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CHURCH PLANTING UPDATE



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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, FEBCentral Church Family!

I'm Bechara Karkafi, Director of Church Planting here at FEBCentral. In a world that often feels chaotic, cold, dark, and lonely church planting remains God's divine strategy to bring His light to the streets. It's not just about launching services - it's about building Spirit-filled churches where people encounter and magnify Jesus, discover hope, sow the seeds of the Gospel, and become disciple-makers; moving together from darkness into light.

FEBCentral Family, I want to take a moment to praise the Lord for you, truly from the bottom of my heart. Your faithful prayers and generous support have fuelled the FEBCentral Church Planting movement across Ontario and English-speaking Quebec. Because of your partnership, the Gospel is advancing, churches are multiplying, and the name of Jesus is being magnified!

This is what it's all about, communities of light pushing back the darkness, movements of churches planting churches, and disciples making disciples — until *every* man, woman, and child belongs!

So thank you. Let's keep moving forward, stronger together, for His glory!

God bless you abundantly!
Bechara Karkafi

PRE-LAUNCH CHURCH PLANTS



Damian & Celia Devonish

Alpha Living Centre, London

We are so excited to see people begin to understand scripture and continue to grow in their faith. Please be praying that God will provide workers, specifically godly elders and godly musicians.

NEWLY LAUNCHED CHURCH PLANTS



Brad & Rebecca MacPhail

Milton Bible Church, Milton

We are very excited for our new apprenticeship with Milton Bible Church. Please pray for us as we adjust to a new city and church. Pray that God will give us wisdom and clarity as we prepare to plant.



Phil & Jessica Coolbuagh

Hope Valley Church, Mississauga

Hope Valley Church in Mississauga, ON officially covenanted together as a church on Sunday, March 23rd. One week later, we held our public launch service on Easter weekend, with nearly 100 people in attendance. We were overwhelmed with joy as we worshipped together and welcomed several new visitors and families from the community. Please be praying for faithfulness in the work God has called us to and wisdom to not wear down our small core team. Also pray that we will trust in the Lord to provide the needed financial resources.



Nathan & Stacie Polmeter

Bethel North, North Middlesex

We praise God for the launch of Bethel North in February. We have begun to see new folks from the community connecting and coming regularly. Please pray that barriers will be broken as it is very difficult to break into a small town.

CHURCH PLANT UPDATES



Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek

Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax

Our core families continue to be united as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ together. We are encouraged by the dedicated families that have joined us and continue to serve every week. We are so thankful to the Lord for giving us our Ajax Lighthouse families. This year, we are encouraged and can see that "fields are plentiful". Please pray for us that the Lord of the harvest will strengthen us and provide more workers in the field, all for his glory!



Nathan & Elaine Kapteyn

Baden Central Church, Baden

We have been amazed by God's faithfulness as we have watched him work in our town. It has been such a joy to watch God working on people's hearts as our church has begun to grow as we've seen people placing their trust in Christ and being baptized. We are so excited to see what God will do next.



Jordan & Olivia Wilcox

Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie

We've had a great spring at Emmanuel North Barrie. We recently finished preaching through the book of Genesis and have started a series on the Attributes of God. We had a joyful time celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Easter and were able to baptize a new believer who came to Christ partially through the faithful witness of one of our members who was his coworker. Please pray that God would continue to empower us, and to send us out with the Gospel!

Harbour Church

Belleville

Please be in prayer for the leadership of Harbour Church as they are in a period of transition. May God direct their steps and pour out His wisdom during this time.



Aaron & Mariah Roeck
Heritage Grace Church, Breslau

We're grateful to God for the way he continues to bless Heritage Grace. We've been continuing to work on pursuing independence which involves getting some of our foundational documents in order and prioritizing seeing leaders (elders and deacons) raised up. God has been faithful in providing for us financially, which we are eager to see how he will lead us in stewarding these resources. Please pray that we would see God saving people and that we would give him all the glory when he does.



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

We thank God as we begin discipleship meetings for new believers. Discipleship is one of the signs of a healthy church. We look forward to seeing people growing and deepening in their faith. Thank you for supporting us in prayer for opportunities to communicate and proclaim the Gospel among Arabic-speaking backgrounds in Cambridge.



Nick & Emily Heusterberg
Bethel Southwest, Glencoe

We are so thankful for the success of running the Alpha program as we have seen 10-15 new people attend church who have never been church goers. Please be praying for these people, that they will fully devote their lives to Christ.



Arnel & Cherry Lidongan

Guelph Baptist Mission, Guelph

One way we have seen God working is how He saves according to His will. Please pray that we will be able to disciple those whom God brought to our care and follow up those who visited us in the last 3 months. Please pray also for strong commitment of brethren to engage and involve in bringing souls to Jesus Christ's feet.



Kojan & Lajan Mohammed

Hamilton Kurdish Church, Hamilton

Our planted Kurdish church is thriving as an integral part of the Elliott Heights Baptist Church family, functioning under the model of one church, three congregations—united alongside the Arabic and English congregations. This structure reflects our commitment to serving a diverse community while maintaining our shared vision of glorifying Christ. We are diligently working to strengthen the foundations of our congregation, with a particular focus on establishing and formalizing membership as a key pillar of church growth and accountability. In addition, we are taking significant steps toward planting a new church in Kitchener. This initiative represents our commitment to expanding the reach of the Gospel, fostering spiritual growth among the Kurdish diaspora, and building vibrant communities of faith in new regions.



Bassam & Haifa Batarseh

Hamilton Arabic Baptist Church, Hamilton

We have seen God working in such a beautiful way through our Sunday meetings. Please continue to pray as we seek to gather more people together for God's glory and add to His family.



Aaron & Holly Johnson

Cornerstone Church, Hensall

We praise God as we have seen new leaders step up and lead new ministries over the past few months. Pray for more. This has been our word for the year and our specific prayer in this season - more salvations, baptisms, spiritual growth and engagement, leaders, community impact, etc.



Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis

The Centre Community Church, Lindsay

We have seen 12 new people start regularly attending since Christmas, including one family from our Christmas Hamper ministry. During the recent ice storm we were able to help a number of families who lost power with food and support. With the many new people attending we are praying for 3 mature Christian families to come and help us disciple them and be a part of our ministry. We are holding a Bike Rally (tune ups and helmet fittings) in May at our local school - pray for good weather and a good turn out from our community.



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.



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.



Samuel & Kelly Kim

God's Love Church, London

God's Love Ministry Knollwood has a primary target audience of Yezidis, but also reaches out to all people who do not believe in Jesus. We are currently in active fellowship with Ramin, an Azerbaijani who is Muslim but wants to learn about Jesus and the Bible. He also wants a one-on-one Bible study and attends Knollwood Sunday Service. We are praying that his spiritual eyes will be opened and he will accept Jesus as his Saviour and Lord. Akram, a 12th grade Yazidi high school student, is hesitant to accept Jesus because he fears being rejected by his community. Please continue to pray for him that he will choose eternal life as the most important thing in his life. Also ask that the spiritual eyes and ears of Ramin, an Azerbaijani Muslim, will be opened so that the day will come when he accepts Jesus as his Saviour and Lord.



Russell & Hannah DeGraaf

Boreal Baptist Church, Manitowadge & White River

We are so thankful to God for the young men being trained up to preach, movement away from isolation, and people overcome marital issues. Please be praying as levels of commitment and involvement in the church community have been serious issues for some. Hyper-independence and social isolation are common maladies in our community and still effect many of our members.



Armen & Zina Hakopian

City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga

One way I've seen God working in our Arabic church plant is by bringing people from different backgrounds to hear the gospel and find new life in Jesus. Some had never heard the message of salvation before, and now they are coming to faith, and even bringing their families. It's amazing to see God changing lives and God's word shared among the Arabic community in Mississauga and beyond. Pray for open hearts – that more Arabic-speaking people in Mississauga would be open to hearing the gospel and come to know Jesus personally. And to bring more leaders to help the ministry and serve others.



Luel & Annabelle Declarador

God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga

Praise the Lord that we are celebrating our 10th Anniversary as a church! We have had an established worship service since the beginning of the year and look forward to our Family Camp and baptisms this summer. Please pray that we will officially start a new congregation in Leamington this year.



Greg & Caitlin Armstrong

Saturate Church, Mississauga

We continue to meet in our home contexts. We relaunched new groups for our members helping them dive more deeply into Biblical doctrine. We were also able to establish a new 'dialogue circle' that we run jointly on a monthly basis at a local mosque where we have both leaders and community members open the Quran and the Bible and compare parallel narratives and respectfully discuss the differences that we see. Praise God I have had increasing opportunities to equip other Christians and churches with seminars on Muslim ministry.



Jose & Stephanie Desravines

Calvary Baptist Church Haitian Ministry, Oshawa

One way I've seen God working in our church plant is through the spiritual growth of our members and their increasing desire to participate in prayer meetings and Bible studies. It's been encouraging to witness a genuine hunger for God's Word and deeper fellowship. We're praying for continued growth and for the Lord to guide us in how to effectively reach more people in our community with the hope of the gospel.



Souhail & Lina Samad

Jesus Light of the World Arabic Evangelical Church, 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

Our alpha group has been where God has shown up in amazing ways. We have seen two men giving their lives to Christ and we're seeing radical transformation including freedom from addiction. Our church also participated in a church wide serve day which was amazing! Please pray for leaders for discipleship groups and for a new location for our Sunday gatherings.



Lendl & Mia Salangsang

Life Church, Pickering

Praise to God as we are seeing growth in our church and we are deepening our faith through relationships. Please be praying as our baptism and membership classes going on right now and for our baptism and membership service in June. Please also being praying for our road to incorporation and independence.



Shannon & Melissa McConnell
Equip Church, Peterborough

The ministries of Equip continue to grow and thrive and although this journey is never without struggles, this past season we as a church have grown in our faith and grown in our unity together as the body of Christ. We praise God for providing a bigger space for us to meet in. We are so thankful for your partnership with us.



Dan & Jill Johnson
Anchor Hope, Port Dover

God has been maturing our AH members. We've been seeing our members take intentional steps forward to participate, contribute, and lead out in the non-churched community with the intention to build new friendships/relationships/trust so that the gospel will get to these new people. Please be praying. We have had a lot of suffering in our group. We continue to have 'crushing' circumstances. We need prayer that we would be as though we are destroyed - we are not - but it feels, at times, that we are. Our trust is in the Lord as we are being refined, stripped down, and challenged in our walk with Jesus.



Ben & Naomi Mills
Hope Community Church, Port Hope

We have won a local civic award for community service. On May 1st, we will be a part of a large awards ceremony where we will receive this award. Please be praying we will continue to be a light for our community. Pray also as we navigate becoming a recognized church and are learning bookkeeping, receipts, etc.



Matthew & Erin Clever
Anthem Church, Sarnia

God has been faithful to surround us with great support since our beginning and we are now approaching the need for our people to take more onus and responsibility, which is daunting and exciting. Please pray for us as we submit to the Lord and faithfully step into deeper water.



Scott & Bethany Stephenson

Bluewater Church Devine Street Campus, Sarnia

We are seeing a number of people seeking and others returning who have not been to church in many years. Please pray that we would see these seekers put their faith in Christ and for wisdom regarding clarity on the lease of our building.



Christopher & Angel Chung

Redeemer Reformed Baptist Church, Scarborough

We are so thankful we get to be a part of seeing people's spiritual growth and witnessing commitment in members. Please be praying that God would raise up godly, faithful, and wise leaders amongst our church plant.



Lucas & Hannah Nosal

Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls

We thank God for His continued faithfulness towards our church. Please continue to pray as we seek to invest in our communities and share the Gospel. Please pray for our leadership team as we seek to appoint elders and in the provision of a church building.



Revo & Catherine Dungca

Conquer Assembly, Toronto

Praise God for providing a new venue for our church on a major intersection. We are excitedly preparing for our first baptisms this summer. Moreover, Jesus has opened doors for a new midweek Bible study program, featuring teachings in both English and Tagalog. We covet your prayers as we endeavour to fulfill the great commission of Christ.



Godfrey & Blessy
Liberty Grace Church, Toronto

Praise the Lord that he has brought three new believers into his family! Please be praying for them as they take next steps towards baptism and that God would continue to grow them into his likeness.



Charlie & Kristen Stokes
Village Church GTA, Toronto

We are currently renting out of another church and meeting on Saturday mornings in Mississauga as we grow our core team. Our desire is to move to Sunday morning services this year and we continue to search for the right venue to meet our needs. Please pray that God will provide for us. Please also pray as we are looking to hire a Worship Leader.

APPRENTICES



Dhiyaa Naaman & Hiba Majeed
Emmanuel North Barrie Arabic Site, Barrie

I've seen God working in Emmanuel Church Barrie Arabic Church through the changes in their lives, new families are coming to Christ, growing in faith, and becoming active in ministry. It's been powerful to witness how God is using this church to reach and disciple the Arabic-speaking community in Barrie. Please pray for new believers to grow in their faith and more outreach to the Arabic community in Barrie and for more leaders to help serve in the church.

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM



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