

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.



Visiting Calvary Baptist, Oshawa in July

I have been reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness in recent weeks. It doesn't take much effort to see His mercies each and every day.

Thank you for praying for my family and me.

The past few months have been spent preparing for our next ministry year with strategic goals identified, budgets completed, staff performance reviews done, missions personnel appointed and travel in Canada and beyond.



Preaching at Compass Church in Orangeville, ON



Bechara & Roula Karkafi

Four new long-term Fellowship missionaries were appointed in the past four months and three mid-term (one year) were sent to their fields in the past two months. We are overjoyed by the interest of our churches to send missionaries out through their missions department, Fellowship International. We need to pray for the financial partnerships needed with other Fellowship churches and donors to send out these choice servants.



Nadeem & Jamila Qazi

We also appointed 13 new Fellowship chaplains this past ministry year. The highest number of annual appointments in 40 years of Fellowship Chaplaincy history. Our chaplains enjoyed an *Enrichment Training Day* together on "Crisis Care Management" in September.



Eric & Valerie Nielsen

Our new Fellowship Foundation is one year old. It's a ministry tool to allow the Fellowship family to give or invest in the ministries of our Fellowship. Our Advancement Director, Gord Baptist (gbaptist@fellowship.ca) would love to talk with you if you are interested in leaving a legacy to our Fellowship.



Fellowship Chaplaincy Training Day



Visiting Parkville Baptist, BC in July

Marilyn and I traveled to BC in July on a tour of our churches and in August, visited our Fellowship International missionaries for the European Conference held in Spain this year. One of the great joys of this conference was seeing Salva baptized, one of their first converts under Ken and Cathy Yinger's ministry. The Yingers have been in Spain for two years, involved in church planting.



Gord Baptist, Fellowship Advancement Director

I attended four events these past few months that caused me to ponder:



Euro Conference in Spain

- Dr Hal MacBain's funeral (who was six weeks shy of his 100th birthday). One of the last of the founders of our Fellowship of churches. Thank you, Lord, for Hal. We are publishing his biography this Fall.

- Pastor Steve Baxter's funeral (57) who unexpectedly went to be with the Lord in September. Steve and I started in ministry together and have known one another over 30 years. This news was a blow ... such a godly, humble servant!

- I spent an evening at Emmanuel Baptist, Barrie, celebrating ("roasting") Brian Baxter on his retirement. Brian served as pastor, church planter, Regional and National leader for over 40 years of ministry ... what a joy to see a servant finish well!



Euro Missionaries honour Norman & Donna Nielsen after 40 years of service to Fellowship International



Baptism of Salva with missionaries Ricardo & Ken

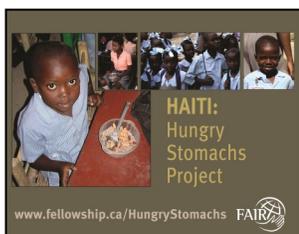


Photo with Brian Baxter and Terry Cuthbert 15 years ago!



Dr. Hal MacBain's funeral in Tillsonburg, ON

Current News



- Our Summer appeal “Jump Start”, sought to raise support to help plant a church in Eastern Quebec with a mother church in Rivière du Loup. The goal was \$30,000. We surpassed it at \$31,181
- Our current FAIR appeal (Sept.-Dec. 2016) is “Hungry Stomachs”. We are seeking to raise \$40,000 to complete a sustainable food project in Haiti. Since the Haiti earthquake, we have partnered with a Haitian Baptist Church in the daily feeding of hundreds of school children. This project allows them to buy arable land, build a security wall around the land and purchase the seed to help them grow their first crop. For more info go to www.fellowship.ca/HungryStomachs to read more and watch a video.



- Our latest *Thrive* magazine is out and its theme is "VALUES". Go online to www.fellowship.ca/Thrive to read it.
- Our National staff are busy preparing for the upcoming Day of Prayer for the Fellowship (Nov. 6) where we ask each Fellowship church to spend time in prayer in their worship service for our Movement. Go to www.fellowship.ca/dayofprayer for more details.



- Lots of prep is also going into our upcoming Fellowship National Conference (Nov. 7-9) in Niagara Falls, with speaker Dr. Paul Tripp, speaking on the ministry stressors inherent in church ministry today. Hope to see you there!



Prayer for the Next Few Months



Norman & Donna Nielsen

- Pray for our churches and the delegates at our upcoming Fellowship National Conference (Nov. 7-9) as we continue to discuss our current Membership/Baptism issue. Our National Council recently sent our churches a NEW Motion that will be discussed at our upcoming FNC 2016.



Denise and/et Luc Tétreault

- This past month we experienced two staff transitions. After 40 years of ministry with Fellowship International, Norman Nielsen moved to our FAIR department as its Associate Director ... Thank you Norman and Donna. We also welcomed Luc and Denise Tétreault from their ministry in Pakistan to their new home in Guelph at our National Ministry Centre, serving as our new Fellowship International Associate Director.



Visiting Jessica in BC

- Pray for our National staff as they travel overseas visiting missionaries in Lebanon in October.
- Pray for local churches and their commitment to reaching their community for Christ.
- Pray for new leaders to emerge to plant new churches in each of the five Regions that make up our Fellowship.
- Pray for our three training schools; Northwest in BC, Heritage in ON, and SEMBEQ in QC ...that passionate leaders will emerge in the years to come.



My two girls surfing in Tofino, BC

- Pray for four current Fellowship International missionary appointees and a couple new Fellowship chaplains, seeking financial support. This is a labour of faith, needing our commitment to prayer. Thank you.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for my Marilyn. This past August was two years since her accident and injury. She is still working hard in recovery. This past July she had to declare she was unable to go back to work at her hospital job ... that was tough.
- Katelyn works as a judicial clerk at the Provincial Appellant Court House in Saskatoon, as she continues her articling year following Law School. She is enjoying this immensely.
- Alec continues to work in the credit fraud department at the Head Office of the Mennonite Savings and Credit Union in Kitchener, ON.
- Jessica worked on an Organic Farm in Parksville, BC on Vancouver Island for the summer as part of her University of Waterloo co-op program ... or so we thought? She fell in love with the West and decided to stay there this Fall, taking a deferment from University. She is passionate about organic farming and the West. Pray for her Dad, who is desperately missing her!

Thank you for committing to pray for my family and me. We are going through a season where the “Evil One” is seeking to disappoint and distract. We really need your prayer coverage these days ... thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bless you in your ministry of prayer,



Somedays look like this?!

Steven