

*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.*



**First Filipino, Toronto celebrate 40 years of blessing**



**Bonnyville Baptist, AB is growing and preparing to build new facility**



**Milton Bible, ON allow members to share each Sunday**



**Preaching at Grace Baptist, Charlottetown, PEI**



**AEBEQ RD, Louis Bourque addresses the delegates**



**National Staff – Day of Prayer**



**On retreat with Denominational leaders from across Canada**



April to June was a particularly busy time with lots of travel. I'm looking forward to sleeping in my own bed most nights this summer.

It was a joy to visit our churches during Sunday ministry. One highlight was celebrating the 40th anniversary of First Filipino Baptist Church (Toronto). There were about ten other churches joining in the festivities ... these churches were either daughter or grand-daughter church plants. It was amazing to join in this joyful celebration.

I had the privilege of participating in each of our five Fellowship Regional Conferences this past spring. Each spring, following these conferences, I tally up the current number of Fellowship Churches.

The Fellowship is currently an Association of 505 churches, as follows:  
Pacific Region: 97 churches  
Prairies Region: 28 churches  
FEBCentral Region: 276 churches  
AEBEQ (QC) Region: 84 churches  
Atlantic Region: 20 churches



**Pastors on recent QVT**

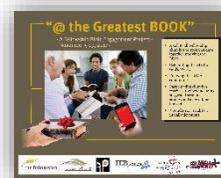
Also met with denominational leaders on retreat to discuss current pan-Canadian issues we are all facing. I travelled on a "Quebec Vision Tour" (QVT) with a group of Fellowship pastors seeking possible partnership with French church plants. I also enjoyed a few days with pastors at FEBCentral Pastor's Conference in Muskoka, ON.

## CURRENT NEWS

**"Sowing the Seed"** appeal (May-Aug 2017)

To celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, our Fellowship Churches are being challenged to join in a three week "Bible Engagement Project" (Nov 5-19, 2017) along with a Bible Distribution appeal.

- **"Sowing the Seed"** is seeking to raise \$60,000 to purchase and distribute Arabic and Sindhi Bibles to Muslims in Ottawa, Pakistan and French Bibles to children in Haiti and church leaders in the D.R. Congo. We are about half way there (\$32,000) ... please prayerfully consider sending a gift today. Thank you.



- **"The Greatest Book"** is a three week Bible Engagement Project (Nov. 5-19, 2017) for all Fellowship churches and people. Go to [www.fellowship/thegreatestbook.ca](http://www.fellowship/thegreatestbook.ca) for

- devotional book, teaching lessons and video for more details.
- Our latest issue of Thrive (Summer 2017) is out, and its theme - "Soul Care: Prone to Wander", shares stories of spiritual burn-out and the remedies involved in personal soul care. Look forward to our Autumn 2017 edition of Thrive: "Truth Talk: Theology in the Trenches"

- **Missionary Support:** God has blessed us with many new missionaries this past year. The task of building partnership teams with seven new missionary couples is huge! 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**



**Bradford Baptist celebrates 40 years with former pastors**



**Pray for South Delta, BC who need a pastor**



**Taylor's honoured at FEBCentral Conference**



**Atlantic Region honours Glen Goode after 10 years of service**



**Spending time at FEBCentral's Pastor's Conference**



**Meeting with all the Regional Directors**

- Membership-Baptism Issue: National Council sent the *Motion* (mid-June) to our churches, which will be voted on at FNC 2017 in Toronto. This will complete a 3 year process to discover if our churches will permit member churches to admit into local church membership those baptized as believers by a different mode other than immersion. Thank you for continuing to pray.



*Our missionaries enjoying Missions Institute in Guelph*

PRAYER for the next FEW MONTHS

- Pray for many Fellowship Baptist Churches continuing the search for Lead Pastors. For example: over 20 of our 84 Quebec (French) churches need pastors.
- Pray for safety for our Fellowship family as so many are travelling during this vacation season.
- Pray for our many children and youth; local church ministries doing Day Camp and VBS this Summer ... pray for many to receive Jesus as Saviour.
- Pray for our churches as leaders prepare to communicate our current Membership-Baptism issue with their congregation in preparation for our November 14, 2017 vote (at FNC 2017).
- Pray for our newly appointed Fellowship International missionaries seeking financial support.
- Thank you for praying for Marilyn. There has been some modest improvement with her ankle after her four month "Platelet Replacement" treatments. She still awaits her date for ankle replacement surgery.
- Katelyn was accepted to the *Bar* and is officially a lawyer. She starts her first job this Fall and is enjoying some extensive travel this Summer.
- Alec underwent major surgery to his shoulders (ski injury) in early May and is off work until August. It's been a very painful experience. Thanks for praying.
- Jessica is working on two farms on Vancouver Island and loving the "Island Life".



*VBS (photo courtesy of NorthLife Fellowship Baptist Church)*

Thank you for continuing to pray for our adult children and their spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. Your prayer ministry in our lives is a huge encouragement. Thank you!

Warmly in Christ,

Steven



*The Jones' Feb. 2017*