

In the Loop...

Many people ask what a church means when it says it is attempting to be missional. A church that is being missional is one that acts out the mandate by Christ to pass on the message of his love, grace and forgiveness to other people.

When Jesus shared his message with people it was called the good news. It brought relief and healing and acceptance to anyone who felt outside and unworthy of God's attention and acceptance. And he travelled throughout the region he grew up in and *going where people were* to share the message with them (Matthew 4:23-25, Mark 1:14).

One time Jesus was doing this and, looking over the crowds, asked his disciples to pray for workers to share in his load of sharing the good news with other people (Matthew 9:35-38). In that culture the job of carrying an important religious message rested on the shoulders of experts (religious professionals known as Pharisees). A common Jew would never be asked or relied upon to pass on an important message from God.

But many people miss the next part. It's understandable if you do. Someone decided to put a chapter break between Matthew 9 and 10 that wasn't there when it was originally written (none of the chapters or verses were). At the beginning of chapter 10 Jesus called his disciples to himself and then *mandates them to travel around and do what he has been doing*. We cannot convey the shock this would have had on his followers. That God picked them to pass on his message would have been both overwhelming and terrifying (and we still feel the same way). That God picks us to share his good news with others is just as relevant (and needed) as it was in his day.

At Kawartha Community Church it's our prayer, purpose and hope that each person gets infected with Jesus to such an extent that we pass on his good news to everyone we encounter. When we talk about *mission at KCC it isn't just what we do: it's what we are*.

See you on Sunday,

Scott Wheeler
Lead Pastor
Kawartha Community Church

PS... Don't forget Daylight Savings on March 8th. Spring comes early this year. :)



Kawartha Community Church exists for the purpose of helping spiritually seeking people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

A fully devoted follower of Christ is someone who loves God, loves people and serves the world.

Opportunity to support Missions through KCC:

On March 22nd KCC will have a joint service at SSFC and an opportunity to designate money to mission locally and internationally will be given.

Our goal for missions giving this year: \$75,000
Amount given so far from KCC: \$10,500



March 2009

Upcoming events

jr. youth
@ kcc
Grade 6-8ish

indoor climbing
at the Rock and Rope on Rink St.

- meet at the Rock and Rope at 6pm
- pick-up at the meeting space in the weaving building on Rubidge St. at 9pm

¿que pasa?

Jr. Youth events happen the last Thursday of every month! (except this one!)

this is the second last Thursday
Thursday March 19th

pick-up a schedule in the foyer

email - mike@kawarthachurch.com

The Blurbs

Rhema Christian School is now accepting registrations for all grades for September 2009. If you would like to explore how Faith, Family and Community are linked, you need to give us a call or just drop in for a tour. On Friday, February 27 we will be holding a JK and SK registration morning for children who will be 4 or 5 years old as of December 2009. Call 743-1400 to book an appointment time for you and your child or to have any questions answered.

Missions Gathering

March 22nd we will be hosting a joint Missions gathering in the lobby of Sir Sandford. We will introduce you to our international missions projects and some of our local interests too.

7:00pm - 9:00pm
3839 Wallace Point Rd.
(west of Bensfort Rd. / south of Bypass)

We're moving to
Wednesday nights...

wed. mar. 11
To Be Or Not To Be...

wed. mar. 25
You Can't Handle The Truth!

KCC High School Youth | March Events

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Stuff to look over...

Thinking of sending your kids to camp? Here are some camps and tips:

- Muskoka Woods - <http://www.muskokawoods.com>
- Joy Bible Camp - <http://www.joycamp.ca>
- Camp Widjiitiwin - http://muskokabiblecentre.com/widji_mini/Home.html
- Camp Mini-Yo-We - <http://www.miniyowe.com/>
- Ontario Pioneer Camp - <http://www.pioneercamp.ca/>
- Fair Glen Youth Camp - <http://www.fairhavens.org/fgyc/>

They all vary in price and activities. They're all great camps. I would suggest the following to parents:

- Figure out what you want your child (and what your child wants) to experience at camp (waterfront program, horseback riding, crafts, wilderness camping, etc...).
- Figure out what you're comfortable with in regards to spiritual teaching – some camps are supported by and attached to a specific denomination of the church (i.e. Baptist, Pentecostal, etc...).
- Figure out what you can afford – many camps offer different program options for different prices.

Once you have an idea of the above preferences, find out what the camp has to offer to meet those needs. The biggest problem I saw as a Program Manager was parents not fully informed of what our camp offered, believed in, and taught and then were upset or disappointed when they picked up their child at the end of the session. Parents need to know that camps cannot (and should not) please everyone; hence the importance of the parents doing their homework.

Another thing to think about is most camps require a deposit to hold the registration and then payment dates throughout the spring. But, most camps also offer early bird discounts for registering in the winter and/or making full payment in the winter.

Also, most camps also have leadership training for youth that are in high school.

Tony Posthumus
KCC

House for Rent

We are leaving to go out west for approx. a year and need to rent our house out on Chamberlain Street (right off of High St). It is a 1.5 storey house, has 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. It will be available beginning April 1st. We are asking for \$900 a month plus H&H. If anyone would like further details, they are welcome to email me or call us at 750-1535.

Thanks again,
Karissa & Bryce

Room for rent in Omeme.

Looking for a single mature student or young adult (female) non-smoker to rent a room in our house.

We are a loving family with 2 young children.. so getting along with kids is a must. The room is downstairs in our finished basement.

The room has a Single Bed, Large Dresser, Long closet/ storage area, Love seat, Colour TV w/Satellite

A small desk is available for use if needed too.

Internet access (wireless) is available also.

You would share our laundry facilities, kitchen, bathroom & entry way.

House is a smoke free, pet free home.

Asking \$425/month
Contact Craig –

email@craigfoster.com with any questions or to set up a time to meet us and see the room

International missions feature...

Featured Missions Project

Country: Mongolia

Capital City: Ulaanbaatar

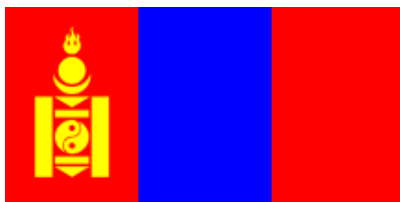
Population: 3 million

Life Expectancy: 67 years

% Population < 15 years: 26%

Per Capita GDP: \$1076

Mission Partner: Asian Outreach – Mongolia



Partner Since: 2007 (Local Staff & Literacy Program Support)

Mission Description: Asian Outreach is an alliance of interdependent Christian ministries worldwide. The mission is carried out by committed Christians from both Asian and non-Asian countries who serve together and use every means possible to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to Asian people everywhere. This is accomplished by planting new churches, training and developing leaders, providing help for communities, raising prayer/people/financial resources and partnering with other churches and organizations.

The literacy program classes have been operated by Asian Outreach in Mongolia since 1998 and have been a hugely successful project. From small beginnings, the project has expanded and it now receives frequent requests to commence in new areas of Mongolia. Local governors and school administrators support the project and like the students in their province to have a second chance to obtain an education. These classes cater to pupils aged from 9 to 18 years who have dropped out of school due to poverty. They are taught reading, writing, mathematics, Mongolian history, ethics, morals and life skills. They are also included in the normal school program for art, music, crafts and sports. The project aims to educate these students sufficiently that in two years they are either able to re-enter school at the correct level for their age, or sit their school leaving exams and be able to graduate from high school with a recognizable qualification.

More Information: http://www.asianoutreach.org/CountryUpdates/Mon_AmazingGrace.php



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My story...

Dear KCC,

For many years I have had a desire to use my nursing skills in some way that involved missions. When the kids were small it wasn't possible to go but now that they have all left home I started to think about it and talk about it more. Our son, Kevin who attends Calvary Pentecostal Church in Cambridge (with his family) was in a small group with a couple who are on the Board of Mission to Haiti Canada. In the summer they mentioned their up-coming trip to Haiti scheduled for January. I have had a strong interest in Haiti since an old friend went there to work when we graduated from Nursing. The stories and pictures haunted me and over the years I thought this was where I would like to go. I know French, not 100% fluently but certainly enough to get along, so when Kevin told me about this trip with MTH Canada, I wanted to know more!! In the end we both decided to go and I have to thank Michelle, Kevin's wife for letting him go because it put a lot of extra work on her plate! And I have to thank Chuck for letting me go because I know he worried about me! I also have to thank the City of Peterborough for allowing me the time to go with less than 3 months service!



Haiti is one of the 50 poorest countries on earth; more than 2/3 of the population has no formal job (2002 stats). The average wage is about \$1.00 US per day. **The** population (2008 est.): 8,924,553. It is the least developed country in the Western Hemisphere and economic indicators show it falling behind other low-income countries since the 1980's. The infant mortality rate: 62.3/1000, (Canada's is 5.08/1000 live births) and life expectancy is 57.5 years of age. This gives you an idea of where we were going and what we would find. The villages surrounding the compound where we stayed had no running water, no electricity. People washed themselves and their clothes in the irrigation streams nearby. They cooked on open fires outside their homes. Haiti is also a virtually lawless society (except for the UN troops) so we had an armed guard 27/7 on our grounds.

The MTH Canada has a compound in Cabaret Haiti where there is a church, a house, an orphanage and a school as well as dorms for the teams that come there. The team was made up of about 45 people and we had several key objectives. One objective was sponsorship, whereby a child can be sponsored to attend school. This provides the required uniforms books and tuition. For about \$35.00 a month a child can be sponsored and 100% of the money goes to that child. There were several people responsible for taking gifts to the sponsored children and setting up other children in the program. There was a large construction team, some working on rebuilding the walls of the compound that were washed out in last summers hurricanes and subsequent tidal surge; (**Continued** ->)

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(Cont') some worked on completing the plumbing for the orphanage as well as upgrades to other buildings; some worked on woodworking creating new storage cupboards for the pharmacy which was completely flooded and washed out last summer as well as other woodworking projects and then there was the medical team of which I was a part. We had 4 nurses, one was a mid-wife and one worked in a small ER as well as a retired nurse and myself. We held 4 clinics, 2 in Port-au-Prince at "Christa College" and 2 in our compound. Altogether I estimate that we saw 500 to 600 people. We had no doctors so we were really "stretched" to meet the variety of illnesses and issues that we



saw, diagnose to the best of our ability and then treat. One of the nurses had taken a tropical medicine course designed for nurses working without physicians and she brought her text, which we almost wore out. We saw terrible malnutrition, worms in almost every child, Malaria, Typhoid Fever, skin rashes, pneumonia, dental problems, abscessed wounds and many other conditions too many to list. We worked in teams of three, the nurse, her helper and an interpreter who spoke Creole. We had a pharmacy set up with things like vitamins pre-packaged into one-month supplies. We had a number of antibiotics and prescription topical medications as well as Chloroquin to treat Malaria and medication to treat worms. It was our job to figure out (to the best of our ability) what was wrong with the person and then how best to treat it. This was a long way from my comfort zone but I had to keep reminding myself that we were doing the best we could for people who would otherwise have nothing! I have many unbelievable stories of people who came, some of whom we were able to help and even save a life in one case.

I came home feeling that we made a difference but that difference was a mere drop in the bucket compared to the tremendous need. I left a piece of my heart in Haiti and I hope to have the opportunity to return hopefully better prepared and equipped for the challenges there.

Thank you!

Donna Rickard
Redwood Gathering



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2008 was our first full calendar year, and we had a great time watching God grow and shape who we are becoming. We've been working all year to put our five values into action, in our lives and together as a church: to **rely** on God; be **real** with each other; **respond** to people's needs; be **relevant** to our society; and **reproduce** neighbourhood churches. There are a lot of things that we could talk about, but here are a few highlights and memorable moments.

One of the key themes of this past year has been getting to know our rapidly growing neighbourhood. In order to do so, we've started to distribute notepads three times a year to the 500 or so homes around the school where we meet, as well as a roll of wrapping paper at Christmas. Our "useful advertising" has started to pay off – we've seen some visitors come because of what they've found on their doorstep. More than that, we hope that because of a small gift, that when God leads them to the place where they are ready to consider going to church, that we would be there for them.

Speaking of "getting to know", we also held "Meet Me in the Median": our first annual block party, just down the street from the school where our church meets, that featured a BBQ, face-painting, and something fun to pull the area's new residents together. The turnout was modest, but the feedback was great, and we're already thinking about next year's block parties.

Along the lines of community involvement, we were also part of Barrhaven's Multicultural Day festivities at Ross' Independent Grocer, a local community-minded grocery store. The face-painting booth was, arguably, the most popular table at the event. It was one of the best Sunday morning church "services" we've ever had. We think it's important to advertise, and to get the word out that there is a new church in the area. But it's not about advertising or growth – it's about loving our community, and believing that Jesus is there, enjoying himself with those He loves.

Within the environment of community in which God has placed us, we envision Reconnect being made up of three overlapping spheres: Sunday mornings, stuff for Kids, and our Living Rooms (small groups) that meet during the week. Sundays have featured everything from sketch comedy to a political panel to a guy in a scuba suit, all of which have (supposedly?) followed that month's series or theme, with a goal to being accessible to those who don't regularly go to church. Living Rooms are well-attended with great conversations, as the ideal venue to ask questions and "go deeper", and it is quite likely that we'll need to start a second one in 2009. When it comes to kids, "Connect the Tots" and "Connect 4+" are staffed by wonderful volunteers on Sundays, providing a fun environment for all kids, and some teaching for the older ones. We're also in the middle of a "baby boom", so look for the Kids' department to keep growing.

This update wouldn't be complete without mentioning our first birthday. Reconnect turned one this year, and we enjoyed a day of celebration with family, friends, and some visitors. We're thankful that God has a plan for Reconnect, and better yet, He has a plan for our neighbours. He may or may not have a short-term plan for the world economy, but perhaps some people in the business world should take something from this year's Reconnect playbook: focus on emulating Jesus' life and love, and let the outcome look after itself.

May you have a fantastic New Year! We love being a part of KCC.

Reconnect (our Ottawa Gathering)

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