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Message From the Director

There's a plaque on the Staunton Harold Church in England that reads, "In the year of 1663, when all things sacred throughout the land were either demolished or profaned, Sir Robert Shirley built this church, whose singular praise is this: To have done the best of things in the worst of times."

The middle years of the seventeenth century were bad times for the churches in England. King Charles had been convicted of treason and was beheaded. During his trial, Colonel Pride had garnished the doors of parliament with rebel soldiers to keep out witnesses favorable to the king. Injustice reigned. Anglican churches were closed. Presbyterian churches were being harassed, their worship disrupted. Staunton Harold Church was one of just a few churches built between the outbreak of the English Civil War and the restoration of the monarchy, representing an open act of defiance to Cromwell's regime by its creator, Sir Robert Shirley.

This story stirs my heart. In the worst of times, Sir Robert Shirley did the best of things – he built a church! This is our mission at Impact Canada - to do the best of things in the worst of times! And so we plant churches. Curiously, while forces within society seem bent on profaning and demolishing all things sacred, these are good days for church planting in Canada. The stories and reports in this issue attest to the good progress being made.

Recently I attended the launch of our latest plant in Calgary, Alberta. Journey Church opened its doors on October 1st welcoming over 200 people at its launch!

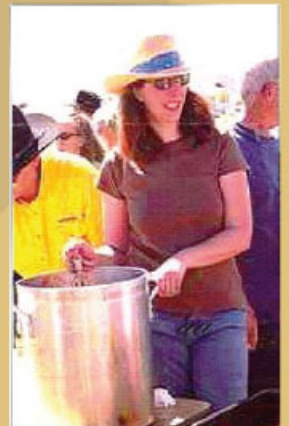
Freshwater Christian Church is now one year old and celebrated with 175 in attendance at their anniversary service. Churchill Meadows, having closed on a wonderful 8 acre property continues to make progress with site development and building plans! The Vancouver project is on schedule for a January grand opening! Impact Canada's Strategic Training and Equipping Center is up and running! How blessed we are to see God turning vision into reality. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Jim Tune

Prelude To a Launch – Journey Church

In the summer, the Journey Church staff and core team held a Calgary Stampede outreach event. 850 people from the community of Cranston came to Journey's first ever Stampede Breakfast. They couldn't have had a better "first touch" in the community! In July, 24 students from Ohio came to help Journey host a Day Camp for the community. This Day Camp was another one of Journey's creative ideas to create awareness for the church in their surrounding areas.

There are great relationships being formed in the Southeast Calgary target communities of Cranston, Auburn Bay and Lake Chaparral. Their small groups network is expanding, and their small groups held a special event before Journey's official launch on October 1st.





Journey Launches!

Sunday, Oct. 1st, 2006 was the grand opening day for Journey Church in Calgary, Alberta. Approximately 200 people attended the grand opening – mostly young families with young children! Careful planning, preparation, and attention to detail was apparent, as the Sunday morning program went smoothly. Many newcomers indicated that they were excited about this new church plant and would be returning the next week. Lead Planter, Troy Hodgson, preached a message called “You’re Invited”, explaining to listeners God’s desire to connect with even the least of us. Please continue to pray for the Journey team. We expect that God will accomplish big things from this plant!

Website: www.journeychurch.ca



At Journey's Launch Day



Freshwater Christian Church Celebrates 1st Anniversary!



One year has gone by since the launch of Freshwater Christian Church in Mississauga, Ontario. Freshwater celebrated their one-year anniversary with a pot-luck lunch after the service. Lead planter, Joel Main, reports, “I think back to the planning, preparing and praying that took place before planting and I clearly see God’s faithfulness one year later. A new community of authentic seekers and believers has been established.”

Over the summer Freshwater was blessed to have two teams come and help with the continuing work of outreach and prayer! A team from Lifespring Christian Church, headed up by Andy Deutch, brought some fresh energy to the church. The Lifespring team handed out countless water bottles on a hot summer day, provided a car wash for the Mississauga community, and took significant time to pray!



The other team was comprised of five students from Alberta Bible College in Calgary. The ‘ABC’ team assisted Freshwater’s Adventure Island kids program and helped run a family outing that incorporated youth and their families. The highlight of the trip was a special prayer walk around the community. They prayed that the Holy Spirit would move in the hearts and minds of people in the neighborhood. The next Sunday, without any special advertising, nine new people attended Freshwater for the first time! Another reminder of the importance of prayer!!

The mission at Freshwater is to help seekers become followers of Christ through authentic community. This mission was so beautifully illustrated recently as a group of families from Freshwater met at the home of one of their members, to take part in a special evening baptismal service. One of the men was a recent immigrant. He and his family had gone through a very difficult time adjusting to life in Canada. After receiving a personal invitation to attend Freshwater, this family encountered genuine love and community that culminated in an emotional baptism and prayer time. This is what Freshwater Christian Church is all about!

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The New Vancouver Church plant in Surrey, British Columbia now has an official name, Westcoast Christian Church. This new church plant is being led and directed by Impact Canada and is scheduled to launch in January 2007!

A number of good things have happened recently. Victoria Eleanor Kuykendall was born on Sept. 15! Congratulations Kurt & Tammy!

On Saturday, September 30th a refreshment give-away was held at the local Superstore grocery store. 5 people helped out with this event and they spoke to about 300-400 people, handing out brochures and info. People were asking, "What's the catch?" Some couldn't believe there were no strings attached. Many showed great interest in the new Westcoast Christian Church. One of the new core team members ripped out about 2,000 business cards, folded 200 letters, and her daughter created 4 big posters for the event. Another gentleman that Kurt met going door-to-door is a graphic artist. He volunteered and re-designed their brochure and printed them too. God is good!

About 30 individuals and families have shown interest in the new church. They will continue to go door-to-door in the weeks ahead to promote the new church.

The next major connecting event in the community is the Info Meeting on Oct. 15th. It's happening at a local Esquires Coffee shop, where the owners are Christians and they want to help. 10,000 flyers have been distributed, inviting unchurched neighbours to come, get a free coffee, and hear about a new church starting in the area, with Q and A to follow.

Some current prayer requests:

- That they find the right facility with adequate space, parking, and visibility
- That they'll find and hire the right worship & arts pastor and children's pastor
- That they'll acquire registered charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency
- That they would raise up and recruit a strong launch team

Website: www.westcoastchurch.info

Impact Canada Launched Training and Equipping Center!

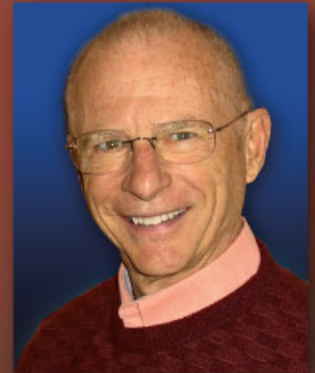
On Fri. Oct. 20th to Sat. Oct. 21st, 2006
Featured Guest Lecturer:

Dr. LeRoy Lawson

Topic: Developing Christian Leaders

Impact Canada's new Strategic Training & Equipping Center is dedicated to equipping leaders for the local church.

This was the first of a series of quarterly training events in the area of leadership development.



Dr. LeRoy Lawson

Watch for more details on upcoming events



Pictured above is Jim Tune, Exec. Director of Impact Canada, manning our display booth at the North American Christian Convention held at the convention center in Louisville, Kentucky (June 27-30, 2006). We want to thank everyone that stopped by and visited our booth at the NACC.

For those of you planning to attend the National Missionary Convention on Nov. 16-19, 2006 to be held at the convention centre in Indianapolis, we welcome you to stop by our booth (#L-90).



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