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October 2018 Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

In June we had our church's anniversary picnic on Sunday right after our morning service. It was held at a local park where we had a lot of open space for games and BBQ. We had fun and sweet fellowship, and for the first time in years weren't harassed by Muslim's groups trying to encroach on our picnic space. In the past we even had to call police, although already having obtained a city reservation permit for our picnic space. Why this year with no problem? My guess they got the message that we refuse to back down or given in to their demands!

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

In June I also had the privilege of preaching the anniversary for the East Brampton Baptist Church. There were many lost friends and family in attendance and a thorough presentation of the gospel was given. Two people made a profession of faith in Christ that morning. Ruthie and I spent much of the church fellowship luncheon speaking with the Adult and teen visitors. Our discussions went from one to the next and were carried out to the parking lot.

2Cor. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

In July we had missionary to the deaf, Jeremy Rings challenge our church on starting a deaf ministry. Bro. (Bud) Rings and his sweet family also ministered in song. Afterwards there were several in the church that felt that God might be calling them to work with the deaf. Ruthie and I know a little sign language to get by, but interpreting is a discipline that requires constant diligence and practice. I would love to see this ministry added to the church.

Psalm 144:1 Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

July was also our VBS month. In the past we have had church youth groups come up to help us from the US. They've always done a great job. But this year was the first time we used our church members only! This was a mile stone for the church. We held two open-air meetings, one in a member's backyard, and the other in one of the most needy areas of the city. They were both 3-day events. I can't forget the hungry looks of those kids as I gave an invitation to accept Christ as their Saviour. There were a few Muslim adults that also came and listened. But after the invitation was given they left quickly. We tried to encourage them to stay for the fun activities, but the adults hurried their children to follow them out. The kids look back at us with huge smiles. I hope that it is because they found friendly people that knew God and also a Friend Who will "stick closer than a brother". Also this VBS experience boosted excitement and commitment to serve the Lord in our teens and college and career people.

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

In mid August we held the annual Graceway Mission booth at the Canadian National Exposition (CNE). This outreach is a great opportunity to speak with hundreds of people from all walks of life. Although I love doing it, it

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is exhausting because it is for 18 days straight and 12 hours per day. We had the participation of many from the church but also invited my dear friend Evangelist Tony Saxton to help the first weekend, then the second weekend, dear friends from our sending church (Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church) helped out. Their help was much needed and a blessing.

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At this year's CNE we passed out over 10,000 tracts and a couple hundred John and Romans booklets. There were several (5-7) who made professions of faith. Albeit we're always looking for better results, but we live in a day where more than ever there is a coldness to the gospel but also many are hurting. We had many come by our booth just for prayer and counsel. We are trusting God to bless our efforts in proclaiming His Word.

1Co 3:6, 7 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

After the CNE we took two days off with some of our men to go fishing north of Kingston, Ontario. We had two lost friends join us as well and had some soul-searching discussions by our late-night camp fire. Pray for the salvation of Carl and Wendel.

On a last note, I'd like to say how much I'm blessed to have such a dear and valuable "help meet". On September 16th we celebrated 40 years together. The church sent us away for two days to a quiet spot north of the city. It was a very relaxing time with my sweetheart. She is the love of my life and has been my encourager during trials. At my weak moments, she has been my strength when I've gripped and complained. God has used this lady in my life to stay right with Him on many fronts. Even her ill health issues have been opportunities for me to grow in grace and love. Jesus is always first but I can't even imagine a worth-while life or ministry without her. I married my best friend 40 years ago and she's still the one!

Proverbs 18:22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

We appreciate your support and ask that you would please pray for the above requests plus:

- 1) A new meeting location for the church with extra rooms for Sunday school
- 2) Development of spiritual leadership in the church
- 3) Ruthie's continued health concerns.
- 4) Our landlord Karen, who is a Muslim, salvation.
- 5) Salvation of souls witnessed to VBS and at the CNE (Niv, an Israeli vendor and Phil, a vendor from Montreal)

Your fellow laborers and servants in Canada for our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jim & Ruthie Bianchi

"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." Psalm 115:1