



“You Have the Right to Know”

René Déziel

Dawson Creek, BC, Exhibition grounds

If someone was hiring a vendor for lottery tickets, there would be no better salesperson than someone who had won the big prize. The thought comes to me as I realize all that I possess as a Christian. I realize all that I have obtained through salvation in Jesus and I tell myself that others around me need to know and receive all that I received. It brings to mind a tract – “You have the right to know” – this declaration I repeat to myself numerous times.

Certainly when I share the gospel, I have to contain myself and hold back, knowing the great value of what is contained, covered, and implied in this gospel which we present to the world. I want to remind myself as well of the spiritual needs of each person created in the image of God but separated, deprived of the Spirit of Life because of sin. I like to run through my head Sylvain’s exhortation to persevere in our job of proclaiming the Good News, because we are witnesses of a divine appointment, that is to say, a meeting entirely orchestrated by God.

When I was first converted I dreamed of having a festival like “Woodstock” where all participants could hear, understand, and accept the gospel. In a completely different way the Lord raised up an organization like FCF. *(Continued on page 14)*

Photo at right: Frank Hayhoe gets down to the level of his audience as he speaks to attentive school children at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.



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President's Message

Mike Sweeney

Can we make a difference ... an eternal difference?

The thought is mind staggering but the answer is a resounding **yes!**

We affect eternity for eternity is within each of us, we are made in His image and likeness; God is spirit, and (Heb.9) says spirit is eternal, the apostle Paul prayed in Thessalonians "That our whole spirit, soul and body would be preserved blameless ..." Man's spirit and soul are eternal; they will never cease to exist – either in heaven or hell.

Since God is not only a God of love, but He is Love (1 John 4) why then would He place such accountability on the fallibility of mankind to choose his own destiny for eternity? Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13: "Love does not seek its own", or in a more modern translation: "Love does not insist on its own way." God, [Love] will not insist that man chooses heaven, even though He desires that all men be saved (1Tim.2). He will only have those who freely choose Him to live and reign with Him for eternity, but how vast and how long is eternity? We cannot get our mind around it for it's as big as the One who created it, but I have sat and pondered it several times.

The great old hymn, *Amazing Grace*, penned by John Newton and sung in the mid 1700's says, when we've been there 10,000 years we have no less time... Ten thousand years is a long long time when we consider that mankind has just entered into the seventh millennium since God created Adam ... what about a million years, a billion, or even a trillion? In our day and age these numbers are common in our vocabulary; million dollar lotteries are won each week, there are over 1800 billionaires in the world and nations are trillions of dollars in debt. We throw these numbers around with little thought of their magnitude, but just how big are they?

Using one hundred dollar bills lying flat it would take a stack three and a half feet high to make a million dollars, one billion dollars would reach a height of 3,640 feet or almost three quarters of a mile, how about a trillion? That stack would need to be 630 miles high ... ninety times higher than the average jet flying at an altitude of 37,000 feet or 7 miles. One more fact: if you were able to save \$40,000 a year, it would take you 25 million years to bank one trillion dollars. When a man or woman is in heaven or hell ten trillion years they will have no less time than the day they entered... ETERNITY - timeless, endless, forevermore!

We are on a collision course with the enemy of mankind, we must not be of those who draw back, but of those who believe in the saving of man's soul (Heb. 10). Fellowship of Christian Farmers can and is making a difference, BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE FROM COAST TO COAST!

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From the Desk of Bill Brown

Be an Encourager

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thess 5:11 (ESV)

What better time to write a column on being an encourager, than a few weeks after being involved in

two of the largest events on the FCF calendar. The International Plowing Match in Finch, ON in September and the largest event in the US, the Sunbelt Ag Expo, which took place the middle of October in Moultrie, GA. Shows this large take lots of workers (volunteers) of which we had a couple of hundred, how easy it would be to say unkind words when the days drag on. Instead, I heard lots of “thanks, can I help, sure appreciate what you’re doing” and most of all, “enjoyed working with you and when will we work together again.”

What a pleasure to work with members whose love for the Lord is evident and whose desire is that others come to know Christ and have the same daily experience of knowing Him as Savior. It’s amazing what a smile on our face, a hug (what a shame we can’t hug everyone but try to hug only workers as per our abuse policy) and kind words can do. In **Proverbs 16:24** we read **“Gracious words**

are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” (ESV)

We each need to be encouraged. These are trying times we live in to say the least, but what a joy to know the Lord. I want to thank each of you, from staff to board members and volunteers for keeping your eyes on the goal and your hands on the plough.

I end this with a couple of thoughts **“*encouraging one another, even more as you see the Day drawing near.*” Hebrews 10:25a**

May I suggest that we use encouraging words when speaking with others in the same way we speak to Christians, that they may ask the reason for our joy.

My prayer is that each of you will have a blessed holiday season, that you’ll take a few days off for rest and come back refreshed in 2016 ready to serve.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things,
Bill Brown

Bill is a former dairy farmer. He and his wife Kathy live in Marcy, NY. Bill brought FCF to Canada in the year 2000. He serves with FCFI as an area leader for the northeastern US, and as an agent for FCFC.

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James 2 says, loving one another is the ROYAL LAW and Paul says in 1 Corinthians that love NEVER FAILS. At a rib fest this summer one of our volunteers asked the vendor beside us if she had ever heard the story of the beads, her only response was “Your kind doesn’t like us.” He asked “How is that?”... “Because I’m a lesbian.” With great kindness and gentleness he said to her “Did I say I didn’t like you?” She looked him hard and long in the face until finally tears started to well up in her eyes, and he asked her again “Would you like to hear the story of the beads?”... “Yes” was her reply. Part way through the presentation she broke down and wept and he finished off by leading her in the sinner’s prayer. Later that day her co-worker came into our tent; all he said was, “You will never know the impact you had on my friend today” as he dropped \$5.00 into our donation box. Love, [God] has the power and capacity to change one’s destiny for eternity.



News from Quebec

Gleaned from QC Fieldman Sylvain Couture's report:

Four hundred volunteers coming from 80 churches have presented the gospel to 56,000 people in a period of 116 days at 30 events. More than 5,500 New Testaments were given out.

New additions to our calendar of events this year were L'International Bromont, Beauce Agricultural Fair, Montmagny Provincial Exhibition, Jean Talon Market (Quebec City) and National Women's Shows in Montreal and Quebec City.

Some testimonies:

Last spring, while I was presenting the ministry at a church in St-Georges de Beauce with the object of recruiting volunteers, a young couple in their early twenties came to our information table. They had broad smiles and told us they had been Christians for less than two years. After asking them if they had ever heard of FCF, they told us that we had shared the message with them at "Famille en forme" three years ago. They told me that this was the seed that began their journey to conversion.

Hearing this was a real reward, joy and blessing, knowing well that each year we have hundreds of excellent contacts who don't instantly give their life to God (some do) but like a seed, it is only a question of time before they become a child of God. It makes us believe that one day there will be a very abundant harvest on the day the Holy Spirit visits them (1 Peter 2:12).

A young volunteer named Roxanne was with us to share the gospel for the first time. She was nervous, lacking assurance, and had difficulty expressing herself. When all others were busy in the booth, a visitor came and she had her first opportunity.

In the middle of the presentation she drew a blank and could not remember the rest of the story. The visitor tried to encourage her even if he didn't know the significance of the five colours. He left with a smile and told her that she had done well.

Roxanne was somewhat discouraged, feeling that she had failed. But the visitor returned an hour later bringing six or seven others with him. He told them, "Listen to what these people have to tell you; it is very interesting and most important." He stood behind the group and made sure they listened.

When they left the booth Roxanne was "floating on air" and had a big smile ... and so did we. The Lord used this experience to reinforce her faith and encourage her to keep going.

In Montmagny a lady visited the booth and seemed quite receptive to the message but felt she could get to heaven only by her good works. After explaining the gospel using John 3:16 and 1 John 5:13, our volunteer offered her a New Testament with the cover "God Loves the World". She plucked it from his hands and read: "God Loves the World! Yes! I want to have that!" On leaving the booth, she was questioned about her faith by another volunteer who did not realize that she had already spoken with someone. He asked her a couple of questions: "If you were to die tonight – are you certain to go to heaven?" She responded, "I am 150% certain!" "Why should God let you into heaven?" She answered: "Because Jesus has done it all for me!"

Simply by the presentation of the five colours, this woman understood that it was not because of her good works that she would go to heaven, but only because of the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Without our knowing who, hundreds of people are touched like this, and God alone knows their hearts. Pray that God will water and cause these precious seeds to grow.



Expo Saint-Hyacinthe, QC, 2015 Michel Gagnon

One of our volunteers, Johanne, shared the following :

A man was observing the booth with hesitation and keeping his distance. Then when I smiled at him he declared, "You are everywhere! I saw you even in Ontario," and he added, "I would like to know exactly what you are

doing today."

Then he came closer and listened intently as the five colours were explained. I would like to thank my brothers and sisters in Ontario and other towns in Quebec who have participated in evangelism at various events. Your participation aroused the curiosity of this man. Without these various events this man would likely not have heard the Good News. An experience like this greatly encourages me to persevere from year to year.

The Saint-Hyacinthe Chapter shared the gospel with 8,773 visitors this year.



Bas Saint Laurent (Lower St. Laurence) Chapter, QC David Tremblay

We have shared the gospel with 8,800 people over the last three years. However, as very few of these people have visited our churches, we could have the tendency to be discouraged. Yet, we must not lose sight of the fact that "the

word of God does not return void, but shall accomplish that which God pleases". (Isaiah 55:11) Moreover, as faith is a gift of God and it does not come from us (Eph 2:8), we are called to worship and rejoice for the good works that God has prepared in advance, and for the opportunity to help carry them out. (Eph 2:10). To God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be all the honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen!



Central Plains Chapter, MB Cornie & Cheryl Sawatzky

Austin Thresherman's Reunion and Stampede

God has been so good to us by allowing us another year where we could share the gospel message with hundreds of people. As we do this show every year we realize there are more and more people who have never heard about Jesus. This year we seemed to have a number of people who challenged us about it just being a myth. But we also had some who were very interested and whom we encouraged to find a church.



South Central Ontario Chapter by Wayne McConnachie

– In honour of our Lord Jesus Christ –

Summary of 2015

God has been good to us. What a great year we're having in 2015 in South Central Ontario. The chapter has been very active sharing the gospel in the following communities this year: Toronto (2 events), Keswick (2 events), Sutton (2 events), Aurora, Alliston, Schomberg, Barrie, Elmvale (2 events), Midland, Collingwood & Orangeville. We believe that our participation in these communities is making a huge difference.



Jared Armstrong on the drill press

Gideons have teamed up with us to further the gospel, and we have made some inroads to working relationships with some churches.

To close out our year, we will finish with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto – just days ahead, where we're expecting to share with thousands more alongside our other FCF colleagues. The chapter will then have its Annual General Meeting in December. Throughout the winter you will find the chapter preparing for the 2016 year. We look forward to be doing even more outreaches as we target new communities to spread God's love to a world in need. I'm encouraged with how the Lord has been able to

At the beginning of the year the chapter began making its sticks in Peterborough, but by the Spring we moved our efforts to Minesing. Since then, lots of new people have come out this year to do the physical work at Cliff & Dove Money's place in Minesing. Many helpers have made it possible for us to do all our shows – we've handed out 16,315 gifts to people thus far in 2015 (most of those walking sticks) and have set aside another 15,000 gifts needed for the upcoming Royal Winter Fair.

Many new faces have come out to share the gospel with our chapter this year – 96 first-time volunteers with FCF sharing the gospel – WOW! It's been a real pleasure working with others in the Body of Christ. Many wonderful



Frank Hayhoe in Midland – Canada Day

use us all to fulfill His plan and purpose.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those precious volunteers making our sticks and supplies which make our events possible; and a big thank you to all the volunteers who pray for us, support us, and work our events.

To God be the glory!

Blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen and amen



Cliff Money, Keswick street festival

Realization: True Freedom in Jesus Christ by Flo Coles

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

When we believe in Jesus Christ to be our personal Savior, He walks and talks with us from day to day. I can be guilty of not walking and talking with a friend because of busyness, distance or even allergies. But if we really take time to look, to see, we will see that He was thinking of us, and even planning our relationship first in the beginning of time.

Sometimes we can make sharing our faith in Jesus more difficult than it actually is. Jesus is the wonderful savior, we are the sinners separated from God and Jesus, and the Son of God provided the way back into relationship with the Father when he came to be the sacrificial lamb for our sins 2000 years ago.

I remember being grieved with political correctness when we were told not to speak publicly of Jesus, and not to pray publicly in Jesus' Name. It was a grief at first, then it became obedience, and then we lost our saving grace in the schools and in government because the power of Jesus' Name fell by the wayside to political correctness.

Then ONE DAY, a native leader spoke up about injustices in his life of separation from family, from his tribal language, from his culture. But to each injustice and wound in his

life, he persevered through to speak forth forgiveness and blessing for the sake of the next generation, for the sake of the children. What he did next surprised me. As he raised his right hand, he shouted over and over, "Freedom, Freedom, Freedom." That man was Billy Diamond from Quebec. His shout was like a diamond chip into the lie that had grieved me, that had paralyzed me in the joy of my faith.

Something broke off within my soul; it was the lie, that the message of the Blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ had lost its power. It was the lie, that the name of Jesus was no longer politically correct. It was the lie to the fear I had believed that I could be shamed and ridiculed if I testified publicly of Jesus Christ when in reality it is Jesus who sets the prisoners free.

It was shortly after that The Walking Stick Ministry came to our area and we became involved to share the message of compassion in love and grace calling out to our communities Freedom, Freedom, Freedom in Jesus.

Flo Coles works with the Bancroft Chapter in Ontario.

Bancroft Chapter Ross & Donna Rutledge



This past summer has been a great year for sharing the gospel as well as hearing testimonies of other believers. One couple we talked to said they were new believers and shared with us that they finally realized the importance of going to church and their relationship with the Lord – it is all about forgiveness. It was absolutely amazing to see the light bulb come on. A highlight for us was at a couple of different fairs we were able to share the gospel story with our local MP and MPP, as well as the candidate running for the liberal party.

Our Vision: FCF-Canada will train and equip Christians, through local chapters, to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.



Red Deer Chapter, Alberta

Donna Hegge

“Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and make manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.” (2 Cor. 2:14)

Our Red Deer Chapter has been greatly encouraged this past summer! Instead of focusing primarily on the Red Deer Market, we extended our outreach to the Tractor Pull in Lacombe and the Bentley Centennial Celebration. This proved to be just the thing we needed to do to promote the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in the outlying farming communities. It was also wonderful to have Christians in these areas join us in evangelism.

There are countless stories that one could tell as we share the Gospel with so many! I'll just share a couple of incidents that really stand out in my mind. In Bentley, a woman came into the tent & listened ever so intently to the presentation. She looked so happy as we said good-bye. Then, the very next day she pulled up in front of the tent and brought two friends with her. She said: “Please tell them the story that you shared with me yesterday”! Wow!! Another amazing incident was at our last Red Deer Market of the season. A young woman was very interested in all we had to show and tell. She told me that she was visiting Alberta & that her family ran a farm in Owen Sound, Ontario. When very young (4 or 5 yrs. old) she remembered attending a Ploughing Match with her family &



Donna and Mélanie

visited the booth of FCF. She felt that it was a 'divine appointment' to run into us, after all these years, on the other side of Canada! She was delighted to hear the story and happily left with a Gospel of John & a necklace with a red cross!

Once again we had the joy of having East meet West! Mélanie Maltais visited us from Quebec and was a great blessing at the Bentley Centennial in August. Then in Sept. we were visited one Sunday by Jacques and Jeanne Boulianne, along with their daughter Marianne. What an enjoyable time of fellowship we had!

Now we are looking forward to Agri-trade (11 to 14 Nov.). For the first time I can happily say that we have sufficient help! A good many who are coming to strengthen our team are those whom we met and received support from during the summer! What a great joy it is to work together with others who love the Lord Jesus and are passionate about reaching the lost for His glorious, eternal Kingdom! The days are growing so dark! How much time do we yet have to sow these precious seeds of Truth?! Let's go forward boldly, taking advantage of every open door that we are given!



Our team at the Bentley Centennial

God at Work in British Columbia

Henry & Carol Janzen

We just wanted to share a faith miracle with you folks in answer to your prayers for a new chapter in B.C.

After being invited to start a new chapter in the Fraser Valley, a few Gideons met at a local A&W Restaurant to discuss how we might make this happen in time for the Abbotsford Agrifair held annually on the August long week-end. We all felt we would need to come up with about \$3000 to cover costs.

One member suggested we hold a car wash, another suggested we each make a personal donation, etc. The car wash would net us about \$200.00 and as we went around the table for personal donations we could only come up with about \$500.00. All that was not going to provide much of a dent in our required \$3000.00. So with that we all agreed to go home to pray and to seek God's further direction before we could proceed any farther.

When Carol & I returned home and got on our knees together, it was as if God Himself was speaking to both of us at the same time, telling us to just step out by faith and accept the challenge to start the chapter ourselves. By faith we requested Wayne Clark send us the necessary paperwork for submission to begin a chapter ourselves. After we filled it out and returned it to Wayne we visited our Accountant to complete our 2014 income tax return. To our amazement, he suggested another avenue of medical tax relief which to that date we had never even considered! When the required medical forms were completed by my diabetic specialist, and returned to the accountant, he proceeded to seek authorization from Revenue Canada for this exemption for us.

While we waited for Revenue Canada's reply, Carol & I committed the entire refund of whatever it might be to the Lord for this new ministry venture. We were only going to pay the Accountant his requested \$265.00 and deposit the balance into our "Master has need of it" account we had already set up. Of course we thought this may only amount to possibly as



much as 2 or 3 thousand dollars. We could hardly believe it when we received our Revenue Canada refund cheque of nearly \$14,000.00 !!

With some of those funds we were able to purchase a light weight (only 400 lbs.) all aluminum trailer to pull behind our 4 cylinder import. We also got a deal on some 10 ft. commercial H.D. steel racks for only \$100.00 and an offer from a local Christian farmer friend of ours to use his barn at N/C to store our trailer and the rack with all our ministry supplies!

By now we have been able to enter our booth in 2 events, the Abbotsford Agrifair, and a local Saturday morning Farmer's Market in Mission B.C. Together with the help of numerous Gideon friends we have had the joy of sharing the Gospel with well over 2100 guests and have been able to lead a number of folks into a first time, brand new, relation with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives!!

We have also witnessed several of our volunteers grow in their faith in Jesus as a result of sharing the Gospel with others, sometimes for their first time ever.

So all this to say that in Carol's and in my life, we have again been shown very clearly that God not only "owns the cattle on a thousand hills" but, that He also owns those thousand hills on which the cattle are grazing!! God owns everything!! And, He can provide the impossible. He can make a way where there is no way! "More than we can ask or imagine!"

Niagara Chapter Bob & Kelly Foster

We are sincerely grateful to the Lord as we continue to enjoy the freedom of sharing the gospel message under the umbrella of the FCFC. Once again we praise the Lord for His faithfulness to hear and answer our continued prayers to work in the lives of those we witness to, that their hearts might be ready to receive Jesus!

One of our chapter members, Ken, told of two friends who came for a walking stick at the Ridgeway festival. The one woman was saved, her friend was not. After hearing the gospel message, the unsaved woman responded in faith, praying to receive Jesus as her Lord and Saviour! When Ken looked up after praying, the other friend was crying. She explained her tears of joy as she had been praying for her friend's salvation for many years!

A similar testimony was realized at the Welland County Fair. Kevin had shared the gospel message to a teen that had been helping his praying mother, who was a vendor there. This Christian Mom witnessed her son's salvation that day...but not only her one son! The following day Jason brought his brother and father to hear the gospel message and they too prayed!

Paul said in Acts 26:18 that he was called *"to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me."*

And so we pray that God will open eyes and people will turn from darkness to the

light...Jesus is that Light! We pray that many will receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among the saints through God's gift of faith which is found in and through Christ alone...For He *Is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one can come to the Father, but by Him!* (John 14:6)

And then we "Go" and "preach the gospel to everyone" that God brings our way! (Mark 16:15)

Our walking stick is a reminder that we are to walk by faith. By faith, we can have confidence in Him to do according to His will, as we speak the Truth of the gospel message, knowing this that *"Faith Comes By Hearing, Hearing by the Word of God!"* (Romans 10:17)

We thank God as we witnessed people whose eyes were opened to receive forgiveness of their sins and a new life in Christ this summer. We continue to pray that they will grow in Jesus and His Word, *"being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ!"* (Philippians 1:6)



Ken Pridham & Kathy Washburn

Calendar of Events

Mar 2-8, 2016, Western Fair Farm show, London, ON
Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340

Mar 8-10, 2016, Ottawa Valley Farm Show, Ottawa, ON
Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067

Apr 15-17, 2016 AGM & Spring Conference, Dalkeith, ON
FCFC office, 819-242-8063

From Life to Life

We're sad to hear of the passing of **Blake McDonald**, Nov 14, who made walking sticks and shared the gospel with the Grand Lake Chapter in NB. Blake dedicated his life to serving his God, family, church and community. We extend our sympathies to his dear wife of 62 years, Nancy, and all the family.

Lanark County, ON Garry Boyce

This is picture of Al Brown at our work shop space donated by Earl & Trudy Coleman. Al has been involved with FCFC Lanark Chapter since 2003. Lanark Chapter has presented the Gospel thousands of times & have seen many people accept Jesus into their lives.

It takes a dedicated team to do the job.

Al is our dedicated man behind the scenes, who makes all our walking sticks & hockey sticks, fish emblems & crosses. Al does a fine job, he sands & stains all his work. All I can say is thank you Al & may God bless You.

Along with Al we have many more wonderful devoted people who set up & take down the tent as well as present the Gospel.



Dawson Creek, BC Exhibition & Stampede

Johanne MacKiddie and Edith Clark traveled to BC to help with this event. We received the following note from Gerry Langevin, the local coordinator:

I want to say how much of a blessing it was and how much those of us who participated enjoyed the ministry and the fellowship in the blessing of the Lord. During the event we were able to share the Gospel with many people and lead a number to the Lord.

And from Michelle: *Thank you again for investing your time and resources into training our little group in Dawson Creek. I am excited about continuing to help share the gospel again and again. You have shown me how simple and non-threatening we can share some simple truths. Also, to not be hung up on seeing immediate results. One sows, another waters and another reaps. So wonderful!*
At left: Rod and Gerry in front of the FCF tent with a friend.

A Visit to the Maritimes Wayne Clark

Recently we visited family in Newfoundland. Along the way we had fellowship with members of the Grand Lake and Central Nova Chapters. It was a time of sharing experiences and aspirations for the future of FCFC. It was a privilege to attend worship services with both Colleen and Roy and Leona.

Chris Gilmore of the Grand Lake Chapter wrote:

We were really blessed to be at four events this year ... folks are really seeking and asking lots of questions. It is a joy to be out sharing the GOOD NEWS of our

Lord and seeking Him. I love how folk's eyes light up as we tell the old time story, and the story becomes brand new in them. Thank you Lord for allowing us to be your witnesses and ALL the Glory to our precious Lord and Saviour! AMEN!



International Plowing Match (IPM), Finch, ON



Our decorations reflected the IPM theme:
“Link to the Past, Look to the Future”

Our sign reads:

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8**



This family stopped to hear the message
& the girls were happy to receive crowns

5,500 people heard the gospel.
Over 75 volunteers worked at the event
and, as always, there were many more
supporters behind the scenes: recruiting,
scheduling, preparing materials, praying, and
contributing financially.

Those who worked in the tent expressed what a joy it was to share their faith. Verona, one of our long-time volunteers, spoke with a young woman who had been involved in the New Age movement. After hearing the gospel message, she began to cry. She said, “This is what I have been looking for. Now I know the truth!” She prayed to accept Christ.



Verona

Johanne said: “I have a word of praise and thanks. I have been helping out at the training sessions. It’s wonderful to see the transformation - I see volunteers come for training, a little nervous, then I see them at the show sharing the gospel with people. I love to see their faces at the end of the day – they are full - they are glowing!”



Johanne



René

René said: “Let me share through a rookie’s eyes. I recruited at church and got no response. I felt discouraged, then I saw the vets in the field, they weren’t worried. They said God will send the workers. And He did! People came to the tent, people with concerns like me and I got to share with them. A woman came and said, “Can I get sticks for my co-workers? They’re working and can’t leave our tent.” My shift had just finished, so I took some sticks and went to the RCMP tent. I thanked them for the security they bring to the grounds and said, “You can’t come to us but we can come to you.” I presented the gospel to all four officers, and they accepted Christ that day!

Mission Trip to ECHO

ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) has a creative working farm in Fort Myers, FL, where they experiment with plants and develop techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries; they are helping the poor help themselves. Each fall, Bill & Kathy Brown organize a team to work at the farm.

Laurie May Shepherd, with Chester Wormald, FCF-Canada Members from St. Catherine's, ON, wrote of their experience:

Tearful hugs and goodbyes are part of any mission trip, even though we had never met the team, when we did it was like being home with family. Neither Chester nor I had expectations of what to expect at ECHO. I can say from my personal experience it was like looking into the wonders of God. I wondered what The Garden of Eden must have looked like as each plant had a purpose for food, medicine, shelter and fuel. I came home with thankfulness for the food we have in our country.

I would like to say thanks to the great team we had. Members came from NY, IN, SC and Canada with each one having a special place in my heart. Our team harvested food, and prepared the grounds and buildings for the upcoming International Conference of 185 missionaries from third world countries, who are seeking more beneficial ways to feed villages and improve nutrition. ECHO's mission is to not only feed the world but to introduce the gospel message.

We had plenty of laughs with all of us calling in sick on the next to last day. Of course wouldn't you know that our devotion that day was on truth (we started each day with devotions). We did go into work and had a great day. I would encourage each of you to consider a mission trip in 2016. It's a life changing experience.

Photos at right:

- 1) Group picture in front of resort all dressed up ready for church on Sunday morning.
- 2) Laurie May Shepherd (rt) & Suzanne Pasano harvesting chaya. It is used for salads. It is high in iron, potassium and calcium. Can also be used to make tea. Easily grown in developing countries.
- 3) Chester Wormald, our resident electrician, wiring new offices at ECHO. There is always a need for all types of skills on mission trips. A job for everyone.



Help the Sheep Find “The Way”

Wayne Clark, Executive Director

Each year we have been able to say that this is the best year yet: more people volunteering, new chapters, and most of all, more people reached for Jesus, people who are “harassed and helpless”, lost sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). It has been our privilege to point them to the real shepherd – the Good Shepherd.

I could provide a variety of statistics and illustrations of what the hand of God has enabled FCF to do. However, instead, I would like to look at what can be done in 2016 and beyond. I am confident that we will be able to touch more communities and thereby more people.

We need to be open and ready to take on the tasks wherever God leads. There are many areas of our country where the FCF banner is not unfurled. The provinces of Saskatchewan and Newfoundland had no FCF presence this year. There is room for growth and new chapters in most of the other provinces. People with vision are needed as fieldmen in all of these regions.

The occult, evil social pressures, and materialism are all out there drawing people down the wide road. The FCF booth, in many cases, is the only Christian witness at public events, pointing people to the Saviour.

We ask you to pray, volunteer, and if the Lord enables, help carry the financial load. Christian brothers and sisters like you enable the work to continue. Thank-you!

The doors are still open. Will you partner with us?

“How shall they hear unless someone tells them?” Romans 10:14



“You Have the Right to Know” René Déziel *(Continued from page 1)*

This Fellowship allows us to present the gospel to hundreds and thousands of people in a setting and approach that I never would have imagined ... a Woodstock festival adapted to spiritual needs of Quebec.

Let's realize that the festivals and fairs are not organized by us, and others pay the costs of running the event. The Lord in His sovereignty and grace allows us to join in and have the opportunity to work. I really appreciate those who laid the foundation for this work.

I have a heart for evangelism in my community, my region, and throughout Quebec. In spite of the complexity of geography, religions, politics, and search for identity, all have the right to hear this message.

Sometimes it happens that I miss a divine appointment and realize it later. How I regret it when this happens! It helps me appreciate the rendezvous that I do not miss, being the numerous exceptional occasions as

happens with FCF. I am learning and I will always continue to learn.

The words of Romans 10:14 keep coming to me: “How will they believe if they don't hear the message?” Learn to sow like the sower in Mark 4:14-20. Sow everywhere, and keep our eyes on the fruits of the ministry and not on the seed which at times seems to be producing nothing.

Statistics remind me of the necessity and urgency to seed. This summer, I attended a baptism where FCF played a role in this man's coming to salvation. On another occasion, a couple, on hearing the message for the fourth time suddenly had the lights come on.

And for all the volunteers who send out the call, what a joy it is to witness the divine appointments which they experience with visitors and with God and His message.

Lord, this is my prayer: Lord, that all the open doors remain open. Open other doors. “They have the right to know!”



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

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This is the Good News that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers shares with everyone who stops at our booth or tent. We use five colours as a reminder.



We start with the gold. Gold reminds us of heaven, a beautiful place with no sin, pain, or sorrow. A place where Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." God wants us to go there too: "God so loved the world (us) that he gave his only begotten Son" (God's gift to us that first Christmas). John 3:16



But we have a problem! Sin separates us from God and thereby separates us from heaven. And the bad news is that we are all guilty. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23



What is the solution? Red – the blood of Christ. Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ came into the world. He led a perfect life and he was crucified for you and me to pay the penalty for our sin.



If we believe this in our hearts, admit we are sinners and ask forgiveness, God has promised to forgive us, and in His sight we are now pure as the white colour represents. This is the good news! This is a free **gift** and, like any other gift, if we don't take it we don't get it! Jesus Christ offers salvation to everyone but only those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord receive the gift of salvation.



And finally the green: Spiritual Growth. If we believe, we want to grow to know God better. Things that help us grow are praying, reading and studying the Bible, worshipping with others, being good neighbours, and telling others the Good News.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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