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*"A sower went out to sow his seed...." Luke 8:5*

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## Overcoming Fear by Rick Kerr

I am, at heart, a coward when it comes to evangelism. Although I have been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers since its early beginnings in Quebec, I still find that each year I search my mind for excuses not to continue doing the work? The simple reason for this is that I am afraid. So why do I keep coming back? Why don't I leave the work to others who are, after all, more gifted than I am? Let me give you a few different answers to that question with the prayer that my journey will challenge your hearts and encourage you to press on with the important work off reaching the lost for Christ.

First of all, let's be honest enough to admit our fear. It is a natural instinct to protect ourselves from ridicule or persecution, even if that persecution only comes in the form of words or laughter. Many of God's

dear people today are suffering far worse consequences for their faith in Christ than merely being mocked by unbelievers. We actually have little to fear in our country as we evangelize and continue to walk through the open door which God has given us. *(Cont'd on page 8)*



**Michel Gagnon & Emilie Chartier  
National Women's Show, Montreal  
4000 heard the gospel in 3 days**



**Tom Verhoog, Harold & Lida DeVries  
London Farm Show, ON, March, 2015**

## AGM & Spring Conference

April 17-19, EVERYONE WELCOME!

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# President's Message

Mike Sweeney

*Joel says "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:14 Are we making the day of the LORD near to the multitudes?*

50 volunteers had the privilege to do just that with about 6,000 people this past November at the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in Toronto,

a venue where city and country folks gather together to enjoy and experience both urban and rural life styles.

## God's Word does not return onto Him void.

At this event I noticed an elderly couple standing out in front of our booth leaning on their walking sticks, just watching us share the gospel. Eventually I went over to speak with them and this is their testimony.

Holding up his walking stick, the retired policeman said "WE brought these sticks with us! ... I have heard the gospel many times since I was a youth and had even prayed the sinner's prayer with televangelists, but it meant nothing to me nor did it make any differences in my life. Last year we came into your booth, and after hearing the story of the beads we agreed to pray. As we left with our sticks in hand, as far as we were concerned it was just another booth at the fair that we visited.

But 4 or 5 minutes later I said to my wife, "What is this?" It seems like my heart is

floating; I feel so light and good; that went on all afternoon and when we got home I thought about the prayer of commitment we prayed and wondered if there was a connection, so I phoned my brother who had been witnessing to me for years and he explained that I just got born again and eternal life had been imparted onto me." **GLORY TO GOD!**

God's Word to this man did not return unto Him void, (*the Word he heard from his brother and televangelists,*) yet the policeman needed to hear it once again, and God used and gave the honor to FCF. **Hallelujah!** Let us never be moved by the response from people ... this couple heard the gospel for decades before the seed took root.

Things are heating up on the world stage, and we all need to be in our strategic place in the days ahead the place God wants us to be both spiritually and physically so as to make the greatest impact on those around us concerning ETERNAL LIFE, for mankind is in a great flounder regarding falsehood and truth ... a plot of the enemy.

Having an opportunity to speak with a man of God who preaches in different nations, I asked him what he sensed the temperature of the Canadian Church was; with sobriety but without hesitation he said "Where is the zeal ... where is the fire ... WHERE IS **GOD'S COMPASSION** FOR THE MULTITUDES IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION?"

Let us beseech the Lord for **ourselves** and for the Body of Christ in Canada to get out of our lethargic spirit, that we may see and sense things from God's perspective.



Volunteers who helped staff the booth at the Royal Winter Fair



## Where are the Lost Sheep?

Wayne Clark, Executive director

You won't find lost sheep if you keep looking in the sheep pen. You have to go where the lost sheep are?

The year was 2000 and we were at the first FCF booth in Canada at the International Plowing Match in Elora, Ontario. I can still see people coming and listening to the message as related using the five-colour bracelet attached to a yardstick. It was just so amazing! If this works at the IPM ... there are thousands of other public events across Canada. It is going to take people and motivation, and from there the vision statement:

***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.***

We were back at the IPM this past fall for the 15th time. Things have changed. This is only one of 100 events now in Canada where FCF shares the Good News. We have prayed for and seen rapid growth in Quebec under Sylvain Couture. Let's pray for fieldmen with a heart and vision to take the message to other areas of Canada, reaching out to the many lost sheep who are not in the fold. Some chapters have become dormant due to leaders retiring. Is God calling you to step out and lead a chapter in your community, seeking out the lost sheep in the marketplace? Don't just sit in your church and expect them to wander in! Pray that God will raise up a younger generation of workers. We have come a long way but we aren't there yet! There are still lots of public events in Canada where there is no Christian witness.

***"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2 (NIV)***

We hope that you will be able to attend our spring conference and AGM, April 17-19. This is what puts the "fellowship" in the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. We can learn from each other. May God bless you as you go forward in marketplace evangelism.

***Untold millions are still untold;***

***Untold millions are still outside the fold.***

***Who will tell them of Jesus' love***

***And the heavenly mansions awaiting above?***

***Jesus died on Calvary to save each one from sin;***

***Now he calls to you and me to go and bring them in.***

***- Franklin F. Ellis***

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## Two New Chapters

### Quebec City

FCF and the five-colour story went to the Quebec City Fair (Expo-Cité) for the first time in Aug, 2014, and shared the gospel with over 10,000 people. As a follow-up, a dozen people met in the old capital on February 21 and established a new chapter, "District de la Capitale", ("Capital Chapter"). The leader is Benoît Gilbert. We thank God for Sylvain and Emilie and their hands in getting the job done.



Quebec City meeting. Pres Benoît on the left



Henry & Carol Janzen

### Abbotsford, BC

British Columbia has been in our sights for some time and we are happy to announce that Henry and Carol Janzen have felt the call to start a chapter in Abbotsford. This will be the "Fraser Valley Chapter". The Janzens have been very active in the Gideons and their term expires in June. Plans are already being made to have a booth at the Abbotsford Agrifair in August. We are thankful for the people that helped FCF to get to this point over the years. The hospitality of Lloyd and Lorraine Tanner, and involvement of Michael Goetz, Paul Beatch, Stephen Dahl, and others who helped this chapter become a reality.

## Chapters at Work

Chapters are the regional affiliates that get the job done. Preparation of sticks & other materials, scouting out the local shows and reserving exhibit space, raising funds, recruiting volunteers to staff the booths, and sharing the gospel in their local communities are only a few of the tasks.

**Red Deer Chapter:** Donna Hegge wrote: *Our dear brother in Christ, **Merdie McGrundle, passed away** this morning after his battle with cancer. He blessed our Red Deer Chapter so much ... always willing to open his workshop to help us prepare walking sticks for evangelism. In recent visits, he was always happy to assure me that he knew where he was going! I had the opportunity to thank him for all he did for us, but he was quick to show great appreciation for those of us out there sharing the Word. He will be greatly missed, but what a comfort to know that he will be awaiting us in Heaven, on those streets paved with gold!*



Merdie's workshop: getting ready for an event

## Walk to Bethlehem

Walk by Herod's palace, meet beggars in the street, meet shepherds in the fields, see angels in chorus lighting up the horizon, walk through Bethlehem market, pay your taxes or go to prison, meet the innkeeper, see Mary and Joseph and the baby, and the final scene dealing with the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection are all part of what you experience when you attend the Walk to Bethlehem pageant in Hudson, QC. Hudson Community Baptist Church meets in a converted horse barn with an acreage and outbuildings. They make good use of this property by staging this annual pageant for four evenings leading up to Christmas.



As people complete the walk, they come into the warm church auditorium for hot chocolate and cookies, and the Fellowship of Christian Farmers are there, ready to share the message using the five colours attached to the walking stick, summarizing the meaning of why Christ came to earth.

## The Plowing Match Thanksgiving and Praise - Barrie, ON



The "Fellowship" in FCF is important. Many of the volunteers from the International Plowing Match met in Barrie, ON, for a time of praise and thanksgiving in November. Everyone pitched in for the delicious meal and the hymn-sing that followed.

People were eager to share their experiences of working in the tent. Harry Brands said: *"I think the whole event was very special. What we've experienced in our congregation - it was the first for many of us; it was remarkably easy! Very rewarding! People came for a stick but got much more."*

Johanne shared the following testimony:

*"I was greeting people, standing outside the tent, connecting with passers-by and inviting them in. One man said to me: 'No thanks; I'm an atheist.' I said to him: 'Sir, God doesn't believe in atheists; you need to come in and hear the message.' And so he allowed me to usher him into the tent. I seated him with Duncan, and Duncan shared the gospel with him. After some conversation, this man humbly prayed to accept Christ as Saviour! He was in tears at the exit and gave Ilse (one of our volunteers) a hug. We were all in the right place at the right time."*

**"It was awesome!  
One boy kept coming  
back with his friends  
and teachers so they  
could hear the story  
too."**

Pastor Harry Frielink said, *"Something that blew me away is that people I thought would never share the gospel were out there sharing the gospel! I hope it doesn't end here. I would like to see us reach out to Christians in other congregations and get a chapter going."* He closed the evening with a reading from God's word: Isaiah 55:10,11.



## From the Desk of Bill Brown

### What Makes up a Heart?

Well, I guess you could answer that question in two different ways, physical characteristics and of course how does

God look at our hearts. Did you know there are approximately 830 references to the heart in the King James Version? As to the physical characteristics of the heart, I'm better versed than I was a few years ago.

Most of you know that I'm having some problems with mine. My heart is enlarged (and you thought I was heartless!) and is struggling to keep up with the body's demand. Also, I have a leaky valve that, after some procedures, was found to be not as severe as previously thought. PTL. We'll have to keep monitoring it to make sure it doesn't get any worse. I'll be on meds in hope of the heart healing itself. As for physical characteristics, let me share a few of the more important ones.

- *The system of blood vessels is over 60,000 miles long.*
- *Adult hearts pump up to 5 quarts each minute and 2,000 gallons a day. Mine is not doing that.*
- *Ejection Factor - A normal heart pumps a little more than ½ of the heart's volume with every beat. Most hearts pump in the range of 55 - 70%. At the present time mine is pumping at 35%.*
- *The heart beats around 100,000 times a day.*
- *A woman's heart weighs about 8 oz. and us men can boast that we have larger hearts weighing about 10oz. By the way I hope you bought your wife a nice Valentine's gift? Remember, it's not the size or the cost. It's the fact that you thought enough to give her a token of your love. Yes, I bought my wife one red rose and placed it on her pillow, still works for me.*

\*All of these facts came from the Cleveland Clinic's website.

Now for the spiritual side of our heart. Here are just a few of the over 800 scriptures found in the Bible:

- *Matt. 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also.*
- *Prov. 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your **heart** and lean not on your own understanding.*
- *Prov. 4:23 - Above all else, guard your **heart**, for it is the wellspring of life.*
- *Ps. 73:26 - My flesh and my **heart** may fail, but God is the strength of my **heart** and my portion.*
- *Ps. 51:10 - Create in me a pure **heart**, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*
- *Phil. 4:7a - And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your **hearts**.*
- *Ps. 37:4 - Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your **heart**.*
- *Ps. 26:2 - Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my **heart** and my mind;*
- *Matt. 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in **heart**, for they will see God.*
- *Ps. 19:14 - May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my **heart** be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

**What about your heart?** How is it doing physically? Are you in shape? But more importantly, how is your heart with the Lord? My prayer is that your heart is driven to share Christ with a needy world. What better way than to partner with FCF-Canada. May you feel the desire to share the good news of **John 3:16**. That's how much God loves us.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things,  
Bill Brown

## Seven Feet of Snow can do a Lot of Damage!

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI), (our parent organization), based in Lexington, Illinois provides Rapid Action Disaster Relief to farms and rural communities that have suffered storm damage. Whether helping after a tornado in the American mid-west, blizzards in Kentucky, or flooding in the east, farmers are uniquely suited to help other farmers in rebuilding fences, rounding up frightened cattle, cleaning up collapsed barns and outbuildings, and being the hands and feet of Christ to encourage a fellow farmer in need.

Last November when record snowfalls hit northern NY, one of the hardest hit was the Phillips' farm near Buffalo. (Clark and Sue Phillips are veteran FCF members). Barns collapsed - over 7 ft of snow can do a lot of damage! They lost 17 cows and the rest were boarded out in crowded facilities. Bill Brown organized a rapid action relief team on the Phillips' farm in early December. Eight volunteers from ON, IL, NY and PA helped rebuild a heifer barn and milking parlor holding area. More work needs to be done in the spring. See pics below.



### **A Widow's Two Mites or a Little Girl's Eleven Cents!** by Bill Brown

***Luke 21:1-4*** "And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So he said, "Truly I say unto you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for they out of their abundance have put in offerings to God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." (NKJV)

You've viewed pictures of the Phillips Farm barns collapsed from the heavy snowfall the Buffalo, NY area received in late November. Dave and Ann were moved by the outpouring of offerings to help from folks near and far. They received many phone calls and cards with one from a six year old girl that brought tears to their eyes. This little girl, much like the widow in the scripture above, gave all she had. Included in the card was a note containing eleven cents to help rebuild the barns.

As I thought about the little girl's offering, it made me ponder and it should you as well. Are we giving all we have or have we been giving out of our abundance, something to think about this Year.



Hank Huigenbos, John Schneider & Tom Verhoog, FCF members from western ON were part of the team

## **Overcoming Fear** *(continued from page 1)*

The problem with fear is that it stops us, as the church, from moving forward and having an impact in our society. Jesus said of his church in Matthew 16:18 that *"I will build it and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it"*. That implies that the church is on the offensive and is attacking the gates of Hell. Is it fear that causes us to take refuge in our lovely air conditioned church buildings where we listen to lofty sermons about how bad the world is becoming. It's great to be reminded that the Lord will be coming soon. The

*"Hear me... you people who have taken my instruction to heart: Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults." Isaiah 51:7*

condition of the world today would point every believer's eye heavenward. But, what are we to be doing while we wait? In Matthew 25 the Lord tells about a servant who had been entrusted with a piece of money. While the master was away the servant was to work with that money so that at the master's return he could give him the profit. Fear kept the servant from labouring with what he had been given and, like us at times, he simply buried his money in the ground and waited for his master's return. The lesson that the Lord is teaching here should not be missed. If he has given the church in Canada an open door to evangelize we had better not let fear stop us from doing it! When he returns he will ask for an account of what he has entrusted us with. If fear has caused us to circle the wagons and wait for him to come and deliver us, then we will be like the wicked servant who let fear rob him of his master's praise and reward.

Another problem with fear is that we are told in 2 Timothy 1:7 that *"God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and of power and a sound mind"*. If fear is not of God then where does it come from? In my case I believe that fear comes from my own desire to preserve my life.

Yet, Jesus taught that those who would save their lives would ultimately lose them and those who would be willing to lose their lives for his sake, would ultimately gain them. I have grown up in a world where everything has been easy. Not only do we not have to grow our own food anymore, we can actually get a meal without even getting out of our warm comfortable cars. My generation believes that with very little effort all our needs should be met. If we can't afford what we want we will buy it anyway by putting it on credit. The problem with such a world view as this is that it puts my comfort and my desires ahead of the kingdom of God. If The Lord Jesus had thought this way he surely would have saved himself the humiliation of the cross. It is that cross that he has called us to bear.

A cross of self sacrifice, not self seeking.

A cross of shame, not of fame.

A cross of suffering, not of comfort.

There is a cost associated with bearing a cross, the cost is death. The Lord Jesus has called us to share in his sufferings (Phil 3:10). It is therefore, an honour to suffer shame for his name as we continue to serve him in this world.

My wife and I have seven horses on our farm. We love our horses and have found that the Lord has used them as a tool in his service. I have spent many hours going to horse clinics and reading articles and books to learn how to ride and train them. I have invested this time for two reasons. Firstly, I want to be able to enjoy our horses as much as possible and secondly, I want to be able to teach others how to enjoy horses as much as possible. If I invested time and energy in learning the art of horsemanship by watching and listening to others, yet never actually rode or trained a horse myself, how good a teacher would I really be? The theory of a thing is no substitute for the practice of a thing. James 1:22 says *"be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves"*.

I have been granted by God the enormous privilege of preaching his Word in a number of local assemblies. I like the safety of the pulpit. When I stand in front of a church

audience I'm the center of everyone's attention. People may hang on my every word. When I'm done people smile and shake my hand and tell me that they enjoyed the message. The problem with the pulpit is that everything that I say is merely theory unless I take it out into the world and put it into practice. In my opinion one of the most important parts of a man's ministry for Christ is how he spends his time when he's not behind the safety of the pulpit. Should I expect people to listen to me preach a sermon about evangelism if I have never actually gone out into the world and preached the gospel? The theory of evangelism is not evangelism. Reading books and listening to messages about evangelism is not evangelism. Evangelism is when the church, led by its leaders, goes out into the marketplace and tells people about Jesus Christ. This is one of the reasons that I continue to work with FCF each year, even though I'm afraid. A man earns the right to be heard and respected as a Christian leader by the way he serves the Lord in the home and in the world. Serving the Lord only in the church building is simply not enough!

*"God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and of power and a sound mind."  
2 Timothy 1:7*

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers is indeed a fellowship. The word Fellowship means that we are partners in a work. One of the highlights of my experience working with FCF has been the Christian brothers and sisters that I have been privileged to work with. The Bible teaches us that the Church is "The Body of Christ". A body, we are told, has many members. Each member of the body works for the good of the other members and not for the good of itself. When we stand together at an FCF event we are encouraging one another to be courageous for Christ. We are not there to seek our own blessing, but, rather, to be a blessing to others. The only thing that should ever really divide the body of Christ is geography. When I meet a new

Christian I never ask them what denomination they belong to, though I may ask them where they fellowship. FCF allows us the opportunity of showing the world that we are Christ's disciples by our love for one another.

Do you ever wonder why God has allowed the work of FCF to expand as it has in Quebec? Perhaps it is because he loves the lost and wants to give them the opportunity to receive the Lord before he returns for his church. Or, perhaps he loves the church and wants it to have the blessing of joining him in the work of reaching the lost for his glory. In either case if the church does not evangelize it will miss out on both blessings! Does your local Assembly have stories to tell? If you joined the work of FCF this past season then you surely do. A church without stories to tell is a sad church indeed.

Let me finish by telling you one of my stories: It was Thursday evening. I had thought about not opening the tent until Friday, because Thursday is mostly just a set up day. I decided, however, that it wouldn't hurt to open the tent in the evening for a couple of hours. During the evening a man wearing a cowboy hat approached the table along with a young lady who had a camera around her neck. I commented on the camera and the man said, "she is my parliamentary assistant". It turns out the man was our local member of parliament. He asked what we were doing and about the organization, so I explained the gospel to him and told him about the fellowship and what it did in the Province. When it came time for them to leave the young lady asked if she could have a Bible. I had not been looking at her when I was explaining the gospel to him, but was told after, by the brother that was with me that night, that she had tears in her eyes as she stood listening. Only God knows what is taking place in peoples' hearts at any given event. He will accomplish his will, and if we are willing to show up he will use us to do it. I thank all those who showed up over the summer and fall at the various events around the Province. I look forward to hearing the stories that God has given you to tell.

## Thoughts from Pastors

"The reasons that prompted me to get involved with FCFC are the following: the originality of the Gospel presentation using the five colours, **its simplicity**, the opportunity to be present in events gathering thousands of visitors year after year (all these people wouldn't come to church), an easy contact with those who approach our booth with curiosity, a seed sown in hearts. Moreover, many members of my church found this means of evangelism marvellous and very motivating." -

- Pastor Félix Belisle, Carrefour du plein Evangile, Rimouski, QC

*"The Fellowship of Christian Farmers not only sows the seeds of the Gospel in a faithful and respectful manner, they also equip God's people to do so! I'm thankful for the training the FCF did in our church. But even more, for the modeling of the zeal of the Lord and love of Christ as we partnered in this outreach. The best way to learn to share the gospel with others is to do it with other soul-winners. We praise God for His work through the FCF."*

- Pastor Harry Frielink, Covenant Christian Reformed Church, Barrie, ON



*"Our church has been involved with the FCFC for four years now. This ministry has helped us motivate and train our people for evangelism. Also, the multiple events in our area have allowed churches of various evangelical backgrounds **to work together** like never before. Because of this, we have witnessed a new unity and a powerful new dynamic of service and prayer."* - Pastor Frédéric Colella, Église Vie Nouvelle, Trois Rivières, QC



Roy speaks to young visitors at the booth

## Central Nova Chapter, NS

John Veenhuis, Roy Nielsen

We praise the Lord for the opportunities that we had in 2014 by way of the FCFC walking stick ministry, to shed light, to dispel darkness, to tell of the everlasting water, and of the bread of life. We are constantly amazed at how the Holy Spirit draws individuals to the booth and prepares hearts. All of this accomplished without soliciting. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

We find that the most valuable question we can ask the inquirer, after we have shown him the way of salvation is, "if you were to die tonight, would you go to Heaven?" Some reply with a resounding, "Yes"; with others it is likely, "I hope so", or "Maybe". By the answers we have a better feel as to the position of: believer, unbeliever, or believer lacking assurance. We proceed as needed, prayerfully bringing them, to, "Know so". (1 John 5:13)

2014 showed us more strongly that the last days are upon us. At the Exhibitions we have seen more booths of the occult and more booths having ungodly items. It sends the message as our Lord said, John 9:4-"I must work the work of Him that sent me.", and pray, "That the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth the laborers into His harvest." (Mt 9:38)

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## Calendar of Events to the end of July, 2015

**FCFC plans to have an outreach booth at the following events. If you're near one of the listed events, come and join us.**

**AB: Antique Equipment Show**, Lacombe, June 14-15, Donna Hegge, 403-986-1614  
**Farmers' Market**, Red Deer, selected Sats, May-Jul, Robert Reid, 403-347-8663  
**MB: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair**, Brandon, Mar 30-Apr 4, Dan Lepp, 204-728-4784  
**ON: AGM & Spring Conference**, Dalkeith, April 17-19, FCFC Office, 819-242-8063  
**Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival**, Apr 24-25, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Festival of the Maples**, Perth, April 25, Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193  
**May Show Festival**, Vankleek Hill, May 16, Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067  
**Virgil Stampede**, May 16-18, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223  
**Schomberg Fair**, May 30, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Brooklin Fair**, June 5-8, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019  
**Bowmanville Ribfest**, June 5-7, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Aurora Streetfest**, June 7, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Millbrook Fair**, June 11-14, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019  
**Caledon Fair**, June 12-14, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Niagara Ribfest**, Niagara Falls, Jun 13-15, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223  
**Fort Erie Friendship Festival**, Jun 27-28, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223  
**Keswick Streetfest**, June 28, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Canada Day Celebrations**, Bancroft, July 1, Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758  
**Cobourg Waterfront Festival**, Jul 1-3, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019  
**Ridgeway Festival**, July 4-5, Bob Foster, 905-894-0223  
**Lakefield Fair**, July 24-26, Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019  
**Sutton Festival on High**, July 25, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Napanee Fair**, July 31-Aug 3, Wayne McConnachie, 705-876-1547  
**Highland Games**, Maxville, July 31-Aug 1, Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067  
**QC: Exposition agricole d'Ormstown**, Jun 11-14, Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634  
**Expo agricole de la Matapédia**, Amqui, Jun 12-14, Denis Lavalée, 418-629-2992  
**Expo BBQ Bellechasse**, St-Hyacinthe, Jul 8-12, Sylvain Couture, 819-868-4336  
**Exposition agricole de Trois-Rivières**, Jul 9-18, Jocelyn Aubut, 819-372-0460  
**Sidewalk Sale**, St-Hyacinthe, Jul 8-12, Michel Gagnon, 514-776-8707  
**Festival Élégance**, Lac Etchemin, Jul 12, Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634  
**Fête des Mascottes**, Granby, Jul 15-19, Pierre Bénéard, 450-361-2814  
**Autofest Bedford**, Jul 18, Pierre Bénéard, 450-361-2814  
**Expo Agricole de St-Hyacinthe**, Jul 23-Aug 2, Michel Gagnon, 514-776-8707  
**Exposition agricole de Rimouski**, Jul 29-Aug 2, David Tremblay, 418-724-3880  
**Rodeo du Camion**, Témiscamingue, Jul 30-Aug 2, Paul Jolin, 819-629-9433  
**NB: Hartland Fire Dept Trade Show**, May 1-3, Art & Chris Gilmore, 506-385-2324

## ECHO Mission Trip

Fort Myers, FL, Nov 2-6, 2015

Work Projects include: Plumbing, Electric,  
Repairs & Maintenance, Ditch digging,  
Planting & Harvesting, Construction

## Reality Ranch Ministries

Zolfo Springs, FL, Nov 8-14, 2015

Work Projects include: Carpentry,  
Maintenance & Repair, Fencing

Either trip: \$320 (US) from FL  
Cost includes Food & Lodging  
Contact Bill & Kathy Brown  
315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823

## **FCF-Canada AGM & Spring Conference**

April 17-19, 2015, Dalkeith, Ontario

See insert for details or contact Edith, 819-242-8063

## **22nd Annual Conference**

**Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International**

Jul 31- Aug 2, Shipshewana, Indiana

**Worship, Workshops, Inspirational speaker,  
Prayer, Special Music, Great Food, Fellowship**

**For details, contact Dennis Schlagel**

**309-365-8710 [fellowship@fcfi.org](mailto:fellowship@fcfi.org)**

## The Gospel Message as told with the “Wordless Bracelet”

Each bracelet that we give away has five coloured beads.

These colours remind us of the gospel story that we read in the Bible.



The **gold** bead represents heaven, God's dwelling place, a perfect place, no sadness or sickness, a place we'd all like to go some day. *Revelation 21:18; John 3:16*



The **dark** bead represents **sin**, our problem (and everybody sins!) which separates us from God. Because of our sin, we cannot enter heaven, but, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*



The **red** bead represents **the blood of Jesus**, God's son. He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin, so that we can be forgiven. This is God's gift of salvation, freely offered to all. Like any gift, it's up to us if we want to accept it or not. *1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 3:18*



The **white** bead represents God's **forgiveness** which He freely gives us if we confess our sin and accept Jesus as our Saviour. *1 John 1:9*



The **green** bead represents the **spiritual growth** that takes place in our lives as we grow to know God better through prayer and Bible reading, worshiping in a church where Christ is preached, and sharing the love of Jesus with others. *2 Peter 3:18*

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