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"A Sower Went Out To Sow His Seed..." Luke 8:5

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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.

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This story was forwarded to us by Paul Booker, our board member from the Niagara /St. Catharines Ontario region. Paul hopes that it will encourage us to learn that our message can reach a far greater audience beyond boundaries or expectations.

The Word Goes Forth

by Rob Cretney (16 years old)

On Saturday July 29th, 2017, I arrived in Dublin, Ireland, along with a team of young adults. Our goal as a team was to go around to different local churches and public parks to put on kids clubs. We invite the



Our 16 year old Author is wearing the green hoodie

neighbouring kids to attend. We would sing songs, play games, put on carnivals with lots of candy; but the main reason we

went all the way to Ireland from Canada was to show the love of God to the youth in Ireland and to share with them the good news of salvation.

We also spent some time doing some street teen evangelism, where we would go into the city centres and spark up conversations with some of the local teens. We would then tell them about Jesus Christ and what He has done for us on the cross. We would invite them to an end-of-the-week teen hangout session at a local church, to play some games and try to connect with these teens. For me, being 15 at the time, this was quite a daunting task. However, I soon gained enough courage (obviously from God, not myself) and it became one of my favourite ways to talk to others about the Lord.

Throughout these different kids' clubs, teen evangelism outings and meetings, I was able to use a very easy and practical method to share the gospel. Just a couple weeks before I went to Ireland, I had been invited by a friend of mine, Paul Booker, FCFC Board member, to go to a

county fair with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers - Canada, and to hand out walking sticks with the coloured beads. I grew to love this method of sharing the gospel! But the blessing continued: Unknown to me, volunteers from the Niagara Chapter of the FCF ministry planned a little work party and made me a couple hundred bracelets for me to give out in Ireland. So, at the many kids clubs and meetings in Ireland, I got to share the story of the beads, and afterwards hand out these bracelets which the kids and even some adults loved. I was able to give out almost all of them!

I'm very thankful that I was able to use this easy, down-to-earth method of



sharing the gospel with these kids, and I'm sure that all the hard labour during

those long weeks will not be in vain as promised by the Lord, Himself:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (see also Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

Looking for 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, MB, & SK, AB, BC to:

- 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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President's Message- Cutting through with Power

By Jocelyn Aubut



Romans 1:16 **For I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith...**

In the early '50s, Jerry used to live in a farm way back at the end of a county road. He was cutting his wood for the next winter with his old, hand held, wooden, lumberjack Bucksaw when his buddy Arnold came for a visit. Seeing how hard Jerry had to work to use the manual saw, his friend suggested to him to buy one of these new chain saws that just arrived on the market.

Curious, the farmer purchased one of those contraptions during his next visit to town. He tried it right after, but Jerry was really not impressed with this gadget and went back to his good old bucksaw.

When Arnold visited his friend again, he asked Jerry how he enjoyed his new tool. And as Jerry started complaining, Arnold just grabbed the saw, flicked the switch, pulled the choke and cranked the starter cord. As soon as Jerry heard the loud noise, he pulled back and screamed: ***What's that!***

Turns out that Jerry had been using the chain saw like his bucksaw, but without starting the engine.

In the same way, the power of our evangelistic efforts rests in the faithful presentation of the Gospel. When I work in a booth during an FCFC event, I sometimes wish we could be more effective in connecting people to Christ. But I remind myself that God is not asking us to be some sleek salespeople exerting ourselves in the hope of skillfully sweet-talking someone into heaven.

"And let us not grow weary in well-doing, **for in due season** we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9

In fact, I rejoice when I see very ordinary Christians, young and old, just simply and sincerely presenting the message of the Gospel with the five colors. Even if the visitor does not appear at the moment to be very receptive to the message, I like to think that even **if the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing**, yet, for **us who are being saved it is the POWER of God**. 1 Corinthians 1:18

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From The Pen – Love Life, Let It Show!

Bill Brown - Area Leader FCFI

Have you ever noticed that people respond to smiles much quicker than to frowns? **Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful (joyful) heart is good medicine,"**



Not only for our own health but for those with whom we associate?

Over the past 25 years in serving through FCF. Yes, Kathy and I start our 19th year of being on staff, and leading training sessions for volunteers at events, I nearly always stress that if we truly believe what we are sharing, our expressions should show it.

A smile goes a long way to convince people. Always put a smile on your face; it's a powerful weapon.

Proverbs 15:30 "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart."

As we age it's easier to realize what a wonderful life God has given us. Yes, there have been struggles and setbacks but God has been faithful through it all and we want most of all to share the joy we have in knowing Christ as our Savior. That should be the desire of each of us who serve FCF in 2018.

1 Peter 3:10 "For he that loves life, and sees good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile."

Wouldn't it be great if we were all in one accord? If we all were on the same page with the joy of the Lord written all over our faces? And as people enter our FCF booths or tents, they would notice there's something different about this place?

May the following scripture be our prayer this season: **Psalms 126:2 "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. The Lord has done great things for them."** Keep smiling; God's got great things planned for 2018!

Remember to give Him thanks in all things.

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The Clarks- Keynote guests at New York Outreach Meetings

By Bill brown- Area Leader FCFI

Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada, Executive Director, Wayne Clark and his wife Edith former FCFC Administrator, were the keynote speakers at two FCFI chapter outreach dinner meetings, during the first weekend of October.

The Northern New York Chapter meeting was held on Friday evening, October 6th in the Adams Center .60 members and guests attended with chapter President Dave Porter, presiding. A delicious thanksgiving style dinner was enjoyed by all.

The following night the Mohawk Valley Chapter of FCFI hosted the Clarks with 68 folks present. Local caterer, Janet Rowlands, set out her customary buffet for all to enjoy. President Cliff Kitchen served as master of ceremonies. At both meetings the attendees were brought up to speed of FCFI 2017 activities.

In addition to the Clarks, one of the highlights of both meetings was the showing of one of videos of Terri Roberts, the mother of the Amish Lancaster, Pennsylvania school shooter. Terri has since gone home to be with her Lord. Her journey of asking why to forgiveness is one of acceptance. The Amish were quick to forgive.

This is a story that touches hearts and encourages others to reconcile with past hurts.

I would encourage Sower readers to check out some of Terri's YouTube presentations. Her book Forgiven is a worthy read as well.



Mohawk Valley Chapter Meeting. October 7th. Shown in picture left to right. Cliff and Joyce Kitchen, Chapter President and Secretary, Sydney Lenaghen from Rome, NY who provided the special music and Edith and Wayne Clark, Quebec, Canada Keynote Speakers.

The Clarks split their guest spot. First Wayne chronicled their time with FCF-Canada from farm show volunteer to holding down two of the most important positions in Canada. Edith in turn, shared her faith and presented the gospel message using the bead story. She didn't stop short but challenged those in attendance both nights to examine themselves and make sure they had responded to the invitation from the Lord to accept His son as Savior.

What blessing it was to have the Clarks in our midst and to see what a Christian couple can accomplish when working together.

Our First ECHO Missions Trip

By Karen & Leo Bridges-Wingham, ON

ECHO, Oct 28-Nov 4, 2107. Karen and Leo Bridges chose to enlist with FCFI for their first mission trip. They were joined by 24 others from the United States, Bert and Wilma Visscher from Exeter, Ontario, and friends, Hank and Liz Huigenbos, of Wingham, Ontario.

Who would have thought a quiet dinner on the beach with friends would have landed us on the most rewarding holiday of our lives?



Well the FCFI were setting up for the plowing match this year they decided to have a much deserved quiet dinner on the

beach. Hank and Liz invited us along. When the discussion of a mission trip came up, we felt we were finally ready. We had no young children at home. Before we even got in our driveway I was looking for flights. We had never been on a mission trip before. Really had no idea what to expect. I have to say it was more than what I had imagined. We worked hard but never got tired. We had great fellowship with people that we had never met. Laughing and even crying together. We broke bread together every meal and learned about each other's lives.

The work that ECHO does made me realize that you have the ability to help people all over the world regardless of your age, experience or abilities.

There truly was something for everyone. We worked together for one cause with Christ at the center. I recommend to any one looking to step into the mission

field, that this is a place to get your feet wet. We cannot wait to return.

FCF Mission Trip Opportunities

12th Annual ECHO

Educational Concerns for World
Hunger Jan 26 –Feb 2, 2019
Ft. Myers Florida,
Includes food and lodging
\$320 US per person

ECHO - Ron and Deb Herrold
(219) 916-3535

9th Annual Reality Ranch

November 4-9 2018
Zolfo Springs Florida
includes food and lodging
\$320 US per person

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Work projects include

- Landscaping, Mulching
- Irrigation, Ditch digging
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April 13 - 15, 2018

Breadalbane Baptist Church

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Dalkeith, Ontario

(Halfway between Montreal & Ottawa)
Directions: www.breadalbanechurch.ca

***"Whatever you do,
work at it with all
you heart, as though
you were working for
the Lord and not for
people."***

Col 3:23

Simultaneous translation from Friday noon to Sunday noon - Rob Mongeau

Purpose Passion People



Friday, April 13

9:30 am Meet Breadalbane Baptist Church
22015 Breadalbane Road,
Dalkeith, Ontario

Car pool to
Farm Tour: Dameya Holsteins
21991 Emma Lane
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This certified organic dairy farm, owned and operated by the Schneider family, is widely recognized as a top breeder of Red Holsteins. Also home to **Therapy Animals**. You'll meet Danyca, a specialist in animal-assisted therapy.

12:00 LUNCH at Breadalbane Church

1:00 pm: Registration - Meet & Greet

2:00 pm: Planning & Goals for 2018
Open to all

3:00 pm: BREAK

3:15 pm: Workshop - Jocelyn Aubut
'Sharing with Purpose'

4:15 pm: FCFI News - Bill Brown

5:00 pm: SUPPER

6:00 – 6:45 pm: Time of Sharing
- Maritimes & others

7:00 pm: Gospel Concert with
Steve & Janis Miller
***Praises to HIM Quartet* from**
'Just as I Am Cowboy Church'
Paris, Missouri

Saturday, April 14

Breadalbane Baptist Church

- 9:00 am: Coffee & Muffins**
- 9:30 am: Devotions and prayer**
- Mike Sweeney
- 10:30 am: FCFC 2017 Western Canada**
- Henry & Carol Janzen
- 11:00 am: FCFC 2017 Quebec**
- Sylvain Couture & Emilie
- 11:30 am: FCFC 2017 Ontario**
- 12 :00: Noon – LUNCH**
- 1:30 pm: Annual General Meeting**
(separate agenda)
- 3:30 pm: BREAK**
- 3:45 pm: Workshop: Fundraising**
- Henry Janzen

5:45 pm: BANQUET

Knox Presbyterian Church Hall

29 HIGH, Vankleek Hill, ON K0B 1R0

Featured Speaker: To be announced



Sunday, April 15

Breadalbane Baptist Church

- 10:00 am: Short-term Mission Reports**
- **Ukraine** – Birgid MacCallum
- **Dominican Republic** – Sylvain & Emilie
- **Guatemala** – Stephen & David Clark

11:00 am: Worship Service

Worship song leader – Melissa Quesnel
Message – To be announced

12:30: LUNCH

Conference Cost

Starting at 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 13,
The three-day program, including 5 meals,
costs \$75.00 per person.

- Friday only: \$35.00
- Saturday only: \$50.00
- Banquet only: \$25.00



Conference reservations by April 2.

Please note: we need Sat. night

Banquet reservations by April 2

Overnight accommodation is extra

You are responsible for making your own
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The Green Bead

Wayne Clark, Executive Director, FCFC



"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18

The green bead on the Wordless Bracelet is about growing to know God better. It is about obeying His will. How did Jesus sum up the will of God when asked?

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'" Mark 12:29-31 (NIV)

An idol is anything we love more, fear more, serve more, or trust more than Almighty God. There are many idols in our society that are not made of wood or stone. Pride in what we know, own, or believe (self-righteous, not needing a Saviour). Many other things can come between us and God: materialism, mind-altering drugs, sex, and deceiving pleasures.

Do we always love our neighbour as ourselves? The Bible defines a neighbour as someone with a need and it is our job to fulfill that need. Most of us need to work on this one!

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, in Acts 1:8, He commanded His followers to go into the world as His witnesses.

There are many ways of doing this, but many people who claim to believe never do anything in this regard.

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers offers a unique opportunity to go into the marketplace (where Jesus taught) and share the simple Gospel.

Heaven is for those who believe in faith and accept the simple gift of salvation. Jesus died in our place. James tells us that faith without works is dead! (James 2:17)

Are we always ready to do what Jesus asks us to do? (James 1:22) When we obey by doing we understand that which is absolutely true. Doing (obedience) helps us to experience what believing in God really is and not simply believing about God.

If we humble ourselves and ask God to help us to obey Him and give us light as to what He wants us to do, He has promised to equip us. All who truly believe should be "working on the green bead"!

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" Hebrews 13:20-21

The Lord Jesus saves us and equips us for a **Purpose**.
Do we have the **Passion**?
There are millions of **People** out there who are lost and need the Saviour.

Purpose * Passion * People

Update on Board and Staff

At the November 20th Board meeting we accepted changes to the FCFC Board, as well as welcomed new staff.

Jocelyn Aubut 7th President FCFC

Mike Sweeney resigned as president, and Jocelyn Aubut has taken his place for the remainder of the term. Mike still remains as a member of the Board. Henry Janzen resigned his position as trustee and has become the fieldman (coordinator) for British Columbia. Ed Plett from BC has accepted a position on the Board replacing Henry. Also, we have two volunteers from Quebec who have become apprentice co-ordinators under the supervision of Sylvain Couture. Meet these people in the brief summaries that follow.

Jocelyn Aubut

Jocelyn is well-known to readers of the SOWER having written several articles for the newsletter. He is president of the Mauricie Chapter in Quebec, and has helped organize outreach at the St. Tite Rodeo and other events in that region which in total welcome more than 20,000 visitors to the FCF tent each year.

Jocelyn has worked as a counselor in rehabilitation with the local school board. He volunteers at the local university with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and shares the love of Jesus with students of other faiths and ethnic communities. He has helped with video productions and other means in helping FCFC volunteers to present a clear gospel message.

Jocelyn is fluently bilingual which is a real asset to FCFC.

Henry Janzen

Henry is no stranger to readers of the SOWER. He first became involved as a volunteer helping Sylvain in 2014 at the Pacific Agricultural and Island Agricultural Shows in BC. He brought many of his Gideon associates to the Agrifair later that year and the next year became leader of the Fraser Valley Chapter. In 2016 he joined the Board of FCFC and has been instrumental in getting others involved in FCFC both in BC and across the prairies.

Henry grew up as a farm kid in Manitoba until age 14. He then worked alongside his Dad in a used car lot. He describes it this way: "As a youngster I witnessed both sides – knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus personally." He says he faked it until age 47. Following a diving accident, he asked Jesus into his heart. His first wife, Marg, went to be with the Lord in 2001 following a bout with cancer. He married Carol in 2002 and together they served the Lord through the Gideons and now in FCFC.

Ed Plett

Ed accepted Christ at a young age. He is a graduate of UBC and MIT (doctorate). After graduation he accepted a position on the Faculty of Engineering at Carleton University, and while in Ottawa served on the local board of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. He also worked in aerospace research at Princeton University. Over the years, Ed has held a number of leadership positions in his church, including College and Careers groups, teaching Sunday School, & forming a Christian Service Brigade

program for boys. More recently he received a Master of Theological Studies degree from Trinity Western University. Ed lost his first wife, Carolyn, to cancer. He married Norma in 2015 and they have worked with the Fraser Valley Chapter since 2016.

Jessynia Théagène

Jessynia was born in Montreal, accepted Christ and was baptized in her early teens. When asked by her pastor why she wanted to be baptized, she replied, to evangelize. An aunt, who was a missionary to Africa, was a big influence in her life. As a teenager she raised funds for missions in India.

She has experience as a youth ministry leader and studied at Institut Biblique du Québec. Jessynia is a graduate of McGill University (Macdonald Campus) where she received a degree in agricultural economics. She is fully bilingual and has worked in banking at the National Bank of Canada. Jessynia has experience working in FCFC booths with Emilie and Sylvain Couture and believes that being a missionary is the calling for her life.

Réjean Demers

Réjean has been involved in evangelism in Yamaska and Trois-Rivières, QC, for ten years where he developed evangelistic programs which made it possible to share the gospel with clarity and respect, as well as helping new converts to grow spiritually.

He was senior pastor (28 years) in Trois-Rivières, Sept Isles, and Repentigny. He is a graduate of SEMBEQ (Quebec Evangelical Baptist Seminary), and has since served on various committees connected with that seminary. More recently he has worked in FCFC evangelism with Sylvain Couture.

New Membership **Fees 2018**

Per Person \$60
Per Couple \$85

News from New Brunswick

by Chris & Art Gilmore
Grand Lake Chapter

We had the best season of venues since we started. We had 7 venues. The first was Moncton Mechanization Show in March. We were so blessed with Roy and Leona Nielsen and Anne and John Veenhuis from Central Nova Chapter. It was awesome to watch them sharing the Lord with folks.

In May we had the Hartland Fire Trade Show. We were so blessed to have the Master flow through us there. In August we had the Sussex Flea Market. As always really good. So many people flow through there.

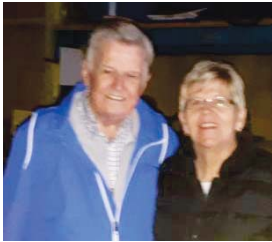
Next, the awesome Dundas Provincial Plowing Match. Then we were at the Saint John Exhibition for a week. We are grateful that they love us there and we always have a booth for sure and for free. So many have said that we are truly a bright light in that place.

In September, we were in St. Stephen for the Charlotte County Fall Fair. It was such a great time sharing with the folks there.

We thank and Praise the Lord for the awesome opportunities that we had and we know that if we plant the seeds the Lord will water them. The abundance of seeds were sown. We are so blessed to be a part of what He is doing, for HE is the Master!!! Amen!!! Thanks so much.

News from BC

By Henry & Carol Janzen
Fraser Valley Chapter



The Pacific Agriculture Show in Abbotsford, B.C. is advertised as the largest farm machinery display in Western Canada with over 300 vendors and tractors costing over

\$800,000 each.

This is the same agriculture show was where personally I was introduced to this very effective Walking Stick ministry 4 years ago. I met FCFC Sylvain Couture, representative from Quebec. He told me all about his bride, Emilie Chartier. They now work full time together as Quebec Fieldman and Assistant with FCFC. It would be another year and a half before Carol & I could complete our commitment to the Gideons and start this first FCFC chapter for B.C. in the summer of 2015.

In addition to the 770 Walking Sticks, we also gave away tons of other free gifts, including crowns for the little girls. It was very cute to see all those little Princesses happily running all over the show on family day! The best part is that every guest to our booth received our simple Gospel tract and heard the whole story of Jesus' death and resurrection, with an offer to repent of their sin and to have an opportunity to receive Him as Lord & Saviour. All done in 2-3 minutes, unless they wished to spend more time with our trained volunteers.

Testimonies, stories of conversions and re-commitments are numerous after an exciting week-end event like this. However here is only

one from a faithful volunteer, Ron, Brother in Christ:

'There was a fellow I would say mid 40s, came to our booth and asked for a walking stick for his mother in law. I said that would be OK but I still had to tell him the bead story. He assured me that this mother in-law was a strong Christian. I told him I still had to tell him the story about the five beads. He agreed. After telling him the bead story, the fellow said he has been standing on the fence for a long time. I said maybe he ought to stop standing on the fence and just ask Jesus into his heart. So, after a moment he agreed. He then prayed the prayer, confessing his sin and asking for forgiveness, which is contained in our little tract. He also signed the tract indicating his Spiritual Birth date. I said he should now take it home and show it to his mother-in-law. The fellow left

so happy.

Now he could go home with something worth more than just that stick, or even all the gems in the



world. He got to go home with Jesus in his heart. Praise God! '

November 17- 19, 2017, **The West coast Christmas show and Artisan Market place** was definitely amazing. With approximately 2000 guests at the show we were unable to keep up for much of the time, despite God's blessing of 18 volunteers, spread over short shifts covering all 3 days. Together with our chapter members, we have already determined that we will return again next year, Lord willing. We also obtained the names of 6 new volunteers eager to help us

at our next local Show scheduled and booked for January 2018.

With grateful hearts we express our thanks to all our faithful prayer warriors, to our very generous financial sponsors who made this



possible, and for all the many volunteers who came out to make our participation in the shows so successful.

We are truly humbled by your commitment to help and to this awesome, and very effective, ministry for the simplicity of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through the story of the 5-coloured beads tied with a shoelace to a basic walking stick. Because the Gospel is the Power of God unto Salvation!

One Volunteer, Duncan, shares this story of 'A Lady with Tears;'

'On my first day as a volunteer with the Walking Stick Ministry a lady and her daughter came to receive their free walking stick. I told them that there was a catch and that they needed to hear the story of the five beads. They agreed. The first bead represents the hope of eternal life I began, and to my surprise the lady began to weep. I asked her why she was weeping and her daughter explained that her Mom's cancer had come back and that she was back on chemo therapy. Oh, I said, is it breast cancer? Yes, she replied. I told her that I lost my sister-in-law to breast cancer last year, went on to tell her that we didn't get along very well, but that something had happened to change that. A cat had got stuck on the roof of my workshop, and the crows were after it. My sister-in-law watched as I climbed up a ladder and rescued the cat, and after that she and I reconciled. I told her

how she had made peace with God and how she had died with a radiant faith. After telling the meaning of the five beads I asked the lady if she would like to make her peace with God. She agreed, so I prayed for her and made room in my prayer for her to silently ask the Lord to forgive her of her sins and to come into her life. Afterward she gave me a huge hug and was so happy. She even told me that I was a good man. Wow, I thought, all that from a free walking stick, who could imagine that? The next day I volunteered again to help explain the story of the beads and there were at least six more people who prayed for forgiveness and asked Jesus to come into their lives. God is good!'

Dec 1-3, 2017, The **Saltspring Christmas Craft Show**, over 3 days, presents a huge variety of hand-made knitting, wood carvings, metal craft, fancy baking, preserves, candles and much more unique and rare items. This show is a paradise for craft lovers and home-made wares enthusiasts, which is why the Fellowship of Christian Farmers walking sticks with the 5 coloured beads are so well accepted there.

One notable encounter at the show was from a lady who received a walking stick last year and went home to share the story with her unsaved husband. He had grown up in a church but told his wife he had never heard the Gospel presented so clearly with soul searching power. He received Jesus as Saviour right then and still holds onto that stick claiming it was the best Christmas present ever! That lady now got another stick to share with someone else. And so the Gospel message told through the 5 coloured beads on a simple walking stick goes forth!

Another woman told our volunteer Pastor Dennis that he was the first person all day that she heard speak the name Jesus at a CHRISTMAS show!!



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This is the Good News that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers shares with everyone. We use five colours as a reminder.



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 ..." John 3:16



Dark: But we have a problem! Sin separates us from God which 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



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



White: If we believe this in our hearts, admit we are sinners and sincerely ask for the forgiveness of Jesus, God has promised to forgive us. Then 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.



Green: Spiritual Growth. If we believe we will want to grow to know God better. We can grow by praying, reading and studying the Bible, being good neighbours, worshipping with others and telling others the good news.

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

NEW BRUNSWICK

Grand Lake Chapter

- Hartland Fire Department and Trade Show, May 4-6

ONTARIO

Lanark Chapter

- Perth Festival of Maples, April 28th
- Smiths Falls Healthy Living Festival, June 16th

Bancroft Chapter

- Coe Hill Fair, Aug. 24 -25

South Central Ontario Chapter

- Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival, March 31 & April 1
- Milton Street Festival, June 2
- Cookstown Wing Ding, June 2
- Aurora Street Festival, June 3
- Caledon Days, June 16

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- Ottawa Valley Farm Show, March 13-15
- Salon National de la Femme, Montréal April 20-22

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Fraser Valley Chapter

- Northview Community Church Missions weekend, April 28-29
- Squamish Father's Day Street Market, Squamish, June 17
- Williams Lake Rodeo, June 29-July 1

ALBERTA

Fraser Valley chapter

- Pincher Creek Trade Show. Alberta May 4-5