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

#### To God be the Glory!

By Pierre Dupuis, Sudbury, ON

What a privilege it has been to be part of this amazing event in Verner, Ontario! It was my first time participating at an International Plowing Match with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. I have volunteered in several events in Quebec these past three years but this was the most exhilarating event so far in my personal experience in sharing the Gospel of Jesus by the sheer intensity created through the large number of visitors listening attentively to our message of the Good News. Other participants agreed with me that it was like walking on holy ground.

Everywhere we looked we saw people with the "Bead Story" walking sticks indicating that they had heard the Story of the Gospel. We were blessed with perfect weather; not a drop of rain all week.

One of the many highlights for me was a couple from Drummondville Quebec whom I led in the prayer of repentance. This is the town where my father first met my mother.

Among a total of 53 volunteers, from my

hometown of Sudbury, about an hour's drive away, 16 volunteers participated from 9 churches. For some of them it was their first time evangelizing and for most of them, using the 5-colour method. A few of them told me it was a tremendous growth experience and they were all so thankful that I had invited them to live out this unique opportunity to share the gift of Eternal life that they themselves have.

Indeed, this was a once in a lifetime event that we may never see again in Verner, Ontario. I strongly felt we couldn't let it go by. We will know only in Eternity how many were born in the Eternal Kingdom through this awesome work.

To Him be the glory!



#### "I believe that I am a good person!"

Jocelyn Aubut, President FCFC

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8,9 (NIV)



After having presented the message using the five colours, often I try to begin a conversation with the visitors who seem to be interested in further discussion. The

recommended question is: "If you were to die tonight, do you believe that you would go to heaven? Why?" I find this is an excellent way to find out if the person is trusting in his/her own merits to be accepted by God, or if they are trusting in the work of Jesus on the cross. Almost invariably, people tell me that they believe they are going to heaven because they are "basically a good person" and God will understand regarding their little faults.

Lately, I have been including myself in the question to be able to have the opportunity to share with them how I would answer on arriving at heaven's gate. For example, I can ask them: "Suppose this booth gets hit with a meteorite and you and I die instantly. We arrive at heaven's gate and are asked the question, "Why should I let you enter?" How would you answer? When they say it is because they are good people, I respond by saying: "You seem to be a good person! Me too! I am not a criminal but I know that I have done things which are against the holiness of God" (pointing to the dark colour which I have already explained).

I do not therefore deserve to be in the presence of a perfect God. In his eyes we are all like criminals because of our faults. Then I add: "My only defense to enter heaven will be

to say that I have put my trust in Jesus who died for me and by his blood paid for my sin (pointing to the red) so that I am purified" (pointing to the white bead).

At certain events you have to pay an entry fee and you get a bracelet to wear. In this case, I like to complete my presentation by saving: "If the gate attendant asks you why he should let you in, you will show your bracelet to prove that you have paid the entry fee (pointing to the bracelet on the visitor). But to get into heaven, I realize that I am not able to pay for my bracelet by simply a good life. The reason why I should be permitted to enter comes down to the fact that Jesus offers me his bracelet. Even though I do not deserve it, he offers it as a free gift and I accept it. Because of this, I will not be asked to pay a second time for what he has already paid for. That is why I am confident I can go to heaven."

I remain impressed at how the approach by FCF permits us to clearly present the gospel to so many people. May God give us as Christians the perseverance to support the ministry by being involved in preparing items, by volunteering at outreach events, and by our financial support.

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#### "Bless Me and Enlarge My Territory (influence)"

Bill Brown, FCFI Area Leader

Kathy, my wife, and I just returned from The International Plowing Match, held this year in the Village of Verner, Ontario. This tiny community is part of



the Municipality of West Nipissing. The municipality includes seventeen former towns, villages and unorganized communities with a total population of 14,364 (2016 census), for an average of 844. Verner would be smaller than the average, but boasts a small hardware store. 2 churches, a small school and

4 streets. However, when the call came to host The Plowing Match they responded with all hands on deck. The five-day event, September 17-21, complete with 400 exhibitors, a rodeo, and 80,000 visitors was a huge success. FCF-Canada was an exhibitor and we had 6,000 stop by our tents. The people of Verner must have been praying as the weather turned out to be perfect – in the low 70's and no rain. First time in several years that has happened.

1 Chronicles 4:10 "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" This well-known Bible verse is called The Prayer of Jabez. When we started working for The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, twenty years ago, our daily devotions included this prayer. FCF- Canada has grown, thanks to many stepping forward to serve.

When doing some research for this column, I decided to check to get an answer as to how many people each of us will influence in our lifetimes. Some feel that may be as high as 80,000 and others a great deal less. However, no matter the number, be assured we will influence some. It may be for good and in some cases for the worse. I hope most of those we come in contact with will be influenced in a very positive way.

So, as the residents of Verner, Ontario proved, we can have a very positive influence "by expanding our territory and asking God to bless us." The farming community and our two countries need it.

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### "But none of these things move me" - Apostle Paul (Acts 20:24)

By Mike Sweeney, past president

The Peterborough Chapter was at a one-day venue that got rained out, speaking only to 15 people. As we were taking down the tent, I thought to myself "What am I doing here! – all day, 15 people!"

Some days later my wife handed me the following -

#### A page from John Wesley's diary in the late 1700's:

Sunday AM May 5 preached in St. Ann's. Was asked not to come back again.

Sunday PM May 5 preached at St. John's. Deacons said "Get out and stay out."

Sunday AM May 12 preached at St. Jude's – can't go back there either.

Sunday PM May 12 preached at St. George's. Kicked out again.

Sunday AM May 19 preached at St. somebody else's. Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't come back.

Sunday PM May 19 preached on the street. Kicked off the street.

Sunday AM May 26 preached in meadow. Chased out of meadow as bull was turned loose during service.

Sunday AM June 2 preached out at edge of town. Kicked off the road.

Sunday PM June 2, afternoon service. Preached in a pasture, 10,000 people came to hear me.

John and Charles Wesley came to America as missionaries, later they were returning home to England feeling very dejected as they did not have one convert for all their effort and time. On their return voyage the ship ran into turbulent seas causing great fear and panic on all aboard except for a small group of people known as the Moravians who later settled in Moravian Falls, North Carolina. They were quite calm and peaceful and just kept singing hymns of praise. After the storm passed, the Wesley's enquired of these Moravians as to why they were not afraid; only to

learn that they (the Wesley's) knew about Jesus but the Moravians knew Jesus. John and Charles got born again! John Wesley travel 250,000 miles (10 times the circumference of the earth) on horseback for over 60 years preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ before he went home to be with the Lord at the age of 88.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 (NIV)



Stouffville Strawberry Festival- over 2,000 people came to hear the Gospel message!

#### Saved to Serve

#### You can be a part of someone's Journey of Faith to Jesus

By Kathy Washburn, Niagara Chapter

I was overnight in hospital on July 5-6. I was treated for atrial fibrillation (rapid irregular

heart beat). On Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, our pastor gave a rousing sermon on evangelism. He said we are "saved to serve."

Family and Friends who were concerned for my well-being were urging me not to go to *Ridgefest* to share the Gospel and walking sticks. I sensed the Holy Spirit was leading me to trust Him and go. I went to the Lord and He gave me strength as I shared the Gospel with many receptive people.

One lady in her sixties with tears in her eyes prayed with me to receive the Lord! Praise the Lord! Please pray that D. will grow to be discipled and be connected with a good Bible-believing church.

Another man in his early seventies remembered that I had shared the Gospel with him and given him a stick several years ago. He

attended AA and realized his higher power was Jesus Christ. He expressed that he wrestled with the message of that stick for about 3 years until he surrendered his life at that time. He said that I was part of his journey of faith to Jesus. I thank God for FCFC and our Lord for using this ministry to share His precious Gospel with others. One does the sowing, another does the watering, but God brings the increase.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

#### He is Able. Little is Much when God is in It

Central Nova Chapter, Nova Scotia

Our chapter is praising the Lord for enabling us to have nine venues, to date, in 2019. We can only say "Little is much when God is in it", when we see how gracious and long suffering He is toward the unredeemed; and to see the thirst for that all-satisfying water, that He has put within each individual. We of FCFC are blessed to be part of sharing the Good News.

Anne Veenhuis: "As we were packing up for the evening, a young lady rushed in and requested a stick. I began to share the tract with her, and at the mention of how God loves us, and how he sent His Son, she began to cry.

Then her phone rang and she began to text back. Then she threw her phone away from her and said, 'I will give you my full attention.' She said that she knew about Jesus and wanted to know about our belief. We continued with the tract and as we came to the prayer she broke into great sobs as she prayed for Jesus to save her. She lay on my shoulder a long time hanging on. I explained to her what Jesus had done for her when she had prayed and that she was now His child. We parted, and His Spirit and our prayers are with her. He is able."



### Food Truck Festival (710 guests)

By Henry & Carol Janzen, Fraser Valley Chapter, BC

This was Vancouver's fourth annual event of this Food Truck Festival with 100 food vendors lining the downtown streets of New Westminster. Reportedly 100,000 visitors crowd the downtown streets closed to traffic for the afternoon. We had never heard of this event until we were formally invited to attend. The "Anvil Centre" venue for non-food vendors is all constructed of white marble and glass with mahogany and



chrome accents. Definitely the most gorgeous palace that we have ever been honoured to have our booth. The booth location we were assigned was the best ever! We were allowed lots of extra room to expand beyond our 10X10 rented area due to the cancellation by another vendor. We accepted that as another God-given miracle.

Foot traffic in our area ranged steady to heavy throughout the whole festival, which only runs for one afternoon from 4:00 to 10:00 P.M. every July. We averaged 100 sticks per hour, which is a lot of one-to-one sharing of the Gospel by just a small handful of volunteer presenters. However, of the faithful team God gave us, some were so dedicated like Joe and Harold who never stopped sharing even once to get something to eat or drink. Besides all the free gifts and sticks, we also gave away nearly all the Gideon Scriptures we had. By the end of the night we were completely exhausted including the ladies who never stopped tying our sticks for us.



A young man of about 27 years old who, when presented with our standard closing question: "If you were to die tonight, where will you spend eternity"? He said, like so many before him, that he had never entertained that thought before. Now being faced with it he said he would really like to know for sure. People are always glad when we tell them, "We not only have the Question, but we also have the Answer!" That young man made his peace with God that very afternoon, with the full assurance that we will meet him again in glory one day in the future. I dare say, one day very soon for some of us.

There are always so many stories of some very meaningful encounters after a show like this that it is always difficult to put them all into these reports. Every volunteer goes home with a heart full of gratitude for having been given the opportunity to be of service to our Lord Jesus! And Carol & I always leave with a heart full of gratitude to all our Faithful Volunteers, for our Prayer Warriors back home, and for all of our Sponsors for making every event such a success. It is always a humbling thought to have folks like you who believe so strongly in what we are doing that you would stand with us in this exciting and worthwhile ministry! For that we can only say "THANK-YOU!"

### Agassiz Fall Fair & Corn Festival, British Columbia

September 25 - as we left Abbotsford that morning, travelling east into the mountains, we passed through a huge deluge of rain while listening to the forecaster telling us this was what we could expect throughout the whole day in Agassiz. Carol and I just continued pressing on while praying that if this was God's plan for us today we were willing to accept it, and if just one person were to truly hear the Gospel today and to receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord for all eternity in Heaven, this one day would be worth getting soaked, as well as the cost and the effort!

God answered that prayer for me with my very first visitor to our booth, a man called John. He said he was 90 years of age and needed a Walking Stick. When asked if he was sure where he was headed for all eternity if he were to pass away, John told me he was not sure and was very anxious to know he was going to heaven when he left this world, which he thought may be very soon. Right there in the tent, John acknowledged he was a sinner needing forgiveness and asked Jesus to be his Lord and Saviour. The glow that spread across that old man's face as he received the assurance from the inside out was clearly visible! He said he had a Bible and committed

to spending more time reading it faithfully when he returned home.

Our prayers had been answered and our effort was truly worth it all as we had several folks of all ages coming to Christ for the first time. More cause for celebration in glory!

As for the weather, the rain stopped by 8:00 A.M. just in time to unload, set up our tent, and to stage our float using step stools to hang our 6-foot-high banners, all in dry weather. We had nothing but nice weather and even a bit of sunshine throughout the whole day until 6:00 P.M., just when we were all dismantled, packed up, and ready for our 2-hour drive home, PTL!

Our 5 volunteers consisting of Lyn, Mike, Harold, Joe, and Lena, along with Carol & Henry, were relentless. In addition to all having prayed that same prayer for better weather, they were unstoppable and had to be pried away from the booth when it was time for their lunch break.

What a glorious day of miracles! From a sudden change in the weather to extra last-minute volunteers to a greatly improved and expanded booth space in a good traffic area, which resulted in handing out 400 sticks, we all felt the presence of God throughout the whole day!



## The Good News of Jesus is Life-giving for both Hearer and Giver Morden Corn & Apple Festival, Manitoba

Waldo Penner for FCFC Pembina Valley Chapter

The Morden Corn and Apple Festival can see up to and beyond 45,000 visitors over the 3-day event at the end of August. It is touted as one of the largest free street festivals, and draws crowds from far and wide. We met people from around the world and shared the Good News with



many people, giving away 3200 walking sticks, plus 750 other items. We have been praying Luke 10:2 since winter and I believe God answered that prayer. He sent more than enough volunteers to help us with the spiritual harvest and, because of the volunteers, I was able to finish my own wheat harvest during the Saturday of the festival, ahead of the rain. Despite rainy weather at the festival, God called many people to a closer commitment to Him – similar numbers as last year when we gave away a record 5500 sticks. Through our faithful volunteers during the winter, we were ready with enough sticks for a big crowd. Thankyou Lord for what you are doing through us, normal

average people. Thank-you for the generosity of local businesses to accomplish the work. Thank-you for bringing glory to yourself.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:19 "...and he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation."

One of our new volunteers to the booth was the first to lead a young lady to the Lord. We had just opened our booth and the crowds hadn't really arrived yet. The young lady, working at a neighbouring food booth, came to us ahead of the crowd. It was humbling to watch the volunteer, filled with the compassion of Jesus, meet the young lady and give her the message of reconciliation with God. Another of our new volunteers shared how he was apprehensive about coming and now was glad he came. The joy of the Lord had filled him.

I am glad for the new people we bring to the Lord, but also glad for the transformation I see when believers share the good news entrusted to them. It really is life-giving for the hearer and the giver. We trained about 10 new volunteers and had a total of 30 volunteers taking time in the booth over the 3 days. Fraser Valley Chapter came again this year for the last time. Red River and Central Plains Chapters from Manitoba also came and helped for all three days. We are glad for the cooperation and especially for the mentorship from Henry Janzen. Praise the Lord for the body of believers who rally together under the Lord's banner!

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

Membership Fees - Effective August 2019: \$75.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple

#### Rosser MB couple to give away free walking sticks at Quarry Days

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A Rosser couple is showing that they truly walk the talk when it comes to sharing their spiritual beliefs.

Henry and Susan Martens are preparing to hand out free wooden walking sticks at Stonewall Quarry Days through an initiative by the Fellowship of Christian Farmers Canada.

This year marks the third time the couple will be giving away walking sticks at Quarry Days, as well as other goodies such as mini hockey sticks, crowns and bracelets for kids. They'll also provide free Bibles for anyone who doesn't have one.

"We gave away 1,125 walking sticks the first year. Last year, we gave away 800," Henry said. "I've got close to 1,000 ready for this year at Quarry Days."



Using his skills as a carpenter, Henry drills a small hole through each walking stick. Then Susan and a group of helpers loop a string of five coloured beads through the wood, along with an information card.

When people come to their display, Susan explains the "bead story" to members of the public. "We tell them that we'll give them a free walking stick if we can tell them the gospel story about how they can get to heaven. It's attached to our walking stick," she said. So if they don't know for sure they're going to heaven, we offer to pray with them." In addition to Quarry Days, the couple has set up at a swap meet at Assiniboia Downs and at a Filipino street festival in The Maples.

As members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, the Martens will also be getting together with a couple other chapters to hand out walking sticks at the Morden Corn and Apple Festival.

#### <u>Positions Open – Opportunities to Serve</u>

#### We are seeking to fill the following positions:

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

- Executive Director
- Field Representatives in various areas of Canada

For details, check out our website at www.fcfcanada.org

## Pontiac Chapter, Quebec

16 years: 2003 to 2019, we have been sharing the gospel at Shawville Fair!

By Jessynia Théagène, Robert Doran – Field personnel for Quebec

For the 16th consecutive year, the Pontiac Chapter was present at the Shawville Fair (August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>). This year we shared the gospel with more than 1300 people. John MacDonald has taken over the leadership of the Upper Ottawa Valley Chapter, now called Pontiac Chapter. Also, new members have joined the administrative committee of the region! We thank God for the service of all of the volunteers throughout the last years!



#### **Testimonies from our volunteers:**

"God has been bringing all sorts of people and a lot of them are open to the Lord and decided to follow Him. Others are still hesitating. We will continue to pray for all of those who accepted the Lord, that the Holy Spirit may protect them." | Lennis Zimmerling

"On opening day, we had a group of special needs folks of all ages. They were very happy to hear the story of the beads. They also shared that they attended Sunday School and heard about the Lord Jesus. They were a very happy group. We also shared the gospel with seniors and had great discussions with them as they were also sharing about their own testimony." | Lynn Larivière

"I talked to a boy and girl who had asked Jesus in their lives as young children. I told them that God never leaves us or forsakes us. He is always with us and He forgives our sins both past, present and future. They lit up and were very happy to hear all this." | Joan Morris

"Two different women at two different times were both very interested with the gospel story. How simple it is to receive the assurance of salvation. Each of them told me that they will share the story of the five colours. One said that she would share the story to her mom and the other to her grandmother. Their loved ones were each elderly and sick. They believed that this story could be a great encouragement for a relative who needs to talk with God as they prepare for eternal life and live fully while they are still here." | Nano Da Silva

"I met several people, including this young man who, after hearing the five-colour message, came back with four of his friends to hear the message of the gospel." | Suzanne Lemay

"After presenting the message of the gospel in five colours to a man, he told me that he was a very great sinner. He was accompanied by his wife. He was deeply touched by the message as I told him how simple it is to receive the grace of God. I asked him if he wanted to accept the Lord. He said yes. Then he said to me that because of my message, he knows that God forgave him and that his soul is saved." | Nichole Demoré

#### Jesus Enables Whom He Calls - L'Ouatouais, Quebec

Thérèse Robinson, L'Outaouais Chapter, QC

This year we were able to share the gospel with 4900 people in the Outaouais region over 11 days, thanks to 40 volunteers coming from 11 churches. How could that be possible? The Saviour in His grace enabled some who had little or no training nor experience, for Jesus enables those whom He

calls. We praise and thank Him for His support, His direction, and His unfailing provision.

"May the God of peace ... 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 for ever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20, 21 (NIV)



L'Outaouais Chapter members

#### A Successful Gospel Outreach

Josée Doucet, Montérégie-Ouest Chapter, QC

Our new chapter, which was formed last February, organized its first event: Ormstown Fair, June 6-9. Glory to God – the weather was good! Two weeks later our chapter organized an outreach at the Circus Festival in Vaudreuil. During these two events we were able to share the Good News with more than 1,000 visitors. Thanks to all who helped with your time, your finances, and your prayers.

"A visitor shared with us that her mother, on her death bed, asked us to tell her again the gospel message of the five colours." National Women's Show, Montreal

Before I finished the story, a visitor began to cry. Two years ago, she had passed on a walking stick to her mother which helped her get around in spite of her health problems. This woman's mother has now died, but until the end she clung to her faith that she received through the message of the Gospel that had been told to her with the five colours attached to the stick. – Edmée, Longeuil

## "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)

I was at Ayerscliff Fair two years ago, I said to God "I do not see conversions". The Lord said to me, "Paul sowed, Apollos watered, but it is God who makes it grow. All I'm asking you is to sow. I take care of the harvest." This year at Cookshire Fair, God showed it to me: One evening at the show, a guy comes to see me at the kiosk and I present the Gospel message with the colours. He said to me, "Can we really invite Jesus as Lord and Saviour into our life?" I say, "Yes, we can do it now." He asks me, "How do we do that?" I told him that we can pray together. In 10 years, this is the first time that it happens with me. He was sincere and he really made a decision. - Serge

## Chatham-Kent, Ontario "The fields are ripe and ready to harvest!"

By Sherman Smith, Chatham-Kent Chapter

I must tell you how good our Father is. Because our chapter is new in Chatham-Kent, and money can be tight when you're new. A gentleman came forward to finance a new trailer for the chapter. It was felt that this trailer could be best used for the Lord, not only to store supplies in, but, to encourage people to visit our booth for a walking stick. Praise God for His goodness! We had three firm event dates and working toward more. This was so exciting, how much more can we take? (a lot more!). Glory to God!

Wayne Clark wrote: "New chapter off to a good start. On the weekend of June 22, we assisted the new chapter in Chatham, ON as they participated at Retrofest, Chatham. We were able to share the gospel on two sides of the tent. Seven or eight volunteers were kept busy most of the day. What a great encouragement!"

**Bothwell Car Show**: At least 500 people heard the gospel, some prayed the salvation prayer and all the volunteers had opportunity to walk the show. My guess is that 80 -90 % of the people I spoke to had never heard the gospel message. Folks, the fields are ripe and ready to harvest. We have the perfect harvester. Glory to God!

Our day in **Rodney** was different. The pace was relaxed, allowing us to have real meaningful conversations with those who did show up. A very large percentage of the people I

talked to had never heard the salvation message and therefore don't read the Bibles that they have. Many took a Bible provided by The Gideons; thank-you Gideons, thank-you Jesus. There was at least one decision for salvation, praise God. We handed out about 100 sticks, and with the mix of people that came, around 150 people heard the Gospel. The few Christians that came, we had good uplifting fellowship with. What a blessing!



Retrofest 2019: we were blessed with a shady spot!

#### **Trillium Chapter, ON**

By Bert Visscher

Zurich Bean Festival: We had a wonderful day giving out about 900 sticks. It was well received and even though we have been to this show for many years many of the people that heard the story had never heard it before. Some were receptive while others went home challenged to make a decision. Pray that the message fell on good soil and will grow. We had volunteers from aged 17 to in their 80's. Some had not presented the gospel for years and were amazed at the response and were encouraged to help out elsewhere. Thank-you Lord for your provision and what you are going to do in people's lives as a result.

#### Smiles, Unity and Harmony

By Wayne Clark

At the plowing match in Verner, the FCFC tent had more than 6,000 visitors. God provided volunteers to staff our tent. Judging by the big smiles and positive comments, volunteers enjoyed their time spent sharing what Jesus had done for them. It was a time of unity and harmony where everyone left their denominational tag at the gate, following the Apostle Paul's instructions in 1 Cor 1:10 (NIV):

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

## Some testimonies from our volunteers:

"I had two couples come to me. I shared the story of the beads with them. I asked if they had any questions, three said that they were good to go. One man didn't respond so I asked him if he understood. He said yes.

We sat there. I said that they could go. The

three got up and proceeded to leave. The one man said he would meet with them outside. I asked him what he really wanted. He said the others are lying, but I am not. I then asked him if he totally understood. He said he did. I then asked him if he wanted to pray to accept Christ, he said that he did. So we prayed and when he finished he had tears running down his cheeks. I then told him that his name was written down in the Lamb's Book of Life in Heaven. He left and gave me a big hug and really thanked me. Praise be to God." - Verona Snider

"One of the times I was sharing, I had a couple (boyfriend and girlfriend). The boy seemed to be interested in everything else in the tent but the story, while the girl was hanging on every word spoken. In the end, she made a decision to accept Christ and prayed the "sinner's prayer".

Praise the Lord for her decision. I believe it was genuine. Pray that she will find a local church to attend and grow. Pray that her boyfriend will see a change in her and want to accept Christ also.

Praise the Lord for how He worked this past week." - Paul Booker

"I am 78 years old and I was saved 20 years ago at 58, but I have never been confident to share the Gospel with people, even individuals, until I met the Fellowship of Christian Farmers and their technique of sharing the Gospel (in less than 3 minutes) with the five coloured beads. It's changed my life! I am amazed at how intently people listen, and most say 'thank-you' after my witness!" – Peter Talbot

Peter is at the far right in the photo below of our cleanup crew. They stayed late to dismantle everything and pack up the tents. Thank-you!



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.



Winchester Dairyfest, 600 people heard the Gospel

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## British Columbia Fraser Valley Chapter

- Oct 26-27 Penticton Wellness Fair
- Nov 15-17 West Coast Christmas Craft Show, Abbotsford
- Dec 6-8 Salt Spring Craft Show, Saanichton
- Jan 25-27 2020 Pacific Agriculture Show, Abbotsford

#### Ontario FCFC MULTI CHAPTER EVENTS

- 19 -20 octobre Salon National de la Femme d'Ottawa
- Nov 1-10 Royal Winter Agricultural Fair, Toronto ON

## Ontario South Central Ontario Chapter

- Oct. 10-12, Elmvale Fall Fair
- Oct 11-14 Erin Fall Fair

#### <u>Quebec</u>

- 12-13 octobre Festival de l'Oie-Blanche
- 19 -20 octobre Salon National de la Femme d'Ottawa
- 27-28 octobre Salon au Coeur du Mieux-être et de la Spiritualité de Chicoutimi
- 09-10 novembre Salon National de la Femme-Québec
- 16 -17 novembre Salon métaphysique et spirituel de Montréal
- 24 décembre Un Coeur pour les Autres

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#### Good News! What is the Message?

It is not a message based on our opinion, nor a church's, nor a certain group's opinion, but what Almighty God said. It is not <u>a</u> way but <u>THE</u> way.

The reality is that we are all "terminal" and Jesus said when He left this world that He was going to prepare a place for His followers and would come back for them. (John 14:1-3) The Bible calls this place heaven and it is the sinless, wonderful place where the streets are described as paved with gold. Rev 21:21

You need to look at yourself. You are not the only one who feels empty and messed up. In the Bible, in the book of Romans, chapter 3, verses 10 and 23, we read:

"There is no one righteous, not even one" and "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

Romans 6:23 says: "The wages of sin is death".

Admit to God that you are a sinner, and then look at the remainder of Romans 6:23: "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Christ died in agony on the cross to pay the penalty for your sin. In other words, the blood of Jesus can wash away your sin.

Have you repented (turned to God)? Only God is able to make a lasting change in your life. Ask Him to forgive you, but this means that you will turn away from your sin as well.

Many people want to receive God's gift of salvation but they want to keep doing it their way. No prayer is a good luck charm. It is a case of surrendering to God and then asking

Him to do what you are incapable of doing. If you are not sincere about turning to God, don't bother praying for salvation.

Believing is not just putting something in your head. It is with your innermost being (your heart) that you realize that you are a sinner and Jesus died for you. And your mouth is also part of the deal. Romans 10:9 says to

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV)

"... confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord'" because God knows that this is a practical way to put all this into focus.

You can pray something like this:

Dear God, I admit to you that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus died for my sin on the cross, and was raised from the dead for my salvation. Lord Jesus, I pray that you will forgive me and wash me clean. I want to receive you now as my Saviour and Lord. Amen.

If you sincerely believe that Jesus died in your place, then you are a new person in Jesus Christ! Your sins no longer have colour but are washed white as snow.

This is not the end but the beginning. From now on, decisions should be based on His word and will. Pray, read, and study the Bible. Fellowship with others in a group where Christ is at the centre, and tell others the Good News. This is called growing to know God and is represented by the green bead on the bracelet.

The message is real. The message is simple. The message is from God, and the message is needed in this world.