



FEBcentral 

CHURCH PLANTING UPDATE



MAGNIFY

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Magnifying The Lord By Multiplying
Church Planting Movements

We are on mission to accomplish our God-Sized Vision by **Moving** the throne of God through prayer, **Mobilizing** the gospel through evangelism, **Making** disciple-makers, **Multiplying** church plants, and **Manifesting** the kingdom through collaboration and networking for God's Glory!



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings FEB Central Church Family,

We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and partnership in the work God is doing through this church planting movement. Your support strengthens and encourages us as we seek to magnify Christ and see his kingdom advance. It's a joy to serve the Lord together, trusting him to bear fruit that lasts and bring glory to his name!

This autumn, God has blessed FEBCentral Church Planting abundantly! On September 27th, we celebrated our first-ever Annual Church Planting Banquet. It was a wonderful time sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness and celebrating two newly recognized church plants. We also welcomed four new potential church planter couples during our intensive Greenhouse training. Please be praying for these couples as they discern next steps and seek to mobilize the gospel through their future church plants.

Praise God that FEBCentral church planters across Ontario and English-speaking Quebec are seeing people hungry for the gospel; wanting to know more and committing their lives to him. Please continue to pray for the thirty-six active church plants as they seek to equip workers for disciple-making and to bring the light of the gospel into their communities.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to partner with us through prayer for these planters and the church planting movement. As Richard J. Foster says, "Prayer is the serious business of the church; the first and best business it renders for the world." May we be a movement that is committed to moving the throne of God through prayer until every man, woman, and child belongs!

God bless you abundantly,
Bechara Karkafi

NEWLY RECOGNIZED CHURCH PLANTS



Christopher & Angel Chung

Redeemer Reformed Baptist Church, Scarborough

We praise God for his faithfulness during the process of becoming a recognized church! We are also thankful for the safe arrival of our newest baby! Please pray for my parental leave and for our elders who will have to bear the burden of my load during my absence. Please pray that God will continue to grant our members to grow in godliness and a zeal for Christ to be glorified through their words and deeds.

NEWLY LAUNCHED CHURCH PLANTS



Joseph & Engi Emmanuel

Grandview Baptist Church, Kitchener

We praise God for the new launch of Grandview Baptist Church! Please pray that we would be a light in this community and we'd see lives transformed for God's glory!

PRE-LAUNCH CHURCH PLANTS



Brad & Rebecca MacPhail

Milton Bible Church, Milton

We are grateful to God for our recent "fasting and feasting" event we held recently as we invited our church family to seek the Lord with us in prayer around our church plant. God continues to speak and we are faithfully walking forward as he continues to open up doors. Please pray for clarity around our planting location. Also pray for the Spirit of God to stir in the hearts of the people at our sending church for how he would be asking them to play a role in this journey.

CHURCH PLANT UPDATES



Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek

Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax

Over these last few months, we have been working with our core group of families to bring unity and love to our church family. Please pray for us as we continue to reach out to the neighbourhood that God has placed us in by pointing others to Christ.



Nathan & Elaine Kapteyn

Baden Central Church, Baden

We have been blessed to see the church growing over the last year with new faces from the community coming almost every week. As we are growing, we have also been encouraged to see people who came to Baden Central with no faith background discovering the hope and joy that is found in the Gospel, and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that as the church grows that God would raise up leaders from within the church who would be gifted to help grow the ministries of the church, and advance our mission of seeing the community of Baden transformed by the hope of the Gospel. Please also pray for us as we are expecting the birth of their second child in December.



Jordan & Olivia Wilcox

Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie

We have launched a new youth discipleship program and will be celebrating our 5 year anniversary as a church! Please pray that God would continue to make us fruitful in our evangelism and that he would keep us focused on our task.



Palmer & Michelle Stephens

Harbour Church, Belleville

God has brought our team together with a heart to serve and skills to support our mission to love and serve the community. The response in terms of attendance for our outreach initiatives has been excellent and with each event we meet and share the Good News with new people, many hearing it for the first time. Please pray that Harbour Church is in step with God's will and has a Kingdom building impact in our community.



Aaron & Mariah Roeck
Heritage Grace Church, Breslau

The Lord has been faithful in providing a building and many new people coming through our doors from the neighbourhood. Please pray that we would be good stewards of our new building. Pray that we would grow in maturity as we get closer and closer to independence from our mother church. Pray for our new pastoral resident, Peter.



Jeremiah & Kathryn Thomas
Church of the City, Brampton

In this season at Church of the City Brampton, we are learning about what it is like to be a body of Christ, working with many parts. Please pray for more labourers as seek to reach our communities



Khalil & Julia Abdelahad
Forward Arabic Church, Cambridge

First, I want to express my gratitude to the Almighty for the passing of a year since the start of the ministry, during which we have witnessed the Lord's faithfulness, love, and grace overflowing upon us, and His power guiding us to accomplish His good will.

And I am thankful that the church is growing in love and unity, and this is something that newcomers notice. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen the ministry of evangelization in the church with greater boldness in proclaiming the gospel.



Nick & Emily Heusterberg
Bethel Southwest, Glencoe

Over the last 3 months, we have seen God bring many new people to church who have never been before. Please be praying for these individuals and pray for wisdom for leaders for the next year



Arnel & Cherry Lidongan
Guelph Baptist Mission, Guelph

We praise God that he is preparing GBM to be an independent church. Please pray for God's will to be done through this as we move forward as a church family.



Kojan & Lajan Mohammed
Hamilton Kurdish Church, Hamilton

God works through our ministry, taking our words, actions, and acts of service to plant seeds of truth and grace in the hearts of people. We labour faithfully, but it is His Spirit who gives the growth and brings forth lasting fruit. Pray for a strong leadership team that will serve our church in Hamilton faithfully and keep evangelism at the heart of our mission. Pray also for me, as pastor, to make the most of opportunities to respond to ministry needs both in inner Hamilton and in the surrounding areas.



Bassam & Haifa Batarseh
Hamilton Arabic Baptist Church, Hamilton

One way we've seen God working is through teaching and preaching. We are thankful for God's Word! Please pray for many people comes to Jesus in Hamilton through this church.



Aaron & Holly Johnson
Cornerstone Church, Hensall

Praise God that during this season, we are seeing leaders being developed, discipleship happening, and new ministries thriving! We ask that you would pray for God to provide resources as we do some renovations to our old building, for open doors into the community and for those who are considering a relationship with God to make that decision.



Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis

The Centre Community Church, Lindsay

We are so thankful to have seen our membership increase by 10 this year, with over 80% actively involved on a weekly basis. Please pray for the discipleship of new believers. We are also looking forward to planting a sister church in the community in the next 2-3 years, so please be praying for that.



Damian & Celia Devonish

Alpha Living Centre, London

We are so excited to see people growing in their relationship with Christ - moving from knowing about Him to knowing Him. Please pray as we need workers and a couple of solid Elders to help shepherd the flock.



Byron & Jackie Hand

Chelsea Green Community Church, London

We are so thankful for God's hand during this transition time. Please continue to pray for our leadership as they search for a full-time pastor and for our continued outreach to bless and impact the Chelsea Green Neighbourhood.



Mark & Sura Namourh

West Park Arabic Site, London

We praise God for our Sunday morning services and how they are reaching the Arabic-speaking world and touching many lives. We are greatly encouraged by the people. Please be praying for our church as we seek to share the Gospel.



Russell & Hannah DeGraaf

Boreal Baptist Church, Manitowadge & White River

Praise God that we have seen troubled marriages having growth, conflict among believers being overcome, and those struggling with addictions are hearing the gospel. Please pray that God would bring mature believers who are able to share leadership responsibilities in the church.



Armen & Zina Hakopian

City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga

Praise God! One beautiful way I've seen God working in our Arabic Ministry over the last three months is through the growing hunger for God's Word and deeper discipleship among our people. We've noticed more families joining our small groups, and their heart desire to grow in faith, not just attend church. Please pray for our outreach efforts, that God would continue to open doors in the Arabic-speaking community, and that many hearts would be received to the Gospel message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ.



Luel & Annabelle Declarador

God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga

God is using God's Kingdom Fellowship to reach out the community through our program, *Holistic ministry*. God paved the way for us to get involved in many community activities through this program. Please pray for a new location of worship and for the fast approval of our church registration and charitable status as we seek to become an established church.



Phil & Jessica Coolbuagh

Hope Valley Church, Mississauga

We've seen God at work uniting and maturing our core group as they grow in their hunger for His Word and their commitment to serve, evangelize, and make disciples. Each week He continues to bring new faces and visitors to our gatherings. Pray that our church family will continue to grow in maturity and faithfulness, that the Lord will supply our physical needs, and that those we've been sharing the gospel with will come to trust in Christ alone.



Greg & Caitlin Armstrong
Saturate Church, Mississauga

We are so thankful to see God working through evangelism, Bible studies, meetups and Christian-Muslim dialogues in mosques, and online ministry. We ask that you'd pray for ministry partnerships, opportunities for outreach and equipping in Muslim ministry. We ultimately seek to see more salvations and for gospel connections with people.



Nathan & Stacie Polmeteer
Bethel North, North Middlesex

We praise God for the opportunities to connect with our community! We continue to build relationships with people and have gospel conversations with those who don't know. Please pray for more workers and for deeper relationships as a church.



Jose & Stephanie Desravines
Calvary Baptist Church Haitian Ministry, Oshawa

One clear way we've seen God working in our church plant is in the growing desire people have to learn His Word. More and more, they want to study the Bible, understand it, and apply its teachings in their lives. We can see that they are growing spiritually and becoming stronger in their faith. Please pray for unity in our church family, that we would continue to grow in love, humility, and teamwork as we serve Christ together. Also, pray that more people would step up to volunteer and use their gifts to support the different ministries of the church.



Souhail & Lina Samad
Greenbelt Arabic Evangelical Church-Site, Ottawa

We continuing to serve our community with faith, compassion, and commitment. Please pray that we become more involved and effective with the Ottawa Arabic Community by sharing the Gospel and the Word of God. Pray also that we will see all our members joining hands and serving the Lord together in unity for the glory of God.



Andrew & Laura Nunn
Forward Church Brant County Site, Paris

God keeps bringing us people who has been disconnected from church for a long time. Young men in particular who are reengaging with faith. Please pray for us as we are looking for a new location that accommodates growth, but stays in Paris. Pray also for the few couples that are struggling in their marriage.



Lendl & Mia Salangsang
Life Church, Pickering

I've seen God working in our church plant through growth in our services! We are also thankful for the continued growth in the number of people serving the church. Please be praying for LifeChurch as we are taking steps to be independent and a recognized church by 2026.



Dan & Jill Johnson
Anchor Hope, Port Dover

Pray God that people in our town have been able to witness the love, hope and compassion of Jesus Christ as they've spent time with us. This has created intrigue and opened dialogue. Pray that we would continue to follow Jesus as the only Shepherd of our flock. That each partner in Anchor Hope would follow Jesus and fully accept His mission for their personal life.



Matthew & Erin Clever
Anthem Church, Sarnia

One way I have seen God working through this church plant is witnessing more people growing in their abiding in the Spirit in Disciplines and walking in the Spirit in the use of Spiritual Gifts. God has led to a number of people in our midst to Personal Renewal in the midst of Silent Revival. Pray for protection and the Holy Spirit's power in for us and in us. There is quite a bit of warfare amongst us and there is a great need for Deliverance. We are also in need of some financial provision.



Scott & Bethany Stephenson
Bluewater Church Devine Street Campus, Sarnia

We have seen a remarkable number of new people checking things out at church and expressing a curiosity about faith for the first time in many years. We are praying that we might get some certainty regarding the church building and whether or not we can move to purchase it from the United Church of Canada...or at least get a guarantee concerning future rent prices.



Lucas & Hannah Nosal
Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls

We are so thankful to have seen God equipping more men in the church to step into discipleship roles. We are excited to have a new elder in our church. Please also pray for humility and unity among our church leadership.



Revo & Catherine Dungca
Conquer Assembly, Toronto

We are thankful for this new season at Conquer Assembly! Please continue to pray for unity among believers as we seek to make His name known to the people around us.



Godfrey & Blessy Paruthivilai
Liberty Grace Church, Toronto

Praise the Lord that he continues to bring new people to Liberty Grace Church! Please be praying as we have a young couple from a Catholic background who has been faithfully attending our services for the past month. Please pray that God will continue to work in their hearts and draw them into a deeper understanding of the Gospel.



Charlie & Kristen Stokes

Village Church GTA, Toronto

We praise God for providing a new location for our Sunday gatherings! We ask you to pray for our church as we seek to build relationships together and to share the Gospel with those around us.

APPRENTICES



Dhiyaa Naaman & Hiba Majeed

Emmanuel North Barrie Arabic Site, Barrie

Praise the Lord! One of the most powerful ways we have seen God working in and through our church plant in Barrie is how He is bringing people from different Arabic backgrounds together in unity and love. This fall, we started monthly men's and women's meetings to dive deeper into God's Word, encourage one another, and build stronger relationships. We've also witnessed hearts transformed as people have believed in Jesus Christ, some for the very first time. It's amazing to see God using this ministry to reach Arabic speakers in Barrie with His Word and to build a strong community that continues to grow in faith. Please pray that God continues to send us to reach more Arabic speaking families in Barrie to hear and respond to the gospel. Pray also for strength, wisdom, and unity for our ministry team as we disciple new believers in God's kingdom.

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM



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