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

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"It Pays to Advertise!"

by Henry & Carol Janzen

Agassiz Fall Fair, BC: The parade was well attended with hundreds of folks under colourful umbrellas lining the parade route all through the town of Agassiz.

It Pays To Advertise! as from our car pulling the trailer/float, displaying a large yellow sign which read, "Free Walking/Hiking Sticks" (in both English and Punjabi) we could hear many spectators discussing their intent to come and find our booth for that coveted Free Stick. Just amazing what impact a little invitation can have on a rainy day like that. *(Continued on p. 13)*



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◀ In preparation for the International Plowing Match, Harriston, ON, the Youth Group at Listowel Bible Chapel beaded 3,000 bracelets in one evening!

Great job! Thank-you so much for persevering!



President's Message

Mike Sweeney

Thanks be to God, He is still on His Throne

Whatever man compromises he loses; Margaret Thatcher once said "If you set out to be liked by all men, you must be prepared to compromise on anything at any time and you must also be prepared to accomplish little."

There is only one man who never compromised – Jesus Christ; and there is no other man that has ever accomplished what He did, and what He is doing today ... for He ever lives to make intercession for us.

Just in our generation - in our 40, 60, 80 years on earth, the media has indoctrinated humanity convincing them that there are few, if any, absolute moral truths. Absolute truth is defined as an inflexible reality, fixed, invariable, an unalterable fact, example: there are absolutely no square circles and there are absolutely no round squares.

A well-known author was quoted as saying "Those who believe that they have the ABSOLUTE TRUTH and the ONLY MORAL STANDARD are destructive both to themselves and to those they try to convert."

This lie which was conceived in the pit of hell has weaved its way into the fabric of man's thinking in North America, producing such schizophrenia, that even though one has all the characteristics of a man if one day he should wake up not feeling as masculine as he would like, he then begins to wonder if he ever was absolutely a man. Transgender, transsexual are words that have only come into the vocabulary of society since the 1990's, and now just a few decades later we have children coming home from school asking their mother "Am I a boy or a girl?"

But thanks be to God, He is still on His Throne full of grace and mercy desiring that none should perish but that all would come to repentance, even those who are demoralizing mankind. **Praise God!**

Romans 13:7 tells us to give honour to whom honour is due, the Greek meaning for honour is: esteem to the highest degree – precious – valuable. As the President of FCF-C, I would like to honour all of you who are involved in this ministry from coast to coast, but more importantly (and I believe I have the mind of Christ on this) God desires to honour you, as scripture says in 1 Samuel, He honours those who honour Him, He honours those who faithfully pray for this ministry, those who generously and sacrificially help finance FCF, and all the people who spend countless hours turning out walking sticks, hockey sticks, crosses, beading laces, making bracelets, the volunteers sharing the gospel,

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From the Desk of Bill Brown

What We can Learn from Geese

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another ...” Heb 10:25

A few weeks ago, when reading our morning devotion together, Kathy and I ran into an interesting analogy. The writer compared characteristics and habits of Canadian Geese to people in organizations. You folks certainly know some of them. I was intrigued enough to go to the web to get more information. I used some of my findings the first Sunday in October when speaking at a church in CT. I think they are worth repeating here.

1. Geese nearly always fly together – because of this habit, they can fly 70% farther while using the same amount of energy. They are encouraged and become more enthused when working together.
2. Falling away from the V formation requires more energy. They (and we) need to be part of a team.
3. Geese rotate leadership – This may be a hard one to swallow but each of us has certain expertise and skills. When the lead goose gets tired it moves to the back of the pack to rest. Members of a well-functioning organization or team can do the same.
4. I love the next one! Geese honk at each other to encourage and communicate.

Organizations, churches, and families fall apart without adequate communication.

5. Geese help each other - When one is injured or sick, another goose falls out of formation to remain with the one in need. We humans need to follow the same principle. When was the last time you called someone, to see how they're doing?

“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

Please excuse me – I've got to give someone a call!

Remember to give Him thanks in all things,
Bill Brown

Fellowship of Christian Farmers International Annual Conference

is scheduled for **July 28-30, 2017** in York, PA, very near Lancaster.

We have lots of activities and tours for your enjoyment. We would love to have some of our Canadian members join us!

International Plowing Match 2016

By John Baker,
Western Ontario Fieldman



***"We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand."*** *Matthias Claudius 1782*

As we were setting up the tents the weather was wet and it would have been very easy to despair but on the first day the sun shone, the crowds came and many were saved. Being new to the Fieldman position, I quickly discovered the many things that go into making our booth at the "Tent City" successful. The many hours spent by dedicated volunteers arranging the site, putting up the tent, arriving early to get ready and staying after to close. The people who travel back year after year to stay the week presenting the Gospel and of course the rookies who came out for a new experience and left enthralled with what God is doing. Pastors who encouraged their people to get involved and came themselves (in some cases several times) to help. I can only say thank you but God gives the reward.

Approximately 7,000 sticks were handed out, which in itself is encouraging however there were many children from school trips and young families represented who received other gifts but all heard the story of the "beads". Every night as we gathered for closing prayer opportunity was given for testimonies from the volunteers. The many stories about positive responses both encouraged and inspired us.

This time we had a different layout as our usual U-shaped tent setup wouldn't pass regulations. We had a main tent and another tent opposite with three large group circles

where we accommodated the school children and other larger groups. It made the job of the person organizing and seating the groups a bit hectic and we learned a lot. Kudos to those who volunteered for this busy and demanding task. We had enough volunteers that we were able to rotate those presenting and give plenty of opportunity for breaks. During the peak hours we usually had a full house. Praise God!

This year's plowing match was in Wellington County and next year's is in the neighboring Huron County. The location is just outside of the town of Walton, near Blyth. The local churches that came onboard with us were apprised of the fact that next year's IPM is about 30 KM west and they are already committing to be involved next year. I will be firming up these contacts and striving for more on Sept. 19 - 23, 2017. Save the date.

On another note we had a shock as one of our local Pastors, Don Forrest, suffered a heart attack on the IPM grounds on the opening day. He was intending to help at the FCFC tent but never made it. I am pleased to report that he had treatment at London Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. Praise God.

We have claimed many souls for the Kingdom at Harriston, Minto township, Wellington County and have laid an excellent foundation for 2017 at Walton, Huron County. God is good.

Niagara Chapter Highlights

Bob & Kelly Foster

We enjoyed another exciting summer as our Niagara Chapter had the privilege of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with hundreds of people whose hearts were tender. Many prayed to receive Jesus, while others came asking for personal prayer. Some of those were prodigals, looking to find their way back home!

Ken shared a testimony that he had heard this year, of a woman who had walked away from the Lord. At that time, she attended an event in which a "Fellowship of Christian Farmer" shared the gospel with her. She was restored to the Lord and continues to enjoy a close walk with Him since that day, many years ago!

What a wonderful reminder of the Faithfulness of God ***"For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." (Isaiah 57:15 NKJV)***

Kevin shared of an exciting moment he had at the Welland Fair when he got to witness to a group of high school students. Every one of them bowed their heads and prayed the sinners' prayer!

Another memorable moment was when one of our members, who was more comfortable working in the background, stepped out in faith to witness. How wonderful it was to see God give her the courage she needed to overcome her fear!

The more personal highlight this summer for Bob and me was when our 4 year old grandson Michael gave his heart to Jesus! Virginia had shared the gospel with Michael at the Fort Erie Friendship Festival. That night Michael slept over at our home. In the middle of a story I was reading Michael about heaven, he politely asked me to stop reading, he then closed his eyes tight

and after a few seconds, opened them and proclaimed, "Grandma, I just asked Jesus in my heart." I responded with joy and then continued our story, only to have Michael stop me once again to pray. When he opened his eyes he said, "Grandma, I just asked God to forgive me of all my sins!" The next morning Michael flung open the front door and our dog Jenny was outside to greet us. Michael had always expressed he was a bit nervous of our old girl. He looked at Jenny and then at me, only to say, "Grandma, I don't have to be afraid of Jenny any more because I have Jesus in my heart!"

We have been so blessed watching Michael grow in his love for Jesus and are praying that he too, will always have a love for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in obedience to God's call to "Go"!



Kevin, Fort Erie Friendship Festival



← Michael wearing his FCF crown

Nova Scotia

“My Word ... shall not return unto Me void”. Isaiah 55:11

The Central Nova Chapter had a very busy summer and fall at a number of exhibitions.



Charlie Milner: What a privilege it is to bring the Good News to a lost and dying world. It seems with each passing day, the world as we once knew it, is going in a direction that no one could have believed. Prayerfully, we as members of the FCFC, will in some small way make a difference. This summer, our Fellowship Team had the opportunity to present the gospel message at the Hants County Exhibition in Windsor, Nova Scotia.

The crowds were large in numbers and many people stopped by our booth to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Much prayer had gone into our work there and I believe there were souls looking for something more than the things this world has to give them. One lady that visited our booth became quite emotional and tears started to fall as I told her about Christ and that He died for her and all peoples of this world. Only eternity will reveal what impact was made by the Team at this Exhibition. As God said, “My Word will not return to Me void”. Isaiah 55:11.



Hants County Exhibition, John Veenhuis: A couple came to the booth last year. The lady was saved, the husband not, and he had been a heavy drinker. He said that he had gone to AA and they talked about a “higher power”. Although he stopped drinking he knew there had to be something more. I shared the gospel with them, both cried but did not want to pray then, but promised they would read the tract again at home. This year they came praising the Lord! He knew he was going to heaven. They are attending a church. Praise God. He is able.

At Yarmouth County Ex, one young couple wanted to know if bad sin could be forgiven. I told them that Jesus forgives all sin if we confess it to Him. “Could Jesus forgive abortion?” I replied; “Yes, and He will remember it no more.”
- Anne Veenhuis



At Antigonish, a little girl of about 6 years came early to the booth and wanted a stick. I explained that the sticks were for adults. Then she saw the Bible. Her heart was set on having one (a New Testament would not do!) I told her to bring a parent or adult with her. Shortly she returned with her Mom who works with the rides. They both heard the gospel and she left, happily hugging her Bible. God is so loving and gracious to give this dear little one, living in the midst of a worldly environment, a love for His precious Word. - Leona Nielsen



Christians are an encouragement. At the Pictou North Colchester show a young parent with three children came to the booth. She told us that the youngest started Primary this week and he had to name for his teacher “only one thing that he wanted to be when he grows up”. This would be put on a plaque. He told his teacher, “*To be a man of God.*” Praise God! God is not dead! - Roy Nielsen

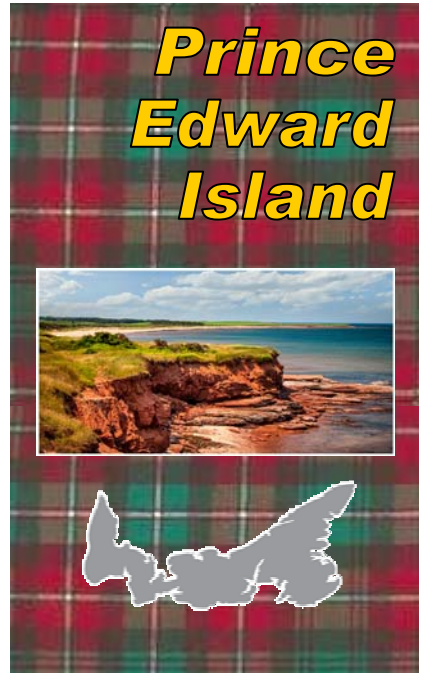
“People are serious about salvation”

While we have no FCFC chapters, yet, in PEI, Roy and Leona Nielsen of NS teamed up with Colleen Grant and Gerry Nickerson of NB to bring the gospel to two events:

Dundas Plowing Match / Provincial Ex: We have had a presence at this show for several years. There was a larger attendance this year and a greater interest in our booth.

Prince County Exhibition in Alberton: A very worthwhile event; people are serious about salvation. A pastor from a local church conversed and had prayer with us; he was most appreciative. He invited us to share at his church at any time. He also emailed: “It was a joy to meet you yesterday in the arena and it was so encouraging to have a Christian ministry present at the Exhibition and in our community. God is using you to be a blessing to us all. We were praying for you this morning at our prayer meeting that God would bring folks your way.” Another minister said she would use the walking stick and tract in her morning service.

Our prayer is that from these seeds we will see a chapter in PEI.



Lanark County Chapter, ON Garry Boyce

The Lanark County Chapter continues to reach out to the area south of Ottawa. The two most recent events were at the Bridge Street Bazaar in Carleton Place, and the Lanark County Plowing Match.



Bridge Street Bazaar, Carleton Place

We had another great year sharing the Good News about Jesus with many surrendering their lives to the Lord. Some of our workers have shared how working with FCFC has changed their lives, even helping to overcome post-traumatic stress syndrome. Our Lanark Chapter wishes to thank everyone who prayed for us, and the wonderful people who shared the gospel of Jesus Christ. Anne and I sure appreciate all the help and prayers.

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

Quebec - People are Thirsty!

By Sylvain Couture, Quebec fieldman

Our evangelization campaign went very well in 2016. More than 350 volunteers from ninety churches shared the gospel message with 58,000 people. Once again there were many anecdotes and testimonies.

A man in his sixties came to the booth in **Ormstown** and asked to see Emilie (my wife) who had given him the gospel message last year. As Emilie was not there, he began to explain to Pierre that he is a Christian who had left the church for a number of years, and he was motivated to once again take up the torch. He had come to thank Emilie for having encouraged him to return to church. His Christian walk and fellowship with the Lord was renewed.

Chicoutimi Farm Expo: This event turned out to be a real success. Twenty-three volunteers coming from four churches in the Saguenay shared the gospel message with 3,600 people.

A woman with her family came to the table, listened to the message, and wanted to know more! She was thirsty and wanted to hear more. She left her address after having a long discussion with Emilie.

It is wrong to believe that people are not thirsty – these are lies from the enemy. If we want to see God at work, when He calls us we have to say in faith, “Here I am, Lord”, and we will be in the front row to see the action.



Gatineau Hot Air Balloon Festival: We had 28 volunteers from seven churches, and in a 10x10 tent, open on both sides, we presented the gospel message to 7,500 people.

Michael Bekele Gauvreau shares his experience:

The Balloon Festival was unbelievable! I remember being stressed before the event but all that passed with the first encounter with people at the booth. The 5-colour story is so simple and so easy to understand which makes it easy to share. People were happy to know the significance of the colours attached to the gifts we offered them.

During my two days at the event I shared the message with 200, if not 250, people. Among this number there were only two who told me they were not interested. All the others listened right up to the end.

For me it was personally a blessed experience as I felt evangelism was something I was missing out on in my personal life. This event helped me to grow and gave me the fire for evangelism which I wish to maintain by taking the time weekly to share the gospel. This event is etched in my memory. A sincere thanks to the organizers, and you can certainly count on me for next year!

I would also like to add that I was so content to see the unity of the various denominations. We were all united and animated for the same cause. Jesus is above our denominations.

“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.” Prov 24:11 (NIV)

Nicolas Desjardins is the leader of a new FCFC chapter, de l'Outaouais, in Gatineau, Québec. He sent the following testimony:

Since I was saved, I always had this desire for evangelism in my heart. So often, I would come back from work deceived that I couldn't say anything about Jesus to anyone, or wounded for trying in a determined clumsy way.

When the Fellowship of Christian Farmers came to visit my church to talk about their approaches, it was a real breakthrough for me. So I gave my name to participate for Saturday and Sunday at the Festival des Mongolfières in Gatineau in August. The week before that weekend, I faced a lot of attacks from the enemy like never before. Although I sensed the calling from God to do this, I began to feel doubts and fear. So I called the responsible to say that I would do only the Saturday, that I was sorry, but that was it. Later on, I read the proverb of the day, like I usually do. Guess what it was saying! *“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.”* (Prov. 24:11)

The attacks kept on going for the few days before that weekend in such a way that the thought came to my mind that I should cancel the Saturday too. But instead, I chose not to rely on my emotions but to obey what God is calling us to do. And boy, Am I glad I did! I participated all day Saturday; I gave my name if they needed me on Sunday, and they did, so I ended up participating Sunday and Monday too. I had such a wonderful experience. I met all kinds of people, and I felt so much joy doing this. I really saw the hand of God at work that weekend. In fact, I loved it so much that I participated also the next weekend at the festival of St-Tite, on the Saturday night. I thank God for this wonderful experience, I thank also the Christian Farmers, and hope to participate again soon. God bless, Nicolas.



Nicolas with Ann Beaubien, former FCFC director

“I believe God can use us to make a change, a difference, an awakening, a new and transformed Quebec.” – Sylvain Couture



Comments overheard:

“You have to go and listen to this beautiful story!”

Thank - you very much! We don't hear about this these days. Our children need to hear this!

“I have the chills!” (a woman after having heard the story)

“Wow! This is so beautiful and logical!

“That makes sense!”

“Thank-you, thank-you, Madame!”

Saskatchewan

By Wayne Clark

We live in a beautiful country and for me, Saskatchewan, in mid July, is a beauty to behold. The rolling countryside is covered in a sea of bright yellow canola, sometimes as far as the eye can see. Once again this year we had the privilege of exploring some of the back roads of the province which has the most kilometers of roads in all of Canada.

Colonial Days: Lloydminster is located with the SK / AB border running through the centre of town. The Colonial Days fairgrounds are found on the SK side of town. It was there we had the opportunity to share the gospel and invite believers to become involved in the Fellowship. Several people showed interest and one man took literature on starting a chapter. We pray that God will work on individuals and churches so they see the need of taking the gospel to the marketplace.



Melfort Exhibition

Melfort Ex was a smaller event but we still had the opportunity to share the message with over 200 people.

A bonus of being part of FCF is fellowshipping with brothers & sisters who are also involved in the ministry. We had lunch with chapter members in Red Deer, AB. We delivered sticks to Cornie and Cheryl Sawatzky, leaders of the Central Plains Chapter, and enjoyed a visit with them in their home in MacGregor, MB. We also visited Torrance & Bernice Tornquist, retired chapter leaders in Nipawin, SK. →



Cornie & Cheryl Sawatzky, Wayne



Morden Corn & Apple Festival, Manitoba

Every prayer was answered!

Report from Henry & Carol Janzen, Cornie & Cheryl Sawatzky

This was a first-time joint effort by Central Plains Chapter of MacGregor, MB and Fraser Valley Chapter of Abbotsford, BC.

Attendance at the festival was estimated by the organizers to be about 40,000. It is touted to be the largest annual event in Manitoba and this was the first time FCFC had been present there.

Attendance for our booth was about 3,000 in just 12 hours of operation!

Faithful Volunteers:

There were 5 full time volunteers who worked tirelessly for the entire duration, plus another 7 more working in random shifts to help with hauling in more sticks (we kept running out as we had underestimated the number needed), tying laces, and providing helpful back-up to those sharing with the constant pressing crowd of 30 to 35 people waiting their turn to receive their stick and to hear the Gospel message.

Praise God for all your prayers for us from across the country! Every prayer was answered with a resounding **“yes”** from Heaven above! It was just so amazing!!

Truly as Mike Sweeney, our FCFC President has so amply said it, **“It’s as if God’s anointing is truly upon this stick ministry”**.

Stories and Testimonials:

Shortly after the event we met with a few couples at Boston Pizza in Winnipeg for a time of debriefing and wind-down, at which time our volunteers shared countless stories together. These were so very exciting.

* A couple in their mid 70’s said they had never heard the Gospel presented so plainly before nor had they ever been confronted so pointedly with their eternal destination. They both agreed with one another they really did want to have their sin forgiven and that Peace with God and simultaneously prayed to invite Jesus to be their Lord and Saviour. They eagerly received their first Bible from us, and being aware of a good Bible preaching church in their home town, they both committed to one another to start going next Sunday, although they had not attended previously.



Additional stories included;

- * A young man from Morden prayed with Cornie to receive Jesus
- * A 73 years old couple, married for 49 yrs, now born again together.
- * 2 men from the Philippines now born again
- * A man of 30 with every body part either tattooed or pierced, now born again
- * A lady of 70 (?) now born again
- * A young married Oriental couple born again together
- * An Indo-Canadian man came with his Christian friend, he too received Christ
- * A husband and his wife with their young daughter all accepted Jesus together
- * A girl of 23 years came with her mom to accept Jesus together, and so many more names for us to lift up in prayer together.

New Red River Valley Chapter

The two couples who volunteered tirelessly for the whole week-end committed to start a new chapter for the Southern Manitoba area. Everyone, including Central Plains and Fraser Valley Chapters, is committed to revisit Morden again next year, with about 6000 sticks to last the full 3 day, 29 hour duration.

Let’s all be in prayer for more volunteers for 2017 as **“the fields are truly ripe unto harvest but the labourers are so few.”**

This entire week-end was so filled with miracles. This was truly JOY UNSPEAKABLE!! and we were all quick to give God all the Glory for what he accomplished with just a handful of fishermen in Morden, Manitoba.

Is There Something You Could Do to Serve?

After the March 2016 issue of *The SOWER* went out, we received the following letter from Doug Edwards of Englehart, ON:

From reading Bill Brown's report: 'Now I come to the point of asking you: "Is there something more you could do to serve?"' 'Years ago at the Earltan Plowing Match, I attended the training session on the meaning of the beads. Although I didn't serve in your booth at that time, as a Gideon I was busy in our booth, but supplied Bibles to you.

I like to give out tracts as I do the Lodge service on some Sundays, and I thought maybe I could use your bead message in my talk. I would need about 20 sets of beads and straps to give out. Is this possible?



Our reply was "Yes, of course!" We sent the beads, leather straps, and tracts to Doug. Recently, we received the photo above, and the following reply from him:

This is Jaken at Northview Nursing Lodge, Englehart. I presented each person with a string of beads and then explained what each bead stood for and their acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The staff helped put the beaded bracelets on their wrists, and each also accepted a bracelet and tract. Thank-you, Doug

President's Message *(continued from p 2)*

our chapter leaders and their secretaries and treasurers, the area leaders, those who absorb the cost of travelling to and from events plus the cost of admission, all our members, the board members, our administrator, our executive officer and if I have missed anyone know for a certainty God has not, for He not only knows your name but as Psa. 139 says he knows when you sit down and when you stand up; He knows every minute and all the effort you have put into this ministry for the furtherance of His Gospel, He honours each of you for not compromising His Truth but telling folks that there is only one WAY to secure eternal Salvation and that is through JESUS CHRIST, demonstrating that there are absolutes. There is absolutely a heaven to gain and absolutely a hell to shun - instructing those souls that as they put their trust in Him and proclaim Jesus as Lord they will inherit eternal life ... God honours each of you!

He who died but now lives gave us tremendous insight when He said in Galatians 6 *"Don't be misled, don't be deceived - whatever you sow that is what you also will reap."* You have sown the eternal Word of God into the lives of those He died for, thus you will reap an eternal reward, as 1 Peter says, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade.

Thank you for your commitment and love to reach the lost, and may God bless you and keep you over this holiday season.

Agassiz Fall Fair (continued from p 1)

Our 10' X 15' Tent had to be set up in a deluge of rain making the job difficult to accomplish, but all rather fun nevertheless.

We shared the whole message of Jesus Love, Forgiveness, and Acceptance of everyone just because He loves them!

Of the individuals who accepted Jesus as their Lord & Saviour right in our booth that day,

** There was a couple in their mid-fifty's who said they had never been confronted so pointedly about their eternal destination before, and now wanted to be sure of where they would be going after death. It is always such a thrill to see a husband and wife come to saving faith in the Lord together. They both committed to seek out a good Bible Preaching Church nearby and start out in a new direction, together!

** Another thrill was to lead a young lady in her twenty's, who is on a short term work Visa from Switzerland, now working on a farm in Agassiz, to the Lord! She was there with her friend who was still reluctant to make that same commitment at that moment, but who took all the material including a Gospel of John with her.

** A young girl of about 27 also accepted Jesus as her Saviour, then being so excited about her new relationship with God, took a second stick and tract to share with her Mom.

** A widow in her mid-fifty's accepted Jesus, and gave us a great big hug with a smile on her face as she left with her own new Gospel of John.

** There was a young man of nearly 30 who after praying to receive Christ, could not wait to tell his Christian Uncle of his decision, whom he said had been praying for him for many years. So once again we can see that "we reap where we have not sown".

Our volunteers told me they had shared with folks steeped in Scientology and with a Unitarian as well as many other believers and non-believers.



BENEFIT/PAY-OFF;

Was it worth the effort, the work, and the soaking we experienced?

A thousand times YES!

When just one lost soul joins the Family of God, scripture tells us that all of Heaven rejoices!!

So let's all celebrate together with the Angels in Heaven for this opportunity we had to be a part of God's great harvest!!

We received the following note from one of our volunteers:

What a blessing to hear what's going on and how effective the ministry is. It really was quite the experience to share the word like that and I will never forget it.

I shared the ministry with our Pastor and he's very interested in finding out more. It still chokes me up to even share the experience with close friends. I love asking people even now where they are going after they die and how they know. It's such a great opening line to a spiritual conversation. I made a new friend with a construction worker with this who was working in my back lane who is just new here from Jamaica. He is a believer and happens to have just started at Ed's church.

Keep up the good/God work and stay in touch, James

"Looking Ahead"

Jeremiah 29:11

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Islands Ag Show, Port Alberni, Feb 3-4, 2017

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ON: Chatham Kent Farm Show, Jan 25-26, 2017

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London Farm Show, March 8-10, 2017

Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340

Ottawa Valley Farm Show, Ottawa, March 14-16, 2017

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National Women's Show, Ottawa, April 8-9, 2017

Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634

QC: Walk to Bethlehem, Hudson, Dec 2-3

Claude Bernard, 450-451-3342

NB: Atlantic Farm Mechanization Show, Moncton, Mar 9-11, 2017

Colleen Grant, 506-485-2920

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

Jeremiah 29:11

Alberta - PRAISE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST!

Robert Reid of the **Red Deer Chapter** sent in the following report:

FCFC Outreach Report for Three days at Bentley, Alberta, Aug, 2016

One of our volunteers, Doug, showed a threesome of early twenty's the Gospel Presentation, and one man in particular was most interested and closest to Doug. As he 'leaned in' the others unexpectedly listened, and Doug clearly presented the invitation, clearly asking him if he wanted to pray that prayer – for forgiveness and acceptance of Jesus as his Saviour. He prayed that prayer out loud, and was on his way!

"I NEED TO DO THAT": Terry had presented the Gospel to a woman, and the choice of Salvation, and offered the Invitation to pray the Prayer of Confession. Eagerly from her mouth: "I need to do that!" Terry got her a pen and she eagerly signed and dated the prayer. And her friend close beside her, I believe, was going to do the same later.

"Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor 6:2

"That's what I was waiting for!"

Ken, from the **Niagara Chapter**, shared a story of a couple to whom he had presented the gospel at the International Plowing Match. The young man prayed the sinner's prayer and as soon as he said "Amen", the young woman announced, "That's what I was waiting for!" As she was already a Christian, she then explained how she wasn't going to marry him until he got saved!

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Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

Jesus is the gift that fits every heart!

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

Have you accepted God's greatest gift?



OH HOLY NIGHT!

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