



It feels great to say, "It is Finished!"

I remember the day Ann Johnston, Pastor George and I



stood in an empty field and listened to Pastor George share his vision for the region. Over the past six years I have had the pleasure to be a part of his dream. What a joy to watch this congregation grow from meeting in Pastor George's home, to the church basement, to the beautiful sanctuary they have today.

Twenty-five men and woman from across Ontario have donated hundreds of hours to this project and so many others gave

financially. Thank you for your investment of time, talent and finances. You helped make this a reality. Special thanks to Pastor Steve Heathcock and the Bancroft Pentecostal Tabernacle for their consistent labour of love and generosity along with Gary Switzer from Gilmour who was invaluable. What a blessing!

When we left Trinidad last February we set a tentative date to dedicate the building in late autumn 2012. Honestly, I didn't think it would happen as there was an extraordinary amount of work still to be completed, but I was glad to have a target date. The invitations were sent for Sunday, November 18th. Fifteen of us from Ontario arrived at the church a few days early to be a part of the celebration. There were no words to describe the absolute joy I felt at the faithfulness of God and for the good people of Bethel Open Bible.

The building was beautiful and lit up like a beacon shining in the night.

The Dedication Service was marvelous with over 500 in attendance...ribbon cutting, prayer, worship, laying of the corner stone,



dancing, specials, preaching, thank you's and plenty of food. Congratulations to Pastor Adhar George and Bethel Open Bible Church on a job well done. To God be the glory! And....the best days are still ahead!

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How do you see the Church of Today?

I spent the month of October traveling in Canada and the USA. There seems to be a renewed call for evangelism across the country. The urgency may come from declining church attendance but I do sense a fresh hunger for a move of God among many who are tired of the same old, same old. I asked one Pastor, kind of tongue-in-cheek, "What will you do if you lose your Sunday morning service?" He looked at me like it could never happen. I've lived long enough to see the majority of our Sunday schools, bible studies, prayer meetings and Sunday evening services come and go. We need to get back to discipling people on how to be the Church not just attend church. I had a follow up question for that Pastor but reconsidered. Interested? Good... "How are you preparing for potential changes to your church property tax?" With declining church attendance and mortgaged church buildings along with assumed debt, we

may be in trouble. God is not interested in the buildings just the Church (His people). The Church is still the best source for evangelizing, we need to equip, get mobilized and be portable.

The reality is less than four percent of our communities will ever attend the buildings where we worship and only two percent invite someone to attend their church. Do the math! Our church seniors are tired of the next, latest and greatest and our young people no longer see the North American church as relevant to reach the lost. It's not another program we need or another method, nothing borrowed just something born of the Spirit and birthed in your spirit.

Thoughts from My Journal

- ★ Have we allowed non-Pentecostals to define the future of Pentecost?
- ★ Holy Spirit baptism was never meant to be a debate.
- ★ What will be the distinguishing marks of Pentecost in the future?
- ★ We use to have distinctive now we have diversity.

Whatever the crime, the Presence of God can.....

This was my third trip to Honduras and it just keeps getting better. Along with ministering in churches and prisons we hosted our first Reapers Pastors' Conference. Allow me to share a few of the many highlights from the trip. Visiting the guys and girls in prison is always a very moving experience for me. To hear some of their stories, what they have done and what they have been through. Always a reality check to my comfort zone. After sharing the gospel with the guys we had the pleasure of praying with 15 of them for salvation. Thank God that whatever the prison, whatever the crime, the presence

of God can be experienced anywhere.

One of the local churches sponsors a soccer league. One of the team requirements is to attend a mandatory one hour service each Friday evening. I like it! I had 35 minutes with 170 teenage guys to preach the gospel. I loved every minute of



3 Month Calendar

January

- 6 Family Worship Centre Courtice ON (10am)
- 13 Family Worship Centre Courtice ON (6pm)
- 20 Family Worship Centre Courtice ON (6pm)
- 27 - 29 Abundant Life Chapel Lac du Bonnet MB

February

- 2 - 3 Alive Family Church Stonewall MB
- 7 Regional Pastors' Meeting Winnipeg MB
- 8 Regional Pastors' Meeting Brandon MB
- 10 Bethel Christian Assembly Brandon MB
- 24 - 27 Celebration Int. Church Boston MA

March

- 3 Cornerstone Church Winchendon MA
- 10 Full Gospel Tabernacle Frankford ON
- 17 Pentecostal Tabernacle Pembroke ON
- 23 Destiny Centre Carleton Place ON

it and the altar was supernatural. We prayed, we blessed, we hugged, we high-fived well after the allotted hour had come and gone.

The Pastors' Conference was held at Villa Gracia Conference Centre with about forty in attendance. We blessed all in attendance with seminars, worship, accommodation, meals, gifts and prepared notes in Spanish.

You know my heart; you can never go wrong with investing in generational leaders. We are making plans to return next autumn for Round Two. Many thanks to Randy and Judy Lundrigan for all their work, pre, mid and post.

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