

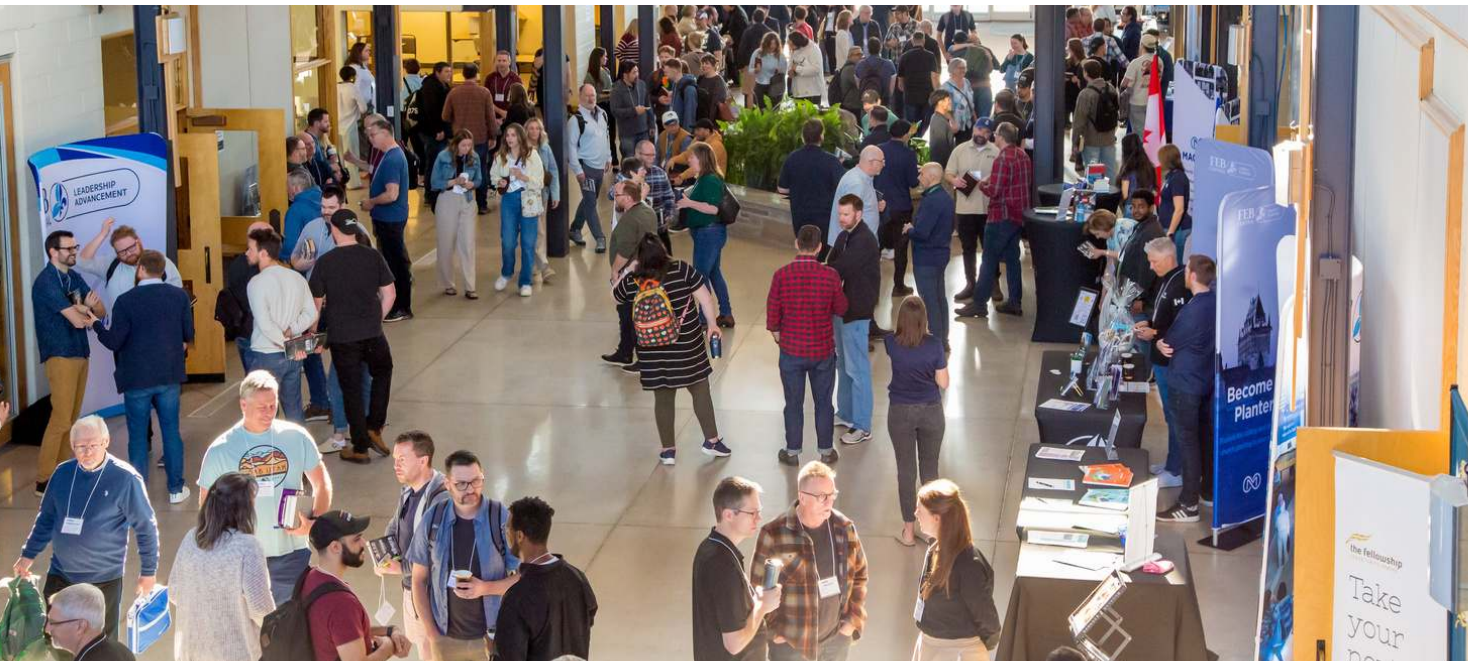
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# FEB CENTRAL



## CHURCH PLANTING





# MAGNIFY

Magnifying The Lord By Multiplying  
Church Planting Movements

We are on mission to accomplish our God-Sized Vision by **M**oving the throne of God through prayer, **M**obilizing the gospel through evangelism, **M**aking disciple-makers, **M**ultiplying church plants, and **M**anifesting the kingdom through collaboration and networking for God's Glory!



# From the Director



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These last few months have been a wonderful time of fellowship, rest, and training for our church planting family! This April, we gathered together with our FEBCentral church family to enjoy *Stronger Conference 2026*. Praise God for the men and women that joined together and the reminder to stay rooted in the Word as we serve where God has planted us! At the beginning of June, our church planters, along with other pastors, enjoyed a few days away at the beautiful Muskoka Bible Centre in Huntsville. This was a wonderful time of rest and fellowship as brothers in Christ, enjoying his creation and praying for one another.

We praise God for his abundant mercy and grace! It is only through him that we are able to see the fruit of the gospel grow in our communities. And we thank you for your continued love and support for this church planting movement across Ontario, English-speaking Quebec, and beyond! Your partnership through prayer, giving, and encouragement equips our planters to continue to bring the light of the gospel to dark communities to make disciple makers, .

God bless you and your family abundantly!

Bechara Karkafi  
Church Planting Director

# Newly Recognized Church Plants



## **Jordan & Olivia Wilcox**

*Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie*

We praise God for his grace in allowing us to become fully recognized. Please be praying for our church family as we seek to magnify the Lord in our lives and in our communities.



## **Aaron & Holly Johnson**

*Cornerstone Church, Hensall*

God has provided us with the opportunity to purchase our building so we are praying this through. God has brought us multiple young men from non-faith backgrounds who are searching and curious that we are discipling right now. Please pray that God would provide this building to steward for his glory. That we would not drift from mission & evangelism now that we are more established. That the new and curious people joining us would accept & follow Jesus.

# Formally Initiated Plants



## **Brad & Rebecca MacPhail**

*Abide Church, Milton*

We are grateful to God that we have 14 people who are committed to being a part of our church plant in some way. We are seeking God's guidance as we build teams that will not only come with us but will also come and serve for a season developing leaders and ministries in our church plant. Lastly, we are thankful that God has led us to our church name Abide Church. We shared this name with our sending church family recently and many people are excited about the next number of months ahead. We are asking for prayer for God to provide a meeting space for us over the next few months as we prepare for a January launch. We would also love prayer for these next few months that we will begin meeting with our core team building relationships with one another, praying for the future of this church and all that God will do.



## **David & Sarah Mann**

*Emmanuel Angus, Angus*

Over the last three months, we are seeing God move in the preparation for this church plant. We're also very thankful for the safe arrival of our baby girl. Please pray that God would go before us and lead us as we seek to glorify him in this season of church planting.

# Church Plants



## **Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek**

*Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax*

Over the last three months, we have seen God strengthen unity and deep relationships with our elders and their families. We have also seen young adults in our church step out in faith to make a decision to follow Jesus. Please be praying as we have a dedicated baptism service planned in the summer by the lake. Pray for those who believe in Jesus to step out in faith to publicly commit their life to Christ.



## **Nathan & Elaine Kapteyn**

*Baden Central Church, Baden*

Over these last few months, God has been bringing a number of young people to the church who do not yet know Christ, and we are seeing him working in them, showing them their need for the Gospel. We have a number of community initiatives planned for the Summer, including a week of free summer camp that we offer to the community. Please pray that many kids would hear the Gospel and spread it to their families through these ministries.



## **Palmer & Michelle Stephens**

*Harbour Church, Belleville*

We praise God for providing aid for community members experiencing food insecurity and the growing attendance to outreach initiatives. Please be praying for a few more families with a desire to serve and grow in their faith at Harbour Church. Prayer for the effectiveness of our outreach, worship and teaching to share the love of Jesus with our community and see lives changed and relationship with Christ deepen.



## **Aaron & Mariah Roeck**

*Heritage Grace Church, Breslau*

The Lord has brought many people through our doors. We are specifically excited to see those visiting who live right in the neighbourhood. Please pray that we might see fruit from the growing culture of evangelism. Pray that we would see more godly men aspire towards eldership.



## **Jeremiah & Kathryn Thomas**

### *Church of the City, Brampton*

One way we have seen God working through our church plant is in the lives of people from non-Christian backgrounds who have come to faith in Jesus and publicly professed that faith through baptism. Watching families take costly steps to follow Christ, even when it creates tension with their cultural or religious backgrounds, has been a powerful reminder that God is still drawing people to Himself and building His church. Please pray that God would continue to save and disciple people in Brampton, especially among the many South Asian and newcomer communities in our city. Pray also that the Lord would raise up additional elders and leaders from within our church who can help shepherd the growing ministry and strengthen the church for long-term health and multiplication.



## **Khalil & Julia Abdelahad**

### *Forward Arabic Church, Cambridge*

We praise God that the word of the Lord never returns empty; there is always a trace or a certain fruit. Please pray for the seeds of the Gospel to be sown more in Cambridge, ON.



## **Nick & Emily Heusterberg**

### *Bethel Southwest, Glencoe*

We are so thankful that God has continued to give us inroads into the community to help people and show them Jesus. Please be praying for continued unity in our church and opportunities



## **Arnel & Cherry Lidongan**

### *Guelph Baptist Mission, Guelph*

We praise God that he is preparing GBM to be an independent church. 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 has been working through our church plant by drawing people together around the gospel and creating a strong sense of community. We have seen spiritual growth, deeper fellowship, and a willingness among members to serve others. Please pray that God would provide the financial resources needed to strengthen our ministry and plant additional churches in surrounding cities. Also pray that He would open more doors for us to share the gospel with Kurdish people and see many come to faith in Christ.



## **Bassam & Haifa Batarseh**

*Hamilton Arabic Baptist Church, Hamilton*

Over these last few months we have seen God use media for His glory. Please pray that we will continue to reach more Arabic people using Media and other resources.



## **Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis**

*The Centre Community Church, Lindsay*

As a church, we continue to have a strong unity around our mission to reach our neighbourhood, and our neighbours notice us.

We are looking to hire a church planting intern with the hope of planting a sister church in another neighbourhood in Lindsay. Please pray for the hiring process and that the new pastor would be able to find an apartment in the neighbourhood.



## **Damian & Celia Devonish**

*Alpha Living Centre, London*

People have been seeing the Hand of God throughout Scripture and in their lives, and coming to terms with the fact that the Bible is for man, but it is about the plan and will of God.

Please be praying for workers and that we can take a step forward in being able to give charitable tax receipts.



## **Tim Mitchell**

*Chelsea Green Community Church, London*

We are so thankful that God has answered our church's prayer for a lead pastor! Please be praying for this transition; that there would be unity and love.



## **Russell & Hannah DeGraaf**

*Boreal Baptist Church, Manitouwadge & White River*

We've had interpersonal conflicts in our congregations that have needed working through, and we're thankful God has helped them be resolved, as well as tangible progress in a situation of drug addiction. Please pray God would provide more mature Christians to share the burden of responsibility with. Isolation is a very serious challenge in our setting.



## **Armen & Zina Hakopian**

*City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga*

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and continued work in the Arabic Ministry at City Centre Mississauga. We have been blessed with several ministry highlights, including our Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter. Through our outreach efforts, we have connected with many people in the community and invited them to hear the Gospel.

Praise the Lord, we have baptized six individuals during this period, who have put their faith in Jesus Christ. We continue to see spiritual growth through our monthly Bible study, prayer meetings, and three active small groups, where people are growing in their relationship with God and with one another. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to share the Gospel and reach more Arabic-speaking families in Mississauga and the surrounding areas.



## **Luel & Annabelle Declarador**

### *God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga*

Praise God for the provision for the needs of the church and powerful holistic healing. Please pray for more volunteers and the approval of our church's charitable permit.



## **Phil & Jessica Coolbuagh**

### *Hope Valley Church, Mississauga*

We have been encouraged to see God drawing people to Himself, with a couple of individuals professing faith in Christ and others taking steps toward baptism and church membership. At the same time, He has continued to provide opportunities for outreach in our community and has strengthened the unity and service of our church family as we grow together. Please pray that God would continue to grow and mature our church family, strengthening our unity and faithfulness as we seek to make disciples in our community. Also pray that the Lord would raise up qualified leaders, including our first elder and deacon, and bless our outreach efforts with lasting gospel fruit.



## **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*

Over the last few months, we have seen some cool moments in our small group. Because Stacie and I are the only members at this time we can't have more than 1, but in the fall we will have 3 and we have been having 22- 26 people attending weekly. Please pray for depth, not shallow faith, but depth as we see new people coming to Bethel North.



## **Scott & Ainsley Hogeveen**

*Cornerstone Church, Coldwater*

We are so thankful for our church community and how God is caring for each one of us. Please be praying that we would remain unified and steadfast in the calling God has given our church family.



## **Jose & Stephanie Desravines**

*Calvary Baptist Church Haitian Ministry, Oshawa*

One clear way we've seen God working in our church plant is by renewing a deep love and priority for His Word through our Ezra/Nehemiah series. He has stirred greater hunger, attentiveness, and a desire to live out Scripture, reminding us of His ongoing faithfulness. Please pray that God would strengthen our families to faithfully model His grace in their homes and relationships. Also, pray that He would provide and raise more volunteers, especially in areas like the music team, to serve and build up the church



## **Souhail & Lina Samad**

*Greenbelt Arabic Evangelical Church-Site, Ottawa*

We praise God for the new people coming and listening to the Word of God and the new people serving in different areas of the church. Join us in praying for people becoming members at the church and we'd continue to see an increase in people accepting the Lord



## **Andrew & Laura Nunn**

*Forward Church Brant County Site, Paris*

Praise God we were able to move to a new location! We'll be sharing space with a united church in town. Please pray for wisdom in how to reach the community around us. Now we are in a neighbourhood we want our neighbours to know the love of Jesus!



## **Lendl & Mia Salangsang**

### *Life Church, Pickering*

Over these 3 months we have seen significant growth in life groups and children's ministry. Looking ahead, please be praying for us as we seek independence and a new building for gatherings.



## **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*

Until a few months, our church faced some financial pressures but God has been very kind to us and has completely turned around financial situation in some miraculous ways! We also praise God for the three salvations we have witnessed in the last few months, despite what feels like an evangelistic slog. We are tired, there is a real spirit of fatigue and weariness in our body - please pray for Refreshment and Energy. Pray for protection for our people as they labour and war for the Kingdom.



## **Scott & Bethany Stephenson**

### *Bluewater Church Devine Street Campus, Sarnia*

God is bringing a large number of people who grew up in catholic background but are taking faith seriously for the first time in their life. We saw one man who was formerly an atheist, who passionately hated God, give his life to Jesus recently after some people had witnessed and prayed for him for 27 years. We praise the Lord for this! Please continue to pray for the uncertainty of our building situation, as we negotiate a longer term rental situation with the United Church and for these new believers to be firmly rooted in Christ so they can continue to grow.



## **Lucas & Hannah Nosal**

*Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls*

We are seeing the church really come together to serve one another, and increasingly the community. We have 6 pregnant mothers and 2 engagements right now, and the church is hosting showers and events to bless them. We are also expanding our ministry into a retirement home that has invited us in. We are also planning to have several baptisms (at least 3) this summer. Two of whom didn't grow up in the church. We are also considering buying some land. We don't have a building, and one of the challenges is having to meet in the park during the summer months (and various locations on holiday's). We want to know if this is the direction we should be heading.



## **Revo & Catherine Dungca**

*GrandRock Baptist Church, St. Catherines*

We are thankful for this new season at GrandRock Baptist Church. 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*

We are grateful to see God bringing new people to our church. In the last six months, four individuals with no prior church experience have visited, and three are continuing to worship with us. 1. Pray for a Permanent Home: We have an exciting opportunity to purchase the church building we currently rent for \$3 million. Liberty Village is a unique neighbourhood with no church, school, or community centre, making this property a strategic location for gospel ministry and community engagement. Please pray that God would provide the necessary resources and open the right doors for this opportunity to become a reality.

2. Pray for Future Elders: As our church continues to grow, please pray that God would raise up qualified elders from within our congregation. Ask Him to prepare and equip faithful men who will join the leadership team in shepherding, discipling, and caring for the church with wisdom, humility, and godliness.



## **Charlie & Kristen Stokes**

*Village Church GTA, Toronto*

We praise God for the work that he is doing at Village Church! 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*

We praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness to the Arabic Ministry at Emmanuel Church. God continues to bless our congregation with spiritual growth, fellowship, and opportunities for discipleship. We especially praise the Lord to celebrate the baptism of three individuals two weeks ago, as they publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. Our monthly Bible study and prayer meeting continues to encourage and strengthen believers in their walk with the Lord. In addition, we currently have two active small groups that provide opportunities for deeper discipleship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We thank God for His ongoing work among Arabic-speaking families and ask for prayer as we continue sharing the Gospel and making disciples in our community. Please continue to pray for the Arabic Ministry in Barrie, that we may faithfully reach the Arabic-speaking community and share the love and gospel of Christ.



## **Joseph & Engi Emmanuel**

*Grandview Baptist Church, Kitchener*

We praise God for what God is doing in and through our church. Please pray that we would be a light in this community and we'd see lives transformed for God's glory!

# Announcements & More

The health of our church plants is evident in lives being transformed—through new believers, public declarations of knowing Christ through baptism, and small groups where believers grow in community and discipleship. Together, these elements reflect the overall health of our church plants and we praise God for his faithfulness, specifically during these past three months.



Salvations & Commitments  
**69**



Baptisms  
**32**



Small Groups  
**18**

**please pray**

*Please be praying for the many potential church planters who are need of a facilitating church. If your church is interested in becoming a facilitating church for a planter, please email [cpadmin@febcentral.ca](mailto:cpadmin@febcentral.ca) for more information*

## Upcoming Important Dates

Fellowship National Conf. | Nov. 2-4

Fellowship National Conference is designed to inspire, equip, and strengthen pastors and leaders. *Register today!*

Church Planting Banquet | Nov. 28

A time to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness in church planting! *RSVP today!*



# Church Planting Team



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Psalm 34:3*

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