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I love lemonade! Do you? Check out Rev. McPhail's divine recipe for making lemonade in any situation.

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2020 was a unique and challenging year. But it was also filled with many miracles! Be encouraged and strengthened with this update from Kell & Lorri Frandsen.

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Many have written in and shared what God has put on their heart for 2021. Take time to read, be encouraged and note the themes of what God is speaking

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Paul McPhail



DEAR SERVANT OF THE LORD,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year 2021 from Virginia and I. Virginia and I are looking forward to the Virtual I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) National Convention - May 4 - 6, 2021.

WHEN LIFE HANDS YOU A LEMON

Job 2:7-10

*Text: "What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?
In all this did not Job sin with his lips" (Job 2:10).*

INTRODUCTION

How do you react when life hands you a lemon? How should you react when adversity comes crashing into your life and ministry? We have been dealing with Covid-19 for twelve months. Churches/ministries limited to five people, lockdown and stay-at-home orders, etc. Every region has been different.

In Acts 16 it's easy to imagine how frustrated the Apostle Paul and the missionaries had to have been. It was one obstacle, delay, roadblock, after another. During the night, Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." This "Macedonian call" for Paul to bring the gospel across the sea from Asia to Europe was God's way of opening a new chapter of expanded ministry in the apostle's life. God's ways are not our ways, says the scripture (Isaiah 55: 8 & 9).

How do you react when life hands you a lemon? How should you react when adversity comes crashing into your life and ministry? I think we learn the answer from Job.

One of the most profound statements in all the Bible was made by Job when he asked, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" (Job 2:10 NIV).

Job, was right! It is wrong to accept the good things of life and then complain about the bad. This was Job's response to his wife's suggestion that he curse God and die. Job was a good man and did not deserve what was happening. If anyone knew that, it was his wife!

Job accepted the good of life with a thankful spirit. Now he would bear the bad of life with a thankful spirit. He would face his losses quietly and courageously. He would allow no bitterness to spoil his spirit. From Job we learn how to respond when life hands us a lemon.

Author and lecturer George Buttrick observed, “The same sun that hardens the clay melts the wax.” Why does an identical cause produce opposite results? The answer is found in the response of the substance to the cause.

We can choose to be like the clay and respond to the hurt of life by allowing it to harden us and make us bitter. Or we can choose to be like wax and let what happens melt us and shape us into something new.

THE OPTIONS ARE BEFORE US

“Then said [Job’s] wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die” (Job. 2:9).

One option is the clay response. I witnessed this response while visiting a terminally ill church member in the hospital. She was a faithful member of the church for years, always present and always willing to help. We visited for some time. Then I asked her if I could offer a prayer. Her response shocked me! I had never heard such a response before, and I have never heard one since. She said, “Yes, you can pray, but I can tell you right now it won’t make any difference!” Her’s was a clay response.

We have another option. Ours can be that of Job’s: the wax response. “For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God” (Job 19:25-26).

Scripture and secular history are filled with examples of such positive responses to negative experiences.

THE EXAMPLES CHALLENGE US



David was a lemonade maker. He wrote, “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Ps. 34:1). King Saul sought to kill David. Even his own son Absalom turned against him. Yet his was a wax response.

Paul was a lemonade maker. Even though he suffered severely, his letters reveal a positive response to difficult circumstances. Never once, in any of his writings, did he complain about his life in prison. Paul found a way not just to endure prison but actually to utilize it. He did this by moving on with his goal in life. He found a way to make the most of a bad situation.

Jesus was a lemonade maker. Even when he died, he did not have a plaintive word on his lips. Rather, he gave a shout of victory: “It is finished!” He was not a stranger to hardship and disappointment. If anyone had a right to



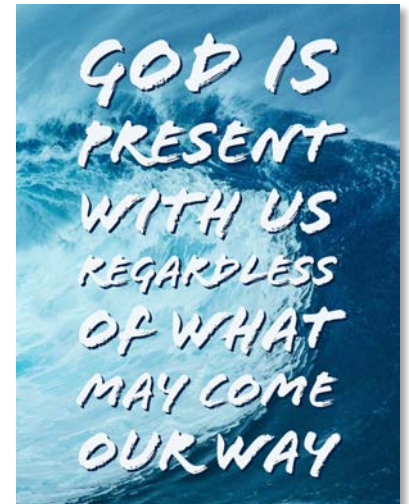
complain about injustice and to become cynical toward life, it was Jesus.

A list of other lemonade makers include: John Bunyan, who in Bedford jail wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*; Martin Luther, who, imprisoned in Wartburg Castle, translated the entire New Testament; and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who in a Nazi prison wrote *The Cost of Discipleship*.

THE SECRET THAT FREES US

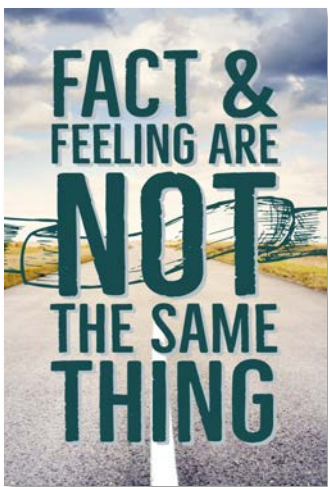
How were all these people able to respond so positively and graciously to their hardships and disappointments? What is the secret of this resilience that enables some people to pick up the pieces and start anew rather than going to pieces under the impact of tragedy?

The secret lies in how we visualize God's relation to our lives. The problem with Job's wife was that she had a wrong view of God. She was spoiled by expecting a life free of difficulty. She felt that God was acting unfairly. In contrast, Job saw God as He is and not as his wife wanted him to be. God does not promise us a rose garden, and he is not to blame for every bad thing that comes our way. Some things come straight from God; others come straight from Satan.



The Bible teaches us that God is present with us regardless of what may come our way, be it good or bad, intentional or unintentional. It further asserts that God will not give us more than we can bear. In fact, we are told that good can come out of the worst experiences; even Covid-19.

Myron Madden, the author of *The Power to Bless*, says, "The essence of despair is relegating God solely to the past." We must continue to believe that God is still at work in our world and in our lives today. We need to hold on to the fact that His sovereign purpose will, in time, be fulfilled.



When we feel abandoned by God, we must remind ourselves that feeling and fact are not the same. In times of difficulty, when prayers are not being answered, do not despair. God is not hard of hearing, He has not abandoned us, and He is not powerless. He is still accomplishing His will and purpose quietly and relentlessly.

As I am finishing up this article, in the last three days, I have watched Empowered 21 - Next Gen Conference - young people from around the world being used of God. It was reported that over 4 million young people have received Jesus Christ as Saviour through Social Media and now there is more than 650 million Pentecostal/Charismatic Spirit-filled believers in the world!

William J. Seymour was an African American, holiness preacher who could not sit in the classroom because of the colour of his skin but sat outside of a window to listen to a lesson. He heard the message of the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was invited to Los Angeles, CA and he preached what he had not yet received. He was locked out of the church that invited him to L. A. The church was not ready to receive the message. William Seymour not only received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit but

was used of God to initiate the Azusa Street Revival an influential event in the rise of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements.

Paul Powell, author of *When the Hurt Won't Go Away*, admonishes us with these words: "So, when troubles come, don't give up in despair; don't become angry at God; don't feel sorry for yourself; don't syndicate your sorrows; don't let bitterness consume you. Fight these attitudes and temptations with all your heart."

Say with Job, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:25-26).

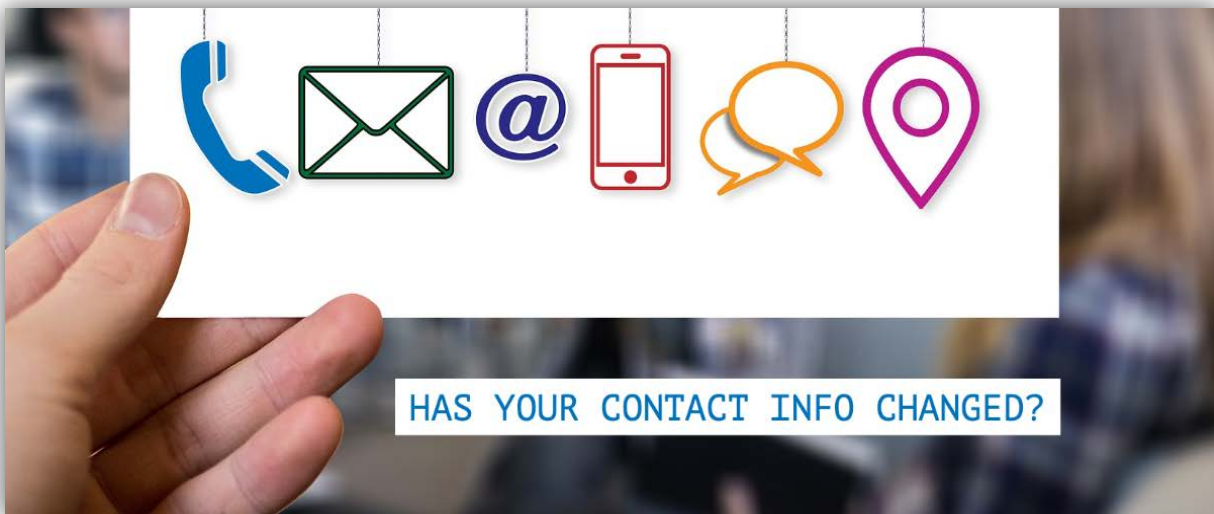
Thank you to individuals, churches and ministries for your prayers and financial support of I. A. O. G. I. (Canada).

Your servant in Christ,



Let me invite you to visit our new website www.iaogcan.com that launches, March 15th!

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NEW ADDRESSES AND NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES.**



FROM THE DESK OF OUR ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. Yvon Stabili

GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL NAME OF JESUS,

As you know, we are living in a very special and unique time in history; this pandemic is impacting many things in each of us and exposing many things in our churches. But glory be to our Lord Jesus Christ, for in Him and through Him we are more than conquerors.

Here in Quebec, as elsewhere in Canada, we are in confinement and a curfew is imposed on us making it impossible to gather or meet in the evening after 8:00 pm. Moreover, the churches were closed until January 22nd or following negotiations with the government which authorized us gatherings of 10 people and less.

But through this, I give thanks to God for many things. First of all, we had to rethink the way we conduct our services and adjust to this new reality. So many churches turned to social media such as Facebook or YouTube or other platforms to broadcast their services live and this allowed them to reach souls and regions that they would probably never have reached by continuing in the conventional way. Secondly, many here testified to the return of several who had abandoned the faith. Many also testified to a growth in attendance at the various meetings such as prayer meetings and other services; even testifying that their assemblies are blessed financially as never before. We also see a momentum between churches and different denominations for unity. We see the faithfulness of our God and how He cares for His children.

The Bible tells us in Malachi 3:18, "*And again you will see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between the one who serves God and the one who does not.*" I take this passage for us and for every child of God and declare that in this time of crisis and storm of uncertainty for many, there is a difference between those who serve the Lord and those who do not.

Elsewhere, the Word tells us "*that affliction produces perseverance, perseverance produces victory in trial, and that victory produces hope, and hope does not deceive, because the love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*" Romans 5:4-5.



Let us be encouraged by the promises of His Word. God has a plan for you, a destiny where He has chosen you for this very time to manifest His glory, power and love. Thank you for your perseverance and faithfulness in serving the Lord Jesus. Thank you for your courage and tenacity in preaching the good news of the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Let us stand firm, brothers and sisters, and let us lift up our

heads to the Lord knowing that from Him comes help. Circumstances are tools in the hand of our God for the fulfillment of His will.

And if you have any prayer requests, please do not hesitate to let me know. It will be my privilege to join you in prayer so that together we can support each other in this time of turbulence and see the glory of God manifested.

May the peace and great grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Your servant in Jesus Christ,

Rev. Yvon Stabili

MINISTRY UPDATES

NEWS FROM CUBA

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Greetings to all of you! As you know, IAOGI is present throughout the Island of Cuba. Here is some news of what is happening!

As everywhere else, pandemic restrictions also affect Cuba; even if we were not able to go there in 2020, the work is still continuing. We managed to send support to the different churches and continued our meetings with the pastors by having video conference sharing. I admit that sometimes it is difficult because of the weak internet network in Cuba, but we still manage to do it.



The churches, without exception, report growth in souls being saved as they have never seen before! The economic situation that has considerably worsened due to the change of currency and pandemic conditions. This has caused people with no hope to begin to turn more to God. We are happy to see God's work progressing, but at the same time, it is unfortunate to see that basic necessities are lacking among the people of Cuba.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in Cuba with your prayers. Your prayers are essential to the advancement of the work there. In closing, I have to say that our Cuban brothers' and sisters' commitment to the work of the Lord and their perseverance in spite of the circumstances, impresses and touches me deeply. Thank you again for your prayers.

CROSS OF MERCY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

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Many blessings! We thank God we can share the goodness of the Lord here at home. God has been good. Since Covid-19, we have been able to minister to some ladies who are newcomers and were reeling in “Covid Shock” from social, emotional and mental impacts of the pandemic. We were able to supply gift cards for groceries to support them and demonstrate the love of Christ.



Thank God also for the supplies this year for the school we are running in Uganda. It has not been easy. The Lubanyi Preparatory Junior School is a product of Cross of Mercy Ministries. With your financial support, we look forward to building classrooms, playgrounds and houses for children that are homeless. We ask you partner with us in prayer for the children we continue to minister to. Thank you.

MISSION THANDO

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We give God praise for all He is doing already in 2021. We are seeing more breakthrough in Kisbey, SK with the local church we launched in September 2020; new people have joined the church! We have started up Freedom Sessions every Thursday night. It is a healing discipleship program which we offer free of charge to anyone. We have 7 people taking it which is really exciting. We would ask for prayer as we go through it over the next few months. We continue to hold church each Sunday, in person, as we are just under the numbers for the Covid-19 rules and are

blessed to be able to continue. We have an online evangelistic outreach planned for February 17th -20th. This is something new we are trying with a friend who is an evangelist, and we are praying for a harvest of souls.

Please pray with us!! In South Africa, our team continues to minister in the community as much as they can with varying Covid-19 restrictions. Church meetings resumed for a



bit, and they did various special meetings, including evangelistic tent meetings. We were able to increase food parcels to help with growing needs due to Covid-19 lockdowns. We provided more than 30 food parcels in addition to our regular monthly parcels.



The church members have been able to support and encourage one another and minister to community members throughout Covid-19 stress and suffering. This has been an amazing demonstration of God’s love in and through people. There have also been various community events and increased locations where Mission Thando South Africa has expanded into as opportunities arise, as well as fostering additional local sponsorship and support within South Africa.



We are thankful for our team in South Africa to be flexible and led by Holy Spirit. Churches recently had to close again due to government lockdowns, but the team is doing everything they can to reach people and help during this time.

Schools should be opening back up in February, at which time we will be assisting with school uniforms for orphans and vulnerable children again. They also want to put in a cement foundation at the center which will cost around \$1500.00 Canadian.



We appreciate your prayers for us as a family, for Railway Avenue Mission in Canada, and Mission Thando South Africa! We deeply appreciate all of your ongoing support and would like to thank you! Praise God for all He has done in 2020, and we pray for His wisdom and strength in 2021 and for His Kingdom to grow! To God be the glory!

In Christ,
Pastors David and Krista Meisner



We are also very pleased to celebrate the ordination of Rev. Krista Meisner. Thank you for continuing to say Yes to the call of God upon your life.

COVENANT WORD MINISTRIES - NO EXCUSES

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It gives me great joy to announce that my first-ever book has been published! The seed to write a book was planted in me when I heard a conference speaker make a statement during a conference I attended in Jerusalem back in 2012. A few years later, a man of God prayed over me and prophesied that I was to write a book that would bless the nations. Still, I procrastinated and kept putting off working on my book. Finally, in 2018, a prophetic word came again to me that “now” was the time to write.

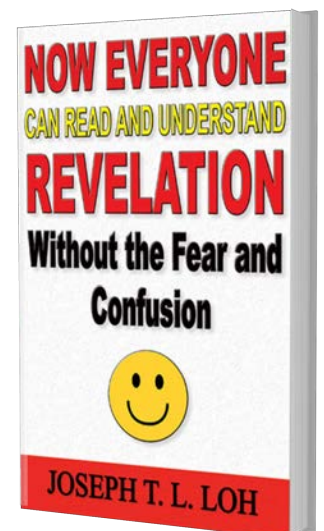
When the Covid-19 lockdown began in March 2020, I knew I had no more excuse for any more delay. Thus, the book *NOW EVERYONE CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND REVELATION: WITHOUT THE FEAR AND CONFUSION*, is now published and is available on Amazon worldwide.

This book was not written to add to an already long list of books written on eschatology. The purpose of this book is two-fold: (1) to dissolve any fear or doubt that any person may have concerning the book of Revelation and end-time events (2) to apply the Scriptural truths learned from the book to our everyday personal lives. In other words, this book is written with the man-on-the-street in mind.

There is so much noise out there concerning end-time events. Social media platforms are inundated with articles and videos of dreams and visions of the second coming of Jesus Christ and the Rapture of the Church, most of which are sensationalized. This does not help a person to have a good grounding in end-time events, but merely adds to the confusion.

What my book will *not* do is to state my position of when Jesus is returning and then try to back up my position with Bible verses. Instead, by allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture, we let the Word of God *itself* inform us as to when the return of Christ and the Rapture will take place.

I believe this book will de-clutter and de-mystify the book of Revelation and cause the reader to become mature, solid and unshakeable in his/her faith despite all that is going on in the world today. I am confident that after reading this book, the reader will live out his/her life with purpose and focus. The book of Revelation was included the canon of God’s Word not to frighten us, but to assure and comfort us, and put a smile on our face!



If anyone would like to purchase a copy of this book, please visit any of the links provided below or search the title on these websites: www.amazon.com or www.advbookstore.com

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GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES - MIRACLE UPON MIRACLE

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I am pleased to bring a very positive report from 2020 I think the most challenging year we and our world have seen in any of our lifetimes.

Our bookkeeper reported to me that we have had our most successful year yet. The year presented many challenges to the ministry especially as this huge country of India, as well as Canada, went into lockdown. I am happy to report that God is never in lockdown! EVER!!

Because we were all so limited in movement. I prayed to God for Him to show His glory. I prayed we would have a banner year and, in every way, our God answered!



*ALL OF OUR MAJOR PROJECTS
WERE COMPLETED THIS YEAR!!*

Early on we were made aware that families were going hungry in the slums where we have two daycare centers. By faith, we knew that we must help! For almost nine months we have been feeding 400 people by providing basic provisions.

We also took on the task to finish a large, new church in the darkest district in India in Odisha.

Funds came from different parts of the world and we fully finished everything just before Christmas.

Our vision is to equip and prepare a next generation of Christians that are educated, Spirit-filled, young people; able to meet the challenges of being leaders of the church in India. This year we have our largest group yet! Within days of making the request known, all the funds needed came in!

Our vision is to reach the 2400 villages in Kandhamal district, Odisha. It is where the worst persecutions ever happened! The district we minister in is one of the epicenters of radical Hinduism with their central village less than 5 kilometers from our main ministry village. Our ministry center where we reach out from, is a small village. We look at this village as a prototype we can replicate in many other villages. We are seeing entire households get saved!



Our prototype village vision is now completed. We have big tube-well for irrigation, a deep bore-well for drinking, and just before Christmas we fenced a number of acres. This means the tools have been given that permanently breaks poverty in the village.

We also have a wonderful new centre for community needs as well as residence for when leaders come to minister and the newly finished church. We will do outreach from this village. All of this shows God's faithfulness! This village is now self-sufficient.

In 1994, I first went to India. In Odisha, the Lord asked me if I would come to India for Him. I did not have the grace to say, "Yes!" immediately but in a short time, especially with my wife's encouragement, we prepared to go. Our God backed our decision with a promise from His Word; if we left homes and all for Him in our lifetime, He would multiply a hundredfold in areas we needed to give up in order to follow His call. (Mark 10:29-30). At times, we uprooted all so we could go. Our God has always been faithful to His promise.

This 2020, God supplied an acreage with homes for our families, plus a new Grace Life office! This is a very great miracle in the midst of Covid-19.

Another miracle! This Christmas, the Odisha government would not let any Hindu temples open or allow Hindu festivals. But our churches were allowed to open 2 days for Christmas! Also, everyday our believers could meet to pray in the Church. This is significant spiritually! We have also seen many full Hindu families come to Christ plus many instant significant healings!

Please pray as 2021 we wish to expand to reach these 2400 villages. Already there are small churches that need to be built for new believers. Please pray for open doors for Lorri and I and team to make a trip to India. Our leaders are like family; we miss all of them. We need miracles for God to open again doors so we can travel.

May 2021 be a time of great victories for all of us!!

ARCTIC MISSION OUTREACH TRUST FUND

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Arctic Mission Outreach Trust Fund (AMOTF) is a Full Gospel Charitable Christian Fellowship that works with the Full Gospel Churches of Nunavut and Nunavik. AMOTF is an organization that was founded by Rev. John Spillenaar, eighty-four years ago, and continues to fulfill its mandate to advance the Kingdom of God by planting, building and governing His Church. Rev. David Ellyatt is the President of the Board of Directors and I, Rev. Burton Kewayosh, am the Director.



Historically, AMOTF has worked in the capacity of the Five-Fold Ministries, through companion ministries, with the Pastors and Spiritual Leaders of the Arctic over the years. Also, AMOTF has been

directly involved with the building and renovating many of the Full Gospel churches in Nunavut and Nunavik.

AMOTF shares the common vision and partners with the Full Gospel Leaders of the KUUT Uumanaqtut Tuksiarviit Fellowship; to be fully self-sufficient members of the Lord's Church. The Fellowship helps the Full Gospel Church leaders where they can.

Covid-19 has prohibited me from any travel into Nunavut and Nunavik; however, interaction with the church leaders is maintained through teleconference calls or zoom meetings. Continued prayer is needed for the local churches and communities, for them to function with the required health protocols.

A year ago, I likened the world to becoming a wilderness with the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus. The virus and its mutations are affecting all people and nations in a devastating way. We need to find a way to survive in this wilderness; we have an answer!

I believe that we need to remind ourselves, *"To seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness"*, Matt. 6:33. We can only survive in this wilderness of uncertainty, by the spiritual ways of God. The Apostle John said of John the Baptist, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said," John 1:22.



Like John, our cries must present Jesus, full of grace and truth, John 1:14. *"And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace,"* John 1:16. *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God,"* 1 Peter 4:10.

As we share His goodness, we can change the atmosphere and triumph, with the fragrance of His knowledge, in any wilderness that we find ourselves, 2 Cor. 2:14.

Your ongoing prayers and financial support are much appreciated.

PLANT BY WATERS MINISTRIES

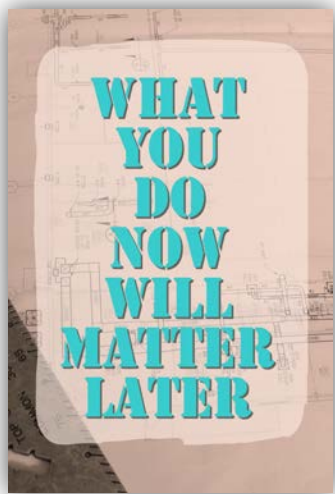
A TIME FOR MI'KMAQ MILKING THE MOMENT

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We are still here because God has decided we should still hold the vision to build a place for our little flock to worship and reach out to surrounding Mi'kmaq nations in the Atlantic. The epidemic has scattered many of us, but I clearly hear God saying, *"What you do now will matter later"*.

Some things learned and some things still trying:

Online Services. *Be brave and don't be afraid to break with routine and tradition* (like being behind a pulpit with a microphone where many of us feel secure).



I have learned interactive services work best with First Nations, of all ages, in terms of growth. Nothing has to look professional if it helps your audience engage. It's ok to make simple handmade posters, not computer generated, to grab the attention of your people. Plunking away on the guitar to lead worship in front of your phone camera on Facebook Live became less scary over time! I have no team on hand for IT, worship, or sound, or respite. I invited other First Nations and non-natives to comment and request prayer.

My neighbors would listen in and a greater audience in the reserve are being reached; even with most of my flock struggling with bad wi-fi or insufficient devices. To allow response to the online Sunday messages, the altars are open all week over Facebook Messenger and people have been healed, saved or rededicated their lives to Christ! Any Mi'kmaq who asks for my sermon notes either has them mailed or I hand deliver to them.

In-Person Ministry. *Be creative, flexible and enjoy what is available.*

We have been in lockdown since March 2020 and family bubbles were permitted after a few months. As the weather allowed, I was permitted 10 people in my backyard and created a fireside mini-service with tea and marshmallows to include all ages from the reserve. I called it it "PF-4" ("Pastor Fern's Friday Fireside Fellowship"). Whole families have come out. I continue mini home services and one-on-one mentoring as people drop by. This is important since I lost my best, emerging and supportive leader, Takisha, in a murder/car crash late November.

As Holy Spirit led, I inserted myself into the community's traditional vigil; in the rain and muddy ditch, holding up her Bible to read her handwritten notes in it to the large crowd, the drummers and singers along the road, to assure them she is with God. I stretched out my hand to pray for them and told them her favourite parting words were always "Jesus is Lord!". Since she finished her discipleship course, three more are now inspired to take the course and finish it. Now young adults say it out loud in Eskasoni and online: "Jesus is Lord!"

We have suffered 5 deaths from our tiny congregation in a short time. Instead of turning inward with grief, this week we will have a mini "prayer warriors" workshop in my home and plan a missions trip to another Mi'kmaq reserve to visit buildings similar to what we dream of. We find any excuse to laugh and do life together. We will also be praying in person for a chief in the news lately over the Mi'kmaq fisheries - kids and all still "*Go Ye into all the world and make disciples of every nation...*" *Matthew 28:19.*

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

From time to time the Lord speaks to His servants words from His heart to His people. IAOGI fully encourages the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These words are submitted humbly and prayerfully.

Please take some time to carefully examine how they may strengthen and encourage you.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-31

LET THE PROPHETS SPEAK TWO OR THREE, AND LET THE OTHER JUDGE. IF ANY THING BE REVEALED TO ANOTHER THAT SITTETH BY, LET THE FIRST HOLD HIS PEACE. FOR YE MAY ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE, THAT ALL MAY LEARN, AND ALL MAY BE COMFORTED

MY LORD MY GOD

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1 Corinthians 15:3-6 tells us Christ died for our sins; he was buried and raised on the third day. According to the scriptures, he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and after that he appeared to more than five hundred

It is unfortunate that Thomas has the label “Doubting Thomas” It was never a scriptural reference, rather an unfair label we have put on him. We forget that Thomas had a long Saturday before the Lord’s resurrection. I think we all have Saturdays in our life that seem long and very hard. In those times, we need each other. Otherwise, we can often feel very much like the Thomas we ourselves labelled as “doubting”.

Thomas was heartbroken, having all his hopes crushed when Jesus died on the cross Though Thomas was one of the twelve, he was not with the other disciples when Jesus came to them and showed His hands and His side. Imagine the shock when the other disciples came to Thomas and told him, “We have seen the Lord”. Thomas said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Do you believe that it was by chance, that this chosen disciple Thomas was absent when Jesus appeared to the disciples and showed them His hands and His side?

Thomas would have been familiar with the oracle that Zechariah 13:6 *“What are these wounds in thy hands? Then he shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.”* The final response to the words Zechariah wrote is seen in verse 8, “...and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

It was not by chance, but a marvelous way God’s mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple could be healed of the wounds of his disbelief. \

What is seen gives knowledge, not faith. Faith is the proof of what cannot be seen. Thomas do not want a false prophet. Thomas demanded evidence of fulfilled scripture. This demand of evidence should give us a sense of safety as it did Thomas.

It was not until a week later when the disciples, and Thomas, were in a house with friends. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then He said to Thomas, "...put your finger here; see my hands and my side." Thomas quickly fulfills the rest of scripture when he said, " My Lord My God!" Here, Thomas acknowledges Christ as Lord and His God, showing he believes and has restored and healed his faith.

Thomas was a loyal follower of Christ. Tradition tells us that Thomas' love for his crucified and risen Lord later led him to carry the good news to India, where he died a martyr.

Just as Jesus is gracious to Thomas, He is gracious to us. Thomas' doubts serve to confirm our own faith in the risen Lord; his testimony strengthens our belief.

These wounds are still visible as Jesus, the Lamb slain for us, stands glorified before the Father.

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God how great Thou art.*

We can, through this Scripture, realize that when Christ returns He will still have these scars. What great comfort that, as Thomas, we can be healed of doubt; we will know our Lord our God.

The only earthly thing in heaven are the scars of His hands, His pierced side and His feet. We will look, as Thomas did, and see the hands and his side and proclaim: "My Lord, my God!"

TENT OF DAVID - A PROPHETIC WORD FOR 2021

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Zechariah 2:13 Be silent all flesh before the Lord, for He has aroused from His Holy Habitation.

As is our custom, the Tent of David held a prophetic watch on New Year's Eve to seek the Lord together for our corporate word for 2021. The following is a compilation of what we have heard from God for the coming year.

1. There was a clear word about moving in the STRATEGY of God in a warfare season.

One person had a vivid dream of being in a war zone where it was absolutely imperative to move EXACTLY in God's timing in order to stay invisible and avoid being entrapped. Another saw it as a dance where we didn't know the steps to follow but it became vital to follow Jesus' lead and to move in the cadence of the sound of heaven. There was an emphasis on moving with the cloud and fire this year in order to stay in step with strategies of heaven. In 2021 the church must transition by shaking off our fear source and tap into the Spirit for directions, strategies and battle plans. Only the remnant Gideon's army who know how to follow orders will have success in this season.

There was a call to go back to our covenant roots in our nation in 2021. It is vital that we cling to the truth of God's word amidst all the noise surrounding us in this war season so that we will not be deceived.

In the midst of immense attack on the prophetic voices, prophets will arise with an Elijah anointing in 2021. Prophets must not retreat to a cave in this hour. God has aroused Himself from His holy habitation! Two key words were AUTHORITY and DUNAMIS. It is time to take down Jezebel. God has not forgotten the muted voices of the unborn.

2. God is not only demonstrating that He is a God of War in this season, but He is also about to show Himself as a God of Glory!

One of our leaders had a vision during a watch near the end of the year, where he saw a green signpost on the highway, like the ones you see that tell you how far it is to the next town. What was different about this signpost was that it was blank. As he was looking at it and asking God what it meant, he began to hear Andre Crouch's song "Soon and VERY SOON" and simultaneously the letters SOON appeared on the sign. Another person at the Tent was taken in a vision to the clock tower in Jaffa Israel where she heard "Watch Israel. The clock is ticking"

While there are many signposts in Israel that we could watch, it became clear to us through the words that were given, that the feasts this year would once again be pointers to what God was about to do in the earth.

PASSOVER (SIGN POST #1) During this Passover season look for a release of resurrection power, miracles, deliverance and healing. Several people came with the word, "Resurrection". It was interesting that our son, who often demonstrates the prophetic gave us "Rise Again" coffee for Christmas! As in the resurrection of Lazarus, although there has been a delay in many of the promises that were announced for 2020, there will be an awakening of dreams and words that have seemed dead throughout the past season. God has not forgotten, and He will complete what He started every time!

PENTECOST (SIGN POST #2) The word *Dunamis*, which one person heard over and over for this year, is not only a warfare word, but it is keenly connected to Pentecost! God often confirms these things in the natural and a few days after we met on New Year's eve, there was a report of a record breaking wind in the Arctic in northern Canada. The report said that it was clocked at 135 km/hour. Psalm 135:7 says, "Who causes the vapors to arise from the ends of the earth, Who makes lightnings for the rain. Who brings the wind out of His storehouses." Verse 6 says "The Lord does whatever pleases Him." Many of you will remember the wind that miraculously blew in a small hamlet in the Arctic that had the sound of Pentecost on it a number of years ago. The wind is blowing again. Watch Pentecost.

A PERSONAL WORD FOR THE CHURCH: Last year we had a profound thing happen in Israel where a glass plate shattered spontaneously in the cupboard. When Dan asked the Lord about it, God led him to the scripture, "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face." So we began to declare "Face to face encounters" for 2020. This year we had the word, "Deep unto deep." This word was confirmed by a prophetic voice from Ireland who had a vision of tent guidelines being stretched out and then people entering the tent in an unusual way by diving into it and going down very deep. We believe as we experience the deep things of God this year, that face to face encounters are going to be commonplace amongst those who set their faces towards Him. There is a spirit of holiness and purity that is going to be released on the church where God is setting a plumbline of justice and a standard of

righteousness amongst His people. There is also the invitation to the divine dance with a deeper intimacy with our incredible bridegroom.

IT'S TIME: This is an era in which God is demanding a higher level of trust and a new level of faith and authority. These are the most exciting days to be alive! It's time to finish what we started in 2020. It's time to run the race. The last runner in the relay race is the strongest and is tasked with finishing the job. This is our mandate for 2021 and beyond. The church will emerge in the midst of warfare with an assignment to begin to possess her inheritance. While this will be a protracted battle, if we commit to obey the voice of the Lord, we cannot fail. Victory spoil is for the strong. The day of exploits is upon us, for those who know their God. As the enemy floods the world with fear, our Lord has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love and of power and a sound mind. The twenties are reserved for the church to advance and prevail.



UPROOTING THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS

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GOD DESIRES TO SEE HIS CHILDREN WHOLE AND HOLY: SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

(1THESS. 5:23)

When we are struggling with a *root of bitterness*, we are dealing with the **soul realm**, which involves our **mind, will, emotions and memories**.

We know a *root of bitterness* has taken hold, when we're triggered by words or actions reminding us of painful events in our past. When pain or trauma has not been dealt with, we often react in ways bringing harm to ourselves and others.

"Carrying unresolved unforgiveness and bitterness, saps the very life out of us, until we are an empty shell of who God created us to be."

A ROOT OF BITTERNESS IS DESCRIBED IN HEBREWS 12:15 AS A POISON!

"Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of god's grace. And make sure no one lives with a root of bitterness[y] sprouting within them which will only cause trouble and poison the hearts of many." Tpt

"Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it—" Amp C

DO WE REALIZE A ROOT OF BITTERNESS NOT ONLY CONTAMINATES OUR LIVES, BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO US?

This involves our families, friendships and church communities. When we forgive someone or an organization or a people group that have wronged us, we are not saying what they did is ok or that this person is now absolved of all guilt.

WHAT FORGIVENESS DOES IS REMOVE THE SOURCE OF THE POISON FLOODING YOUR BEING AND DESTROYING YOUR LIFE.

As long as you hang on to bitterness you give power to the perpetrator! You keep yourself frozen in your past, unable to enjoy your present and future.

Elizabeth Smart was kidnapped at 14 years of age and raped every day for 9 months. When she was rescued, her mother told her something that set her free. She said, *“Elizabeth, what this man has done to you is terrible. There aren’t words to describe how wicked and evil he is. He has taken 9 months of your life that you can never get back again. But don’t let him take another minute! The best punishment you can give him is to be happy, is to follow your dreams and do exactly what you want do to”*

When you release unforgiveness and *choose* to forgive, you take the chains off of your own neck and walk away free. (Isaiah 52:2) *“Shake yourself from the dust, arise, O captive Jerusalem; Rid yourself of the chains around your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.”*

GOD IS A GOD OF JUSTICE, BUT HE IS ALSO A GOD OF MERCY!

The famous Christian author, Corrie Ten Boom, watched her sister, Betsie, beaten mercilessly by a savage guard in the Ravensbruck concentration camp during World War II. Betsie died soon after of complications from those injuries.

After the war, Corrie was teaching on the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. When she gave the altar call, the man who had beaten her sister walked out of the crowd, stretched his hand toward her and asked, *“Can Jesus even forgive me?”*

She said, feelings of hatred and bitterness arose in her and she cried within herself to the Lord, *“Oh God please help me, I can’t do this in myself”*. She said she made a choice to stretch out her hand in faith to this man. As she did so, she felt the love of God flow down her arm and into her hand as she forgave him and he received God’s forgiveness.

WE CAN ASK GOD TO HELP US TO FORGIVE THE UNFORGIVABLE!

We don’t forgive others because they deserve it, we forgive because God first forgave us and we need to be set free!



Forgiveness is a choice, not an emotion. However, your emotions will be freed from the cage of bitterness when you choose to forgive.

It may be that we need to forgive ourselves! Whatever the case, today, we can make the choice to forgive so that bitterness is uprooted and no longer steals the joy and freedom that our Heavenly Father longs for us to have and enjoy!

**Shelley has written a book called “The Red Geranium Sisterhood” which will be released in March 2021. In The Red Geranium Sisterhood, women will find the inspiration to believe in and embrace their inherent worth by discovering and embracing the Creator’s radical love.*

PRAYER WARRIORS UNITE

Ms. Doreen Charette | IAOG National Prayer Coordinator

Our Vision for 2021 *“To see all of Gods people uniting in prayer as one body, in one accord, with one purpose- Building His Kingdom.”*

A WORD FROM THE LORD..

The Holy Spirit has been speaking to me saying many Ministers are feeling weighed down due to the length of time this pandemic is taking. Disappointment, discouragement, and helplessness in the restricted ability to do what they were designed and called to do for the body of Christ has put a weight upon them that is not of God. Some are beginning to believe that the compassion and care they have for the flock has now become a burden (in the wrong way). God is strongly pointing out “That is a lie! It is not a burden.”

Pastoral positions of compassion and care are not a weight, God wants everyone to know that it is His love and compassion that are a hammer that destroys the yoke and bondage in people, and that the joy of the Lord is the anchor and catapult that keeps compassion flowing regardless of what is going on circumstantially.

As Ministers and mighty men and women of God, you are anointed, and appointed by Him. He has filled you full of His Grace to carry out what He has called you to do especially now through this pandemic.

Below are some scriptures, as your National Prayer Coordinator, I am praying and standing on for all of you as you continue to do the work of the Lord in ministering to the Lord’s people. I would like to ask you to please join me in praying these scriptures over your fellow Pastors/Ministers in Christ, not just the ministers within the IAOG but in your communities, cities, and provinces throughout Canada. We are one body in Christ regardless of the denomination we are affiliated with. Let us pray one for another as we ought, bringing Godly unity into our focus - to increase the Kingdom of God for His Glory!



EPHESIANS 3:16-21; ISAIAH 40:31;

1 CORINTHIANS 12:24-26;

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24; HABAKKUK 3:18-19

Please remember to check out the IAOG Prayer Facebook page @IAOGcanPrayer for encouragement and updates. I encourage you to interact with comments as to any scriptures the Lord is speaking to you about or with a praise report that we can rejoice in with you; a good report strengthens all of our frames! I really would love to hear from each of you!

Blessings in the mighty name of Jesus!

VICTORY IS AHEAD!

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Victory is ahead!
Victory has not been lost. We walk in a PLACE OF VICTORY because God is with us. We walk in a place of victory because God is for us. We walk in a place of victory because we are His people. We

walk in a place of victory for His Word says we are more than conquerors. His Word says He will fight for us. He fights with us. He is standing beside us, linked together with us as one.

WE ARE MOVING TO A GREATER PLACE OF VICTORY!

I want to encourage you today to 'Look Up!' I want to encourage you today to light your eyes. Get your eyes off of the news, off of the TV. Get your eyes off of the nonsense of the world and look up to the King of Kings. Look up to the Lord of Lords. We are looking to the throne of Heaven. Look up above the din, and noise of the world. God wants to show us new things in this New Year.

Ask God for a Word for this year. Then write it down, and pray into it. Get a God vision and it will give you life. That Word will hold you strong this year. Don't let just prophets speak to you - LET GOD speak to you.

Some verses I felt for me this year I will share with you:

- [Deut. 23: 14](#) *"For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and to give your enemies over to you"* There is an unspoken BUT here.

THIS SEASON!

*There's a reason for everything
Under the sun, says a wise man
So, there's a reason
In this season of social distancing
that we have to learn.*

*Could it be that we all
Needed a fresh perspective
Or, perhaps, a new habit to form?*

*In a world where several
People suffer from anxiety and depression
Peer pressure and high suicide rate
Among the youth who are the next generation
Bullying on school campuses
Mass shootings at malls and theatres.*

*There has not been
A time to process, a time to heal
A time to relearn, a time to release
A time to love ourselves
So, we can love others
A time to detox from all the negativity
So, we can be restored.*

*Our world today,
Is full of me, myself and I;
Where competition and strife amount
Where comparison masks true beauty,
Where hate and violence sting
the hearts that so much need
a love of a father and a mother,
a love of sister and a brother,
a love of a friend and a pastor,
and a love of a neighbor.*

*Our world today
Is full of "otherness"
Where personal walls
have been resurrected
To keep the "other" out
To keep the "other" bound
To keep the "other" at bay
And locked up!*

*As though the "other" has no purpose,
When indeed we are part of each other
And apart from one another
We cannot do much
Nor can we survive.*

*Hence, in this season,
And for this reason, we are to reset
and exchange our anxious thoughts
With the Mind of Christ, even more!
We are to give more love
Instead of hate;
We are to forgive
Rather than holding unto unforgiveness.*

*Whatever it may be
Let's spring forth
To the new season
Expecting what we are planting.
I pray you will reap
An abundance
Of what you've planted;
So, plant what you
Want to harvest In due season.*



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God doesn't walk in your camp UNLESS you have followed the instructions. Keep it clean. What a great blessing to know IT IS GOD'S DESIRE to walk with you.

- [Rom. 8: 37](#) *"YET IN ALL THESE THINGS we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS..."* Through what Jesus has done on the cross; He defeated sin, defeated Satan, and made a way for healing to be available to us. Through His power and Holy Spirit. Join with the Word He has spoken to your spirit. Many of you want to see people saved. Then speak it out. Many of you want to see healing, miracles. Reach out and pray. Your words have power and anointing on them.

- [Isaiah 51: 1 - 17](#) *"Listen to Me... Give ear to Me and know My voice... I, even I, am He"* God is standing and declaring it is Me! Who do you think you are? God is breaking off fear. Do you not know who I AM? **I am HE** - the One. What should you be afraid of - are you kidding me? Who are you that you should dare to be afraid? The Lord of Hosts (many) is My name. **I HAVE PUT MY WORDS INTO YOUR MOUTH.** I have covered you, protected you and said, "YOU are MY people." **Wake up church THAT IS WHO I AM.** So why are you afraid - WHO do you think you are?

I declare to you today Church of God Isa. 60:1-3: **ARISE SHINE** for your light has come! The glory of God rises upon you. We have the power. Let go of your fear of the future. Let go of your concern for what MAY happen. It is our turn to speak to the future. It is our turn to speak out what God is speaking. Hear His Voice and then speak it out in faith. Be encouraged brothers and sisters.



REV. SWANSON SYDNEY

(DOB July 12, 1941) was promoted to Glory - Jan. 30, 2021 at the Lakeshore General Hospital, Pointe-Claire, QC. He was suffering with COVID-19.

Rev. Swanson Sydney joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) - February 14, 2000.

He is survived by his loving wife Mrs. Ailen Sydney, four children (Jennifer, Louis, Deborah, and Esther), grandchildren and great grandchildren.

With his daughter Rev. Deborah Sydney, he was pastor of Fountain Of Truth Christ Jesus Pentecostal Outreach Ministries.

Rev. Swanson Sydney was a member of the Ministry of Compassion.



REV. NEVILLE G. EDWARDS

(DOB August 25, 1941) was promoted to Glory - the evening of Feb. 4, 2021 at his home.

Rev. Neville Edwards joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) in 1988.

He is survived by his loving wife Rev. Sandra Clarke-Edwards, three children, four grandchildren and step-children.

Rev. Neville and Rev. Sandra were Co-Pastors of Lamb Of God Fellowship, Brampton, ON.

Rev. Neville Edwards travelled in ministry to many parts of the world besides founding Mount Zion House Of Praise and Lamb Of God Fellowships.

His son Rev. Richard Edwards is pastor the Mount Zion House Of Praise.

Rev. Neville Edwards was NOT a member of the Ministry of Compassion.



REV. MARLENE BEARDY

(DOB January 21, 1949) was promoted to Glory - Feb. 13, 2021 - 5 PM at the Lake Of The Woods District Hospital, KENORA, Ontario.

Rev. Marlene Beardy joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) - January 31, 2005.

She is survived by her loving husband Rev. Roy Beardy, two children, four grandchildren and two step-children.

With her husband, she was co-pastor of the Red Lake Christian Assembly and later the Dryden Christian Assembly. Rev. Roy Beardy is the Northwestern Ontario Regional Secretary for I. A. O. G. I. (Canada)

Rev. Marlene Beardy was a member of the Ministry of Compassion.

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SEP 17/20 - Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) - Zoom call

SEP 25/20 - Southwestern Ontario I. A. O. G. I. Ministers' Prayer meeting - Special Speaker,
Rick Ciaramitaro - Zion Christian Church



OCT 8/20 - Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) - Zoom call

OCT 15/20 - My wife (Ginny) was taken to the hospital with Hyperosmolar Hyperglycaemic State, Gout and Septic Shock. She was placed on a ventilator for nine hours. Ginny was in ICU for eleven days.

FRI, OCT 23/20 - Rev. Gwen Dreger in BC sent me a message: "God is going to do a sudden/unusual thing." I responded, "Virginia will be released from ICU directly home."

SUN, OCT. 25/20 - at 5: 30 PM - Ginny was released directly from ICU to home. God is still on the throne! Thank you, Rev. Gwen Dreger, for being faithful and causing my faith to leap and believe for a very unusual release from the hospital. Thank you for the many who joined us in prayer. Ginny and I appreciate your love and concern.

OCT 29/20 - The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's annual Presidents' Day. The first Virtual Event "Journey to Right Relationship."

OCT 30/20 - EFC - Denominational Leaders - Zoom call

NOV 1/20 - Ordination of Rev. Tammy & Rev. Franklin Hermitt

NOV 10/20 - RAAP Webinar - over 850 leaders on the call.

NOV 12/20 - RAAP - Zoom call

NOV 26/20 - EFC - Prayer



NOV 27/20 - Prairie Convention with Rev. Karl Kienle, Regional Secretary - Zoom call

DEC 2/20 - Empowered 21 - Zoom call

DEC 3/20 - CCCC and the Prime Minister - over 400 Spiritual Leaders on the call - Zoom Call

DEC 10/20 - Canadian Christians For Justice & Mercy - 77 on the call - Zoom call

JAN 19/21 - I. A. O. G. I. Leaders - Conference call

JAN 26 - 29/21 - Empowered 21 - Next Gen Conference - Online event

THE IAOGI NATIONAL CONVENTION ONLINE!

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"THE LORD HAS SPOKEN" – PSALM 62:11

FROM THE EDITOR

HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL, NO!

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The last year has been a revealing one. The pressures of restrictions on gathering and connections have tested everyone's limits. Being a very social person myself, I was grateful for the ability to continue to work but challenged that I could no longer see clients that normally come into the Credit Union. In British Columbia, we were also grateful to continue to gather in-person for our church services with safety protocols until the end of November. Warm greetings that were normally embraces and hugs turned into nods, high-fives in the air, and blinks of eyes above masked covered smiles.

While across our nation, and the world, we have experienced similar challenges with Covid-19 the greatest challenge of all has been how to stay connected, maintain relationship and community during these times. Covid-19 has revealed what relationships were merely convenient, and what relationships are in their very core, true and genuine. More than ever, we need one another.

Who has supported you during Covid? Who has reached out to you and called? Who have you reached out to and called? Who have you supported? Do you know the minister next door? Have you spoken with another IAOGI minister recently in another province?

In a about two months, we will be gathering together ONLINE for our national convention. The national convention is where I would normally have the pleasure of meeting some of you, for the first time, in person. This year will be different. I will be seeing your smiles on computer screens, and there won't be a chance to catch a hello at breakfast or grab a coffee after our wonderful service.

While you've gotten to hear the hearts of various ministers through the mantle and hear updates on various ministries, I put out a **CHALLENGE TO YOU!**

Within the next month you will be receiving the updated list of credentialed ministers within the IAOGI family. Here's the challenge:

BEFORE THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. PRAY OVER THE CREDENTIAL LIST
2. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO TO REACH OUT TO
3. CONTACT THEM, GET TO KNOW THEM, LET THEM GET TO KNOW YOU

We used to sing a song in Sunday School, *This Little Light Of Mine*. They had one verse that said, "Hide it under a bushel, 'NO!'". Basically, refuse to hide the light of God in you. Covid has pressured many to retreat and recoil instead of reaching out and standing strong together. Reach out; not just to bless someone, but to receive and be blessed by the gift of God in them.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 (AMPC)

Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you [recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]—your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you.

And hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.



I look forward to "SEEING YOU" soon, online, at the National Convention May 4th-6th.

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SAY?

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