

*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.*



**National Staff host an Associational Rally of all English churches in Quebec, in Montreal**

The Lord is good. He is good everyday. We can all testify to this truth.

The last few months have been a busy travel time for me. I have crossed our entire nation visiting churches, pastors, leaders, donors, chaplains, five Regional Conferences and a denominational leaders retreat.



**"Selfie" with Pastor Tai & Marian of Wilmar Heights, Toronto**



**Denominational Leaders Retreat**

Our National Council has continued to shepherd our process as our churches dialogue on our current *Membership/Baptism* issue. Please keep praying for a clear pathway as our churches consider this important issue.

My Regional Conference visits were excellent:

- April 4-5: FebCentral shared news of 14 church plants in Ontario.
- April 21-22: Fellowship Pacific voted 96% for their "Partnership 2016" ... a 5 year project.
- May 5-6: Fellowship Prairies focused on the wildfires in Fort McMurray, that began 48 hours earlier.
- May 13-14: Fellowship Atlantic focused on discipleship and news on their 3 new church plants.
- June 9-10: AEBEQ (QC) Region introduced their new Regional Director, Louis Bourque.



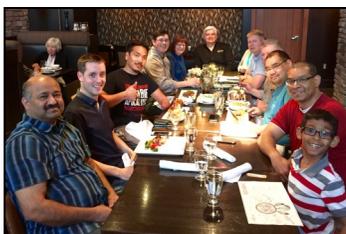
**Steve & Bob with Pastors Elino & Sam at 25th Anniversary of Mississauga Family Baptist Church**



**Membership Discussion at FebCentral Conference**



**Pacific Region votes on Partnership 2016"**



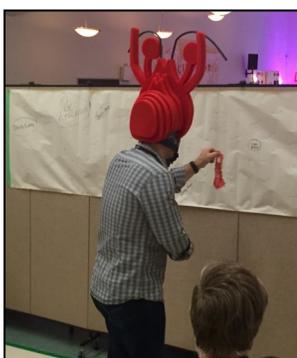
**Supper with 4 pastors and deacons of our Fort McMurray Church 2 days after wildfire starts**

I enjoyed a tour of our churches in Alberta and Saskatchewan and was amazed by the work our church in Bonneyville, AB was doing for the Fort McMurray evacuees which arrived in their town of 7,000. Our Fellowship Church was the central hub for the care of the more than 1,000 evacuees that came to their city. An unbelievable determination on the part of Pastors Dave, Ben and volunteers. Well done!

I also enjoyed traveling through Quebec with some Fellowship pastors, hoping to begin church planting partnerships between English Fellowship Churches and new French church plants. This is always an encouraging time.



**A gift for church planter, Doug Lake of Parrsboro, NS**



**Only in Atlantic Canada, "Pin the claw on the Lobster"**



**Pastor Dave and Staff at Bonneyville Baptist, AB**

We have had the joy of appointing 11 new Fellowship Chaplains in recent months. These ministry personnel are ministering in places people and pastors are forbidden to share Christ. No longer can a pastor legally share Christ in a Police Station or Airport Terminal ... our chaplains can and do.



**New Quebec (AEBEQ) RD, Louis Bourque (right)**



**English Pastors join me on a Quebec Vision Tour**



**Our Quebec Fellowship Chaplains**



**Pastors enjoying "Poutine" in old Montreal**



Veteran missionaries from Pakistan share at Missions Institute

A highlight each year is our annual Fellowship International MISSIONS INSTITUTE. Our furloughing missionaries gather for a week of enrichment. This year we also introduced six new appointees who are joining our Fellowship International family. Currently, our Director is journeying with 13 new potential missionary units. We are also sending eight mid-term (2 months to 2 years) missionaries this year. This is very encouraging. At this year's Missions Institute we honoured Susie Frey & Gisèle Laplante upon retiring from the Bulgarian field after 10 years. We also thanked Norm and Donna Nielsen after 41 years of service with Fellowship International. Norman moves to his new role in our FAIR Dept.



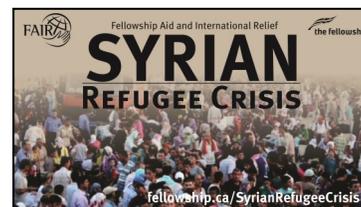
Thank you Susie & Gisèle



Pastor Dwayne Cline speaks at Missions Institute

Our Easter FAIR appeal, "Filling the Gaps" is a capital project (goal: \$75,000) for our maternal care hospital in Shikarpur, Pakistan. To date our generous donors have sent \$100,170. PTL! More renovations can now be done. Thank you.

Our FAIR Syrian Refugee appeal has raised \$126,000 for relief work (ie. food, medical packs, tents etc.) in a Refugee camp in Lebanon. Please consider a donation online at: [www.fellowship.ca/fillingthegaps](http://www.fellowship.ca/fillingthegaps)



Our current Fellowship appeal (May-August 2016) "Jump Start" (goal is \$30,000) is seeking to raise funds toward a church plant in E. Quebec through our church in Rivière du Loup. Currently we have raised just over \$17,000 toward this project .... Please consider donation by going online to [www.fellowship.ca/jumpstart](http://www.fellowship.ca/jumpstart)

Our Spring/Summer Thrive magazine: "Legacy: Leaving your Imprint", included stories of lasting investment in the Kingdom. You can go online to [www.fellowship.ca/thrive](http://www.fellowship.ca/thrive) to read this magazine.



One BIG new item was the wedding of Wendy MacDonell who has worked in our office for over 25 years ... Richard Piette and Wendy were married in May and the whole Fellowship National Staff were there to cheer them on!



Wendy & Richard Piette

**Prayer for the Next Few Months**

- The next few months will include travel, planning for 2017, raising funds among our churches for our Fellowship International missionaries, and some vacation.
- Marilyn and I will visit some of our churches on Vancouver Island in July and visit all our European-based missionaries in August at a Conference in Spain. Please pray for safety.



Staff cheering on Wendy!



Katelyn's Graduation Day

- Pray for Marilyn and her continued recovery. It's been 22 months since her terrible fall. There have been some improvements along with disappointments.

PRAY for our kids:

- Katelyn graduated from Law School in June and is working as a Judicial Clerk at the Provincial Court House in Saskatoon for one year (her year to article before the bar) working for 16 judges. A challenging year ahead for my girl, but I'm certain she is ready for it.
- Adrian finished University as well and was accepted into the Civil Engineering program. An answer to prayer.
- Alec just spent 3 weeks touring many of the Greek Islands and satisfying his passion: Greek and Roman history.
- Jessica is working on an "Organic Farm" in Parksville, BC for 4 months and is loving it. Farming methods like in the "good old" days.



Alec



Jessica the "Farm Girl"

Thank you for continuing to pray for my family and I. Knowing I have a Prayer Partner Team praying for us is a huge encouragement. Bless you

for your ministry of prayer.

Grace and Peace,

*Steve Dries*

