

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord.

I learned a valuable lesson this past week. It is important to not get in the way of the natural order of things. In a large tree that we share with our neighbour, a momma Robin created a beautiful nest for her young. We watched her as she flew back and forth with the “groceries” for her young. In the early morning, she would visit one particular spot, dig up a worm or two and return to the nest where she would share the “bounty”.

A couple of days ago, we noticed a baby, mind you a good size of a baby bird hopping along the flower bed. It had obviously fallen out of the nest and with few tail feathers, she still couldn't fly. So, natureman, that would be me, intervened. I caught the bird, not a big achievement in light of the fact that it couldn't fly away, but I caught it nonetheless. Pat grabbed a box and that's where this baby spent the next 10 minutes. During this time the neighbours offered possible solutions. One said...“put it back into the nest”. Not the best of ideas since, if it fell once, it will fall again!. Another said... “Let it run around and a cat will put it out of its misery”. Not a great idea at all. However, I decided that it should be released under supervision. We watched as it hopped up and down the flower bed, just like before and then it positioned itself in the base of a pine bush. Next thing we know, mom appears a couple of driveways away. Somehow, she communicates with the baby and within a few minutes, the two are reunited...Amazing, they didn't need my help at all!!! They were quite able to deal with the situation. Then, another amazing thing happened. Mom flew across the road and perched herself on top of a fence. She began calling to the baby and what do you know, the baby hopped into the territory it had never been in before and crossed the road. I watched cars coming from both directions and feared for this little creature. In fact, I called out for one guy to stop...“Stop, stop, there's a little bird”. He stopped and drove around it. All this, while mom was staring down a squirrel allowing baby to come to her side.

So what did I learn? I learned that while we do need to be there sometimes, for the most part, we shouldn't interfere with what God is doing quite well with His creation. Now, I'm not sure where this all fits into the theology of evangelism and service etc...but perhaps in our fervour and desire to help, we could actually rob God of an opportunity to do a far better job. Let's leave room in our services, and altar calls and intended outcomes, for God to do what He does best. Step back, not too far, but far enough where God is center stage and not us.

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!

Blessings

Ian Fitzpatrick.

I would ask that you be praying for the following ministry activities across our country...

I would also ask that you be in continual pray for our district leadership in Canada...

D.S. Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth) - Canada Atlantic

D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central

D.S. Reverend Rose Brower Young - (Brad) - Canada West

D.S. Reverend Earl Wood (Vernita) - Canada Pacific

National Director & DS Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec

Pray also for...

Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).

Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)

NCMC Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

My prayer for you...

“May you experience PEACE in the midst of trial, JOY in the midst of sadness, COURAGE when you face the “impossible”, CONFIDENCE when others would seek to strip you bare, REFLECTION in looking back, EXCITEMENT in looking forward, LONGSUFFERING when your patience is exhausted, and LOVE FOR ALL - AMEN”.

Blessings,

Ian Fitzpatrick.

STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

PREPARING A WILL

Only 50% of adult Canadians have a Will; only 30% have an up-to-date Will! One of the greatest gifts you can give your children and loved ones is to prepare a Will. Wills express your wishes concerning your estate when you die, and often are an expression of our values and commitments. Dying without a will can be very problematic, and could cost your estate - and your loved ones! - Significant expense. See a lawyer; talk to your pastor; call me if you have questions.

For help with Wills & Estates, plan to have a seminar in your church this fall; contact me for available dates.

Riley Coulter

Director of Stewardship Services

Church of the Nazarene Canada

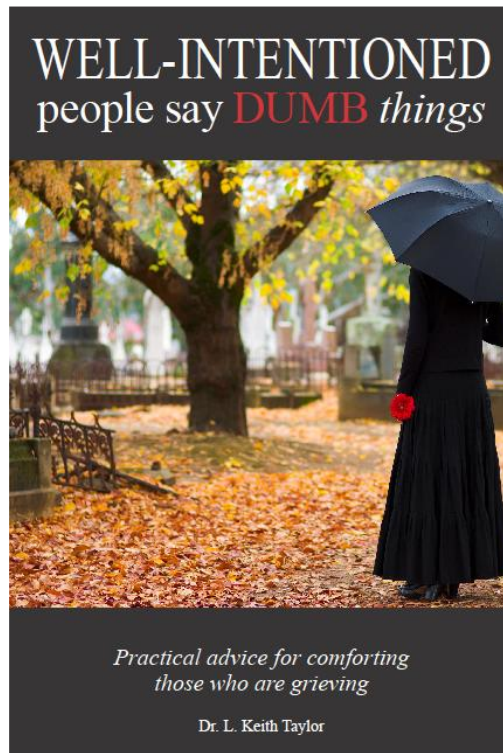
Contact: richardrileycoulter@gmail.com or 403.829.6949

WELL INTENTIONED people say *DUMB THINGS*

Dr. L. Keith Taylor gives us a practical advice book for comforting those who are grieving.

Cost: \$15.00 each or \$10.00 if 10 or more are purchased.

If you would like a copy, you can email keith.taylor@ody.ca.



CANADA NYI



Canadian N.Y.I. Presidents:
(Left to right): Brad Silliker (Atlantic), Robenson (Quebec),
Helen Theissen (Canadian NYI Global Council vice chair),
Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director), Matt Wood (Pacific),
Ryan Wood (West) & Marg Stahlbaum (Central)

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NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA



GROW HOPE
Markdale



22ND ANNUAL

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT THE TENT

AUGUST 24-26TH

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a group of church denominations who work together 'to turn hunger into smiles'. All proceeds from the Grow Hope Project support the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The Canadian Government provides 4:1 matching funds for most of the CFGB food assistance program. Last year's crop and donations realized \$33,572 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Friday August 24th



Malawi Students

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Community BBQ
Corn Roast and Ice Cream

7 PM - Henry Reinders - Report on Malawi,
Africa Food Study Tour

Special Music - Luke Langman

Saturday August 25th



The New Trademarks

7 PM - **Special Music** - The New Trademarks

Elaine Bumstead - Update on the new Grow
Hope Partnership and CFGB projects

There is no charge for any of the events. All proceeds go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Sunday August 26th



Crosswalk Worship Band

11 AM Thanksgiving & Worship

Speaker: Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director
Church of the Nazarene Canada)

Special Music - Connect Worship Team

6 PM Celebration

Devotional : Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick

Special Music - Crosswalk Worship Band

Grow Hope Markdale Project

(in partnership with CFGB and NCM Canada)

The farmers of the Markdale growing project grow the crop. NCM Canada receives the funds from donors who wish to sponsor acres ie. pay for GROW HOPE crop inputs. NCM Canada reimburses the farmers for their costs. Charitable receipts are provided by NCM Canada. GROW HOPE enables more people, churches and groups to get involved in helping to end hunger by sponsoring an acre early in the growing season before the crop is planted. Sponsor an acre, make a donation towards crop costs (seed, planting, harvesting, etc.) or support the project during the Harvest Celebration weekend. Please make cheques payable to "Canadian Foodgrains Bank".
Grow your donation. Grow Hope!

This year's crop is Soybeans. The cost for one acre of soybeans is \$375. When harvested the crop should yield about \$500* per acre. To date, 18 of the 30 acres have been sponsored.

\$2500 will feed about 50 families for one month! Participate today!
Sponsor an acre or part of an acre!

*estimated value of crop – actual proceeds may vary according to weather, growing conditions, harvest conditions, yield, etc.

Sponsor an acre for
\$375

Grow Hope Markdale farmers
grow the crop

Proceeds from the acre sent
to NCM Canada \$500*

Grow Hope Funds forwarded
to CFGB

Funds matched 4:1 by
Canadian Government
\$2500

Turning hunger into smiles!

If you wish to sponsor an acre or learn more about the project and weekend event,
visit the GROW HOPE website: www.growhopemarkdale.org



The Seeds of Life Update



Scott Brooks reports, "The Seeds of Hope field has been harvested. The yield was good in spite of sporadic rains this spring. We are waiting to learn what the wheat sold for, minus the costs. Stay tuned for final numbers!! Thank you to all who sponsored acres! "

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