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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,

Thank you for your continued love and support for this church planting movement across Ontario, English-speaking Quebec, and beyond! Your faithful partnership through prayer, giving, and encouragement equips our planters to continue to bring the light of the gospel to dark communities, making disciple makers. As you'll read in our church planter's reports below, people are hungry for the gospel. They are desperately looking to the world for truth and love and coming up empty. But hope has come! By the power of the Holy Spirit and the collective efforts of his children, we have the great privilege of mobilizing the gospel until every man, woman, and child belongs!

As we reflect on the winter season, praising God for his mighty work in our brothers and sisters lives and softening the hearts of those who do not yet know him, let us look towards the new season with renewed hope and expectation that he will continue to move powerfully. And let us pray for our church planters, their wives, and families; that they "...will not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).

God bless you and your family abundantly!

Bechara Karkafi
Church Planting Director

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

By God's grace we have seen a number of teens and young adults coming to Baden Central Church, seeking to understand who God is, who Jesus is, and what the Gospel really means. It has been such a blessing to see a number of these teens and young adults commit their lives to Christ as God has been working in their hearts.

Pray that God would help to raise up godly leaders from within the church to help in significant areas of ministry need, and please be praying for our church as we seek to do some work on our building to help expand our usable space and better equip ourselves to reach our community.



Jordan & Olivia Wilcox

Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie

We've been encouraged by our church's desire to walk with the people who come through our doors who don't know Jesus. This includes having them over for dinner, reading the bible with them, etc.

Please pray that God would make us fruitful as we seek to make disciples and that we would have an ever growing confidence that the gospel is God's power unto salvation for everyone who believes.



Palmer & Michelle Stephens

Harbour Church, Belleville

Over the last few months, our congregation has developed a strong desire for more fellowship opportunities and increasing desire to seek and offer prayer.

Please be praying that we as a church would have a strong connection with the community and that we are effective at introducing everyone we meet to the love of Jesus.



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

I have seen God at work through the formation of missional communities where people who once felt disconnected are now living as spiritual family on mission together; sharing meals, opening Scripture, and inviting neighbours into gospel conversations. It has been clear that He is not just growing attendance, but forming disciples who are taking real responsibility for the spiritual good of our city.

Please pray that God would raise up and mature faithful leaders from within our church - men and women rooted in the gospel who can shepherd missional communities with wisdom and endurance. And pray that the Lord would open doors in our city for meaningful gospel conversations, leading to genuine conversions and lasting fruit.



Khalil & Julia Abdelahad

Forward Arabic Church, Cambridge

As a group, we experience a constant longing for the Lord's presence and the power of the Word of God at every meeting, beside a very strong bond that sustains our unity as a local body.

We would appreciate prayers for our preparations to launch the Arab Youth Meeting in the Cambridge area and for the continuation of our evangelistic ministry through playing football every Saturday.



Nick & Emily Heusterberg

Bethel Southwest, Glencoe

We at Bethel South continue to see God bring new people to church who have little to no church background. Please be praying that God will move in the hearts of the 25 participants currently going through an Alpha program.



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

Over the last few months, we have seen God working in mighty ways through the teaching of his word. We are so thankful for our time in teaching and understanding him more. We ask that you would pray for our youth Sunday school. That these youth would know his love and dedicate their lives to following him.



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

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.



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.



Russell & Hannah DeGraaf

Boreal Baptist Church, Manitouwadge & White River

The biggest area of growth I have seen is in our members getting involved more in each other's lives and growing in community. Please continue to pray that we would have more mature believers to share in the ministry responsibilities of the church.



Armen & Zina Hakopian

City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness as the Arabic Ministry at City Centre Mississauga keeps growing and thriving. We celebrated Christmas and the New Year with special services focused on the true meaning of Christ's coming. We were blessed to welcome new families and see encouraging engagement within our church community.

Our small groups and Bible studies continue regularly, fostering spiritual growth and deeper relationships.

Pray for us as we continue to share the Gospel and reach the Arabic-speaking community in Mississauga with the love of Christ.

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Luel & Annabelle Declarador

God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga

We praise God that he has answered our corporate prayer and provided a bigger place to gather! We ask that you would pray for more volunteers and more financial blessings for church needs.



Phil & Jessica Coolbuagh

Hope Valley Church, Mississauga

We have continued to see God at work through a steady stream of new visitors and meaningful connections, along with growth in unity and maturity among our church family. In particular, several men are stepping into faithful leadership, and we have joyfully welcomed new members into the life of the church.

Please pray for continued growth in Hope Valley Church—new visitors, deeper relationships in our community, and that God would bring men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ and baptism. As we near our first year as a church plant, pray for endurance and steadfast faithfulness as we labor for the glory of Christ and as the Lord continues to establish this church on the solid foundation of His Word.



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

Over the last three months, we have seen God working through the growing unity among the members and their deep dedication to serving in the ministry. There is also a genuine hunger to know the Scriptures, which continues to shape our spiritual growth and mission.

Please pray for the four potential baptism candidates as they prepare to take this important step of faith. Also pray for the ongoing preparation toward our second celebration service since the launch, that it would glorify Christ as we continue to grow.



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 that we have had many new families! 5 in the last month. We've also had people who don't even believe in Jesus yet inviting co workers to join them at church!

Please pray for increased outreach efforts and boldness for our people and for facilities needs. We are looking to partner with the united church in town (they will have a vote on Feb 15)



Lendl & Mia Salangsang

Life Church, Pickering

One way we have seen God at work in our church plant is through the steady addition of new people and the launch of our youth ministry, both of which have created new opportunities for discipleship and connection.

Please pray for wisdom, patience, and unity as we walk through the independence pathway, and for favour and clarity as we wait for our paperwork with the Government of Canada to be processed.



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

We are seeing lots of people who come from unchurched background begin attending who are very curious about faith. We praise God that our people are becoming more and more moved to invite others to church. We ask that you'd pray for our new believers that their roots would go down deep into Christ and they would remain faithful.



Lucas & Hannah Nosal

Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls

We praise God that over the last few months, we have seen the Lord equip two men to hopefully take on the role of deacon. We have always struggled with finding a regular place to worship and have had to move around quite a bit. Please pray for a consistent location where we can worship all year round.



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

Over the last few months, God has drawn new people to our church who are attending regularly. While they have not yet made significant commitments to follow Christ, they continue to participate faithfully in our services and community events. We are also encouraged to see seven individuals expressing interest in pursuing church membership, and we are excited about this next step.

I have three major prayer requests. First, please pray for six individuals who are attending our church regularly but have not yet made a clear commitment to follow Christ. Pray that God would speak to their hearts and lead them to commit to Him through baptism. Second, please pray for two people with whom I have been having conversations about baptism, that they would feel convicted and respond in faith.

Third, we are planning to come together as a team to launch our community kitchen initiative. Our hope is that this ministry will draw people from our neighbourhood, create opportunities to cook and connect together, and foster a strong sense of belonging while opening doors for meaningful gospel engagement.

Finally, this is a very crucial year for us as our church lease must be renewed before the end of the year. Please pray that God will guide us clearly and provide a permanent building that we can call our own.



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

Praise the Lord, the Arabic Ministry continues to thrive. Over the past months, we joyfully welcomed two new families into our church community. We celebrated Christmas and the New Year together with special times of prayer for this year and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness throughout last year. Our regular Bible studies, prayer nights, and men's and women's meetings continue to strengthen spiritual growth and unity. 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.

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Joseph & Engi Emmanuel
Grandview Baptist Church, Kitchener

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

Formally Initiated Plants



Brad & Rebecca MacPhail
Milton Bible Church, Milton

God has provided us with the mission, vision, and values of our upcoming church plant and we have had the privilege of communicating it to our sending church family.

Pray that as we call people to commit to the church plant in many different pathways that the Holy Spirit would be stirring in people's hearts to continue partnering with us and that some would rise up and be a part of our core team.

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.



Salvations
67



Baptisms
10



Small Groups
43

please pray

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

Upcoming Important Dates

Exponential | March 17-19

Members of the church planting team will travel to Florida, along FEBCentral team members, to attend the Exponential Church Planting Conference

Round Table | March 25 & May 13

Church planters gather together to learn, pray, and to fellowship together

Greenhouse | May 5-7

A two-day intensive training experience, where potential planters will discover models of churches, vision, mission, budgeting, and other helpful tools for planting a church

Stronger Conf. | April 27-28

FEBCentral regional conference to inspire, equip, and strengthen pastors and leaders. *Register for our church planting workshops!*



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*“Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt
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Psalm 34:3*

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