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What great lengths God goes to in order to reach us! Check out this update about how a miracle was 1000s of years in the making.

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Be encouraged and challenged by this word and prophetic picture of our season of deployment in Canada.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Motions made by credential holding members in the Mantle in advance of our National Convention will be voted on during our Annual Business Meeting. Please make special note of reviewing them.

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Rev. David Kelsey

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Greetings in the name of our Precious Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Patti and I are very looking forward to seeing you all in person at this year's National Convention in Quebec City, QC! We trust you are making plans to be there for the wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement together!

HEARING EARS

Revelation 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear.

In late December, as I was asking the Lord what to speak on in the New Year, he took me to Revelation 2:4 - you have left your first love. **But verse 7 was the key**, 'He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying.'



In this day and age, many voices are in our ears, many opinions, and insights being pushed on us by social media, the government, various interest groups, and even other Christians; all wanting us to do what THEY WANT us to do. More than ever, we need the Holy Spirit's leading. In this day of confusion and conflicting advice, statistics that show one thing, and the next study that says opposite; all I need to hear is what God has to say!

In my Spirit I feel this is VERY important for the church of Jesus Christ. **HE WHO HAS AN EAR TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR.** In all of these verses in Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29 and 3:6, 13, 22; **all of the 7 CHURCHES got the same last final instruction over and over again.** 'He who has an ear to hear, let Him hear'. Each church got their own individual message, but **ALL CHURCHES** got the same last final instruction over and over again. 'He who has an ear to hear, let Him hear.' Let Him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. All the churches. When God speaks it is ALWAYS important. When God repeats Himself, you need to pay attention, but when God says something **seven times**, Church -- all churches, past, present and into

the future **you better be listening** as this is life changing message. It is life giving, and it could SAVE YOUR LIFE one day.

In life we learn to receive instruction from our leaders. From your teacher in a classroom, to a coach in the different sports, maybe your financial advisor, and certainly from your parents. Some of those instructions are essential to you being successful in everyday life. How much more important is it to hear what the Holy Spirit of God is saying to us in 2023.

A friend of mine went into the Canadian army years back. He began sharing with me about his training and how they were going to do 'LIVE TRAINING'. He said they teach us how to listen, "for the sound". Bullets have a sound; missiles have a sound. When bullets start to fly, you must listen to the instruction and follow it exactly. You learn to follow your sergeant's instructions and to hear his voice, because in battle it could save your life. Failure to listen could kill you. He said it really drove home the point to listen when they say "hit the ground" ... I will. When they say, "Keep your heads down," ...I will, as now real bullets were flying just over their heads. While intense, that type of training saves lives.

Church, we are in a battle and in important times. We need to know the Master's voice and follow His instructions implicitly. We need to hear Him say, "Go left..." or "Hit the ground!" It might be the instruction of a NOW WORD! Now is the time to advance and take ground. Now is the time to share your testimony. Now is the time to lay hands on your neighbor. Whatever His instruction is we need to hear it. MOST IMPORTANTLY we need to know it is HIS VOICE and then OBEY! NOW!

More and more fake pastors and prophets are filling up YouTube, radio, and on our social media. Wow, they sure seem exciting, and their words seem nice! The Bible says, '...in the last days false teachers will come.' Well, they are here! **Make sure you are hearing the voice of our Shepherd.** Make sure you know HIS VOICE. Make sure you are confident in HIS INSTRUCTION. Does it line up with the Word? Does it line up with your spirit man?

We all have ears, and someone has yours! Do you know who has your ear? Who are you listening too? Who do you give your attention too? Is it the One you love? **How am I doing with my Father's voice?** The One who loves me, died for me, gave me salvation and life, who sent me His Helper, Holy Spirit, and His gifts to bless others with. How well do I know my Saviour's voice? Do I listen for the One I love?

In the midst of all the chatter and the din of this world, can you pick out His voice? That voice that leads you to still waters. That voice that, while in the midst of the valley of decision, you can clearly hear Holy Spirit say, "Come this way." Jesus is saying to His church, "Follow the sound of my voice. This is the way. Trust Me in it."

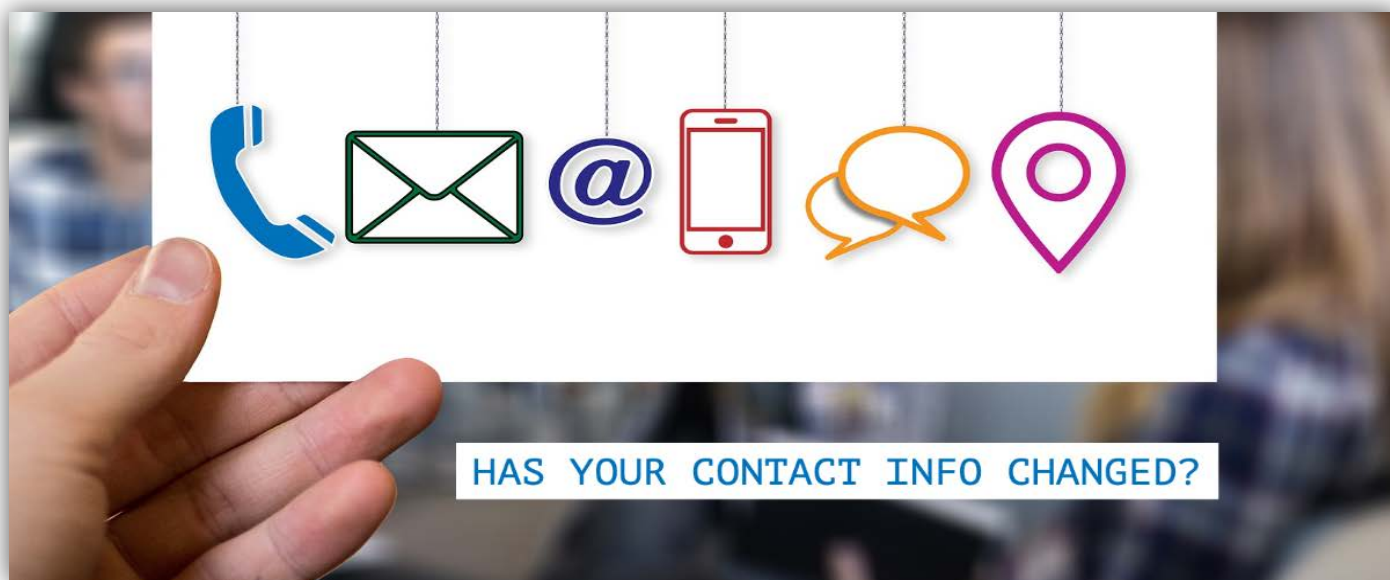




Who has your ear? In every decision, big and small, who is leading you? God is always speaking to His church - past, present, and future. God's Word is not limited to a one-time use. His Words are life, eternal, and His words have the power to give hope. Church, "hear what the Spirit (of God) is saying".

Get your heart right with the Lord, because if your heart is not right, you cannot hear right.

God bless you in 2023. Go and take ground in Jesus Name. Set the captives free.



The General Secretary has the responsibility to maintain an accurate membership list, and the responsibility of reporting changes in contact information to the appropriate authorities.

**PLEASE KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS,
NEW ADDRESSES AND NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES.**

MINISTRY UPDATES

GRACE LIFE MINISTRIES

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It is so very incredible that we have such a great base of generous sponsors, prayer warriors, and friends in this ministry! Thanks to your support, we had a very great year. God is multiplying all we are doing. I will highlight this in this brief report: Our very special friends and church community in Wales have contributed very generously to many projects. Recently one of our young leaders needed help. The wife was expecting a baby and would have to birth through Caesarian. The Welsh church sent the funds, and you can see this very beautiful little girl born at the very beginning of this year. What a great way to celebrate the beginning of a New Year!



We have incredibly wonderful young men who have completed several degree programs in university. Pictured are a few of these young people with our main leader, Karuna. They are pursuing careers in engineering, law enforcement and computer software. After finishing their degrees, they stay with us for another two years to help with the ministry as they also pursue their new professions. One of the young graduates wishes to be full time with the ministry. Also, we have opened opportunities for more young adults to pursue nursing. We have two in a degree program; one will finish her degree this year. We added two girls from the villages into general nursing. What's so great about this is that in a few years their lives will have opened up for a successful life and they will no longer have to battle poverty!

We have one young lady (our leader's daughter) who is in pre-med in order to pursue a career as a paediatric doctor. This year we have chosen fourteen very special young men. They will be trained for the ministry. They will learn practical ways to help in the villages. There is a great deal to do as we take on more daycare children and destitute widows. Along with that there is the spiritual work of helping bring the good news to the hundreds of villages. They will begin training in Visakhapatnam shortly before they join in a practical hands-on ministry in Odisha. They will be fully supported by GLM for likely half the year during the dry season. We can use financial help in this area.

Pictured is our acreage in our main village that was mostly sponsored by a Rotary grant and by individual Rotarians. The field is used to plant rice in the wet season; as soon as that harvest is brought in, many different vegetable crops are grown. Plants grow very quickly with irrigation and lots of sunshine, so they can harvest at least 3 crops per year including the rice crop.



As reported, we have 12 destitute widows whom we look after, making sure they

are loved and taken care of. James said: "This is pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father, taking care of orphans and widows in their need." James 1:27. Recently 2 widows passed away, surrounded by people who truly cared for them. We will add many more this year.

Finally, 2022 ended with great Christmas celebrations in Visakhapatnam, with hundreds of our daycare children and their families in attendance. In the villages many hundreds came for the delicious chicken and biryani feast, hosted in our large church centre (fully finished with a recent new sound system). It was an incredible time for everyone. Many leaders, local politicians and business leaders have made decisions for Christ and others have expressed the desire to be baptized. Consequently, our main village is now 100% believers in Christ. A main leader said to me: "This is a very great miracle." We thank you all for being a part of all these great exploits God has done!



Kell & Lorri

Rev. Kell and Lorri live in the Courtney area of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Having seen first-hand the suffering in Odesha, India back in 1994. Kell and Lorri continue to passionately and practically meet the needs of orphans and widows and villages and communities - all while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and raising up more leaders to do the same.

GREAT COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY (CANADA)

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Back in October 2022 we were blessed to have visited and ministered in Peru! We've included some pictures of our ministry and outreach. Currently, we are supporting a local pastor there with just around a couple of dozens of kids in his community. It was 2018 when we first met the pastor. We so felt the sincerity and commitment of this pastor and when we came back to Toronto and presented this to the board of elders here at our church, Great Commission International Ministry (GCIM), they agreed to fully support this mission

It has been more than four years now since our first trip to Peru. We send our monthly support to this mission as the group continues increasing in numbers. In light of our partnership and support, the pastor there decided to call his ministry, GCIM Peru.

One of the photos shows the graduation of some of their Sunday School kids. On our trip in October, we also had the opportunity to work with a Senior Citizens Outreach, a Prison Rehab Outreach and high school where we were able to distribute goods, Bibles and shared the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory for the opportunity to serve! Praised be to God Almighty through Jesus my Lord, Amen!!!

Regards,



Ronald & Maribeth Restua

Pastors Ronald & Maribeth founded GCIM in Scarborough, ON back in 2015. Pastor Ronald and Maribeth have been married for over 32 years have two children, two grandchildren with another on the way! They love people and have a burden to do outreach to the drug addicts and homeless as well as partnering with other churches internationally.

WORLD OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP

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After two plus years of the COVID-19 pandemic we have finally been able to visit the mission field in Guyana and we are grateful to our Lord for preserving the ministry and the lives of the many new believers. The new work we started in the Aruka River was blessed by the Lord. The church building, although still under construction, was fully packed with people for every meeting each night.

The biggest challenge was that almost everyone over the age of 10 is illiterate. We foresee this as an immediate challenge that we need to take care of.

GOOD NEWS!

Another challenge is that many of the couples who have children and grandchildren were not married. We immediately took this in hand and were able to have one couple married. We would have had more, however many of the couples did not have their birth certificates yet to finalize the marriage. Thankfully they are all working on it.

We believe we are experiencing a mini revival, for many gave their hearts to the Lord and during my stay and we baptized 21 people. Praise God!

PLEASE PRAY! Just within my two weeks stay there were two attempt suicide cases and one homicide for children under the age of eighteen. This is a satanic attack on the young people. Unfortunately, one of suicide attempts ended up fatal. However, with the other suicide attempt, we were able to spend time with the young lady to minister and pray with her. As a result, she accepted the Lord into her life. We believe this was a miracle and divine timing. Praise the Lord!

Please join with us in agreement that the move of the Holy Spirit currently being experienced in the river areas will spread to the other surrounding areas. We are also praying that the Lord will speak to more believers and will send someone to minister to these troubled children as well. Our hearts are moved with great compassion for them.



In addition, we are trusting to Lord for resources to build the outhouse and boardwalk from the church building to the outhouse. We thank you for your continued prayers. For those who are interested in partnering with us financially, please visit www.wofministries.com.

Many Blessings,

Lloyd & Olga Bisnauth

Pastors Lloyd and Olga Bisnauth are based out of Hamilton, ON and are the founders of World Outreach Fellowship. Many decades ago, they began ministering the gospel to the native Amerindians in the jungles of Guyana, South America. Their heart is for these precious people all up and down the rivers and hillsides of the deep jungle to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

A DISTANT BROTHER

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Greetings Fellow Workers,

My Prayers are with you all and may you take strength from 1 Corinthians 3:9 (FNV) "For we are working side by side with the help of the Great Spirit. You are Creator's garden where he grows good fruit, and you are the sacred lodge where he has chosen to live."

I will admit that there are times when I, for one, wondered at the size of the garden/task before me. I was so worried about my indigenous charges, in particular the youth, for it seemed that they were in a spiral of despair. Then Covid hit and, well I too, lapsed into what will I/we do? However, God had a huge message/task in the works. In fact, it was 1000's years in the making.

You see, our Indigenous Ministry has been growing over these years and we in conjunction with other organizations are starting to send international workers to the world mission field! My brother David was the First Indigenous Missionary for one organization, and he was sent to the Kurdistan region of the Middle East. Such a milestone for our people and these organizations.

There he found great acceptance and I'll let his words tell you:

"The people that I am working with have stories and legends that say the Kurdish people and some of the First Nations people come from the same tribe. Around 4,000 years ago, we were one tribe from this area. The tribe, for some reason, had to divide and part of the tribe stayed here and the other part crossed through Russia into North America. This story is also told in our stories, so with both cultures having the same story this has opened the door for me to be looked at not as a foreigner but as a distant brother".

So, God brought a "Distant Brother" to the Kurdish People. One larger question the Kurdish Elders asked was about the "Christian invasion" and how did it affect our people? The answer given is that God the Creator has revealed things that we did need.

Yes, there were hard times, but Jesus, Creator Sets Free, and opens the eyes and hearts of all who allow. The very next, thing was given by God. You see, they have a very similar scourge as we do here in Canada. Their sisters have been stolen by evil. Here we call it: *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)*. Since we have been ministering in this area here at home, this ministry was now transferred to the Kurdish People.

I was greatly encouraged. I was taught that all the hard times of wondering if I was moving in ministry with my people, was indeed following the EXACT plan that God had set forth, for on the other side of the World, God would be victorious. Fellow ministers, I plead, do not lose heart, and always reach out to your fellow workers both inside and outside the IAOGI for they are the community of God, called to do the greatest of miracles. Even a miracle, 1000s of years in the making in sharing the good news to our distant brothers.

James R.A. Smith

Rev. James Smith has been ordained with the IAOGI for over 25 years serving with Church of Praise in Ontario and several Indigenous Ministries. Being of Algonquin and Mohawk descent, Rev. James has a huge heart for the Indigenous People here and abroad that they would know the Good Road (the Gospel) their Creator (God, the Father) and Creator Sets Free (Jesus).



NOTICE OF MOTION:

Currently in the IAOGI Constitution the following is stated:

Article 2C) The majority of the members present shall represent a quorum. Each member present at the meeting shall have the right to exercise one (1) vote.

I would like to make a motion that a committee be formed during the 2023 Annual Business meeting and tasked to review options in regard to remote or absentee voting for IAOGI members in good standing who may not be available to be in person at our Annual Business Meeting as required by the above article. The goal of this committee would be to fully research and review absentee or online voting options in order to present this information and have a response by motion at our next Annual Business Meeting in 2024 for our membership's consideration. It is recommended that this committee consist primarily of members from each region, as well as a board representative.

In our last National convention, less than 21% of our voting members were able to be present. At that time, the consensus on the floor regarding introducing remote and/or absentee voting, was that further information is needed before making any decision, in order that such a constitutional change would be both beneficial and considerate of all members. The motion at hand now ensures continued forward discussion regarding the topic. There are various reasons why members cannot attend in person, but now with the option of holding the Annual Business Meeting and National Conventions online, it seems appropriate to include members who cannot travel. Remote and/or absentee voting would allow missionaries, those with health conditions, financial and logistical hindrances to be included and give further voice to our fellowship as a whole as we make decisions together.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Shalane MacKay

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

MAKE DISCIPLES

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Fellow ministers, for going on 44 years I have been so blessed to serve our King Jesus, sharing His Word and love over the airwaves and services including at times revival healing services. It has been such an honour. My main messages were on “Who we are in Christ” and “Who God is on our behalf” plus always giving the gospel with opportunity to pray to receive Christ as Lord, Amen!

Father God quickened to me some months ago the word in Hebrews 2:1-4 that says clearly, ‘...neglect not your great Salvation’. In verse 4, the Lord highlighted what our “Great Salvation” includes: “God Almighty bearing witness with signs and wonders, various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Believing this is all part of our, “Great Salvation”!

Dear ones, I have been pondering on the miracles that were manifest through the disciples, especially in Matthew 10:1 where it says they had power over all the power of the enemy and power and authority to heal the sick. I perceive the Lord has granted me a great change in my messages going forward into this year to do with these insights!

Raise up disciples through these messages as well as giving the gospel always.

Share with folks the need to be “True-blue Christians”.

Be a disciple indeed AND share Christ’s description of a disciple in John 8:31-32, 36, where it is written a disciple of Christ the Lord WILL be in His word and know the truth that will make them free. A disciple follows our teacher, Lord Jesus Christ, and His teachings.

Lastly, let's go forward expecting our lives and ministries to be like the book of Acts! Indeed, signs and wonders following our messages and Various Miracle and gifts of the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

From my heart for revival and Jesus' sake,

Audrey Mabley

Rev. Audrey Mabley founded the Eternity Club Ministries back in 1979 and Eternally Yours National Telecast Ministry and has ongoing broadcasts three times a week. Rev. Audrey resides in Vancouver, BC.



PRAYING FOR REVIVAL

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When you pray for revival, what are you asking God to do?

There are things that God can't do. God can't go back on His word. He won't take back a gift that He has given.

It is futile to ask God to change a person's mind. God has given each of us our freedom. That includes a will and freedom of choice. In Philippians 2 Paul instructs us to "let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus". God can't even put His mind (right thinking) in us without our permission. If he did, he would be violating his gift to us.

When you pray for revival are you asking God to change others?

God can't change anyone until they want His change. God can attract people to himself. His plan is to do that through others who know Him. This leads me to conclude that God is looking for individuals who will partner with Him so that others can see the benefits of being one of His followers.

THE ORIGINAL

Before Jesus went back to heaven He left a small insignificant group, by the world's standards, equipped to implement God's "Great Plan" for the world. They had no Bibles and no church buildings. I haven't heard anything about their great music. The political environment wasn't favorable to them. While being physically beaten, imprisoned and threatened with death they believed and began to build following God's "Great Plan". If you are a believer today, then your spiritual heritage can be traced back to this first group of believers. The plan worked then and still works today.

There was something about these early believers that made them recognizable as followers of Jesus. I don't think that they all dress in matching robes or three-piece suits. Not only were they recognizable but they weren't obnoxious, and people were drawn to them. **Acts 4:13**

There was, and is, only one way to get what they had and that was by spending time with Jesus. They didn't try to copy Jesus. They "let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus".

THE GREAT PLAN

God's (Father, Son and Spirit) great plan is that we spend time in communion with them. This shouldn't be hard to do since they are always with us. But even as I write this, I am fighting off distractions. There is a big difference between being in one's presence and being present, tuned in and attentive to them when you are there.

As I spend time tuned in to God's presence, I will be changed. The change will be attractive. Then I will be able to share with others who are seeking about the hope that I have. 1Peter 3:15

Revival means going back, restoration to the original design.

Join me in this prayer and path for revival, 2 Chronicles 7:14

Father, I come to you in repentance. I have allowed many things to occupy my mind and crowd you out. Please speak to me. Remind me when I am wandering away. I want to be tuned into your voice. I welcome you to put your mind in me. I give you complete access to my life.

STEPS TO REVIVAL

- Repent and spend time with God.
- Allow Him to change your mind. If you are not open to admitting that you are wrong about somethings then you have arrived, gone as far as you can go.
- As you are changed others will be "Revived". Others will want to know what happened to you.
- Revival starts with one person. Lord let it be me.

We can see God's Great Plan in Matthew 28:19-20. Be a disciple (student of Jesus) this will attract people who will want to know. Then you can Teach them to be a disciple. (student of Jesus)

God will richly bless you as you pursue him.

Your brother in Christ,

Philip Woodill

After returning to Nova Scotia in 1999 and having lived a half-hearted Christian life for most of his life, Rev. Philip began seeking the Lord in earnest. Since then, he has passionately pursued God's purposes in His life. While having services in a small community Rev. Philip was introduced to Jack Skafte and IAOGI around 2014. Currently he and his wife run a local business with six employees. With a vision to introduce others to Christ as they follow Him, they believe that everything they do is part of their ministry.



MIRACLE WORKING GOD

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Dad was raised in a household where they may not have known where their next meal would come from but there was no doubt a meal would come. The table would be set, the children would sit down, a prayer would be said over the non-existent meal. After the prayer, a knock would be heard on the door. The need was met. God was always faithful. He always showed up and met the need. No matter what the need was.

Now that I have laid a little foundation so that you can know what type of home my Dad was raised in, I will share my story. Because he was influenced greatly by the faith that his mother had. He was raised in a home filled with faith and trust in God. There was no wavering in that home. He knew that Nan only had God to depend on because naturally speaking there was no one else in her life but God. He truly was the husband to the widow that lived on First Avenue in Badger, NL.

In 1962 our little town was affected by polio. Little was known about this new disease, but it was known that it was very serious, and children were being greatly affected. Some had died. Some couldn't walk. Others were battling it. It was rampant at the time. Everyone was talking about it and how serious it was.

I was one of the children that were affected. For 6 days I lay in my bed with a high fever. I couldn't eat. I couldn't move. My face was covered in sores from the fever. My whole body was trapped in that bed. I had no energy. For 6 days, my Dad prayed and fasted. He knew that God was a God of healing. A God of miracles. He had seen it in his Mother's house time and time again. As the days passed; however, things appeared to be getting worst. With each passing day there was no improvement.

Even though in the natural it looked bleak, Dad wasn't dealing in the natural. He was dealing in the spiritual. He knew that God would be faithful. He was often heard saying, "When you know that you know that you know!" He knew that no matter what God was at work, and he just had to keep believing that God was at work. He trusted and believed.

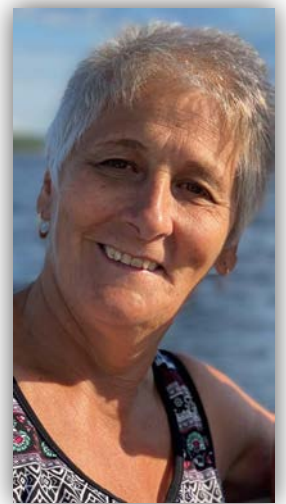
On the 7th day, a Sunday, Dad entered into my room to pray again. But this time there was a supernatural shift in the atmosphere. Things were about to radically change. Dad lay hands on me and spoke into my little body. Health, wholeness, total restoration. The Spirit of God entered that little bedroom and bed. Instantly, I was restored to health. The fever was gone. I sat up in bed as if I hadn't just fought the greatest battle a little four-year old could have ever faced.

I smiled and looked at Mom. My words were, "Can I have some toast and molasses bread?" As Mom went to prepare the toast, Dad literally ran to the church. He couldn't wait to share what God had just done in his home. I guess you can say he yelled it from the top of a chair seat. The God that he had put his faith in had done exactly what He said he would do. Dad's faith was fixed on Him just like it says in Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

That same God is still doing miracles today. We just have to spend time with Him and develop a personal relationship with Him. Don't be deterred by what you see in the natural but rather fix your faith on the one who controls all things. The big and the small.

Shirley Noseworthy

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QUE SON REGNE VIENNE!

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In Canada, nowadays, there is a MOVEMENT, AND FROM THIS MOVEMENT, THERE WILL BE TRANSFORMATION....

MAY HIS REIGN COME!

It is a time of great change that is taking place, there is a movement of the Spirit of God; 2023 is the continuity of a new decade that has been coming to us for two years already. Our declarations will have to follow what we hear from the Spirit in the Ekklesia.

For a sound from heaven heard...a declaration on this earth is born; to be released.

And let us release a war cry; let us release a declaration of victory: "*Arise, let the spirit of the warrior arise in you, let the spirit of the conqueror take its place in the battle by decreeing the word of your God*". For it will be important to grasp what the Spirit is saying to the Church, in these changing times, in this uncertain and unstable world.

A DECLARATION IN FAITH is a war cry, which calls for God's righteousness, for His manifestation, and which will call for the intervention of the heavenly armies to join the conquerors in faith for the conquest of territory and unfulfilled promises up to this day. And all this for the Glory of our King and Lord Jesus.

A PROPHETIC IMAGE

A song of wheat, sheaves as far as the eye can see and there is a movement, a wind that blows leading to the transformation of these sheaves into people who raise their hands to the Most High God and always under the same breeze, a wind of compassion is coming from the throne of God to our great territory, and a path that takes place, telling us, "*Come, walk with Me*".

Here is what I saw next, the Spirit of God is blowing on these mature sheaves, releasing the fruit attached to them for the need of the land. As a seed repents from place to place covering the entire

surface of Canada, it will bring prosperity for years to come for the expansion of Ekklesia in Canada with the power of a prophetic movement of the Lord released by His servants.

This is what is taking place: a mighty action, a gathering and release of the glory of the LORD. It will be so powerful that souls will be restored, and many will come to God because the LORD is providing for the need of the earth; we are in a season of great change, a season of retribution for the people seeking His God. The LORD is preparing His servants for the release of His power. We are in a season of deployment!



Michel Denis & Serena Cotton

Rev. Michel Denis & Serena Cotton are founders of the l'Ecclécia CNC l'Espoir des Générations (National Christian Centre Church, Hope of Generations) in Gaspésie, QC and for almost two years have been in Sherbrooke, QC as prophetic pastor-missionaries. They carry in their hearts a mandate to raise a Prophetic Generation in our nation and support ministries in their development.

ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

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As world events hurtle toward God's long prophesied climax and as He prepares to step back onto the world stage (Maranatha, come Lord Jesus) to prevent mankind from self-annihilation, (Matt 24:22), save His Chosen people (Romans 11:26) and bring His much-needed judgments to the Christ-rejecting, we would be well served to learn from His perspective

One definition of perspective is how we see things in relation to something else, like how railway tracks seem to come together as we look at them going away from us. There are rational perspectives and irrational perspectives; there are right perspectives and there are distorted perspectives. We could count many different types of perspectives because most people have a different perspective on various subjects than do others. And that's OK. That's what makes us different. BUT there is really only one perspective that really counts and that is God's perspective. What is God's perspective? How does He see things. The short answer is ETERNALLY. God sees everything in light of ETERNITY. His perspective on everything is ETERNAL.

"He that heareth my word, and believe on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life." Jesus said that in John 5:24. (Everlasting life). Now that's Eternal.

"If a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death". Jesus said that in John 8:51. (Never). That's eternal also.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". Paul said that in Rom. 6:23. That's Eternal.

"He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting". Paul said that in Gal. 6:8. And that's Eternal.

Everything about God's perspective is ETERNAL!

What about you? Do you have an Eternal perspective? Or have you gotten caught up in the things of the world? Do you plan your life in terms of ETERNITY? How often do you think of ETERNITY? Yearly? Monthly? Weekly? Daily?? Ever? Are you laying up "your treasure where neither moth nor rust can destroy", or are you trusting in your RRSPs, pensions or property value?

Does your faith take you far ahead? If it doesn't, it should. How can we believe the over 3,000 promises that God has given us in His word if we don't focus on ETERNITY often, because most of those promises are Eternal. How can we get excited about spending an ETERNITY with Jesus if we can't get by our "three score and ten"?

When you read Revelation 21, can't you just feel how excited John is when he says, "And I John saw a new heaven and earth; for the first heaven and earth were passed away....And I John saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...."

We have to turn the binoculars around and start to look from the other end. We have to begin to realize that ETERNITY is just around the corner; for some of us it's only a breath away and for the rest, it begins when Jesus returns.

For now, I would exhort you, brothers and sisters, to adopt an ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE, and stretch your faith to fit into God's Perspective. The further ahead you can see with the spiritual eyes that God has given you, the less important current things become, and the more productive you can be for the Kingdom of God. Isn't that why God saved us, so we may be productive for Him? Aren't we His Ambassadors to the World?

And now, as a part of the great commission that we are all called to, "Let us go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit".

Roy Trepanier

After almost thirty years as a lay Evangelist and mentoring the many who accepted Christ into their lives as a result, Rev. Roy now speaks in churches and conferences preaching God's plan for the Jewish people from old and new Testament Scripture, reminding Christians of their Hebraic roots and raising funds to move suffering Jewish people back to their land of promise, Israel. Rev Roy resides with his wife of 46 years, Mariette, in the Caledon Hills, ON.



STILL HERE!

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Throughout my years I have seen the faithfulness and power of God. Be encouraged as I share some of my story.

My wife and I pastored North Central Shekinah Tabernacle from 1993 to 2000. The first three years of that seven years, I did only praise and worship. I will not say the name of the church at that time. For three years, God did His cleaning. Our last four years in the church? That building? Miracle after miracle happened. We saw God move like we have never seen before and have never seen since. Moving with great strength and power. One strum on my guitar? The Holy Spirit was with us. The spirit of the Lord filled our church to overflowing. It was not ever like that before! Do we keep singing? Preach the message? Lord? It's up to You. A lot of times, we never got to the message. Many times, I never prepared a message. Jesus gave me the message. In His time. His perfect timing.

We must remember! It's never about us. It doesn't matter how much one practices. Yes, "practices", I have watched and seen a lot. However, it is truly about the anointing, not how good we are.

Everyone felt Him. Whether you knew Jesus or not. BAM! What will Jesus do next? Unbelievable. We not only felt but began to see the Holy Spirit. The only way to explain is when you see it yourself. The Holy Spirit was so thick you literally could not walk. Four years went by. God told us "You're done here," so we listened to Him. North Central Shekinah - it would be no more... A couple years went by. I became ill. Strange things happening. Went to my doctor. She tells me, "There's nothing wrong. You are fine!" All the illness continues. My doctor sends me for counselling. Two days later - On April 4th, 2009 - I stroked. Called a "cerebellum infarction." I was supposed to die. Finally, MRIs were done. Doctors saw I had several "TIAs" in the past. A TIA is a mini stroke. Yes! I was supposed to be dead. Guess what? I did not die. **I am still here!** When I woke from my cerebellar infarct, my doctor was standing by my feet. She missed everything. Every stroke, my heart attack. Yes! Everything. But I am still here!

Everything written is true. Who knew this was only part 1.

Wolf is my nickname. Why? I am a family man. Bunny and I will be married 40 years on July 2, 2023. We have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. We have endured 14 years of doctors' mistakes. And I am here only because of the grace of God. Bunny's ill as well. God put us together as one.

I AM STILL HERE AND YOU ARE TOO!



(Glen) Wolf & (Connie) Bunny Reimer

Wolf & Bunny Reimer currently reside in Regina, SK and call Shiloh Assembly their church home. Wolf has been ordained since 1996. Currently retired, you'll find Wolf making banana bread or catching the perfect photograph. Bunny continues to work with the government of Saskatchewan but thinks being a grandma is best! Wherever they go, whomever they meet, their heart is to see Jesus revealed.

A MAN OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Rev. June McDougall | junemcdougal@gmail.com

According to Acts 1:3, it is believed that Jesus Christ met several times with His disciples during His 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. So many times, 40 is mentioned throughout the Bible 146, to be exact. It means a new beginning after a test, trial, or a long time has passed. Jonah warned Nineveh of 40 days, Moses was in the wilderness for 40 years, Noah was on the water forty days and nights. Just mention a few.

Jesus spoke to Barnabas during that time. Who is this Barnabas? (Acts 9:23-28)

He had a character filled with joy; he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit, a man of faith and an Apostle. His original name was Joseph, the disciples gave him the nickname Barnabas meaning: "Son of encouragement."

The Bible tells of great encouragers and that they gave powerful assistance in some very challenging circumstances.

Barnabas knew of Paul's change in his heart and the excellent work for the Lord and wanted him to be one of the disciples. After Paul's dramatic conversion, the believers hesitated to take him in because he was a former persecutor of the saints.

The disciples did not trust Paul; they feared him. Could Paul's heart be changed from killing Christians to a spirit of love for our Lord and Christians? Only God can change a heart. You can trust your Lord to change your heart.

Barnabas would have known that Paul needed to have an encourager and someone the disciples trusted before trusting Paul.

Moses was encouraged by Aaron and Hur. We can see how Elizabeth inspired Mary. Despite these very challenging times, they worked together to proclaim the gospel.

As believers, we need to encourage and build one another up, which could be a part of our meeting as Christians.

Encouragement is not the same as praise, and it has to be sincere. God loves you, so take the risk to be loved by others. Do as Paul did and ask God to change your heart to be an encourager.

We all need encouragement to keep us motivated, loved, and confident in ourselves. When you encourage someone, it can give you just as much joy as the one who receives it. Perhaps that is why Barnabas was filled with so much joy. It is crucial for our mental health and our overall health.

Encouragement is defined as an expression of support or approval. I feel that support and approval from all of you. Like Barnabas, we can be a source of encouragement, and by God's grace, we can point people to Jesus and help each other grow in ministry and health.

Encouragement is necessary for our walk of faith. It helps us in a time of burnout. Sometimes, when you are in a dark place, you think you have been buried, but you have just been planted, and it is this pressure and time that change us into a heart of love like Paul.

It is our stubborn self-will to refuse to take the time to ask God to change our hearts. When you do as Paul and Barnabas, the Holy Spirit will move in you, and release the absolute joy inside you.



June McDougall

Rev. June McDougall is an active ordained minister. Currently she is supporting the pulpit ministry at Knochx United as interim and is also a retired certified counselor. She believes we all need the courage to communicate the choice to change and God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit to guide us to grow. June currently resides in Spring Bay Manitoulin Island, ON.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Constitution Amendment:

I, Rev. Gwen Dreger, hereby motion that the following be added to the constitution of the IAOG:

Article 3 Credentials

(H) Credential certificates will be issued with the name of the credential holder, the sponsoring church, sponsoring pastor, and the General Secretary of the IAOG. They will include an official seal, date of certification, specification of either ordination, licensing, or Commissioned Christian Worker.

Reason: IAOG was founded on the principal of the local church. It is a fellowship that operates through it. It is not a central organization like many others in Canada. It honours the local church as the overseer for credential holders by stating this on the certificates. This also makes it known who and by a person is ordained through. It is wise that as the organization grows, provisions are made to clarify why a form may be done in a specific way. This gives an opportunity for those who may not know its origins to further their understanding.

Rev. Doreen Charette seconds the motion.

REGARDING OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

I hope you are making every effort and plan to join us in Quebec City for our National Convention, May 1-4, 2023. We are believing for the power of God to move amongst us in a fresh way and that this will be a great time of encouragement, fellowship, and strengthening in His Word and in the Holy Spirit.

While our convention meetings will be streamed online, our ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING will be in person only.

PLEASE NOTE:

To vote on the motions presented in this mantle (Page 10, Page 20), to nominate or be nominated for executive positions and to vote in their selection:

YOU MUST BE PRESENT IN PERSON, as per our constitution.

Please be sure to register online: www.iaogcan.com. Thank you for making every effort to be in person at our National Convention and Annual Business Meeting. Please review the attached brochure for more details. I look forward to seeing you all again in person!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

Please do not hold back your testimonies, ministry updates, or words of inspiration and encouragement. Staying connected is important! Please send your articles to us for The Canadian Mantle in a Word document. Articles should be no more than 500 words in length.

Don't forget to share some photos too and include your ministry's information and website. Friendly reminder, all articles are subject to the discretion of the editor and will be reviewed upon submission.

Remember! We need each other's gifts!

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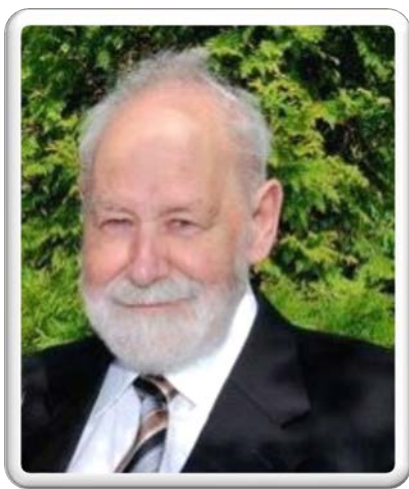
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REV. JAMES SHEARER

(DOB) November 13, 1963, was promoted to glory on April 29th, 2022, and is lovingly remembered by his mother, Hilda Shearer, and his wife, Leianne Shearer, and 4 children. Jim grew up in a home where his parents taught him about the love of the Lord through their daily lives. At an early age, he showed an interest in ministry. In 1995, Jim felt God's calling to attend Bible College. He graduated in 1999 and his ministry journey led him throughout Southern Ontario, Quebec and finally to Northwestern Ontario. After some time in Dryden, God gave him the vision of a new ministry. In 2010, The Dryden Mission opened. The Dryden Mission became a place where people felt welcome, safe, encouraged, and cared for. Jim devoted his life to helping those in need and sharing God's love. Jim joined the IAOGI in 2007

Jim was not a member of the Compassion Fund



REV. KEITH GAEBEL

(DOB) April 22, 1938, was promoted to glory on October 13th, 2022. Keith is survived by his loving wife Val. Early in life the doctors told Keith he would never walk again, but that didn't stop him from being fully healed at one of those Pentecostal meetings. Keith became a student of the Word and attended Bible College. He had a sharp mind and loved to learn and teach even more. He was an accomplished Bible teacher, preacher, and counsellor and helped teach in churches all throughout mid Ontario. Keith felt a great mission to Canada's First Nations. He and Val also had a heart to create a place of respite for clergy and did just that in Honey Harbour where they lived for many years. Keith joined the IAOG in 2004.

Keith was a member of the Compassion Fund.



REV. DOUGLAS GLENISTER

(DOB) April 26, 1942, was promoted to glory on November 24th, 2022. Doug was the beloved husband of Lila Glenister and is remembered with great love and respect by his children, stepchildren and grandchildren. Doug joined the IAOGI in June 1975. In his early ministry years he was an elder of Gateway Harvest Fellowship. In recent years he conducted Bible Studies on the 1500 Christian Farm where they lived in Singhampton, ON, teaching, preaching and fathering many. He will be dearly missed.

Doug was not a member of the compassion fund.

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