


STAFF SEARCH UNDERWAY

Several candidate interviews have been conducted in our search for new staff. In the interim, Pastor Courtney has been meeting with the Youth Executive to assist in their weekly planning. As well, he has been working with the Music and Worship Teams and has been leading their weekly practices. Please pray that God will direct us as we continue our search.


FORWARDING ADDRESS

For those who would like to keep in contact with Elroy Shipley or perhaps send a card of best wishes for his upcoming wedding (August 7th), the new address is as follows: Elroy & Lynn Shipley, 40 Normany Ave., Truro, N.S., B2N 3J7.

MARRIAGE BANDS READ

 The first reading of the marriage bands for Lori Emberley and Adam Speare was announced on Sunday, July 11. Lori and Adam will be married on Friday, September 3rd at the South Shore Centre, Barrie.

ITS VACATION TIME!!

 Many of our church families have been (and some still are) on vacation during this past month. Beulah Courtney spent a week in Newfoundland visiting her mom. Also in Newfoundland were (are) Bob & Pat Stuckless, Gabby Boone, Marion Boone, The Wells Family. Wilf and Alma Sharpe are spending a month in Nova Scotia. Pastor and Beulah Courtney are taking some time away this month as well. Please pray that all of our families will return safely and that they will come back refreshed and renewed.



PRAYER NEEDS

For Health

- Kelly Mittler
- Savannah Sguigna
- Betty Anne Taylor
- Sherri Pereira and Baby David Pereira

For Vacation Bible School (VBS)

August 2-6 and August 9-13

For Pastor Charlene and Team

Missions Trip to Manitoulin

BIRTH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Time Grandparents

Congratulations to Joe and Jessica Pereira on the birth of their new grandson, David, born to Simon and Sherri Pereira on Sunday, June 27th.

First Time Parents

Congratulations to Frank & Lesley Bryant on the birth of their new daughter, Robyn Grace, born July 1st. Robyn was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday evening, July 11th. Lesley's parents were visiting from the U.K. and were able to join in this occasion.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

A special "Happy Birthday" to Gerry and Margaret French. They both celebrated their 80th birthdays this past month! We understand they enjoyed "several" birthday cakes! May God bless you as you continue to minister here at ICC in your "retirement" years.

WELCOME BACK BONNIE!



Bonnie Pereira has accepted a summer staff assignment at ICC, beginning the week of July 19. Bonnie will be running the children's P.A.R.K. program, the music for VBS, and assisting Pastor Charlene in the various children's programs of the church.

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SPECIAL MISSIONS SPEAKER

On Sunday morning, July 11, Patti deGraaf was the guest speaker at ICC. Patti is a consultant with AsiaSpan International and has been working overseas for the past three years. Patti's sister, Jolanada Galashan, first introduced her to Innisfil Community Church and as a result, Patti came to know the Lord and made ICC her home church. It was interesting to hear of her experiences— working overseas in a restricted access nation— as she shared what has transpired in her life since becoming a Christian.

ANOTHER ROUND TABLE

DEVELOPMENT NIGHT!

The Sunday evening service on July 11 was held in the gym. Following a time of worship, Pastor Courtney led the evening with scripture and invited everyone to participate in the leadership development exercises. The first session centered on spiritual gifts discovery and the theme of this most recent one was "The Unity of the Church Body and Conflict Resolution." The Round Table discussions were unique in that youth and young adults, as well as the "more senior adults" took active roles in interacting together. It was interesting to hear the diverse feedback in determining the spiritual application to the exercises. Before the evening concluded, everyone shared a time of prayer around each table.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS UPDATE

We welcome back Holly Reid who is home from her missions trip overseas. Holly spent time in training in Florida prior to continuing her missions trip to Egypt and Turkey.

ANOTHER TRACTOR TRAILER LOAD SHIPPED TO ERDO!

On July 5, another amazing truck load of clothing, and various other items, was shipped to ERDO. Thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to load the bags unto the trailer. We appreciate very much the donations that come in regularly from the local communities and especially to those in the portables who faithfully sort the clothing and prepare the bags for shipment. God Bless You!



FEDERAL ELECTIONS

The gym of ICC was a hive of activity as hundreds of voters came to mark their ballots during the recent Federal Elections. Continue to pray for our newly elected government.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Special thanks to all blood donors at our regular Blood Donor Clinics and to our volunteers, who do a great job. At this past clinic they included Bob & Jolanda Galashan, Carol Richter and John White. (Other volunteers are still needed).

OUTDOOR

CANADA DAY SERVICE

This year's service was well attended as we enjoyed a beautiful sunny evening. The testimonies were great, as well as the special vocal and music numbers. Many stated the service was the best yet!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

"Ottawa Valley Camp"

Pastor Charlene, Lili Lupo, and Nancy Collins led a children's camp program at Ottawa Valley Pentecostal Camp, located 15 minutes West of Pembroke, for the week of June 26-July 3. They were known as the "Truth Troop" by all around as they left a mark on the lives of children and parents alike while teaching the Word of God morning and evening. There were great testimonies of children being healed, filled with the Spirit, and special calls into ministry. The week concluded with a baptismal service held at the lakefront on the campgrounds, with 1 adult and 8 children following the Lord through the waters, signifying their commitment to Him.

"The Gate" Pool Party

Approximately a dozen of "The Gate" junior highs attended a pool party at the Pereira residence on Saturday, July 10. They had a fun time of "splashing" and soaking up the sun!

"The Gate" Wonderland Trip

Junior Highs from ICC, together with other Junior Highs from Calvary Pentecostal Church in Barrie spent the day at wonderland on July 16. If you wanna "take a ride", Wonderland is the place to be! Everyone had a great time!



Missions Trip Training

Pastor Charlene, Bonnie Pereira, and their missions team had some first hand practice training at the Salvation Army Chapel and Soup Kitchen in Barrie on Sunday, July 18, serving lunch to the needy. This was a good experience for the team in preparation for their missions trip to Manitoulin the week of August 16th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

(Cont'd)

On Thursday, July 22, the missions team ministered to the elderly at LeisureWorld Nursing Home.

"Jr. High" Volunteer Appreciation Night" Pastor Charlene and "The Gate" volunteers enjoyed a night of "glow in the dark" mini-golf and pizza at The Putting Edge, Barrie, on Friday, July 19. The evening was set aside as a token of appreciation to those who faithfully volunteer in "The Gate" program held on Wednesday evenings. Thank you to all those who play a part in helping these kids develop and grow to spiritual maturity.

P.A.R.K. Program

At the time of writing, Bonnie Pereira is leading the children's P.A.R.K. (Positively Affecting and Reaching Kids) program in several parks in Innisfil the week of July 26th. As in previous years, Bonnie does an amazing job of teaching kids about God through illustrated



Bible stories, as well as providing an environment of "fun and sun". We are delighted that Bonnie has joined us for a 6 week summer student assignment to assist with the various programs of the church.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

The Young Adult leaders, Kyle and Angela Galashan, organized a Canada Day picnic for married and single young adults and their kids. The picnic was held at Centennial Park in Innisfil on Thursday, July 1st. Everyone enjoyed a BBQ and lots of other goodies, as well as having an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

