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CHURCH PLANTING



SUMMER 2023 UPDATE

A Message From Tom Haines, Church Planting Director

When I think back over our time as church planters, Summer was not a slow time, instead it was just the opposite. People were outside doing things and we had to "make the most of every opportunity" (Eph. 5:16) while we could. A lot of great ministry memories were made in the Summer and God did some amazing things. This church planting update will bring you up to speed on what your church planters have been up to this Summer. God is at work across the FEB Central region among our church plants as they find ways to get the gospel out to their communities and make new disciples of Jesus. Please pray for them and for your FEB Central Church Planting team as we work to see new churches started so that every man, woman and child has the opportunity to belong.

FUTURE CHURCH PLANTS



Nathan & Elaine Kapteyn Baden Central Church, Baden Launching January 2023

Summer is a busy time for Baden Central as we are working to be as involved as possible in the various community events happening in our town. We have also been able to host a number of community dinners in our home in order to engage with friends and neighbours in our town. We are grateful for all that we see God doing. Please pray for us as we are searching for a location to meet when we launch our Sunday services. We have been dialoguing with a number of potential options in Baden, and are praying that God will lead us to the right space for us to meet.

FUTURE CHURCH PLANTS CONT'D



Scott & Bethany Stephenson

Bluewater Church Devine Street Campus, Sarnia

Launching: September 10, 2023

Thank you for your prayers as we prepare to launch in September. We look forward to what God has in store and how He will use us to share the gospel with the people of Sarnia. May God provide and guide our steps.

CHURCH PLANT UPDATES



Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek

Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax

I'm glad to report that all is well in our Ajax Lighthouse church family. Our core families continue to be united as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ together every week. We've seen a drop in attendance over the summer, but we continue to be encouraged by the dedicated families that continue to support us. Please pray for us as we continue to invite friends and family to our upcoming summer outreach events (Friday family fun / movie night on July 21st and our big annual community BBQ on August 12th). Also, please pray for protection for our online services from those who are seeking to discourage. Thank you so much and many blessings to you.



Jordan & Olivia Wilcox

Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie

We've had a good start to the summer at ENB and are excited to have just brought an associate staff member on board to help with the work of the ministry. Please pray for him and his wife as they get to know our church, pray that they would be loved and welcomed by our church, and fruitful in the work that they do. This summer we're spending time in the book of Proverbs, so please pray that our time in the word would be fruitful, and that God would give us wisdom to live well in these days.



Dhiyaa & Hiya Naaman

Emmanuel North Barrie Arabic Site, Barrie

We praise God for all He has done as we have started up this new ministry reaching out to the Arabic people in our community. We have started a prayer night once a month as well as a Bible study once a month. There are new families coming out to our Sunday gatherings. I'm visiting the church families to build great and close relationships with them. Please pray for us to reach more people in Barrie and to be guided by God's wisdom and grace.



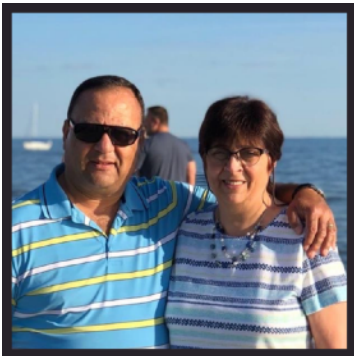
Dave & Jocelyn Drabiuk **Harbour Church, Belleville**

Coming into summer we had a busy season at Harbour. During the months of May and June we ran a soccer league in our community seeing over 60 kids coming out weekly to enjoy learning some soccer and hearing about Jesus. For Sundays, we are now meeting outside in the school yard to enjoy outdoor services for the summer with the last week kicking off with a baptism service at the lake. We also had partnered with Epic and Onside and had a day camp with many kids coming from the community. Our hope is that this summer will be a time for our church to refresh and refocus on what God has for us next year.



Parkdale East, Belleville

Jeremy Veenstra has finished his time serving at Parkdale East. They are currently sharing staff from the main site. Please be praying for this church plant during this period of transition.



Joseph & Eliane El Massaad **Bramalea Baptist Arabic Site, Brampton**

We are serving the Lord in reaching out to the Arabic communities in Brampton and the surroundings cities in Mississauga and Milton. God is using us to bless these families in distributing groceries for those in need every two months, and backpacks for the beginning of the school year. We are still having our meetings during the week on Zoom for prayer and Bible study and we have our Sunday Morning services as well. We are streaming our Sunday services and this allows us to reach hundreds of listeners with the word of God. Please continue to pray for us to keep pressing on by the grace of God towards serving the Lord despite all the challenges we are facing specially among the Muslim community. This will be the last update from Pastor Joseph as they are now a recognized church! Praise God!



Jeremiah & Kathryn Thomas **Church of the City, Brampton**

We feel so blessed to have many people curious to interact with Christ. Praise God that a Hindu family has come to know Christ over the last week. It was amazing to see the Spirit work clearly. We were so privileged to be a part of this journey. Our church plant has been growing and so we are multiplying into more missional communities to continue to serve and reach the city. We are launching new training for leaders and are hoping to develop our own leadership over this year. Please pray for us as we are experiencing this time of fruit and growth.



Aaron & Nikki Ottaway
Restoration Church, Cambridge

We praise God for the growth we have seen in our church, but we also want to remain true to who we are, and why God called us to plant in the first place. Please pray as we walk through the process of church independence and establishing our own elders to guide this church into the future.



Nick & Emily Heusterberg
Bethel Southwest, Glencoe

It's been an exciting first season at Bethel SW. We continue to have a great reception from the community. One of the most exciting moments is the celebration of 5 baptisms on July 9th. We pray that God continues to use us to see lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus.



David & Marianne Dorman
Compass Church, Grand Valley Site

David Dorman will be leaving his position on staff at Compass as the Director of The Grand Valley Site on July 31. There is a strong and gifted core group of people at the Grand Valley Site who are committed to each other, to the community and to the mission. A volunteer ministry team has emerged who, with the support of the Compass staff, will oversee the Sunday services and community outreach in Grand Valley. Please be praying for this Site as they work through this transition. Also be praying for Pastor David and his wife Marianne as they begin a new chapter.



Arnel & Cherry Lidongan
Guelph Baptist Mission, Guelph

We are very excited about our first Mission Family Camp on August 18-20th. We will be inviting newcomers from the Philippines to join us. Please pray a blessing over this camp. May the Lord use it as an avenue for strengthening relationships and also for the salvation of the visitors/newcomers. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Kojan & Lajan Mohammed
Hamilton Kurdish Church, Hamilton

We are happy that God has blessed our ministry and helped us to establish the first Kurdish church in Canada. That is the goodness of our God, who has shown us and our people abundant mercy. Last month we had a beautiful baptism service for four people. A young boy has also believed and is attending meetings. Our young adult group is now actively reviving after a period of slowdown. Our evangelism continues and we need prayer for God to strengthen us to plant more churches in the cities and areas around Hamilton.



Aaron & Holly Johnson
Cornerstone Church, Hensall

Please pray for our summer ministries: outdoor services at our local park, baptisms at the beach, family camping and backyard gatherings, baby dedications, one-on-one Bible reading and discipleship, and our evangelistic efforts we call 'neighbouring.' Pray also for rest & renewal for our leadership team over these summer months.



Pablo & Angelica Aguilar
Kingsville Christian Fellowship, Kingsville

KCF in partnership with LIFE Church is scheduled to baptize at least 5 individuals this summer. Please pray for these individuals as they step out in faith in this way. Please pray also that more children will participate in our annual VBS. Thank you and God bless.



Aaron & Mariah Roeck
Heritage Grace Church, Kitchener

The Lord continues to show his kindness to us at Heritage Grace Church. He has brought many new faces to HGC, which is very exciting. Pray that those who don't know Christ will be saved by God's grace and put their faith in Christ. We praise God for many others who God has brought through our doors, many of which are taking steps towards covenanting with our church in membership. We are excited about two "Backyard Kids' Clubs" that we will be running this summer. Many of the children registered have no connection with a local church. Please join us in praying for fruit.



Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis
The Centre Community Church, Lindsay

Pastor Mike and his family have enjoyed a refreshing sabbatical from May until the end of July. Beginning in August, The Centre will be meeting outdoors at the neighbourhood park like we have for the past 3 years. Prayer walks through the neighbourhood are ongoing, and are a great way to stay in touch with the community. Pastor Mike is looking forward to rejoining the church family and hopeful as to what God has in store for The Centre in the coming seasons.



Mark & Sura Namourh
West Park Arabic Site, London

By God's grace, we keep reaching out with the gospel to the Arabic-speaking people in our community by building friendships in person as well as online through the streaming of our Sunday morning services. Yesterday, an Assyrian family, who speaks Arabic, visited our morning service. After the service, the husband thanked God for leading him and his family to our church. The wife shared with my wife, with tears running down her cheeks, that she had prevented her family from attending an Arabic church (because of past negative experiences). However, she said she was so glad to find our church. Please, pray for more wisdom and courage as we try to evangelize the Arabic-speaking community in London.



Peter & Samantha Barnaby
Chelsea Green Community Church, London

Please continue to pray for our church as reach out to the lost in London. May we see Jesus transform hearts. God has been so faithful to us. Continue to pray that God would provide for our church financially.



Samuel & Kelly Kim
God's Love Church, London

Since May 2022, we have been doing a Sports Drop-In for Yazidi Youth every Saturday at the local Community Centre. Recently we have sensed that some of them want to know more about the Bible, so this summer we are planning to split into several teams and have more personal meetings focussed on sharing God's Word. We also have a beach trip planned this summer for some of the Yazidi people who have never been to the lake before. Please continue to pray for the Yazidi people of London, that God will open their spiritual hearts so they can meet the true God. Please pray for wisdom for us as we share God's Word with them.



Russell & Hannah DeGraaf

Boreal Baptist Church, Manitouwadge

Our little church plant in Manitouwadge has been working through some changes. God has been blessing our church with some new members, but a core couple who was instrumental to planting our church is also moving away. It will be hard to see them go, but we are trusting that God has a plan in all this. We could use your prayers as we transition into this new season, that God would provide members with the spiritual gifts needed for the health of our church especially in leadership, organization, and hospitality. We have launched our Men's Ministry and hope to start a Women's Ministry too. Please pray for us as we work toward formal membership, and raising up both elders and deacons in the fall.



Bill & Geri Morgan

Grace Baptist Church, Schreiber, Marathon

Thank you for your prayers for our church. God is so good! We are so blessed to have the opportunity to serve God through our ministry here. May God continue to work in the hearts of the people in Schreiber and Marathon. To him be the glory!



Armen & Zina Hakopian

City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga

We are placing a strong emphasis on visitations this summer. We have already formed three visitation groups, and their purpose is to visit families within our Arabic community. Our aim is to establish and build strong relationships with these families, providing support and encouragement. Secondly, we are eager to initiate three home discipleship groups in different locations across Mississauga. These groups will serve as centres for spiritual growth and development, enabling individuals to deepen their understanding of God's Word and build a stronger relationship with Him. We are earnestly seeking a youth pastor to oversee our youth ministry. We kindly request your prayers in finding the right person for this role, someone who will have a heart for the youth and a passion for leading them in their faith journey.



Luel & Annabelle Declarador

God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga

We have a lot going on at GKF this summer. July 8 we had a Breakfast Bible Bingo, July 16 we had an Outdoor Service at the Park with different community organizations, July 22 we will have a Zumba class and August 18-20 we have Family Camp and baptisms. Please pray for God to use these events to point people to Jesus. Also please pray for our fundraising events this summer.



Greg & Caitlin Armstrong
Saturate Church, Mississauga

This Spring season into the Summer has been great for developing new ministry connections into various religious communities. We are currently running a dialogue circle that meets regularly with Sunni Muslims from a local mosque. We have recently made two other mosque connections and a Hindu temple connection. We have also been connecting with Sikhs at two recent annual parades and at a local Punjabi music festival. We have been running a monthly training group on Islam since December which has been growing, and recently we started a monthly group on Sikhism. Overall, we are seeing our church growing in living on mission. We recently celebrated 3 baptisms as well!



Graeme & Julie Melvin
The Meadows Baptist Church, Mississauga

We love Spring time and the start to Summer at our church. We regularly see recently landed immigrant families visiting and joining our church and this year was no different. We host regular park outreach dinners, do door to door evangelism, and we held a Canada Day outreach event for over a dozen families from the neighbourhood. Last month, we joined our local mosque at our community centre where they had over 20,000 muslims gathered together for Eid. It can be a little overwhelming, but it is a good reminder that the harvest is plentiful!



Lendl & Mia Salangang
Life Church, Pickering

Life at Life Church has been great this summer. We've started our Jesus and His Church summer series where we learn about the importance of the church. We've also just got back from our Life at Summer Camp where we focused on the theme of unity to coincide with our summer series. We have been growing as a church and now see 65-70 people on a weekly basis, all by God's grace. Please continue to pray for us as we are now looking for our own building, and for our elders to serve faithfully in the church.



Shannon & Melissa McConnell
Equip Church, Peterborough

God is continuing to build His church here in Peterborough as we continue to pursue Him, together. We are so thankful for the fruit we keep seeing and the new people the Lord keeps bringing, as examples of how our Lord has been working in our midst. God has been so good to us; so generous and gracious...and we're looking with even more hope for the future as God continues to show His fingerprints on the vision He has given us here at Equip Church.



Dan & Jill Johnson
Anchor Hope, Port Dover

Over the next few months, we're telling the one big story of the Bible (Redemption) through the many smaller stories that are in it (Creation, The Fall, The Flood, Babel...). Our hope is that those attending will grasp the beauty and greatness of God, how and why the world is the way it is, understand the Biblical concept of sin and judgment, and embrace the Lord Jesus who came to make the way back to God. Thank you for praying for us!



Ben & Naomi Mills
Hope Community Church, Port Hope

We are so excited to announce that we are now Hope Community Church (formerly FBC Port Hope). On June 21 we celebrated with a ribbon cutting, hosted by our chamber of commerce. We have received lots of positive feedback on our new name and logo. On Canada Day we had a float in our town parade and a booth at the Canada Day festival, where we handed out over 1000 freezies and popsicles. Please pray as we have a lot of opportunities this summer to interact with our community at events and festivals and outdoor church services. Also pray for the fall as we plan for a focused evangelism effort in partnership with another church in town.



Matthew & Erin Clever
Anthem Church, Sarnia

Anthem Church is doing well and the Lord has been so good! We've launched a men's ministry that meets weekly and has been encountering the Lord in some incredible ways. The Lord has been leading us to grow and enhance our times of prayer together, in particular in our worship gatherings. We are resting from some ministry during the summer to renew and recover and are preparing for the fall when our kids ministry will launch a new ministry and our life groups get back at it. Please pray for us, that the Lord would continue to lead us with clarity as we seek Him and that the Holy Spirit would give us all the energy we need as we labour in the Gospel.



Christopher & Angel Chung
Redeemer Reformed Baptist Church, Scarborough

Summer has been a time of celebration for our church. We give thanks to God for the joy of witnessing the wedding union of many members in our church. We were also blessed in the month of June to witness the baptisms and hear of the transforming works of God in the lives of 4 young people. Please do pray for our church to faithfully walk with them and to uphold the membership covenant we have made with them. Please pray that God would bless us to grow spiritually and that we would serve the Lord with all fervency.



Lucas & Hannah Nosal
Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls

Things at Evergreen have been going well. We just finished a series on the Marks of a Healthy Church, we have started an elder training program, a great week of VBS, and we are moving towards getting our own charitable status and constitution. Pray that the Lord would raise up more men in our church who are both qualified as elders, and have a desire to serve the bride of Christ in that way. We are praying that the Lord would grow us both in holiness and in number!



Darryl & Charlene Dash
Liberty Grace, Toronto

Last Sunday, Darryl Dash announced that he's completing his ministry at Liberty Grace Church on Sunday, September 24, the church's tenth anniversary. He has accepted a call to Grace Fellowship Church Don Mills. Please pray for Liberty Grace Church as they look for a successor.



Finu & Tresha Iype
Village Church GTA, Toronto

Please continue to pray for Finu as he steps into this new role of leading the Village Church to make new disciples for Jesus.



Graham & Sharon Bulmer
Q50 Community, West Niagara

Our church family is enjoying the summer so far to refresh and renew. We continue to give thanks for the faith conversations that permeate our church family - so many are being faithful to represent Christ well to their neighbours and coworkers. It is fantastic to see. And we give thanks for God's faithfulness in providing for all our needs this past year. We are excited to see how He will lead us into the 2023-24 ministry season. Pray for wisdom as we plan and continue to train leadership.

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