along to bless some of the Champion Center guests.

The day promises to be thought-provoking and inspiring. We hope to see you there, and remember to bring a friend.

Please RSVP by emailing Ineke Sytsma @ jssyt2@yahoo.ca OR calling Melinda Taylor 403-833-3313 by: Tuesday 29 March 2017

Date: Saturday 08 April 2017

Time: registration with coffee and Muffins at 9:30 - 10 am Where: Christian Community Church @ Burdett

MORNING GATE CHURCH—Fredericton, NB



Pastor Deb MacDonald continues to serve in ministry leadership, together with our newly expanded boards of elders and stewards.

2017 'March on for Soup' at MGC

Shown here are 347 cans of soup collected in our special soup drive during the month of March, to be donated to the local community kitchen and food bank.

A lot has been happening at MGC since last April. God has been blessing us with continued growth (11 members added in 2016 and 4 members added already in the New Year). One highlight in 2016 was hosting the first Vacation Bible School (VBS) at our present location last August, and plans are already getting underway for another in summer 2017.

Emphasis has been on encouraging 'fellowship' among our congregation of families and as a welcome to visitors by hosting a variety of events: M.E.N.'s Breakfast, Bowling & Pizza Night, Movie Night, Games Night, Pot-Blessing meals- some at the church and some in private homes; Ladies Christmas Tea; monthly after-service lunches and more.

We also placed emphasis on promoting a 'spirit of giving'... of our time, our prayers, our talents, and our finances, which manifested itself through a diversity of activities and projects, including: weekly prayer meeting and in-home bible studies; feeding six needy families at Thanksgiving; volunteers for Salvation Army Christmas Kettles; Christmas Shoebox Campaign; Craft & Hobby Day and a host of fund-raisers and special drives to collect goods in support of local para-church organizations; group singing at Retirement Homes; a project called 'Apple Talk' where individuals can perform anonymous acts of kindness for others in the church body and in the community as well. Folks here at MGC are receiving blessing upon blessing for their generosity and willingness to help and care for others in this way.

Two new up-coming projects now in the planning stages will target specific ministry groups:

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) is designed to host a monthly luncheon and fellowship for our seniors ages 60+ group.

Overcomers Outreach - MGC will be launching a new recovery ministry in the form of a Christ- centered 12step recovery support program for hurting people who are wrestling with chemical dependency and accompanying problems.

We are excited for what God has planned for us this year in His service and we are thankful for His continued blessing and grace. . . 'Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given' John 1:16 NIV