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Kolejny nowy Kościół (Another New Church!)



Many of our regular readers are aware of Canada's multicultural mosaic. In fact, a few years ago the United Nations declared the City of Toronto to be "the most ethnically diverse city in the world." So, it should be no surprise to Impact Canada supporters and partners to learn

that we are launching an ethnic Polish church plant in the West Toronto suburb of Mississauga. Polish Christian Church officially launched on Sunday, October 21st, 2007 at the Meadowvale Secondary School.

This is a church planting partnership which includes Impact Canada, Churchill Meadows Christian Church, East 91st Street Christian Church and Global Missionary Ministries (GMM). George Bajenski, of GMM, introduced us to an enthusiastic Polish preacher named Grzegorz Bezubik. Grzegorz and his family moved to Toronto from Poland approximately three years ago. A gifted evangelist and Christian leader, Grzegorz planted a church in Bialy Bor, Poland in 2002. In meetings with Impact Canada, it wasn't long before a plan to start a new Polish work in the Toronto area, Polish Christian Church, began to emerge.

We realize that this project will be different than any church plant we have undertaken to this point. The challenges are significant. The Polish population in Canada is strongly committed to its Roman Catholic heritage. While most Polish Canadians are very "religious" their allegiance to the Catholic church often obscures the fact that a real, personal relationship with Jesus Christ does not exist. There are nearly 300,000 Polish people in the Greater Toronto Area, with close to 100,000 living in Mississauga. There are no evangelical

Polish congregations presently in Mississauga.

Another challenge stems from the fact that the Polish population in Mississauga is scattered among the greater population of over 700,000. In other words, there is no way to focus outreach efforts on one distinctly Polish neighborhood or region. This makes large-scale outreach and postcard drops impossible. This church will very likely start small and grow slowly. That said, we are committed to supporting this project in any way we can and we are praying that God would exceed our cautious expectations!

We are in need of new financial partners for this church. We pray that you might help in some special way now. Also, please rejoice with us that we have an opportunity to "impact Poland" as we press forward in our church planting mission to impact Canada!



Grzegorz and Janina Bezubik
(Children: Estera, Joanna, and Mateusz)

Jim Tune



Impact Canada Training and Equipping Center

Impact Canada is now offering a full Certificate in Biblical Studies. Our program is open to all! You can enrol for one course or choose to enrol in the full 2-year Certificate in Biblical Studies program. Students who choose to enrol in the entire program may do so at a total cost of \$1000.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE, the first course of the 2-year Certificate in Biblical Studies program started October 18th. This course will equip each student with basic studies on how we got our Bible, its basic literary features, historical background and major themes. As the Bible serves as our "textbook" for all subsequent course offerings, Introduction to the Bible is a foundational component for all training center courses.

Future courses will include Bible Doctrine Survey, Spiritual Formation, Principles of Christian Teaching, Christian Leadership Development, Christian Apologetics, The Church in the Bible and in History, and Life of Christ.

WHERE: Impact Canada Office
2865 Argenta Rd., Unit 3
Mississauga, ON L5N 8G6
WHEN: Thursday evenings 7pm-9pm
COST: \$145 (per course)
\$1000 (2-year Certificate in Biblical Studies program)
FACILITATOR: Jim Tune

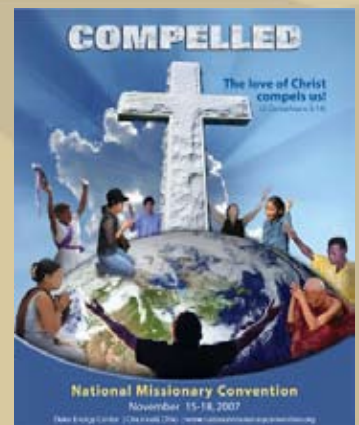
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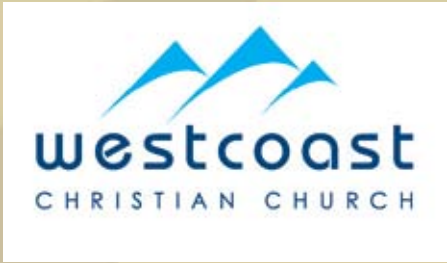
**To register or for more information you can contact the Impact Canada office at (905) 824-6955
e-mail: tec@impactcanada.org.**



If you're planning to attend the National Missionary Convention (NMC) this year in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 15-18, 2007 please drop by our booth #L 7 & L8, located on the First Floor 5th Street Concourse outside Exhibit Hall ABC. We would love to see you.

For more information about the NMC please check out their website at www.nationalmissionaryconvention.org





Heading into summer, Westcoast Christian Church wanted to do whatever it could to avert the usual "summer slump" phenomenon, which happens to a lot of churches. Thanks be to God! July saw a higher average attendance and a higher average offering than either the May or June attendance at Westcoast. The weekly BBQ's following the Sunday services this summer helped to prompt new people to come and check them out, plus it resulted in a much greater sense of family and community within Westcoast.

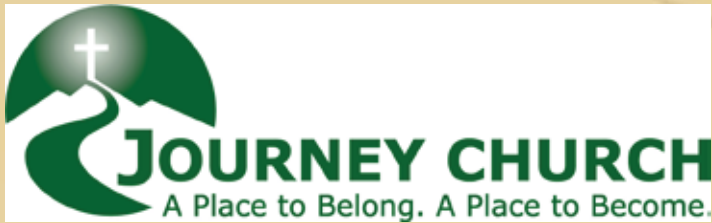
In August the church hosted a Vision / Feedback Night. It was a night to come out to hear about the heart of Westcoast and what their key values are. There were 20 adults and 2 babies that came out. Senior Minister Kurt Kuykendall said, "Not knowing what to expect, I was basically blown away at the energy there was in the room, and the excitement about the road ahead."

Helpful feedback was given, and the "stat" that surprised everybody was that just over 50% of their regular attendees were not regularly attending anywhere before they came to Westcoast.



The fall kicked off with a new sermon series entitled Common Objections Against Christianity and some marketing with a focus on the near 5000 new households in their target area of Surrey British Columbia. The area is growing fast...that's 5000 new households since Westcoast launched last January. Please pray that God will prompt lost and unchurched people to come and check Westcoast out, and that Westcoasters will effectively invite others.

Website: www.westcoastchurch.info



What a summer it's been! It is hard to believe that fall is already here, but the leaves don't lie! Journey Church had a great summer of serving the community and connecting with new families. In Calgary, Alberta most people are away virtually every weekend making the most of their short summer. Journey wasn't sure what to expect. Will there be ANY kids? Will their attendance be a third of what it was through the Spring?

While their numbers were less through the summer months, great ministry continued to happen all summer long! Journey had new families come over the summer and they are now there every week! They partnered with the Cranston Residents Association (CRA) to host a Stampede Breakfast and fed over 1200 people. The breakfast provided Journey with great exposure to the community and helped grow the relationship with the CRA. The breakfast was followed up with a sold out Day Camp. Over 70 kids attended the adventure filled week and more than 200 attended the wrap up barbeque!

Journey had a team in Uganda doing amazing work there this summer. The team participated in many projects

including, a Vacation Bible School (VBS), school playground construction project, women's projects and administering micro-credit business loans. Recently, the team realized that the school they were working at was behind two months in the teacher's salaries, the decision was made to pay the entire staff. The principal wept with thanks for this amazing gift. We are so proud of the work being done there!

We are very excited about all that is ahead this fall! Journey hired a part time youth pastor, Jodi Lammiman, who will be helping teens learn what it means to take steps closer to God, each other, and serving the world! Journey Church celebrated their one year anniversary on September 30th. Thank you for your prayers and support! God has been so good to us!



Website: www.journeychurch.ca



These last few months have been some of the most rewarding that Freshwater Christian Church have experienced. Recently, under the beauty of an open sky Freshwater baptized four people in an unheated swimming pool. One couple that was baptized had experienced incredible changes in their lives. The husband moved from being an agnostic to a follower of Jesus! God has been restoring people, and putting people back together and giving them new life in Jesus. That is what Freshwater is all about!

Two significant initiatives took place over the month of August. On August 12th Freshwater hosted the African Children's Choir! There was a great community response as they celebrated the future potential of Africa and raised just over \$4000 for various projects for children in Africa. Two weeks later Freshwater hosted the third annual Hazel's Hope 5K Fun Run on August 25th. Many businesses and

community sponsors joined in raising awareness and resources for AIDS Orphans in Tanzania, Africa. Just under \$7000 was raised through this charity run.

Freshwater has undertaken these events because they believe church is not a building but rather people who are on a mission: to be the hands and feet of Jesus to their Mississauga, Ontario community and to the world. Freshwater, "broken by the things that break the heart of God", this is the gospel that Jesus came to live and to model.



Website: www.freshwaterchurch.com



Pictured above is Dalene Nanni and Jona Sagisi at the North American Christian Convention (NACC) in Kansas City, Missouri. Jim Tune presented 2 workshops: "Reaching the Nations at Home...Church Planting in North America" and "The Heartbeat of God - The Missional Nature of the Church". Impact Canada was pleased to be part of the NACC in July. Thank you to those who came by our booth to see us!



Connections Christian Church is a network of house churches in Calgary, Alberta. Recently a plan was initiated to allow this single network of house churches to bridge into two networks. Ultimately the goal is to see Connections move from a small network of churches to a larger sustainable network of house churches while also allowing for Kingdom growth in another centre leading to the multiplication of this missional movement. An associate minister has been hired to help with the coaching of house church leaders in Calgary allowing the lead minister to begin plans for the next network.

Editor's note: Impact Canada has recently joined the team of financial partners for Connections' "Second Chapter" expansion plans. We are excited about partnering and are grateful to the existing team for their great work in this effort!

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