

PRESIDENT'S PRAYER PARTNER TEAM

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Thank you for committing to pray for my family and me 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.



Fellowship National Staff
Christmas Party



Visiting Riverside Baptist,
Huntsville, ON



Church Planter's Conference in
Montreal

At the start of this New Year, Marilyn and I want to thank everyone in our Prayer Team for your commitment to pray for us this past year. The year 2017 will go down as an encouraging year in ministry, but a year where we experienced some personal upset. We have leaned on the fact that we have you praying for us often. Thank you!

The past few months included our annual National Conference (Nov. 13-15) in Toronto, travel out west, our Membership-Baptism vote, appointing new chaplains, fundraising, finalizing a draft Marriage/Human Sexuality policy, speaking in our churches and accompanying 53 of our church planters to a conference.

One highlight for me is my staff's bi-annual "All Day Prayer Meeting" for the Fellowship. We enjoyed a day together praying in December. We also got good feedback from churches on the recent Bible Engagement Project: "@the Greatest Book" which encouraged churches to read God's Word together over 14 days.



Guelph, Civic Prayer Breakfast



"EFC's" President's Day



Steve preaching at FNC 2017



10th Anniversary Banquet,
Lighthouse Church, Hamilton



National Staff Day away



Fellowship Chaplain's
Enrichment Gathering

Current News:



National Staff
Day of Prayer

- Our "Hope for Tomorrow" FAIR appeal (Sept-Dec. 2017) ended near the \$100,000 mark. Our Target was to raise \$120,000 for the Clementia Learning Centre in Beirut, Lebanon; a school caring for Syrian Refugee children.
- Our "Brightening Smiles, Winning Hearts" FAIR appeal (Jan-April 2018) is seeking to raise funds for our mobile dental clinic with Fellowship International missionaries Ouet & Nhep Pech in Cambodia. This ministry cares for dental needs in rural Cambodia and has planted three churches since 2009. To find out more go to www.fellowship.ca



Dan Shurr & Steve at Pastor's
Toronto Assoc. Meeting



- Our latest issue of *Thrive* (Winter 2018) is out and its theme "Colour: The World at our Doorstep", shares stories of the wonderful diversity we see in our churches and communities and how we're embracing this reality.



- Our membership-Baptism vote at FNC2017 resulted in National Council's MOTION being defeated with 53% voting "yes" and 47% voting "no" (the motion threshold was 66%). Pray as our National Council continues dialogue with our Regional Councils (x5) regarding next steps.
- A draft policy on "Marriage and Human Sexuality" was completed and I'm meeting with pastors over the next 5 months to have the document vetted. I hope to see this new policy voted on at our next FNC2018 in Richmond, BC.

Prayer for the next few months

- Please keep praying for new missionary appointees seeking financial support before they are sent to the mission field in 2018-2019.
- Pray for:

- ◆ Robbie & Gemelle Carlson to Japan.
- ◆ Bechara & Roula Karkafi to Lebanon.
- ◆ Eric & Valerie Neilson to Quebec.
- ◆ Nadeem & Jamila Qazi to Pakistan.



Nadeem & Jamila Qazi



*Robbie & Gemelle
Carlson*



Burwell Family



Karkafi Family



Eric & Valerie Nielsen

- Pray for Fellowship Churches across Canada in search of pastoral staff.
- Praise God for replacement found for George Dow (Sr. Accountant) who retired at the end of Dec. 2017. Welcome Leslie Joshua, who now joins the National Fellowship team in his place.
- Pray for Steve as he visits Haiti (Jan 18-24) and Japan/Sri Lanka (Mar 5-18), visiting FAIR project in Haiti, visiting missionaries in Japan and investigating a possible new field in Sri Lanka.



George Dow's Retirement Party

Prayer for the Jones Family



*Our kids home for a freezing cold
Christmas*

- All our kids were home for Christmas and we had a wonderful time together.
- Marilyn's injury continues as we await the possible date in 2018 for ankle replacement surgery.
- Marilyn and I enjoy some vacation in February with some friends in the sunny south (Feb. 15-25).
- Pray for greater urgency in reaching the spiritually lost and/or confused who we interact with daily.
- I have declared 2018 our "Year of Prayer" as a Fellowship ... may I model a life of prayer in the coming weeks:

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" Rom. 12:12 (NIV)

Thank you for continuing to pray for my family and I ... you are an encouragement to Marilyn and I!



*Steve & Jessica visit Toronto
Aquarium*

Warmly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve".



Jones Family