



## **A Message From Tom Haines, Regional Director**

I am sure that by now you have all heard that the FEB Central Board has appointed me as the new Regional Director. This means that I will be transitioning out of the role of Church Planting Director. We have a great team serving our churches and they are all stepping up in this season. Please pray for us as we navigate this time and also be praying for the selection of a new Church Planting Director. We believe that God has placed his call on the man of his choosing and we are in the process of working out the particulars related to that. Lord willing, we will be making an announcement in the next few weeks. In the meantime, rest assured that our church planters continue to be well cared for and that the Gospel is advancing across the region.

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## FUTURE CHURCH PLANTS



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

We are busy preparing to launch regular services in Baden at the beginning of 2024. As we have been getting ready, we have been meeting with small groups in homes and in coffee shops, as well as being involved in various community events. Elaine and I are also looking forward to the birth of our first child at the end of October. Please continue to pray for us, as well as for Baden Central as we look ahead to what God has planned in the coming months.

## NEWLY LAUNCHED CHURCH PLANTS



### **Scott & Bethany Stephenson** **Bluewater Church Devine Street Campus, Sarnia** **Launched: September 3, 2023**

Bluewater Church launched the Devine Street site on Sept 3 and we have had a wonderful first several weeks! We are so thankful to the Lord that we have seen a healthy congregation developing at the new site while things are continuing to go smoothly at our main location. God is bringing good connections with neighbours and we have been able to welcome lots of new people from the area. There are challenges for volunteers and staff in operating two sites now, but God is so faithful to meet our needs. Praying that God would continue to work in our midst and that many might find life in Christ in our city!

## CHURCH PLANT UPDATES



### **Oliver & Marie Ipwanshek** **Ajax Lighthouse, Ajax**

So glad to report that all is well at our Ajax Lighthouse Church family. Please pray for us as we reach out to the community in a few weeks on Halloween night. We are planning to serve the community with hot chocolate, popcorn and give out treats and tracts to the neighbourhood kids by the sidewalk in front of our church. Please pray for connections with the neighbourhood families as we show them the kindness of Christ and be a light to the community on the darkest night of the year. Thank you so much and many blessings to you.



**Jordan & Olivia Wilcox**  
**Emmanuel North Barrie, Barrie**

We've had a great fall so far at Emmanuel North Barrie. On Sundays we've been enjoying preaching through the book of Ephesians as we've been reminded again of God's great grace for his people. We've been thankful to regularly have members from our community joining us for worship on Sundays as well and are praying that God would draw them to Jesus. Please pray for us next week as we are doing a "Love the City" initiative and encouraging our people to prayerfully find ways to love and bless their neighbours through acts of care and service with the hope of being able to speak to them about Jesus.



**Dhiyaa & Hiya Naaman**  
**Emmanuel Barrie Arabic Site, Barrie**

We have started a Bible study on Fridays once a month and there are two new families joining us. One of these families is from a Muslim background. 6 individuals from Muslim backgrounds attended our Sunday service and they asked to join the Bible study to learn more about Jesus. Praise God! We had a wonderful church family trip in September where relationships were built and we even had a new family join us. Please pray for us to reach out to more new families from the Arabic community in Barrie, and pray for more blessings upon our Bible studies, prayer nights, and worship service on Sundays.



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

This fall at Harbour we have started meeting at a new location in the community which we have been enjoying. With this change we get storage for our equipment which means no more putting things in a trailer every Sunday. Our Jr High program that is run in a local school has seen a big increase in attendance this fall. Finally our missional groups have begun to get together weekly as well. Please pray that God would continue to direct our church and use us in our community to shine the light of Jesus.



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

Church of the City Brampton hit the ground running this September by multiplying our missional communities and church through a collective visioning series. We discussed our core identities of family, missionary and disciple. The key question is "how can we be disciples that make disciples that make disciples in our everyday lives?" We were privileged to baptize two individuals and see a Hindu family accept Jesus and start being discipled. Praise God!



**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**

God has been so good to us at Bethel Southwest. We have been able to see God move in people's lives in a way only he could do. One of our biggest praise in this last season is watching God move people to really partake within the body of the church. It is such a God-moment to watch a new believer fully embrace being a part of the church. We continue to pray that God works in people's lives especially as we move into this upcoming Christmas season.



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

This summer we celebrated our 7th year anniversary as a church plant. Praise God for all He has done! We had our first Summer Family Camp and it went so well. Relationships with God and with each other grew. Please pray for us that God would direct us as a church as we plan for ministries for next year. May we be a light for Jesus in Guelph.



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

Our newly planted church in Hamilton is settling in and expanding. Services to youth, women and adults continue and grow at joint and separate levels. Discipleship and evangelism are on track, and we need prayers as we plan to begin the ministry planting campaign in Kitchener at the end of October 2023. We expect it to become the second Kurdish-planted church in Canada with God's blessing.



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

In the last month we have seen two men commit their lives to Jesus. Please pray for them as they adjust to a whole new way of living and leading their families. Pray for the new believers in our community who we have recently been teaching how to pray and approach their finances. Pray also for our elders as we go through the incorporation process.



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

Praise God for His faithfulness. Our church continue our outreach to the community of migrant workers. Recently we were given another opportunity to share God's Word to the workers of Great Lakes Greenhouse. The owner of the greenhouse was able to join us. Please continue praying for the newly started Bible study group at Policella farm. We do it every other Wednesday. Please pray also for God's sustaining grace for KCF as we plan to move towards a morning service on March 31, 2024.



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

We've seen God answering many prayers in the ways he's providing for us—Praise God! Please pray that the Lord would raise up godly men to serve as elders in our church—this is a really important next step for us as a church. We are thrilled that Josiah Rock, our Pastoral Assistant, has accepted a full-time position leading worship at a church in Brantford. We are so excited to see the way the Lord will use this opportunity for him and are grateful to God that he has already used our little church to play a part in equipping and sending out multiple members into vocational ministry elsewhere. These transitions are challenging, and Josiah's absence will definitely be felt, so please pray for us in this season.



**Mike & Amanda Kleinhuis**  
**The Centre Community Church, Lindsay**

At The Centre Community Church we're thankful for a wonderful spirit of unity and purpose. We continue to stand united in serving the south end neighbourhood in Lindsay, caring for our neighbours and partnering with organizations in our community. Pray that we would understand even more the love of Jesus and how His grace changes us from the inside out.



**Mark & Sura Namourh**  
**West Park Arabic Site, London**

The Lord has been gracious to us. We finished twenty discipleship sessions, which significantly impacted our lives as disciples, and have started a new series of Bible study meetings. We also recorded ten short videos to stream on Facebook discussing some Biblical and spiritual truths that we feel the people need to see and hear in the Arabic-speaking world. We also keep streaming our Sunday services. The Lord is blessing the church with new families, and our numbers are increasing. Please pray for our health as we serve God's church.



**Peter & Samantha Barnaby**  
**Chelsea Green Community Church, London**

Please pray for our church family as we continue to live on mission for Jesus in London. Pray for energy, strength and wisdom for our leadership. Pray for boldness for our people to share the good news with those around them.



**Samuel & Kelly Kim**  
**God's Love Church, London**

Our team has continued to build relationships with the Yazidi people by meeting with them personally. In August we went on a beach trip with about 18 Yazidis, some of whom were visiting the lake for the first time in their lives because they don't have a car. Continue to pray for the Yazidis in London. That the Holy Spirit would open their spiritual hearts to encounter the true God. Pray for us as we read and explain Bible stories with the Yazidis, that we will be empowered by God's wisdom to teach them effectively.



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

Our church plant in Manitowadge has had a solid first summer and we are approaching our one year anniversary! We had our first baptism and did it as part of an outdoor service at the beach. We also drive to the nearest town of White River, over an hour away, and do services there. We praise God that the group there is starting to rival our congregation in Manitowadge in numbers! Between the two congregations we have some new unbelievers who have started attending regularly and we ask for your prayers for their salvation. We are seeing clear signs that the harvest here truly is great, but the labourers are few, so we would ask any reading this to prayerfully consider if God is calling them or someone they know to join us as labourers in this harvest.



### **Bill & Geri Morgan**

#### **Grace Baptist Church, Schreiber, Marathon**

Praise God for His faithfulness to us. Pray that our Marathon ministry would be up to its full potential, and that the Bible study for Schreiber would become up and running. We do a lot of driving for our ministry, so please pray for protection over us with the winter driving conditions.



### **Armen & Zina Hakopian**

#### **City Centre Baptist Church Arabic Site, Mississauga**

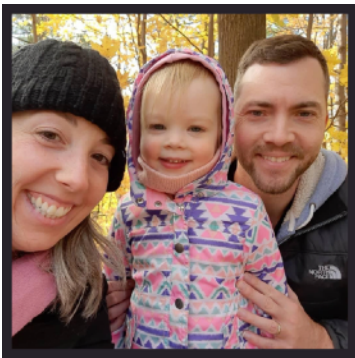
Praise God that our church has grown significantly due to the increasing number of new believers. In just the past two weeks, four new families have joined us. Our plan now is to shift from large group services to smaller, location-based groups, catering to believers at various levels. We're preparing lessons for these different levels, and we believe this marks the start of a new spiritual season. Please join us in praying that the Lord will send servants after His heart to support this exciting growth.



### **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**

We are celebrating that we see a number of our members growing in their relationship with the Lord. Many are stepping out to share the gospel and build intentional connections with people from all walks of life. We started a biweekly Q&A night in the summer that is geared towards reaching people outside the church context. We are also starting up a new Bible study group geared for people brand new to reading the Bible called "Bible Basics." I have been amazed through conversations with those in our community of how many people seem to know nothing at all about the Bible, including never hearing of Moses! It is an exciting time of harvest.



### **Graeme & Julie Melvin**

#### **The Meadows Baptist Church, Mississauga**

We celebrated our 9th anniversary this past September and it was a joy to look back at God's faithfulness to grow and sustain us for almost a decade. At our anniversary, we also announced that we will be adding our first two elders by the new year. We have two qualified men ready to step in for form a team of three. Once this is complete, then we can proceed with becoming a recognized church. Pray for us as we make this transition.



### **Lendl & Mia Salangsang**

#### **Life Church, Pickering**

We celebrated 3 amazing years as a church on September 24th. God has been so good and faithful, and it continually shows. We had over 200 members and guests attend our anniversary service. We have also launched the new Ephesians series and have started back our life groups that were on break over the summer. Please pray for us as we serve in the Pickering and surrounding areas and as we continue to look for a permanent space.



### **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**

Last week we launched D-Groups. This is a BIG deal for us! The D stands for Discipleship. These D-Groups will meet bi-weekly in the homes of Anchor Hope church members and will become the main ministry whereby we introduce seekers to Jesus, salvation, the church, and mission. We have a number of de-churched, never-churched, and anti-church people who have committed to join us through the fall/winter months ahead. We'll be studying through a "new-to-Christianity" course and sharing life together. Those who have committed to D-Groups were personally invited. They are people who we have meaningful relationship with and who we sensed were wanting to seek more about Jesus. Please be praying for these people, may the Holy Spirit transform their hearts. We can't wait to see how this goes.





## **Ben & Naomi Mills**

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

This fall we are so excited to be working through some evangelism training with our church. This has led up to our first major evangelism initiative in our community called Spiritual Discussions For Everyone. We are partnering with a local Anglican Church on this where we show an episode of The Chosen followed by a Q&A. It will be held Sunday afternoons in our local community centre. Please pray for the hearts of those who will be attending, and those who are thinking about it, but aren't sure.



## **Matthew & Erin Clever**

### **Anthem Church, Sarnia**

We had a wonderful summer with a number of weddings for our young people and some really great fellowship focused gatherings. We are preparing to birth more Life Groups, we are initiating a Leadership Cohort to prepare future Elders, we are beginning some of our legal documentation, our Men's ministry is coming to the end of an incredible study that has transformed young guys right in front of our eyes and we have begun a three part series that will take us through until March. We have seen people come to faith and be baptized, as direct fruit from our missiology and we have been praying for these individuals for over a year to come to faith - our community is stoked! We appreciate your prayers for these things as we look to the Lord's leading for another year!



## **Christopher & Angel Chung**

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

We praise and thank God for the joy of celebrating our second year anniversary last month. We give thanks to God for the spiritual growth and progress we have witnessed in our members. Please pray that we would not lose our fervency for the gospel and that we would press forward toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14). Please pray for our church members, Deborah and Samuel, who are currently in Japan for a short term mission trip. Please pray that God will grant them open doors to proclaim the hope and joy of the good news of our Lord Jesus clearly.



## **Lucas & Hannah Nosal**

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

Evergreen is excited to be entering into a new ministry season. We've started up a children's Sunday School before the service. We've also started Membership Classes, and are looking to have our very first official members of the church in the coming months! Finding a consistent meeting place has always been a challenge for the church, but we are now planning on consistently meeting at the high school in Smiths Falls. Right now, they don't allow summer rentals on the weekends, but we are praying that the school will make an exception for us come summertime. Pray for that! Also, I'm pursuing the process of Ordination through FEB. Pray for the Lord's will to be accomplished and for me to grow and be equipped as a pastor.



## Liberty Grace Church

### Toronto

Liberty Grace celebrated their 10th anniversary on September 24th, and on the same day said farewell to founding church planters, Darryl and Charlene Dash. There is interim leadership in place while looking for another church planter to carry on leading the ministry. Because Liberty Village is so transient (people come and go every few years), and the cost of renting a space is so high, it will continue to operate as a church plant needing financial support. Right now it is the only evangelical church meeting and Liberty Village 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.



## Finu & Tresha Iype

### Village Church GTA, Toronto

Please be in prayer for our leadership that God would direct our steps. Pray for boldness for our church to reach out to our neighbours, co-workers and friends who don't know Jesus. May God use us to be a light for Jesus in our neighbourhood.



## Graham & Sharon Bulmer

### Q50 Community, West Niagara

We are thankful for two new ministry opportunities this fall. First, we will be launching our first Affinity Groups discipleship plan. God has provided some skilled leaders who will facilitate this new ministry. Second, we are launching our Divorce Care study group to impact lives who are in some way connected with Q50. Pray for these two new ministry opportunities that they will be effective in helping others grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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