

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.



Special Congress meeting of leaders to discuss Fellowship Membership-Baptism issue

We have completed a marvelous year of ministry. God has been faithful and generous to our churches and our National ministry. 2016 will be remembered for many things. One key highlight has been the recruitment of missionaries and chaplains. Our Fellowship National ministry has appointed seven (7) new long-term missionaries and 10 new chaplains in 2016. I cannot recall another year where the Lord blessed so significantly!

We give God all the glory. I also thank the Lord for the many donors and churches partnering with us to help accomplish this ministry.



Visiting the Arnstein Baptist Church family



Fellowship Chaplains at Seminar

This past Fall, we enjoyed time visiting with our Fellowship Chaplains and hosting a seminar on “Emergency management” during crisis situations. We bid farewell to Laurie Kennedy in December, who served as our Western National Coordinator, giving special member-care to our Fellowship Chaplains. A big thank you to Laurie and Char. They will be missed.



Visiting with Pastor Les and Faith Baptist's 60th Anniversary

I attended two conferences on evangelism and church planting strategies in Niagara Falls and Kananaskis, AB. In November, we hosted our FNC 2016 (Fellowship National Conference) in Niagara Falls, with speaker, Dr. Paul Tripp. Our FNC was well attended and the reports, teaching and workshop training was excellent.



I visited Brookside, Kanata for an Induction service for Pastor Greg & Julie MacRobbie



Visiting Church Planting Conference with Tom Haines and Bechara Karkafi



Meeting with Executive Directors of the PAOC, CMA, CBOQ and AGC



Dr. Paul Tripp speaks at FNC 2016



Laurie & Char Kennedy

CURRENT NEWS



Hungry Stomachs FAIR Appeal

- Hungry Stomachs—FAIR appeal (Sept—Christmas 2016):

Thank you for praying for this food security appeal. Our churches and donors gave generously and more than doubled our target goal of \$40,000. All these funds will go toward the purchase of arable land, security wall build and the purchase of seed to grow the first crop to continue feeding school children in Haiti. Go to <http://www.fellowship.ca/HungryStomachs> for video and more info.

- “Rebuilding Innocence” FAIR appeal (Jan—Easter 2017):

FAIR is partnering with IJM (International Justice Mission) to raise \$120,000 to fund a number of key aftercare programs for sexually exploited children over a 2-year pilot program in the Philippines. There has been a sharp increase in the number of children being sexually exploited through the internet. As demands for child pornography rises, desperate Filipino adults turn to child exploitation as a means of income.



The \$120,000 funding will go towards:

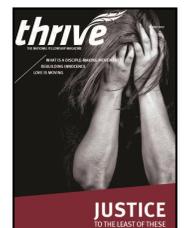
- * \$45,000 - training of new foster families for exploited children
- * \$7,000 - for start-up costs for the program
- * \$68,000 - to provide subsidies for children placed in foster homes.



Rebuilding Innocence

Go to <http://www.fellowship.ca/RebuildingInnocence> to watch a video and read other information on this FAIR appeal. Please give generously.

- Our latest issue of *Thrive* (Winter 2017) is out, and its theme, “**JUSTICE: to the least of these**”, shares stories of social justice, mercy and compassion from our churches and people. You can look forward to our Spring/Summer 2017 *Thrive* issue: “**SOUL-CARE: prone to wander**”.
- Missionary Support: As mentioned before, God has blessed us with many new long-term missionaries this past year. The task of building partnership teams with seven new missionary couples is huge! (or “yuge” as Donald says it). Please pray with me as my staff and I request our churches and generous donors to prayerfully consider support of these choice missionary personnel.



Roula & Bechara Karkafi to Lebanon



Jamila & Nadeem Qazi to Pakistan



Eric & Valerie Nielsen to Quebec

PRAYER for the next few months

- Pray for the many Fellowship Baptist churches continuing their search for their Lead Pastors in 2017. Seems to be a lot these days.
- Pray for the close to 50 new church plants within our Fellowship family across our country. One church plant in Nova Scotia (started Nov. 2015) saw 16 new believers baptized in the first 6-7 months of their start. There are many other encouraging stories ... keep praying.



President, Kent Anderson
of Northwest Seminary

- Pray for safety as National Fellowship staff travel across Canada and abroad. In the next couple months, staff are traveling to Lebanon, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand and France.

- Pray for our three training schools: Northwest in BC, Heritage in ON and Sembeq in QC ... pray that passionate servant leaders emerge from our schools to become our future church lay-leaders, pastors, church planters, missionaries and chaplains.

- Our theme verse as a Fellowship for 2017 is Colossians 2:7 (ESV):

“...rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught; abounding in thanksgiving.”

Pray that our local churches be characterized by gratitude as we collectively pursue the making of disciples in 2017.

Prayer for the Jones family

Everyone was home for Christmas and New Years. What a wonderful time!



Celebrating Marilyn's
Christmas Eve Birthday

- Marilyn: She has been undergoing a special “Platelet Replacement” treatment. Her blood is retrieved and her platelets are then injected directly into her inflamed ankle. She gets three injections, 4-6 weeks apart. The procedure is as bad as “childbirth”, according to Marilyn. Two injections later, little improvement has occurred.

- Katelyn: She continues as a judicial clerk at the Provincial Appellant Court House in Saskatoon until May 2017, at which time she is officially a lawyer. Three law firms in Saskatoon have already made offers, but she is not certain yet. Join with her Dad in praying for “Ontario” law firms to take notice :)



Katelyn & Jessica home
for Christmas!

- Alec: He moved out of our home on Dec. 27 and is sharing an apartment with a good friend. He still works in the Credit Fraud and Security department at the head office of the Mennonite Savings and Credit Union (now rebranded as “Kindred”) ... he does very interesting work, seeking to be one step ahead of the fraudsters.
- Jessica: She is still living on her organic farm in Parksville, BC. She has announced this is the life for her! She has transferred from Waterloo University to University of Victoria to continue her education in Food Sustainability.

There you have it. A lawyer, a banker and a farmer. Did not see that coming as I watched them grow up as kids. So grateful they are passionate about what they are doing. We're so proud of them. Please keep praying for their spiritual well-being.

Thank you for committing to pray for my family. This remains a great encouragement; knowing I have a team of prayer warriors under-girding my family and I as the devil seeks to distract and destroy us. Bless you for your regular prayer coverage.

Warmly in Christ,



Steven Jones

President, The Fellowship



Jones family Christmas 2016



Church Planter,
Doug Lake
of Parrsboro, NS