

THE SOWER

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“Right here, Right Now”

“Behold,
now is the accepted time;
behold,
now is the day of
salvation.
2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

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The Norwood Fair - Thanksgiving Weekend

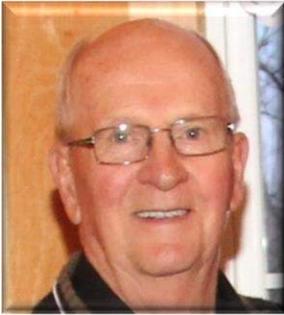
Peterborough Chapter - Mike Sweeney

First-time Volunteer and the fruit of our Labour, Tyler shared the gospel with FCF at the Norwood Fair this year. He was introduced to the Fellowship of Christian Farmers at the Toronto Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November 2018. The incorruptible seed of the Word of God planted in his heart that day took root as he left with the Gospel of John; he was born into the Kingdom of God in 2020. Glory to God!!!

Saturday morning at the Norwood Thanksgiving Fall Fair, two youths in their late teens came for a free walking stick. They laughed, smirked and turned their backs to me at different times throughout the presentation of the story of the beads. As I gave them their stick and our FCFC pamphlet, I said to them, "I'm not going to ask you if you want to pray, but if you want Jesus to forgive you and come into your heart, there is a prayer in this brochure – if you mean it when you pray, He will hear you."

Late that afternoon, I saw these same two young lads standing in line; when they got to me, their only words were, "**We want to pray now?**" - Praise God!!! "His Word does not return unto Him void" (Isaiah 55:11).





“I want to be saved right now”

Central Nova Chapter - Roy Nielsen

The Central Nova Chapter team rejoices that God has enabled, guided and blessed these thirteen years since our first meeting in 2009. We were disappointed that storm Fiona cancelled our second weekend at the Hants County Exhibition, which always has a larger attendance. We can always say God is good and that His mercies are new every morning! We also praise him for the number of young families at the other shows this year.

Port Williams Gala Days - John Veenhuis

A Divine Appointment - A man asked me for a walking stick. I replied that it is received after the gospel story is shared. He asked what church we represented; " We serve our Lord Jesus Christ and tell of salvation through Him" I replied. As I read the scripture from the tract, he intensely said, ***“I want to pray right now; I want to be saved right now.”*** Following his prayer, he explained, ***“Now I know, now I know.”*** Thank you, God, for a prepared heart!

Pictou North Colchester Exhibition - Ben Isenor

True Blessing - It was a true blessing to share the Gospel this summer with FCFC. The Lord blessed bountifully every step of the way. A visit that stands out to me from this summer was with a young man. He listened intently to the story, thanked us, and went his way. I was surprised when he returned about an hour later, this time with his child. “Go, listen to the story,” he said. A bit later, he returned with another child to hear the story. By the end of the day, he had returned multiple times to the booth. His wife and his four children would each listen to the story. I smiled as I watched this family walk away for the last time that evening. I was amazed by the extraordinary workings of the Lord. In the wonder and splendour of the works of God, I like the Psalmist, am simply left to say, “This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvellous in our eyes” (Psalm 118:23).

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Halifax County Exhibition - Anne Veenhuis

Heartwarming - It was great to be back, sharing His Word at the Nova Scotia Exhibition. We were blessed to be across from the children's play area booth; this provided for conversation with the parents. Several young teenagers eagerly listened as we presented the Gospel and shared the assurance of His presence with those who put their trust in Jesus. There were many heartwarming times, such as when a young person said that she wanted to get her brother so that he could hear the story. People even hugged and thanked us for being there. We praise our Lord and Saviour for providing the way of salvation for all. Glory to His name!

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition - Leona Nielsen

Added Blessing - A saved family (three boys) wanted to hear our presentation of the message from the tract. They were most appreciative. When the boys were told that they could choose a free gift from the items, the oldest (likely 12 years old) chose "What the Bible Teaches", his face lit up with a big smile. He taught us that we should never underestimate the depth of a youngster's love for Christ.

Hants County Exhibition - Roy Nielsen

A Burdened Heart - Being a Grampy and a Great-Grampy myself, my heart overflowed when a grandfather revisited our booth. He was pushing a stroller that held a sleeping one-and-a-half-year-old and asked to exchange his stick for a shorter one. He said, "I know my Lord Jesus, but it is very important, pointing to the stroller, that he will also. This stick will help teach and remind him of his need for Jesus". He repeated this in a very subdued loving voice. "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures". (2 Timothy 3:15)

Fewer and fewer people in Canada regularly attend church.
In response, the Fellowship of Christian Farmers – Canada (FCFC)
is taking the message of salvation in Jesus Christ across Canada
from Nova Scotia to BC.

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Events in New Brunswick

Grand Lake Chapter, NB - Colleen Grant



The Grand Lake Chapter attended two venues this year. The first event was the Sussex Flea Market held in August in Sussex, NB. It is hosted annually with over 800 vendors. We were there for two days. It was such a blessing for our volunteers to share the salvation message with the people that came to receive a walking stick.



In September, we attended the Charlotte County Fair in the town of St. Stephen. They have a passport system for children who come to the venue. They get a stamp on their card when they present it to us. We used the five colours on the bracelets and the small hockey sticks to share the salvation message with the children and their parents who accompanied them. Each family also received a Sparks magazine.

Our team will be at the upcoming Atlantic Farm Mechanization show, held at the Moncton Coliseum, on December 1-3, 2022. God has answered our prayers and blessed us with two new volunteers to help at this event. Our chapter members are getting older and require younger blood to carry on the work in our beautiful New Brunswick. In closing, we would ask for prayer for Gerry (in the picture) who is still taking treatment for cancer.



China Town in Calgary

Calgary South Chapter - Russ Harris

The Calgary South Chapter members we're amazed at how God makes connections. Our part was to step out in faith and follow His lead. The Calgary South Chapter did a venue at the Lilac festival in June; it was a very successful event. At that event, a gentleman asked if we would set up a booth with walking sticks on Chinese culture days during Canada Day. We prayed about it and participated; a great day of sharing the Gospel.



Through the event we met a lady, Sue Anne Leung. She was from one of the churches interested in what we were doing. She asked us to go to the Chinese Street Festival on August 20th to partner with them; we decided to join them in the streets of Chinatown, Calgary. Various Chinese churches provided 30 volunteers. Our Chapter had about 15 volunteers. They also supplied Chinese literature by ShareWord Global. We gave out about 800 sticks.



A big thank you to the Chinese church in Calgary for reaching out to many in their native tongue. All this came about from sharing the Gospel with a simple walking stick and a pamphlet from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. It is mind-boggling, but that's our God.

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Sue Anne Leung (first on the left) with volunteers



The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)

Ontario Field Representative – Terry Taylor

I participated at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) with Brad Wilson, President of the South-Central Ontario Chapter; it was held at the Toronto Exhibition Place from August 19th to September 5th.

The CNE was a new event for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers; God blessed us with such a plentiful harvest. The volunteers had difficulties accommodating everyone.

During the first day of this event, 2100 walking sticks were handed out, with the message of salvation illustrated with the help of the five coloured beads. In addition, the children's gifts and other ministry items. In total, over 12,500 sticks were distributed during this eighteen-day event and required the involvement of some 1000 person-hours of volunteers! A significant number of the volunteers were also members of the Gideon organization (ShareWord Global), which has been the case in many other events in Canada for many years; A successful cooperative effort.



Volunteers comprised of interdenominational evangelical Christians, collaborate to present the gospel message in 5 colors at marketplace events such as fairs, festivals, trade shows, etc. This is our mission field!



“For Such a Time as This” FCFI Area Leader News - Bill Brown

What a privilege it was to work with some friends from the past and several new volunteers at the Plowing Match. A big thanks to John McDonald for coordinating the staff and to Mike Sweeney, who was there every moment from setup to teardown.

We live in two countries, United States and Canada, in desperate need of the gospel. **Esther 4:14** comes to mind. “**For such a time as this.**” I believe the scripture couldn’t apply any more than the present time. We are indeed here for a time such as we live in today. It’s my prayer that FCF-Canada will continue to serve in this capacity.

As I reminisce over the past twenty years of working with our Canadian neighbors through FCF-C many folks and events come to mind. Kathy and I visited Wayne and Edith Clark before heading to the match. What great friends and they served you well for nearly twenty years. At this time, we have to inform that we will no longer be helping at the Plowing Match. I’ve had a visit with Mike Sweeney, and we had a few minutes to go over the transition and the needs to run the event.

It’s been a wonderful journey, but the time has come to concentrate on our work here in the States. I feel it’s time to pass the mantle as we have served “**For such a time.**” That is what God had called us to. Hopefully, we will get to see many of you as you travel.

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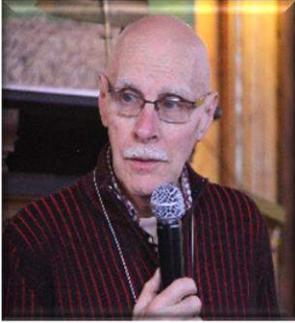
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Remember to give Him
thanks in all things,

Bill and Kathy Brown



The International Plowing Match

2022 IPM Regional Representative - Mike Sweeney

Once again, the Fellowship of Christian Farmers had the privilege and honour of sharing the gospel at the 2022 International Plowing Match (IPM). The IPM was in Kemptville, Ontario, 60 km. East of Ottawa. The IPM boasts that it is the largest event of its kind in North America. The Tent City this year covered 65 acres where 400 vendors erected their tents.

Our faithful partner, brother and FCFI fieldman from New York, Bill Brown, supplied us with tents. A 20X40 foot tent and three 10X20 foot tents, plus tables and chairs for the five-day September event. Thank you to John Macdonald, the Volunteer Coordinator from the Outaouais Chapter team and all who participated in this outreach.

Even though the weather was not always cooperative, as we experienced some rain and cold four out of the five days, we were blessed with 18-20 volunteers each day. This resulted in over 4000 people hearing the Greatest news this side of heaven. And yes, several of those surrendered their life to Christ. This event may cost thousands of dollars and include many hours of labour, yet the results are for all eternity.



Ivy Pilon (Outaouais Chapter) sharing the Good News with youth



A Word from the Executive Director - Ed Plett

The year 2022 is rapidly coming to a close, and we have much to praise our Lord Jesus for. Since my physical ability to contribute to the exciting work of the FCFC has been considerably limited of late, I took the step of resigning as Executive Director as of the end of December. I trust that God has been preparing the right person to accept this position in the near future.

In addition to bringing my personal wishes to all of our readers of the Sower, for a Blessed Christmas and even more blessings in the year's ahead, I feel led to write a piece addressed to the younger generations of our Country.

I have been troubled for some time by the drifting from the faith by our youth and even young adults. I can identify with this trend as I was one who was on that slippery slope when the Holy Spirit brought me back to fellowship with my Lord Jesus.

In my teen years and into my early twenties, I found reasons, I thought, to try what the world had to offer that led me further from the faith taught and believed by my parents and the Evangelical Church in general. I even experimented with attending a church which had a "sort of godliness", but did not teach the gospel of Jesus, that He is The Way, the truth and the life, and that no one can come to the Father (God) but through Him (Jesus).

I was in graduate school at the time when a friend invited me to a social event of the college and career group where he attended church services. I enjoyed the new friends that I soon made in this group, and became a regular attendee at their various functions. That fall, at a retreat of this group of young people, I dedicated my life to follow Jesus! That does not suggest that everything that I have done since then has been perfect in God's sight, but when I do something that I believe will be unacceptable in God's eyes, I simply confess this "sin", and the Bible promises that if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful to forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness! As a result, I can go through life knowing that forgiveness is just a prayer away, and when this life is over for me, I will be taken to heaven to be there for all eternity, with Jesus, my Saviour!

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For those of you reading this, young or older, if you have never asked Jesus to forgive your sins and come and make His dwelling place in you, there is no better time than now to ask Him. Some of the other materials given out by the FCFC will fill you in on various promises of the Bible that you can count on to be valid for now and eternity. I will be praying that you will make this important decision now, because none of us know what tomorrow might bring!

I also send encouragement to those sharing the Gospel, with the next generation of new believers. May your efforts in this important task be magnified. Now is the time.



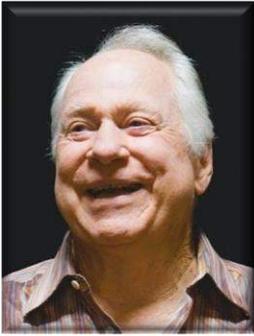
FCFC Quebec Ministry Report

Jessynia Théagène – QC Field Representative

How good it is to be able to return in the marketplace throughout Quebec and Canada to proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus Christ after two years of the pandemic. This year AFCC districts in Quebec organized 29 events in 2022 in 15 regions. It is estimated that more than 30,000 people have heard the gospel message in 5 colors on a total of 114 days of evangelizing, thanks to the participation of more than 200 volunteers from a hundred different evangelical churches in Quebec. A total of 2648 portions of scripture were delivered (including the New Testaments and the Gospel of John).

The regional district committees of Mauricie (June 11), Granby (June 18) and Outaouais (November 26) organized Fundraising dinners. These gatherings were an opportunity to raise awareness of FCFC's mission in Quebec, to share about God's faithfulness and to encourage Christians in the region to evangelize.

Thank you to all the committees that met to organize events, for your prayers and for the ministry partners who joined us in accomplishing this mission of God! May God strengthen each and every one of us in all that He gives us to undertake in 2023!



Halloween/ Piercing the Darkness

Kelowna Chapter, B.C. – Pat Guerra

*"Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us, ..." Eph. 3:20*

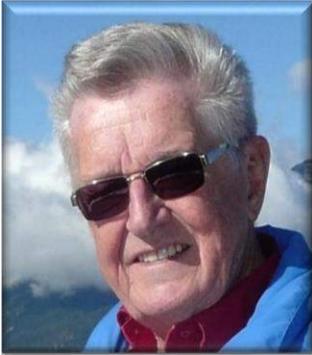
When we were allowed to participate at the Halloween event at Evangel Church, I had no idea what to expect. There were 4 of us and we were understaffed. There were more people than we could keep up with. It was non-stop sharing the Gospel. Although, I thought we might have a lot of church people, a big majority of the people I shared with were non-Christians and were incredibly receptive.



A larger percentage of them than usual prayed to ask the Lord to forgive them and invited Christ to be their Lord and Savior. Some said they wanted to pray later on their own. All now know the Gospel and what they need to do to be saved.

We estimate that we shared the Gospel with about 100 people. What an extreme joy to be able to personally share how much Jesus loves them and the Salvation He has purchased and provided for them.

Thank you to all who prayed. Thank you to Evangel Church for this opportunity. Thank you to Tammy Fraser for opening this door.



FCFC Western Ministry Report

Henry Janzen, Western Field Representative

Our Western Prairies “Circle Tour” from August 15th to September 2nd, 2022, was nearly six thousand kilometres in nineteen days on the road; non-stop, mostly pulling a loaded trailer on a timetable of scheduled stops. Travelling was better together, thank God for my wife, Carol, who was with me.

Carol Janzen in photo

We were blessed to meet with all of our latest chapter leaders in Calgary South, Battlefords and Moose Jaw South. We were privileged to start up two new Alberta chapters in Lethbridge and in Edmonton North. Thank you to faithful friends throughout the country who prayed for our safety and success.



For the past few years, the National Board has been praying in agreement with us for a succession plan for our Fraser Valley Chapter. God answered that prayer through a referral from Ray Hinds (Kelowna Chapter). His friend is a Pastor and he has applied to be the President of the Fraser Valley Chapter in the new year. He will be accompanied by a few faithful volunteers for his new committee.

We are now praying for God’s strength as I continue as the Western Field Rep. for another 2 years. The main focus will be birthing new chapters in the West and we already have a few pending for 2023. The year 2022 has many more stories, testimonies, events and ministry developments. Please email us at hcjanzen@telus.net to be included in our Western Ministry e-newsletter distribution. Thank you for supporting FCFC in Western Canada in reaching the lost for Christ.

The Bead Story:

This is the Good News that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers shares with everyone.
We use five colours as a reminder.

 Gold: Gold reminds us of heaven, a beautiful place with no sin, pain, or sorrow. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." God wants us to go there too: Yes, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life" John 3:16

 Dark: But we have a problem! Sin separates us from God which separates us from heaven. The bad news is that we are all guilty. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

 Red: What is the solution?
Red – the blood of Christ. Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into the world. He led a perfect life and he was crucified for us to pay the penalty for our sin. Romans 6:23: "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

 White: If we believe this in our hearts, admit we are sinners and sincerely ask for the forgiveness of Jesus, God has promised to forgive us. Then in His sight we are now pure as the white colour represents. This is the Good News! This is a free gift and, like any other gift, if we don't take it, we don't get it! Jesus Christ offers salvation to everyone but only those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord receive the gift of salvation.

 Green: Spiritual Growth. If we believe, we will want to grow to know God better. We can grow by praying, reading and studying the Bible, being good neighbours, worshipping with others and telling others the good news.

What about you? Have you accepted God's gift of salvation?

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