

Thank you for committing to pray for my family and I over the past three months. I am grateful for your prayer partnership as I give servant-leadership to our Fellowship. If you would like to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, please email rheaton@fellowship.ca and request it.



The Jones Clan at Christmas

I trust this newsletter finds you well and encouraged in the Lord!

The Winter months sped by with much ministry and travel left in its wake. January started with attendance at the annual North American



NABF Conference in New Orleans



The French Quarter Market in New Orleans

Baptist Fellowship Conference in New Orleans. A meeting of Executive leaders of Baptist groups. Our theme and discussion was Humanitarian Relief Ministries ... very encouraging to hear all the care and compassion being done by Baptists across North America. I also enjoyed times with our five Regional Directors, planning a number of mutual ministry initiatives. One exciting initiative is a Canada-wide "Bible Engagement Project" among our Fellowship churches in 2017. All surveys and studies point to getting believers into the Bible regularly as the best way to ensure spiritual maturity. This "aint rocket science", but so many believers are not reading/studying their Bibles regularly.



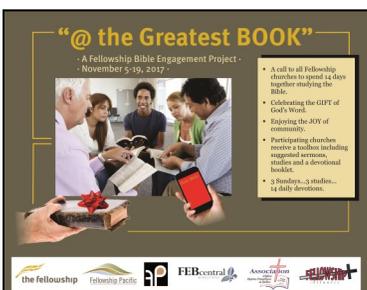
Sunday Ministry at Benton St Baptist, Kitchener, ON

We hosted a couple National Council meetings in the last several weeks to discuss our current "Membership/Baptism" issue. Discussion continues this Spring 2016 in each of our five upcoming Regional Conferences. Please pray.

I visited with three Fellowship International missionary families in Poland and Bulgaria during March. I continue to be so encouraged by the amazing Fellowship family members serving on our behalf, overseas. The Jutras and Taylors in Poland and Susie and Gisèle in Bulgaria, are doing remarkable work for the Lord. Please join me in praying for them.



Pierre & Hanna Jutras with Timothy & Rachelle in Poland



Bible Engagement Project



Steve with Susie Frey & Gisèle Laplante in Bulgaria

It's been a good few months for recruiting. Fellowship International is currently journeying with eight possible missionary appointees. I believe an announcement is imminent with a couple of these appointments. Seven mid-term missionary appointees were approved so far this year and nine new Fellowship Chaplains from AB, ON, QC and NB were recently appointed. Thank you Lord!

Lastly, our newest member to the Fellowship National Staff, Gord Baptist, started January 2016. His ministry in our midst has already borne fruit, as our new Fellowship Advancement Director. Please pray for Gord as he serves the Lord, our churches and Fellowship donors who wish to gift, through investment or estate-giving to Fellowship ministries.



Ben & Krista Taylor with Lucas, Elias & Alex in Poland



Gord Baptist, Fellowship Advancement Director

CURRENT NEWS

Our Winter/Easter FAIR appeal, "Filling the Gaps", is a capital project (\$75,000) for our maternal hospital in Shikarpur, Pakistan. As of the end of March we have raised \$50,447. Thank you to all who gave.

Our current appeal (mid April-August 2016) is a francophone ministry project in Eastern Quebec. We are seeking to raise \$30,000 toward a new French church plant, being daughtered by our Fellowship church in Rivière du Loup.



Chris Middleton, our Recruitment Coordinator

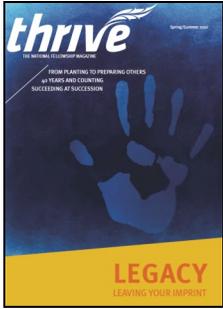
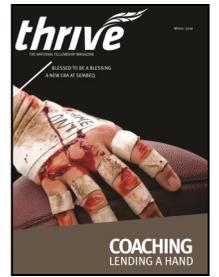


"Filling the Gaps" FAIR Appeal



FAIR's appeal for Syrian Refugees has been very well received by our churches and donors. Our short-term project, in partnership with *Operation Mobilization*, has raised more than \$105,000 to date, toward food and water in a Syrian Refugee Camp. Our long-term project, in partnership with the CMA, has 32 Fellowship churches at varying stages of sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family.

Our Winter *Thrive* magazine: "Coaching: Lending a Hand" and Spring edition: "Legacy: Leaving your Imprint", were both published with exciting stories and reports of fruitful ministry. You can go online to www.fellowship.ca to read these magazines.



PRAYER for the Next Few Months

- The next few months (April-June) are a very busy time of travel. I'm on the road more than home, I think. Pray for safety.



Recent Winter escape to Florida

- Pray for Marilyn as she continues her recovery with her left ankle/leg and back. Her daily routine includes exercise/physio at a gym along with weekly chiropractor visits. We're grateful for the improvement, but it seems to be coming very slowly.



Some days I feel like the boy on the back, while travelling!

Praise for our kids:

- Jessica starts a 4 month co-op in Parksville, BC on an Organic Farm as she continues her University studies. Pray for her and pray for her mom and dad who will miss her!
- Alec received a recent promotion at his work, Kindred (formerly Mennonite) Savings and Credit Union. He's excited by the new challenge!
- Katelyn graduates from Law School in April and will serve as a Judicial Clerk at the Saskatoon Appeals Court for one year. We're proud of our girl!
- Adrian has completed his first year in Engineering at U. of S. and succeeded beyond expectation.



Celebrating Dad's 85th Birthday



*Just finished painting this watercolour ...
SPRING has finally arrived!*

- Thank you for continuing to pray for my support needs. In the past four months—five new churches started to support Marilyn and I, along with five new donors. I'm very grateful for your praying for this need. Bless you.

Grace and Peace,

Steven



The Jones Family