



# FEBcentral

CHURCH PLANTING

## WINTER 2024 UPDATE

### MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Beloveds,

I truly do believe that because of your extraordinary prayers, godly partnership and generous support, the FEB Central Church Planting ministry is thriving in this region and beyond for the glory of God! For the last couple of years, our brave planters—who I love to call our “FEB Central Special Forces”—have striven boldly to share the gospel, make disciples, and expand the Kingdom of God in the communities where they are serving in very unique ways. This testimony of courage in serving the Lord is inspiring and influencing many young Gen-Z believers and leaders in our tribe to join our church planting adventure. For that reason, I urge you, dear friends in the Lord, to continue interceding and praying for our planters, their families, their churches, and for our CP catalyst team.

Please pray that we will see Church Planting Movements that are mobilizing the gospel, making disciple-makers, multiplying church plants, and manifesting the Kingdom of God until every man, woman, and child belongs! May this be in all of our prayers! God bless you abundantly!

~ Bechara Karkafi

### NEW CHURCH PLANTS



**Nathan & Elaine Kapteyn**  
**Baden Central Church, Baden**  
**Launching January 28, 2024**

Baden Central Church is preparing for the launch of our very first Sunday Service on January 28th. We are so grateful that the Lord has provided a space for us to meet in a local lutheran church building, and are excited for everything that we believe he will do through the ministry of Baden Central. Please be praying for us as we prepare for this first service, and for the various people who will attend from the community. We are praying that people's hearts will be changed by the hope of the Gospel.

# CHURCH PLANT UPDATES



## **Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek**

### **Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax**

We had a great Christmas and new year! Our core families are united and we continue to serve and worship our Lord Jesus Christ together week after week. We've recently seen new neighbours join our in-person services by just finding us online. A few prayer items we have been continuously praying for this year is for health for close family friends battling with cancer, and safety for family members in Ukraine that may be enlisted in the ongoing war there. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to serve the Lord with joy and passion as the new year begins.



## **Jordan & Olivia Wilcox**

### **Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie**

At Emmanuel North Barrie we've started the new year preaching through the Lords Prayer, where we're learning to pray from Jesus. It's been really encouraging to see our church respond with a renewed hunger to spend time in prayer. We also have a number of families who have been attending who are not yet believers. Please pray with us that God would draw them to faith in Jesus, and make them alive in him.



## **Dhiyaa & Hiya Naaman**

### **Emmanuel Barrie Arabic Site, Barrie**

Glory to God! Exciting news from Emmanuel Arabic Church in Barrie – the congregation is growing, with a noticeable increase in Sunday attendance. Last month, we joyfully welcomed two new families to our Sunday service, including one from a non-Christian background. We have started a prayer meeting and also Zoom lessons for the leadership team to enhance spiritual growth. A noteworthy milestone was the celebration of Christmas, a first for us. We were blessed with the presence of a new family. As we continue to grow, we humbly ask to pray for continued blessings, and specifically, for our outreach efforts to connect with more new Arabic families in Barrie.



## **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.



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

At Church of the City Brampton, we are grateful and weary after the Christmas season. While it is always busy with services, celebrations and outreach, we have also been going through a season of grief and much pain. We have learned well why God provided the church for his people, as we have sought to support and be with one another through this difficult season. We are learning that Jesus is the true peace amid the storm. We are also moving toward our incorporation and looking forward to the Fall this year when we have our charitable status. Please pray for us as we continue to follow Jesus' call to build His kingdom.



**Aaron & Nikki Ottaway**  
**Restoration Church, Cambridge**

This has been a season of planting roots as a church plant. After celebrating 5 years of ministry, we had our first successful membership vote for leaders and beliefs. Please pray as there are still so many administrative details to take care of as we become our own church, in the midst of a busy ministry season.



**Nick & Emily Heusterberg**  
**Bethel Southwest, Glencoe**

This last season at Bethel SW has been fun. During the Christmas season we were able to serve the community by providing a Family Christmas night and we had the joy of participating in the annual Christmas Parade. We also celebrated our 1 year anniversary of launching through a big Church Family lunch and a baptism.



**Arnel & Cherry Lidongan**  
**Guelph Baptist Mission, Guelph**

Praise God that at our church relationships with God and with each other are growing. Please pray for us that God would direct us as a church as we plan for ministries for this year. May we be a light for Jesus in Guelph.



**Kojan & Lajan Mohammed**  
**Hamilton Kurdish Church, Hamilton**

As we continue our evangelism, discipleship, teaching and partnership services, we have welcomed 4 other refugee families from Iraq and Iranian believing families from Turkey. Last month, 2 new families from Hamilton joined our services. We have reached about 50 people with the gospel. We are currently discipling 25 people who are curious about the gospel. We had a very successful Christmas with 80 people in attendance, and we expect it to bear fruit. Please pray for us to identify more leadership for our church. Pray a blessing over the plans to plant a new church in Kitchener. Pray for me, that God will open doors for me to continue to share the gospel to my nation, the Kurdish people from the Middle East.



**Aaron & Holly Johnson**  
**Cornerstone Church, Hensall**

Praise God, Christmas was a great season for us with many new people connecting to our church. Please pray for us this January as we take a whole new group of people, beyond our initial launch team, through evangelism training.



**Pablo & Angelica Aguilar**  
**Kingsville Christian Fellowship, Kingsville**

We are thanking the Lord for His faithfulness. Thankful that new contacts heard the gospel and some were led to the prayer of acceptance. Please pray that they will be discipled. Also please pray for us because a co-labourer in the ministry is moving to Edmonton to answer God's call on his life to plant a church there.



**Aaron & Mariah Roeck**  
**Heritage Grace Church, Kitchener**

This time last year, we were feeling weary and scratching our heads as we had lost some people and faced some difficult financial challenges. Praise God that he has answered our prayers and brought in many more wonderful people and he's provided all we have needed financially in this season. Please pray that God would give us a greater burden for evangelism. Pray also that we would weather the storms ahead and that we would cling tightly to him in both the difficult and the easier seasons. What a privilege it is to serve God in this way.



## **Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis**

### **The Centre Community Church, Lindsay**

The Centre has seen some growth this past fall and winter, both from new believers from the neighbourhood, as well as transfer growth from other churches. Both are encouraging and remind us we're on the right path. Those who have come from one particular church have come because we preach and teach the gospel, and we do so unapologetically. And one new believer is looking to transfer jobs so that she can be closer to the church and become more involved. Pray for us as we continue to reach out into a dark and difficult neighbourhood that desperately needs the Good News of Jesus.



## **Mark & Sura Namourh**

### **West Park Arabic Site, London**

Our Arabic-speaking church in London is doing very well. The sermon series from Matthew's Gospel in the morning services on Sundays is touching and changing the lives of our people. Last Sunday we had a visitor from Kitchener who said that she is one of our followers on Facebook. Please pray for me as I'm finishing my MDiv program and graduate this winter semester.



## **Chelsea Green Community Church, London**

Please pray for the leadership team at Chelsea Green. Pray for wisdom, direction and that God will provide a Church Planter for this church family.



## **Samuel & Kelly Kim**

### **God's Love Church, London**

During the Christmas season, we watched a Christian movie based on a true story called "Breakthrough" with the Yazidi youth. Several Yazidi youth were moved by the story of a boy who fell under the ice of a winter lake and actually experienced death, but was miraculously brought back to life through his mother's fervent prayers. Please pray for the Yazidis in London. That the Holy Spirit will open their spiritual hearts to encounter the true God. Pray also for us as we read and explain Bible stories with the Yazidis, that we will be empowered by God's wisdom to tell them more effectively.



**Russell & Hannah DeGraaf**  
**Boreal Baptist Church, Manitouwadge**

It has been a season of triumphs and challenges. We have just implemented membership and voted in our first elder, a big step towards formalizing our church. We have also had the blessing of welcoming a new brother in Christ into the family of God, as he has turned from a life of addiction to a life of service to Christ. However, we have also experienced tragedy and crisis. One of the families in our congregation has lost their 9 month old child to illness, and another family is going through a significant crisis. We ask for your prayers that God would carry us through this season of trials and also that we will have the opportunity to lead more into the family of God.



**Bill & Geri Morgan**  
**Grace Baptist Church, Schreiber, Marathon**

Praise God that our home church at Schreiber is going well. The ministry in Marathon is struggling so I ask for prayer that God would move and work powerfully in the hearts of the Christians, and show them their need to worship and the importance of sharing the gospel with those around them. Thank you.



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

The Arabic church in Mississauga is currently undergoing a period of growth, with a noticeable increase in Sunday attendance and the welcoming of more than three new families into the Christian faith in the previous month. In an effort to strengthen discipleship, three home small groups were started in December, each group of 15-17 individuals. In addition, the introduction of a new Jr. High class on Sundays, alongside the existing Sunday school class, has led to a significant increase in attendance. Expressing a sincere willingness for ongoing growth and outreach, the church is seeking prayers to increase the involvement of Arabic families and the Mississauga Arabic community. Additionally, the congregation requests prayers for an extended outreach to the youth generation, aiming to make a deep impact on their lives through the sharing of the gospel.



**Luel & Annabelle Declarador**  
**God's Kingdom Fellowship, Mississauga**

By God's grace our church is growing in the Lord. Pray for our cell groups- that God would use them to disciple and encourage our people. Pray for our evangelistic efforts in our community- may the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of the people we interact with. To God be the glory!



**Greg & Caitlin Armstrong**  
**Saturate Church, Mississauga**

The last season of ministry has proved very fruitful in the area of Muslim outreach and ministry development. A ministry colleague and I attended a large annual Muslim convention where we established some strong connections. One young man prayed to receive Christ. We are having many opportunities to offer training to our people and other churches for Muslim outreach, including 2 seminars, a 3-day conference, and a series of online videos on another YouTube channel. We launched our own YouTube channel called "Until All Hear" in November. It is geared to interact with people of other religions and equip Christians for those conversations. Also, we have made a breakthrough with establishing connections with the Sikh community, including getting permission to record a video tour inside one of the largest Sikh gurdwaras/temples in Canada. Praise God!



**Graeme & Julie Melvin**  
**The Meadows Baptist Church, Mississauga**

We ended 2023 in a spectacular way as we celebrated three adult baptisms, two of which are new to the faith. Then we began 2024 by welcoming in our first team of elders. With this significant step, we will begin the process of becoming a recognized church over the coming months. Pray for us as we celebrate this journey and as we head towards our 10th anniversary in September.



**Lendl & Mia Salangsang**  
**Life Church, Pickering**

Life Church is eagerly preparing for our inaugural morning service on February 4th, to be held at Cineplex Cinemas in Pickering. The anticipation is high, and we are genuinely thrilled for this milestone. Our church family is on a journey of growth, witnessing more individuals transition from being guests to becoming dedicated regulars. Your prayers are sought as we make this transition to mornings, seeking to make a more significant impact in the community. Please also join us in praying for our Elders as they diligently search for a permanent location, and that each of us may authentically express the love of Christ in our lives.



**Shannon & Melissa McConnell**  
**Equip Church, Peterborough**

It has been a very exciting time at Equip Church these past few months. December 16th we held our largest community outreach yet. Our Equip Kids put on a wonderful Christmas production and since that weekend we have filled our space and outgrown our parking lot. It just so happens that very same weekend, we received news that we could no longer meet at Calvary and would have to find a new location quickly. We as a church began to pray and ask the Lord to lead us and open the right door for the right building and He did so abundantly. We are so excited and grateful. We will be moving to our new building, Living Hope Church, next week and having our first service on Sunday, February 4th. 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 are so thankful for your partnership with us.



## **Dan & Jill Johnson**

### **Anchor Hope, Port Dover**

Please be in prayer for Dan and Jill as their son, Luke, is battling cancer. He needs a miracle. Pray for miraculous healing over this precious boy. Pray also for surpassing peace and comfort for the whole family.



## **Ben & Naomi Mills**

### **Hope Community Church, Port Hope**

The Christmas season was a great time for Hope Community Church. Once again we were able to headline our town's Candlelight Walk which culminated in us leading 2000 people from Port Hope in Silent Night and other Christian carols. We also had our first ever Christmas Eve service and weren't sure what the response would be. We had 225 people attend which is more than double our normal Sunday attendance - Praise God! Since then, we have had multiple people start to attend on Sundays. Please be in prayer for a larger location for us to meet on Sundays. We have have a great relationship with the church we rent from, but things are getting a little snug.



## **Matthew & Erin Clever**

### **Anthem Church, Sarnia**

God has been kind to Anthem. We are in a heavy season of spiritual warfare in the lives of our people, but God is good and God is sovereign! We are also seeing breakthrough and freedom in people on the other side of the warfare. Please pray for us that God would win the day and Satan wouldn't get a word! Bless you all.



## **Scott & Bethany Stephenson**

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

These first 4-5 months since our site launch have been such an encouraging and exciting time for Bluewater Church. God has been so faithful in providing the needed labour and volunteers to do renovations as well as run weekly ministry programs. It has been such a joy to see our core team step in and serve the needs of the church during this time. We were so excited that our Christmas outreach programs helped develop deeper connections with the neighbours surrounding the church. It was an amazing thing to see 15 of these neighbours attend services at the new site over the past few months. Please join us in praying that God would continue to work and that many in this part of the city might come to know Jesus.





## **Christopher & Angel Chung**

### **Redeemer Reformed Baptist Church, Scarborough**

Pray that our members would continue to grow in their love for our Lord Jesus Christ, to be wise and bold in evangelism, and to be rich in good works. Pray for our family as we draw closer to the due date of the birth of baby Theophilus. Please pray that all will go well with the labour and delivery, and that Christ will continue to be our supreme delight and devotion even with increased responsibilities.



## **Lucas & Hannah Nosal**

### **Evergreen Chapel, Smiths Falls**

Things are going well at Evergreen! We are meeting at the High School in Smiths Falls to try and have more of a presence within the community. We've just finished our membership classes and have our first round of membership coming in the next month. In addition, I was recently ordained within FEB. The church has started a new series on marriage and family that we hope will be a great blessing to the congregation and the community around.



## **Liberty Grace Church**

### **Toronto**

Liberty Grace is the only evangelical church meeting in Liberty Village. This neighbourhood desperately needs the gospel light. Please be in prayer for the financial needs to continue being met and the members of the church to be united and encouraged in this time of transition as they continue to look for a new Church Planter.



## **Village Church GTA, Toronto**

Please be in prayer for Village Church as they navigate the transition of leadership. Pray for boldness for this church to reach out to their neighbours, co-workers and friends who don't know Jesus. May God use them to be a light for Jesus in Toronto.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR APPRENTICES



**Ryan & Angel Oh**  
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The City Brampton



**Brad & Rebecca MacPhail**  
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