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"A Sower went out to sow his seed" Luke 8:5



The vision of FCFC is to train and equip Christians, through local chapters, to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.

Lesson from Stick Transformation

By Bert Visscher, Trillium Chapter

On June 6, we, the Trillium Chapter from the Exeter area had a day of preparing sticks for upcoming shows and to help out the new chapter in Chatham Kent. We had a total of 15 people



come out. Various tasks were divided out: 4 people on the routers rounding the ends of the walking sticks, 4 people drilling holes, 1 on quality control and sanding, 2 people on bundling and tying, 2 on staining, 1 "gofer", and another moving sticks to keep everyone going. We started at about 10:30 am and worked till about 3:30 pm with 30 plus minutes for pizza and break. By the end of the day we had processed about 6,000 walking sticks. A job well done and a thank-you to all involved.

Now in reading the above you probably were surprised at the mention of staining our sticks. Let me explain.

A few years ago, when we got

our shipment of sticks, unfortunately some pallets of sticks came that were old, badly discoloured, and just not usable. We informed the shipper of the problem and were told to take them off the bill of sale. They were designated for the burn pile but someone suggested we stain them and thus perhaps we could use them.

Well, there are a lot of parallels between us and those sticks. All of us are black with sin. Totally unusable. Designated for Hell. But! For the blood of His Son. If we allow ourselves to be washed in the blood of His Son then God can use us. Just like the story of Saul in the Bible. Saul changed when he met Jesus. A persecutor of the church became a preacher and teacher for Jesus. Maybe you have thought about using a gift for God and have heard Satan whisper "really?" Don't be discouraged. We are all unlikely instruments of God's Grace. Just like those ugly unusable sticks, once stained, now they are coveted by all. Your life too can be transformed by the Creator of the Universe.

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Changes, But the Work Goes On

Wayne Clark, Executive Director

The FCFC conference is over for another year. We thank God for all of those present and for the many encouraging testimonies from chapters across the country. God is good!

Major change in Quebec: Sylvain Couture, the Quebec fieldman, had planned and was in the process of training his re-



placement in the year 2020. But for personal reasons, he decided to leave in April of 2019. From 2008-2019, Sylvain agreed to become the first Quebec fieldman. We thank him for his work, and dedication to God and to the ministry through which thousands of Christians throughout Quebec responded to God's call for evangelization. Reorganisation of the Quebec

ministry began. We thank Robert Doran who accepted to become interim fieldman. We also thank Jessynia Théagène for continuing her apprenticeship which started with Sylvain in November 2017 and now under the leadership of Robert Doran. They are both doing a great job of continuing the work of the ministry in Quebec. Please continue to pray for them as they use their talents for the Lord.

On the weekend of May 3-5, Edith and I travelled to Verner in northern Ontario, the location of this year's International Plowing Match. Located mid-way between North Bay and Sudbury, it is five or six hours away from the nearest FCF chapter. The IPM was FCF's first event in Canada going back to the year 2000. This year will mark the 20th consecutive time that FCF has been present at this event as it moves all over Ontario. Organizing the outreach for this has always been a challenge and, because of distance, this year promises to be even more so. However, we are encouraged that a half dozen individuals from the area have volunteered to help (one even wants to make sticks). The Gideon camp in Sudbury is also ready to help.

We thank God for the unity of the board and for each one of you. Continue to pray for healing for Melissa's back and that God will provide new workers to replace old horses like me. Blessings to all!

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How's Your Ride?

By Bill Brown, FCFI Area Leader

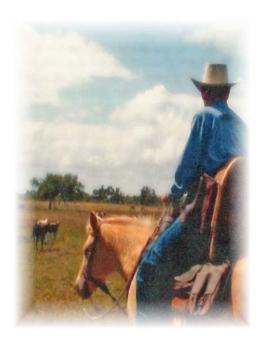
The Fellowship of Christian Farmers lost a very special friend the first week of May. Pastor Randy Johnson, founder and owner of Reality Ranch located in Zolfo Springs, FL., passed away after struggling with his health for five months. He was confined to a wheel chair for the last forty-five years of his life, as a result of a diving accident at the age of Many hearts have been turned towards heaven because of his never wavering desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ. For the past 10 years the Fellowship of Christian Farmers spent a week each November working at the ranch. We've had the privilege of helping repair buildings after hurricanes, building new facilities, and the never - ending chore of maintaining the ranch and rodeo facilities. Lots of work, but always a pleasure to serve. Pastor Randy reached many through the rodeo ministry at the ranch. His passing left a void in Kathy's and my life.

You'll find a picture and poem on this page, showing Pastor Randy riding one of his favorite horses, I took it from the funeral service program. He was able to ride with the help of a specially constructed saddle. He was a true cowboy but an even better Christian.

His humble attitude and quick smile encouraged many. The title of this poem "How's Your Ride?" is my question to each of you. Pastor Randy had an excuse to slack off, although he never did. But, how about you and me? Kathy and I have been reading Ezekiel 33 with special interest in the first nine verses in our morning devotion time. It talks about the responsibility of being a Watchman. The times we live in are perilous at best and we need to do all we can to blow the horn, warning others of the coming danger. Each day people enter into eternity and I'm sure many are not prepared. The busy summer schedule is upon us and let's do all we can to serve as a Watchman. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers has given us the needed tools. now it's up to us to use them.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things.

Randy's Ride



Life should not be
a journey to the grave
with the intention on arriving safely
in a pretty and well-preserved body,
but rather to skid in broadside
in a cloud of smoke,
thoroughly used up,
totally worn out
and proudly exclaiming:

"Wow! What a Ride!"

Recruiting Punjabi Speaking Volunteers for Canada Day

Henry & Carol Janzen Fraser Valley Chapter & BC Fieldman

Our faithful volunteers, Ed & Norma Plett, FCFC's National Board Vice President and his wife, have offered to spearhead the upcoming Canada Day event on July 1st, at Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford. This local event done each year by our Fraser Valley Chapter will take place right here, while as BC's Fieldman, I plan, with my wife Carol, to host a booth and enter the Parade in the 4-day weekend Williams Lake Stampede event, about 500 kms to the North

Abbotsford is currently experiencing a heavy influx of Indo-Canadian folks coming from East India, so we always have about 60% of our guests attending on Canada Day from that segment of the population. However, to date we have not been able to communicate with them, other than to share our 5-coloured bead tract which we had translated into Punjabi a few years ago for that very purpose.

On May 26th, Carol & I attended the 5:00 P.M. "Puniabi Connection" Sunday evening service at South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Church. Our host "Lakhvir", was very gracious to translate our short FCFC history lesson and the 3-minute story of the 5coloured beads for us. We also made a plea for Punjabi speaking volunteers to help us in the local Canada Day event. Their Punjabi Pastor then preached a powerful and extremely enthusiastic message of going out into your world and sharing the Gospel with everyone right where you live! While we could not understand much of what he was saying, we were able to follow along through the various half dozen or more scripture passages which he



always announced in English before they were read in Punjabi. The gist of the message was very clear and so very appropriate for our presentation, that when God is glorified through you, then the Holy Spirit is able to fill you. When that happens, not you, nor the devil, nor anyone else, will be able to restrain you from sharing the message of Jesus with others all around you!

Well it turned out his message found it's mark in the hearts of his congregation because as soon as the service was over we had 5 Punjabi speaking volunteers step up with their contact information, asking to attend out next Training Session. A few even offered to translate for us on July 1st, which will allow our regular volunteers to share in their own way with a translator to reach the Senior Indo-Canadian crowd coming for that coveted Gospel Walking Stick.

So once again, we have experienced the hand of God moving in this ministry to remind all of us just who this ministry really belongs to. We are just so very grateful to be called to spend our lives in serving our Master to fulfill His great commission in this very simple way.

" ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਤਮਾ ਨੇ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਇੰਨਾ ਪਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਇਸ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਰੱਖੇਗਾ ਮਰੇਗਾ ਨਹੀਂ; ਅਮਰ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ"John 3:16

2019 Events

Nova Scotia

Central Nova Chapter

- Aug 14-17 Halifax County Exhibition-Middle Musquodoboit
- Aug 21-25 Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition- Truro
- Aug 28-Sept 1 Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition Antigonish
- Sept 4-8 Pictou North Colchester Exhibition
- Sept 13-15 Hants County Exhibition Windsor
- Sept 20-22 Hants County Exhibition- Windsor

New Brunswick /PEI

Grand Lake Chapter

- Aug.14-17 Sussex Flea Market
- Aug.22-25th Dundas P.E.I..Plowing Match & Agricultural Fair

Ontario

Chatham Kent Chapter

- June 21, 22., Chatham Retrofest parade & car show,
- July 1 Canada Day, Glad Tidings Church, Blenheim
- Aug. 9 & 10 Old Cars- Flea market & show Bothwell

Bancroft Chapter

- Aug.23 & 24 Coe Hill Fair
- Sept.20 & 21 Madoc Fair

South Central Ontario Chapter

- July 1st, Canada Day Midland
- July 1st, Canada Day Penetanguishene
- July 6 -Tottenham Street Festival
- Aug 9-11 Alliston Potato Festival
- Aug 22 -25 Barrie District Fair
- Aug 16-17 Bradford Carrot Festival
- Sept. 6th, -Severn Bridge Fall Fair
- Sept. 6th-8th, Georgetown Fall Fair
- Sept. 13 -14, Oro World Fair
- Sept. 13-15, Bracebridge Fall Fair
- Sept. 20-22, Bolton Fall Fair
- Oct. 10-12, Elmvale Fall Fair
- Sept. 20- 22 Grand Valley Fall Fair
- Sept. 26 -Rama Health Fair
- Oct.11-14 Erin Fall Fair
- Nov. 1-10 Royal Winter Fair

Québec

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- Expo agricole de St-Hyacinthe
 18 juillet 27 juillet
- Festival au centre-ville de Mont-Laurier 19 juillet
- Expo agricole de Chicoutimi
 22 juillet 28 juillet
- Festival Gospel Sherbrooke Parc Victoria 27 juillet-04 août
- Rodéo du Camion 01 août - 04 août
- Festival du Cowboy de Chambord 01 août - 04 août
- Expo agricole de Bedford 08 août - 11 août
- Festival Western de St-Gabriel 08 août - 11 août
- Expo agricole de Cookshire 15 août -18 août
- Challenge 255 15 août -18 août
- Festival Western de Malartic
 15 août 18 août
- Trois-Rivières en Blues
 22 août au dimanche 25 août

Prairies & West Coast

- July 1, Canada Day Celebration Rotary Stadium
- Aug 16 Morden Men's Breakfast
- Aug 18 Zion Apostolic Church Winnipeg MB
- Aug 23- 25 Morden Corn & Apple Festival
- Sept. 14 Agassiz Parade & Fall Fair & Corn Festival
- Oct 26 27 Penticton Wellness Fair Penticton Community Centre, Penticton B.C.
- Nov 15,16,17, West Coast Christmas Craft Show (TRADEX) Abbotsford B.C.

AGM & Conference "A Vision for Tomorrow"

This year's conference in Dalkeith, ON, April 12-14, was the best attended so far. Members gathered from across Canada, from BC in the west to Nova Scotia in the east.



The conference always kicks off with a fun tour. A visit to Parc Omega in Montebello was a start of activities on Friday morning.

 Registration with FCFC Administrator Richard Quesnel, assisted by Nicole Morel.

Stefan Cherry, a chaplain with the Navigators' Ottawa Team, conducted a workshop on discipling, with a lot of helpful suggestions on how to encourage and affirm new believers. "We need to do the hard work of becoming 'alongsiders'. It's not about transferring knowledge but about transforming hearts."





Friday evening concert

with the Clynes Gospel Trio from Smiths Falls - one of the highlights, open to the community.
Gospel songs, old and new, were enjoyed by all.



Led by Virgil Jones: "Christianity grows where it's more prayerful. Jesus took time to pray. Prayer was the lifeblood of Jesus and the early followers of Christ. If we want to see spiritual transformation, it will be carried forth by those who make the sacrifice to take time to pray. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. It is a matter of the heart. Where is your heart?"





Open mic / Chapter Reports:

◄ Bill Brown, NY, FCF International area rep:

"Kathy and I have been on the road for 20 years with FCF – 'just a farmer and a school teacher'." Bill encouraged us: "Until God opens the next door, praise Him in the hallway. Don't stop working for the Lord, there is always something you can do!"

Pierre Robinson, Outaouais Chapter, QC, commenting on the uniqueness of the FCF ministry: "Other places, we go out to meet people and share the gospel, but with FCFC the people come to us!"

Roy Nielsen, Central Nova Chapter, NS:

"We have an obligation to share the gospel. 'God is not willing that any should perish.' It's a privilege to share the gospel; it's also a debt we owe, to tell others the Good News. We can't enjoy this salvation and not tell others. In the Maritimes all the volunteers (with one exception) are elderly – most are over 80! Pray for more volunteers, more chapters, and a fieldman. We did seven events in NS last year, but we could double that with another chapter."



Henry Janzen, Fraser Valley Chapter, BC:

"Carol (his wife) and I work as a team. It is the greatest joy and privilege to serve the Lord. The FCF ministry provides a wonderful opportunity – I don't have to go to people; they come to me! They line up and wait 45 minutes to hear the message and receive a stick.

We sing 'I surrender all', but do we really do what we sing? Consider Colossians 3:1, are we really striving for things above, or are we striving for 'stuff' we can't take with us? Christians have that abundant life! Are you looking for recruits? Go one on one at Tim Horton's (coffee shop) – listen, talk, and pray together. God supplies, but we can ask!" (more on pg 16)



Mike Sweeney, Peterborough Chapter, ON:

"I got involved with FCF in 2006 when the IPM came to our area. When I saw the number that could be reached in five days, I saw the possibilities.

Prayer is the foundation. Pray that God will find people on earth whom He can take and burn the chaff out of them so they can work for Him.

Pray that workers will not grow weary. Prayer goes before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."



Terry Johnston, Renfrew County Chapter, ON:

I got started with FCFC when my pastor brought it to our church. I was a member of the Board. We're a small chapter. God puts everything in place for us. He provides what's needed. So trust in the Lord; He'll give you what you need.



Sherman Smith, Chatham-Kent Chapter, ON:

I don't know where you've been all my life! I first got involved at last year's International Plowing Match. I am so excited! This ministry is so real, so meaningful. We are just getting our chapter started. We need to get the name of FCFC out there. I've always had trouble witnessing, but FCF provides the tools and training and opportunity to share my faith.



Frank Thiessen, South Central Ontario Chapter: "It's been exciting, just the joy of sharing the gospel. When presenting the message, we get a variety of responses. At the Royal Winter Fair one man said 'I must think on it', another said 'When I came here, I was really tired, but you have lifted me up', and his friend said 'This is the greatest gift I have ever received'."



Business Meeting

Of course, an important part of the conference is the annual general business meeting. At right: Pres. Jocelyn Aubut, Secretary, Douglas Wedel, & Administrator Richard Quesnel.

At left. Jessynia Théagène, field staff for French Quebec. This is an opportunity for all



members to be informed, and give their opinions and vote on finances, the budget, membership fees, and other business matters of the organization.



At left: Sylvain Couture, Quebec fieldman, reported that the ministry continues to expand in the province of Quebec, with one new chapter in the Montérégie and two more very close to formation.

A large percentage of visitors to the FCF kiosques in Quebec are under the age of thirty. The younger generation is thirsty. The opportunities are great.

The **Saturday evening banquet**, a delicious roast beef dinner served by members of Knox Presbyterian Church. Song leader Jim McRae led the group in some gospel songs. *At right: Bill Brown thanks Jim for his part in making the evening enjoyable.*

After-dinner speaker, Toe Blake Roy, pastor and church planter, encouraged all to stick to the vision of taking the gospel to those who have not heard.





Our weekend ended on Sunday with mission reports and a morning worship service at Breadalbane Baptist Church.

Toe Blake again delivered the message, this time assuring us that, no matter what tragedy has happened in our life, what sin or event has turned our world upside down, God can still use us for His glory. Toe Blake spoke from his own experience, telling us that the risen Christ has the power to change our tears into songs of joy, so that we can serve God again.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is to build, maintain, and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family, and the community through presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Quebec Fieldstaff Report

By Robert Doran and Jessynia Théagène





We want to honour and thank Sylvain Couture for his contributions as coordinator for Quebec over the last eleven years. He has, with the Lord's help, grown this ministry with Émilie from one district in Estrie to eleven districts and with others in development. Please keep them and us in prayer.

The ministry in Quebec has in place eleven chapters with 65 board members. Over 400 volunteers, over 115 churches participating in over 50 events.

The first priority that we have is to reassure the board members of the chapters that the FCFC ministry is God's work and that we would continue His work with His guidance and grace. As a result, in these last weeks a lot of our time has been spent meeting in person the board members in a number of board meetings and fundraising events. We have also participated in training sessions for volunteers, outreach events, and a church conference.

Over the last two years, Jessynia Théagène has been helping Sylvain and Emilie as an apprentice-coordinator - kiosk assistant, calling volunteers, organizing the schedules, doing church presentations, organizing fundraising events, helping them in volunteer trainings, and communications with churches, the chapters, and the edition of Le Semeur (the French newsletter).

Communication to Chapters

We launched the Inter-chapter AFCC Quebec Newsletter, so that all chapters would know our schedule of activities, have news of what is happening in other districts, and our needs which include seven administrative roles. So far, four volunteers have responded to fill these positions.

Regional development

Sylvain had started to develop four regions in Quebec that do not have any chapters yet: Centre du Québec, Lac-St-Jean, Rive-Nord and Baie-des-Chaleurs.

- 1) Centre du Québec (with these events: Victoriaville Agricultural Fair, Bécancourt Agricultural Fair). We decided to pursue the development work of Sylvain in this area. We still need to keep contact with the nearby churches to recruit volunteers. As of now, we have two volunteers who are interested in starting a new chapter, but they need more people. So we are praying for more volunteers. One church promised to help financially.
- 2) Lac-St-Jean (so far Sylvain organized three training sessions in the year of 2018-2019 in that region and two events (Festival Cowboy de Chambord and Salon de la Spiritualité de Roberval). Three regional churches got involved.

Quebec Fieldstaff Report (continued)

- 3) Rive-Nord of Montreal. We started this year, our first contact with Rive-Nord. We have an event at St-Jérome (family fest). Pastor Réjean Demers has agreed to participate in that event.
- 4) Baie-des-Chaleurs: We stopped our involvement this year in Baie des Chaleurs, for lack of resources.

Redesign the website www.afcc.info

One of our main weaknesses here in Quebec is the follow-up of visitors who come to our booth. People are not willing to provide their personal information. But they want to know more about the message of the gospel. So we have been wondering how we could provide them with more information without taking their phone number. As we shared in our report at the AGM, 50% to 70% of our visitors in Quebec are less than 30 years old. In our tract, we provide the website of www.afcc.info but the website is not designed to provide visitors with more information on the gospel. Also, the design of our website in French is not professional and not current. We asked Vanessa Negreiros for advice. She is the secretary of the Mauricie Chapter, and the person who designed all our posters for the fundraising events. Her husband is a web designer. He could design and build our website free of charge. We saw some of his work and it is professional and what we want. We plan to define what are the essential services that we want.

The workload is important. For Robert, this has involved rescheduling many activities other than FCFC, so he thanks God and prays for His wisdom and guidance to be able to accomplish the best he can in His work. Please pray for us and all the FCFC/AFCC leaders and volunteers. Glory to God!

New Board Member from Quebec



Gideon Zwygart grew up on a dairy farm in Quebec, and, like most farm kids, he did chores every day and spent his whole summers working on the farm. He graduated from Laval University (Quebec City) with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. Gideon is currently employed by a feed company developing software for feeding programs for cattle.

Gideon grew up in a Christian home, but it was at university, as he encountered other Christians at *Campus for Christ* (now *Power2Change*), that he realized he needed a personal relationship with Jesus.

His involvement with FCF began in 2017 when he was invited to volunteer at the Women's Show in Montreal. He says that is where he "saw the Lord's great hand at work". He feels that his experience in computer software can be an asset to FCF. He is leader of the newlyformed Montreal & Rive-Sud Chapter in Chambly. At a recent FCFC Board meeting, he accepted the position of Board treasurer.

Atlantic Canada news: Mega Market

By Roy Nielsen, Central Nova Chapter

One guest told of a friend who had been praying for him for 47 years.
"Little by little"

Our Central Nova Chapter was pleased to have a new venue this spring at the Mega Market- Truro, Nova Scotia. It was a one-day stand, described as a giant flea market, craft show, garage sale, new to the area. We felt it very worthwhile, especially since the attenders were not those who usually attend the local exhibition, so our Walking Stick Ministry was new to them.

One guest felt he was meant to be there as a friend had been sending him Bibles, and praying for him for 47 years, and that the FCFC tract brought new light to his understanding. "Little by little". Praises. We were particularly thankful for the number of young families who attended the booth. We praise God how He goes before us in opening and preparing hearts for His Word. And that FCFC provides these opportunities that otherwise would never have taken place all across Canada.

Atlantic Farm Mechanization Show

By Chris Gilmore, Grand Lake Chapter

We, the Grand Lake Chapter, had a wonderful time at the Atlantic Farm Mechanization Show, April 5-6 in Moncton, New Brunswick. Many thanks to show manager Frank Reade who helped us so much and gave us a bigger booth and it was wonderful to have the extra space. We were so blessed to have Anne and John Veenhuis, and Roy and Leona Neilson from Central Nova Chapter.

So wonderful to see folks coming to us and asking us what we are all about, and see how their countenance changed as we shared with them the Awesome message of our Lord and Saviour. Each one so uniquely designed by God always keeps us in awe of the powerful Love He bestows on us. What a privilege we have to stand up for Him, and share what He has done



for us. The gospel is so real and powerful - so perfect for all the world, and we all have such a need in our hearts. Folks in other booths were so kind and so glad we were there, and we were so excited to be there! We are booked for other events in NB this summer and look forward to what God will do.

Positions Open – Opportunities to Serve

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada is a national organization which shares the Good News through person to person contact with more than 100,000 people across Canada each year. It also distributes thousands of New Testaments. We are seeking to fill the following positions:

Executive Director

Functions:

- Ministry development:
 To advance the objectives of FCFC across
 Canada with the advice and consent of the
 Board of Directors of FCFC
- Supervise area field coordinators
- Communications: oversee communication with supporters and the general public (newsletters, fundraising activities)
- Administration: develop, execute, and enforce policies and procedures
- Attend and help prepare Board of Directors' meetings
- Prepare for AGM and conference

Qualifications:

- Committed to Christ
- Has demonstrated his or her ability to work toward the goals of FCFC
- · Agrees with the Statement of Faith of FCFC
- Has good verbal and written communication in both official languages
- Has an agricultural or rural background
- Has access to internet
- Some computer skills
- Has access to a van or truck for transportation of supplies

This is a full-time position Remuneration to be discussed

Please send application and enquiries to:
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Field Representatives

In order to expand the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, field representatives are needed in designated areas – Atlantic Canada, Eastern ON, Western ON, QC, MB & SK, AB, BC.

Functions:

- Promote the ministry, making the Christian community aware of our purpose and vision
- Provide leadership in establishing chapters
- Help to coordinate outreach
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Assist chapters in administration

This would begin as a volunteer position with some expenses paid.

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Tim Hortons Experience

By Henry & Carol Jansen, Fraser Valley Chapter

William Shakespeare: "All the world's a stage,...", or more appropriately, "All Tim Hortons' a booth."

While returning home from a successful show in Alberta, we stopped at a Tim Hortons in Sicamous, BC for a short break. Due to the signage on our van which reads, "Fellowship of Christian Farmers - Fraser Valley Chapter", we were approached by some folks asking what that was all about?

It didn't take long before our A-Board was set up and some Walking Sticks were hauled out from the back of our van. Before long more people slowed down to hear as they passed by and another fellow came over, coffee in hand, to hear the 3 minute "bead story". After hearing the short Gospel presentation and being confronted with the standard closing question, "If you were to die tonight, where will you spend eternity?", he told us he was sure we would meet him in heaven someday because he had been an Evangelical Pastor in the Maritimes for the past 30 years! He also said he was very impressed with our method of reaching the lost for Jesus and with our quick response to his question about the sticks, which were now leaning against the back of the van.

After a quick photograph and another 15minute conversation we discovered God was indeed answering our prayers for another Trade Show in Okotoks Alberta in 2020. What a great confirmation!

We, together with our friends, Jim & Olga Dejax of Pincher Creek have been in agreement in prayer for that large show which is just on the edge of the city of Calgary.

As it turned out, the first couple, Keith & Carolyn, who stopped us to question our signage just happen to live in Okotoks and have now excitedly marked that date on their 2020 calendar with a commitment to share with us in our booth next year.

Our God is absolutely amazing!! And to Know Him is to Love Him!



Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have....1 Peter 3:15