

# Missions Report

## to the Canadian National Baptist Convention • July 2014

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*Presented by Salt Jones, Team Leader*

### **MISSIONS MOBILIZATION**

*Reported by Peter Blackaby*

We have many things to celebrate!

**SEND CITIES:** We now have locally developed church planting City Plans for all five Send Cities (identifying church planting needs, locations, strategy, and priorities). We also have that the Lord would raise up a Lead Partner church and a Convention partner for Edmonton.

**CITY PLANS IN NON-SEND CITIES:** Church Planting & Mobilization divisions are working together to implement City Plans (based on Send City model) in Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Halifax. This will help create synergy and will assist us in partnership recruitment. Winnipeg is one of seven cities included in the Heartland Interstate Strategy that stretches along the I-29 corridor from Kansas City to Winnipeg.

**CAMPUS MOBILIZERS:** We are looking to raise up university students who will be "campus mobilizers" on their own campus and in their own city. Halifax is greatly benefitting from our partnership with South Carolina. The goal of these students will be to recruit 10 students to serve with them on a Generation Send (formerly Current) team in one of our Canadian Send Cities. We anticipate that these students will recruit towards Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, and Montréal. Wouldn't it be exciting if nearly half of the students serving inside Canada in 2015 were already living here!

### **MISSIONS CONNECTION**

*Reported by Ellen Cone*

In 2013, we have given grants to help students go to China, Cuba, Guatemala, PEI, Haiti, Ecuador, Southeast Asia, and Mexico. Ministers have received grants to go to China, Cuba, Spain, Mexico, Kenya, Guatemala, and Haiti. We are pleased to see more ministers applying and receiving these grants. Our own "J and R" have been on homeside assignment since last June. Pending medical clearance, they hope to return to the field by September. They have spoken in over 30 churches from BC to PEI with 3 planned for June in Saskatchewan. They connected with the CSBS&C community while on campus in November and January. We continue to promote the Engage Quebec initiative in various ways. Have not seen a big response from churches, though we know God is at work in Quebec. We are continuing to promote the GMO, seeing churches use the material in various ways.

### **MISSIONS IMPACT**

*Reported by Mel Cruikshank*

**UNIVERSITY MINISTRY:** Christ was shared personally with at least 3000 students this year. Over 100 students came to faith in Christ. Over 300 individual leaders are involved in an ongoing discipleship program. 218 Students served on mission in 25 separate mission trips/projects. Jason Shine, our campus minister in Edmonton, Alberta has began Bright City Lights Baptist

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Church. We have seen a breakthrough in university ministry in Quebec with Initiative 22 Church in Montreal and a number of ministries in Sherbrooke reaching over 500 students in each city. Chad Krahn who has served as an intern in campus ministry in Edmonton is preparing to move this summer to Red Deer to begin a ministry at Red Deer College. The Point Church, our university community church on SFU campuses in Vancouver, has baptized 14 people in the past academic year. **CUBA CONNECTIONS:** 25 individual churches in our convention are actively involved in Cuban Connection partnerships. Thousands of dollars, hundreds of Spanish Bibles, 15+ laptops, 1 horse and 1 church bathroom are among the gifts that Canadian churches provided for ministry in Cuba. Last summer 2 teams of young adults served at youth camps in Eastern Cuba. A team of 15 Canadians traveled to Eastern Cuba in March. Dr. Terry Branscombe (The Refuge Church, New Brunswick) will be teaching a course on Christian Leadership at the Baptist Seminary of Eastern Cuba in Santiago de Cuba next November.