



FEBcentral 

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 FEB Central Church Family,

It is my joy to serve alongside you in advancing the gospel through church planting here at FEBCentral, and I'm deeply grateful for your faithful partnership as we seek to magnify the Lord through this growing movement. I trust you've enjoyed a summer filled with the Lord's peace and rest, and I pray that this new season will be marked by God's abundant blessing for you, your family, and your church, "as you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18, ESV).

This summer has been a refreshing and strategic time for our Church Planting Catalyzing Team. We celebrated God's faithfulness over the past year, reflected on the stories of transformation He has brought about, and sought His wisdom for the road ahead. With anticipation, we look forward to our upcoming Greenhouse event, the recruiting and assessing of new church planters, and our first-ever Annual Church Planting Banquet on September 27th. We covet your prayers that we might steward our time, energy, and resources for His glory alone.

Across our network, church planters have seen a summer of fruitfulness—new believers baptized, fresh opportunities to connect with communities, and prodigals returning to Christ after years away. Each testimony is a living reminder that the gospel is still "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16, ESV). Please continue to lift up our 37 active church plants in prayer, asking that they would remain steadfast, Spirit-led, and fruitful as they labor in the harvest fields.

As Ed Stetzer reminds us, "Church planting is not about starting services; it's about making disciples who make disciples, and gathering them into communities that engage God's mission" (Stetzer, *Planting Missional Churches*, 2nd ed., B&H Academic, 2016). 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.

God bless you abundantly,
Bechara Karkafi

NEWLY ESTABLISHED CHURCH PLANTS



Aaron & Nikki Ottaway
Restoration Church, Cambridge

We praise God for all he has done in and through Restoration church over these years! He has provided for us again and again, has walked with us through every season, and we continue to see brokenness being restored. We are thankful for the journey of church planting and are excited to step into a new season of Restoration Church.



Ben & Naomi Mills
Hope Community Church, Port Hope

God has brought multiple young families to the church who have very little church background. We also had another church in our Fellowship reach out with a connection to a hurting family in our community. We were able to bless the family as they worked through the struggle and have seen them at a couple of our services this summer. Please be praying for these connections and for more musicians for our Sunday services.

PRE-LAUNCH CHURCH PLANTS



Damian & Celia Devonish
Alpha Living Centre, London

We praise God for the five people we have witnessed walk through the waters of baptism! People are becoming more aware of their sin and the holiness of God. Please be praying for workers to join our mission and unity as we serve and live out our calling together.



Brad & Rebecca MacPhail
Milton Bible Church, Milton

We have been at Milton Bible Church for over four months now and are developing meaningful connections. We are also seeing ways that God is bringing clarity around our future church plant. Because we are in a season of discernment as to where this plant is supposed to be, please pray for clarity and direction as we begin to get involved in a couple of communities with prayer walks and meeting with local leaders; that it would "seem good to the Holy Spirit and to us" that this is the place where we are to plant.

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. 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 had the privilege of seeing God working on the hearts of people in our community as a number of people have begun to come to the church because they are feeling a need for God in their life. We have been given many opportunities to share the message of the Gospel with those who do not know it. Pray for us as we finish out the summer with a week of day camp for kids in our community. Also be praying for Elaine and myself as we are expecting our second child in December.



Jordan & Olivia Wilcox

Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie

We've had a great summer at ENB and have been preaching through the book of James. We're looking forward to the fall when we hope to have more baptisms, will be launching 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

God has provided us the opportunity to purchase a church building and he has faithfully provided through the generosity of his people—not only in the finances to make the purchase, but in the faithful and sacrificial service of many as we have been working hard to do some necessary work on this space. This season of purchasing this building and getting it ready for services in the Fall has been exciting but also exhausting. Please pray for endurance in this work, but also that we would be faithful in reaching our new neighbours with the gospel.



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 praise God that there is a spirit of solidarity and unity among the church families and a growth in maturity and discernment within the discipleship group. Please continue to pray for the Church to be more open to evangelism as we seek to share 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 thank the Lord for his word! Please pray for our Sunday school and youth ministry programs, that they would be effective ministries for the younger generation.



Aaron & Holly Johnson

Cornerstone Church, Hensall

Our people are truly coming alongside and caring for others who are going through very difficult times. Please pray for deeper spiritual hunger, ownership, self-discipline, and courage to step into the good works God has prepared for us to walk in.



Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis

The Centre Community Church, Lindsay

We praise God for the the joy of baptizing 8 people! It was a wonderful celebration of the work that God is doing in each of their lives, and a testimony to the new life that they're each experiencing through Jesus. Please continue to pray that the Lord will lead us as we seek to make disciples for his glory!



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

Over the last 3 months, I have experienced God give me a heart to pray and a heart to love those who do not know Him. Please pray that although many Yazidis are ignorant and reject God, in God's great plan and in God's time, they will accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord and know His wonderful saving grace. And please pray for Akram & Raed, who have not yet accepted the Lord, but attend the service every Sunday; that they will realize and accept the true gospel, become disciples of Jesus, and be soldiers of the gospel to many other Yazidis



Russell & Hannah DeGraaf
Boreal Baptist Church, Manitowadge & White River

I have seen many grow in their enthusiasm for God and his church, as well as develop as more mature Christians. We have some pretty heavy challenges in some peoples lives including sexual immorality and addiction issues. These issues are also having a discouraging effect on some in the church too. Please pray for the health and protection of the church and that these people will turn their eyes to Him.



Armen & Zina Hakopian
City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga

Praise the Lord! We've seen how God is working in a great way through the Arabic Church at City Centre Baptist in Mississauga. The service is growing and fruitful as we welcome new people from different backgrounds who are following Jesus and eager to learn more of God's Word. Thank God, we currently have three Discovery Bible Study small groups and one general Bible study, and we've been witnessing God's Word transforming lives and impacting families through the Arabic Church plant. Please pray that God helps us reach out to the Arabic community in Mississauga, share the Gospel with more families, and see more people follow Jesus and become His disciples.



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 by bringing people from different faith backgrounds through our doors each week, and recently adding four new members to our church—two of whom publicly professed faith in Christ through baptism. Please pray that God would continue to raise up faithful leaders within our church and open more doors for gospel conversations in our community. Pray also for wisdom and strength as we disciple new believers and establish a healthy, multiplying church.



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.



Nathan & Stacie Polmeter

Bethel North, North Middlesex

We praise God for the opportunities to connect with our community! During the summer, we have been involved in many community events like Family Movie Nights and the Parkhill Fair. Please pray that these opportunities would lead to gospel conversations and that people would come to know their need for a Saviour.



Jose & Stephanie Desravines

Calvary Baptist Church Haitian Ministry, Oshawa

One way we've seen God working in our church plant is through the growing unity among the congregation and a visible hunger to know God's Word. People are not only eager to learn but also to apply biblical truths in their daily lives, which is bearing fruit in their relationships and spiritual growth. Please pray for our first annual conference happening the last week of August; that it would be a time of spiritual renewal, strong fellowship, and clear direction for the future of our church plant.



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

We are seeing addictions being broken and patterns of sin being defeated in Jesus' name. God is strengthening his family. Our church is in need of a new location as we are reaching close to capacity, praise God. Please pray we will have a new location by Thanksgiving.



Lendl & Mia Salangsang

Life Church, Pickering

I've seen God working in our church plant through the joy of baptizing five people who have come to faith in Christ. Watching them publicly declare their trust in Him has been a powerful reminder of God's transforming work in our community. Please pray for us as we continue the process of becoming an independent church, that God would give us wisdom, unity, and provision every step of the way. Also, pray for me as I work toward ordination, that I would serve faithfully and lead our church with humility and boldness.



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.



Dan & Jill Johnson

Anchor Hope, Port Dover

Through a recent fundraising project to build a local community hospice, God has softened and prepared people's hearts for Him. Our labourers are faithfully tossing seed onto the soil. Please ask God to help us know 'who' to concentrate our time with - the people who are ready.



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

God has been working in big ways bringing people to faith from new age background, which has been so exciting. We have also seen significant and unprecedented spiritual warfare going on, but "greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world!" Please pray for continued growth and protection of new believers here at Bluewater Church. And also a great start to the fall after a lead pastor sabbatical.



Christopher & Angel Chung

Redeemer Reformed Baptist Church, Scarborough

The Lord has been growing our church members in their spiritual maturity. There is an increased desire, boldness, and intentionality to make Christ known especially at their work places. Angel and I are expecting our third child, Abigail, next month. 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.



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 pray for an evangelism event we're hosting on August 16th. Pray the Lord blesses the conversations we have and the Spirit works in people's hearts. Please also pray for humility and unity among our church leadership.



Revo & Catherine Dungca

Conquer Assembly, Toronto

This summer, we as a church family enjoyed time away together camping. Conquer Camping was filled with laughter, late-night talks, worship under the stars, and powerful moments of connection. 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 has been bringing a lot of new people this summer to the church providing an opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Please pray for two new people who are new to Christian faith. Pray for me as I journey with them in sharing the Gospel.



Charlie & Kristen Stokes

Village Church GTA, Toronto

We praise God for providing a new location for our Sunday gatherings! Please continue 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! We have seen the church plant thrive in Emmanuel Arabic church plant through the welcoming of new families and the growth of more people coming to start following Jesus for the first time. People are excited to learn about God through Bible study, and others are growing in their faith. It's been amazing to see how God is working among the Arabic community in Barrie and beyond. Please pray that God continues to bring new families also pray for open hearts in the community to receive the Gospel.

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM



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