

Transforming Communities Report to the Canadian National Baptist Convention • July 2014

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TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH PRAYER

The month of May is our annual Canada wide CNBC emphasis: Pray for the Harvest. Churches are encouraged to set aside intentional time with God to pray for the lost. Each year our CNBC family reads Scripture and prays together. Every person is asked to pray for four people in their circle of influence. Through simple acts of kindness people show a practical demonstration of God's love. The prayer calendar is available in 10 languages. The English interactive calendar includes scripture, prayer prompts and weekly devotions. Four video clips are available for download using the weekly themes, prayer for: friends, family, co-workers/classmates and neighbours/community. The calendar is also available for the month of June.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CNBC launched a free, online women's Bible study on the book of James. The study consists of six 15-minute videos, five study guides with one hour of personal study each week and an option to participate in an online community.

Two women's ministry teams are coming from the US to work with churches in Alberta, Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces this summer. Calgary and Edmonton will each host a one-day women's retreat. The East Coast Baptist Association will have a women's ministry track at their annual association meeting/family camp. Ministry wives/women in ministry are invited to attend a lunch at our convention.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORT TRAINING: May 30-31, Cochrane, AB

Led by TLC president, Jeff Wilson, and Boston Church Planting Catalyst, Joe Souza

Focus points of the training:

1. Sharing best practices and resources
2. Building community partnerships
3. Equipping and empowering youth to serve
4. Introducing disciple-making principles for follow-through
5. Multiplying disciples and planting churches using sports outreach strategies

Participants heard testimonies of sports creating ready-made access points for churches to connect with their communities and helping people discover God.

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TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH MINISTRY EVANGELISM

Taught “Impacting Your Current Relationships with the Gospel” training in BC, AB and MB.

Encouraged churches to discover and meet needs and prepare to share Christ

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our national VBS team, under the leadership of Melanie Morgan, hosted a total of 13 training clinics in BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, NB, NS and PE this spring.

FUTURE TC PLANS:

- Develop an online system to collect and share urgent CNBC prayer requests
- Populate TC section of the CNBC website and resource churches
- Encourage all CNBC churches to meet needs and share Christ
- Continue to equip volunteer TC team (Holly Procita, Ryshon Blazina, Jason Shine, Todd Goudy, Wally Frank, Jason Terris)
- Expand encouragement ministry to more pastors’ wives