



Proclaiming Jesus Christ, Making Disciples, Growing Healthy Churches

Louise Ave. Congregational Church Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Dorothy Bolton, former church secretary at LACC, relates the following story as told by one of their prayer partners at LACC during their Wednesday evening prayer time. (The individual's name has been changed to protect their identity)

In May of 2017, a brother in Christ shared at our Sunday evening service, that his sister Jill (not real name), was very ill and the prognosis did not look good. She was a non-believer, bound in addictions and by the dark forces of her First Nation culture. Jill had been diagnosed with Hepatitis C; she would need a liver transplant to survive. Jill was married and mother of 2 young children.

My requests to the Father as I interceded on her behalf:

1. That He would seek Jill out,
2. That circumstances would prepare her to receive the Word of God,
3. That the Holy Spirit would begin a work to convict her of her need for salvation,
4. That the chains of bondage would be broken and that strongholds would loose their power,
5. That God would make a way,
6. That the powers of darkness would be broken.

As soon as I walked into her hospital room, she stretched out her hand to me. I told her that I had been praying for her, that I was aware of her prognosis, and I shared with her a bit of my story and what Jesus did for me. I read Psalm 61:1-4 to her—God's promise that He is listening when we cry out to him for help. I then asked

her if she was ready to become a child of God. She said "yes, oh yes". Most notable for me in this experience, was that when I knelt down by her bed I could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I prayed the sinner's prayer with her and as we finished, I said to her. "Jill, the Bible says that if you will confess me before man, I will confess you before my Father. Jill, you need to tell someone." Just at that moment, a nurse walked into the room. Jill looked at her and said, "I HAVE JESUS". As soon as she said those words, Jill lifted her hands toward heaven, she began repeating and repeating, "alleluia Jesus, alleluia Jesus"

I sensed the Holy Spirit pour into Jill in those moments and as she continued to bask in this outpouring of God's love, she kept looking at me and asking me to "pour more oil on me, please pour more oil on me".

In the days that followed, the Lord gave me this verse: ISAIAH 40:11 "He tends his flock like a shepherd. He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart. He gently carries those who have young".

Six days later, Jesus carried her home.

Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church Middleton, NS

Pastor Sweis Ubels writes, "We're looking back on an incredible summer. Some of the highlights include 8 baptisms, hosting our local Food Bank during the month of

July, a weekly Family Sports Night, a worship service in the park with our friends from the Middleton Baptist Church, Seniors' Events, a pool party with our 'Families with a Future' ministry, and a 'Corn Give-Away'. This last one came totally unexpected: we received a message that someone was willing to drop off corn at the church. To make a long story short, the next morning nearly 6500 cobs of corn were dropped off at the church.

Through the power of social media scores of people showed up and all the corn was given away in just over an hour! Jehovah Jireh - The Lord is our Provider! And finally, we ended up hiring our summer intern, Shauna Grimwood, as our part-time Ministry Assistant! Pictures below appear in the order of mention in article.



Skyway to Heaven Church Miramichi, NB

Ray Arsenault was ordained on May 28 at Skyway to Heaven Church where he is the pastor. A great crowd was there to celebrate this event and a great time of fellowship followed the service. Many local and CCC pastors were in attendance.

Ray is well loved by the people and together they are trusting God to reach the people of Miramichi. Here are some pictures from the ordination service and the church:



Philip Noll, from Caledonia Congregational Church shares his:

**AFFIRMATIONS GLEANED FROM
The Global Leadership Summit
August, 2017**

AS A CHURCH COMMUNITY AT CALEDONIA
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

- We will seek to cultivate an attitude of humility and respect towards God and each other.
- We will thrive on challenges.
- We will look for ways to develop leadership abilities in our young people and help them to self- identify as leaders.
- We will show up for people and create connections that will encourage them to seek God.
- We will foster and utilize creativity.
- We will seek to discern God’s will for our lives and be faithful in our walk with Him.
- We will serve the Lord diligently but will also take proper times of rest in our lives. We will seek to learn what it truly means to rest in Christ.
- We will have confidence in our future in the Lord.
- We will regularly encourage each other



National Board of Directors

While at the annual conference this year in Saskatoon, the National Board of Directors had the opportunity to tour the facilities of Louise Ave. Congregational Church. They are pictured below in front of the church.

**Neighbourhood Bible Day Camp at Fellowship
Community Church, Waskada, MB**

We had a “Kingdom Safari” for three days in July, sharing God’s Word with about 45 children ages 4-12. We focused on equipping ourselves with God’s promises and commands in order to go out in the world, both locally and abroad, to share His love and serve others! This was an exciting time for everyone, including all of the volunteers!

We ended the three Spirit-filled days with a free BBQ in town, complete with cotton candy and popcorn, and a fiercely fun water fight! Here are some pictures:



Sunday School Kickoff Party, Fellowship Community Church, Waskada, MB

On September 10, our Sunday Service was a kick-off for our fall Sunday School programs to begin! We had so much fun learning and sharing how everyday items around us remind us of God's love and promises as we go about our days – to school, to work, and at home! Our party was complete with singing praises and dancing with joy, scripture games, object lessons, a time of prayer for our children, and a pizza party! We are so thankful for the children that the Lord has blessed us with, and we take seriously the great privilege and responsibility it is to train them up in the ways of the Lord! See our pictures below:





Zita MacCallum from Spiritual Rock Church St. John's, NF:

Spiritual Rock Church has a very unique outreach in the city of St. John's, NF. Pastor Zita and her daughter Trudy, and members from the congregation, minister to those with mental and physical disabilities and drug and alcohol addictions. Please pray for them and support them. Zita and the church are praying for a facility that will not have any stairs as many of their people with disabilities find it hard to climb and descend the stairs at their current location.

Besides ministering to people on the streets, they also help people by buying coats, mittens, blankets, boots, and other necessities they may need. Just recently they helped a woman who was in desperate need of food for her children. She was about to leave her church but because of our help she has renewed faith in the Lord. Below are some pictures of Pastor Zita's ministry.



Pictured above is Pastor Zita and daughter Trudy



Pictured above are the steep stairs and someone using the handicap features of the local transit.



Pictured above are two members of the church sharing in song and testimony



Pastor Zita pictured above with two more members.

National Pastor Update:

I was recently invited by Disciple-Maker.org to a special training session held in NC. They are a part of the International Evangelistic Association. I am very excited about this material and the success stories I heard from people using it here in Canada. Several pastors from Southern Ontario were there to share their experiences about the multiplying effect this is having in their churches. The material is based upon the principle of making solid disciples who are taught how to disciple others. The Association graciously paid for our meals and lodging.

Just one of the many exciting stories we heard about from those that used the material can be found at <http://www.bpnews.net/48917/rural-bapt-church-sees-900-baptisms-in-6-years>. Please be sure to read this exciting story.

I am hoping this can be embraced in all our churches in an effort to fulfill our mission. Pictured below on the left is Dr. Billy Hanks Jr., a long time friend and associate of Dr. Billy Graham's. He is beside a Spanish translator. Billy is one of the authors of the material and spoke to us from the training center—Mountain Doxology.



Pictured above on the left is Dr. Billy Hanks Jr. sharing alongside his Spanish translator.

Pictured below are some of the denominational leaders and pastors sharing a meal.



If you would like to have more information about this material and my experience please be sure to give me a call. The material is not built on “pizazz and dazz” but it is solid and biblical; and it is working. It is also being used in many bible colleges and seminaries. An online version of the training will be available soon. You can see an overview of the material at their site called Disciple-Maker.org.

Financial Update:

Our third quarter financial report will be coming out in the first week of October. Be sure to look for this as it will be e-mailed to all our credentialed members, and Board Chairs. We want to thank all of you who have responded already with your pledges that you made at conference this year. This has helped us enter into the Fall in a much healthier position than we have been in the past.