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Jesus at the Centre of the Summer

by Fazal Karim, Jr.

It's been awhile since our last issue, and a number of readers checked in by email and social media to make sure Christian Herald was still around. Sorry for the scare, but I'm happy to report the Lord's not done with us yet. Winter was a really busy season this year, and after finishing with this year's ground-breaking edition of the Toronto Prayer Breakfast, I was in need of some rest.

Speaking of Rest...

We've been looking to incorporate a Health and Wellness column into the paper for a long time. I'm pleased this month to welcome Rachel Moore, a Christ-following Certified Nutrition Practitioner, as a new columnist for Christian Herald. Rachel will be covering the world of health, fitness and nutrition for us. For too long, Christians have been eating just like the world, with predictable results. We'd love to hear your thoughts on the column and your ideas on what topics we should explore.

Summer Evangelism

This is Canada, so with the arrival of Summer we look outdoors. Watching TV isn't usually something we prioritize for summertime, but with the arrival of the FIFA World Cup, we explore how Believers can use the games to build personal relationships that can become a fun way to start conversations about faith, and God's redemptive plan for the nations. Depending on who is playing, your non-Christian friends may even be okay with pre-game prayer!

And if your household has someone who is more into Golf than Soccer, make sure they see this month's list of ministry golf tournaments in the Calendar.

We also have some great articles on Canada's reckless Euthanasia expansion, Helping the Persecuted Church, a full Summer event calendar, and a lot more.

Hope you enjoy this month's paper!

Blessings,
Fazal

Check out this month's listings of **Ministry Fundraising Golf Tournaments**



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Expanding MAiD for the mentally ill is a grave mistake

Sixteen psychiatric chairs warn that Canada is trading patient hope for a permanent exit

by Daniel Zekveld

On April 15, the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention announced that it will close its doors at the end of June “after more than four decades of national leadership in suicide prevention and life promotion.”

That’s a sad development, particularly in a country that is set to expand Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to Canadians with mental illness in less than a year.

The debate around MAiD for mental illness has been ongoing since 2021, when Parliament passed legislation including a “sunset clause” that would make those with mental illness eligible for MAiD as of March 17, 2023. That expansion was later delayed to 2024, then to 2027. Now, a committee of MPs and senators is once again studying whether Canada is “ready” to euthanize the mentally ill.

But if anything has changed since 2024, it’s that there is more evidence and more opposition against MAiD for mental illness.

MP James Maloney recently highlighted the need to “get it right” as the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) studies MAiD for mental illness alone: “It makes no difference to me whether it’s a small percentage or a large percentage. The issue we have to deal with is getting it right.” But evidence continues to pile up that getting it right means not doing it at all.

For a sense of the impact of MAiD for mental illness, consider the example of the Netherlands, which has had psychiatric euthanasia since 2002. The intent was to offer euthanasia in those situations as a last resort. And for years, the number of psychiatric euthanasia cases remained low. In 2011, there were two psychiatric euthanasia cases. In

2020, there were 88. By 2023, that number had increased to 138, and by 2024, to 219.

One recent study in *Psychiatric Times* suggests the Netherlands has seen a rapid increase in psychiatric euthanasia, particularly among young women, “without corresponding changes in prognostic certainty or

Chochinov says that at least half the people who die by MAiD for mental illness would have gotten better. Psychiatrists are concerned that once MAiD for mental illness is permitted, patients will choose MAiD rather than continue to try to get better.

Sixteen current and former chairs of psychiatry departments across the country highlight that there is no broadly accepted definition of irremediability, no clear way to

“Offering MAiD to people suffering from mental illness encourages them to give up hope and flies in the face of suicide prevention efforts”



treatment effectiveness.” This rise in cases is accompanied by shorter assessment periods, more permissive interpretations of “irremediable suffering,” and fewer physicians involved in more cases. These elements are already evident in Canada’s MAiD data.

Psychiatrist John Maher told the committee studying MAiD that there is no such thing as “everything has been tried” when it comes to mental illness. In fact, he has had patients whom other psychiatrists say cannot get better, but he has been able to help them do so.

Professor of psychiatry Dr. Harvey

distinguish between suicidality and MAiD requests, and inadequate safeguards to protect the vulnerable. Additionally, mental health care remains lacking in Canada, and cases in other jurisdictions demonstrate some of the problems with MAiD for mental illness. Ultimately, they recommend an indefinite pause on MAiD for mental illness.

Getting it right on MAiD and mental illness means refusing to reframe mental illness as something to be solved through death. Offering MAiD to people suffering from mental illness encourages them to

give up hope and flies in the face of suicide prevention efforts that Canada has long promoted.

As of 2025, Canada ranks 22nd out of 28 developed countries in terms of the availability of psychiatric beds and 16th in terms of the number of psychiatrists per person. Canadians in need of psychiatric care wait nearly 25 weeks after receiving a referral. And yet MAiD can be accessed in 90 days, and often much sooner.

The prospect of MAiD for mental illness alone has been looming since 2021. But none of the problems have been resolved. Mental health care remains lacking, irremediability cannot be accurately determined, and most psychiatrists reject MAiD for mental illness.

The reconvening of the Special Joint Committee on MAiD once again gives MPs and senators the opportunity to stop the upcoming expansion of MAiD to those with mental illness. After five years of discussing the recurring problems, this time let’s get it right and ensure Canadians with mental illness are given the hope and care they need rather than the prospect of MAiD.

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“Prison is Meant to Erase Them”

Open Doors Canada launches national campaign for imprisoned Christians around the world

According to the 2026 World Watch List, more than 8,000 Christians around the world were abducted, arrested, imprisoned, or sentenced without trial last year simply because of their faith in Jesus. While these figures continue to climb, many of their stories never make the headlines. Instead, these individuals disappear quietly into prison systems, sometimes for years at a time.

This June 28, Open Doors Canada is personally inviting Canadian Christians and churches to move beyond statistics and remember the people behind them. This year's *One With Them: A Day for Christian Captives* campaign is rooted in the Biblical mandate in Hebrews 13:3: “Remember those in prison as if you were together with them.”

The 2026 theme explicitly shifts the focus away from the numbers and towards the names, faces, and stories of believers – fathers, mothers, pastors, students, and children – who continue to suffer in silence for following Jesus.

“For many persecuted Christians, prison is intentionally designed to make them feel completely invisible and forgotten,” said Jared Vander Meulen, Open Doors Canada. “One With Them is refusing to let them fade into the shadows. It is an active declaration by the global Church that these believers are known by name, deeply loved by God and firmly sustained by our prayers.”

Forgotten Names:

Lived Stories of Persecuted Believers

Among the stories featured this year are individuals whose lives have been upended by their faith:

Hakop Gochumyan (Iran): Arrested in 2023 while on a family holiday, Hakop was



subsequently sentenced to 10 years in Iran's notorious Evin Prison. His sole conviction stemmed from visiting local churches and possessing seven Persian-language New Testaments.

Leah Sharibu (Nigeria): Abducted by Boko Haram at just 14 years old, Leah remains in captivity more than five years later. She was the only student from her captured group denied release after courageously refusing to renounce her faith in Jesus.

Jonathan David Muir Burgos (Cuba): A 16-year-old pastor's son, Jonathan was detained in March 2026 following local protests. He's been charged with “sabotage” – a crime that carries a potential 15-year sentence.

Magid (Yemen): Arrested by local authorities in 2026 without any formal charges, Magid was recently moved to a restricted prison facility, leaving his wife and young children in profound agony.

The Hidden Church (North Korea): A staggering 60,000 Christians are currently estimated to be imprisoned in North Korean labour camps, where even owning a single page of Scripture can lead to the lifelong imprisonment of an entire family.

These stories serve as an urgent reminder that Christian persecution is not a distant, abstract global issue; it is deeply familial. “When believers disappear into prison systems, the world quickly moves on,” said Vander Meulen. “One With Them is about refusing to let these Christians be forgotten. We may not be able to sit beside

Open Doors Canada invites Canadians to pray for Christian captives on Sunday, June 28, 2026

them physically, but we can stand with them in prayer, in remembrance and in faith.”

The Persecution Challenge: A Week of Solidarity

As a core component of the national campaign, Open Doors Canada is launching a six-day One With Them Challenge. This unique initiative is designed to help Canadian individuals, families, small groups and congregations engage more deeply with the restrictive realities faced daily by the persecuted Church.

Throughout the challenge week, participants will practice spiritual disciplines through daily challenges focused on the persecuted church. For example, participants will be challenged to keep their Bibles hidden for a week, in solidarity with our North Korean sisters and brothers.

The campaign week will culminate on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 7:00pm with a special cross-country **One With Them Live Event**. This virtual gathering will bring together Canadian Christians from coast to coast for a dedicated evening of guided prayer, worship, and updates from the front lines of Christian captivity. Believers can stream the broadcast live, view video testimonies, and participate in real-time prayer by visiting OneWithThem.ca/live-event.

More information and campaign resources are available at OneWithThem.ca.

Bill C9 Update

Bill C-9, the Combatting Hate Act is continuing to move through the Senate and drawing fire from a host of religious liberty advocates. The criticism largely stems from the removal of historical protections for those acting in sincere religious faith. The bill passed the House of Commons, with some Conservative MPs holding their Bibles whilst voting against it. It is currently in the Senate, where an amendment by Senator Yonah Martin to restore the religious protections was defeated. At presstime, an amendment to the bill that would criminalize “residential school denialism” had just been passed.



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Scarborough congregation opens Hope Hub
Empowered Life Church in Scarborough recently opened their new Hope Hub, with Mayor Olivia Chow among the dignitaries attending the ribbon-cutting. Lead Pastor Donnie Persaud says the Hub, open on Wednesdays, will provide hot meals, non-perishable items for the community, and eligible sponsored families can receive grocery assistance hampers.

U.S. Supreme Court strikes down “Conversion Therapy” Bans

In an 8-1 ruling, the United States Supreme Court struck down a Colorado law banning “conversion therapy,” affirming that restrictions on talk therapy regarding gender dysphoria or same-sex attraction violate the First Amendment. The decision in *Chiles v. Salazar* aligns with a previous legal victory for Illinois pastors. Now both pastors and licensed counselors are protected from the Illinois ban on conversion therapy.

The Colorado law had threatened the loss of licensure for counselors who assisted individuals seeking help in resisting same-sex attraction or identity. Writing for the Court, Justice Neil Gorsuch stated that the law “censors speech based on viewpoint,” noting that the First Amendment “stands as a shield against any effort to enforce orthodoxy in thought or speech in this country.”

Justice Elena Kagan, in a concurring opinion, added: “Once again, because the State has suppressed one side of a debate, while aiding the other, the constitutional issue is straightforward.”

Baptize the World reports nearly 18,000 baptisms across 49 countries on Pentecost Sunday

Baptize the World united believers across the globe on Pentecost Sunday, resulting in 17,910 baptisms in 49 countries, with more than 1,600 churches joining the movement thus far. The numbers continue to grow as churches and ministry leaders around the world report additional baptisms in the days following the global event.

A Washington, D.C., gathering was held at the Museum of the Bible’s World Stage Theater and served as the central hub for the worldwide event. Live video, baptism recaps, and local gathering footage came in from countries and regions including Australia, Moscow, Uganda, Botswana, Pakistan, South Korea, Brazil, Paraguay, Romania, England, Copenhagen, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Canada, The United States and more, creating what organizers described as one of the largest coordinated baptism efforts connected to a single global movement.

As reports continue to come in from around the world, Baptize leaders are already looking ahead to Pentecost Sunday, May 16, 2027, encouraging churches, pastors, and ministry partners to begin preparing now to unite again in a global movement of baptism, worship, and public declarations of faith in Jesus.

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Victory Beyond the Cup

Helping believers share their faith during and after the World Cup.

As the 2026 FIFA World Cup draws the attention of five billion viewers worldwide, Cru, a Christian evangelism and discipleship ministry that is passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ, has an agenda that is bigger than soccer.

Though Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) has an extensive reach worldwide, the ministry felt burdened to capitalize on one of the most culturally significant events of the year, the FIFA World Cup.

Cru's newest initiative is 'Victory Beyond the Cup', created in the U.S. to give believers an opportunity to turn soccer watch parties into a platform for ministry. By partnering with organizations such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Alpha, I Am Second and many more, their stated goal is to equip at least 100,000 people and 10,000 churches to engage in evangelism during the World Cup.

The initiative is looking for Christians

to host watch parties in their own homes. Anyone can host, inviting friends, neighbors, coworkers - whoever - to their house to experience the event, making it casual and stress-free. Hosts and guests are simply asked to create a comfortable environment where people feel welcome to connect with one another. Organizers say that the bonds of friendships, strengthened over time through watching the games together, will be incredible.

Victory Beyond the Cup has created free hosting kits that are accessible by internet download, and are available in four different languages: English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. The goal of these kits are to provide conversation starters that allow people to engage in conversations about Christ whether at a home watch party, during stadium outreach, or within a digital community.

These kits are designed to help people

feel confident in sharing the message of the Gospel. They also include prayer cards, and recipes from a variety of countries. An online digital community, on the Mighty Networks platform, allows participants to connect with other hosts from across North America.

Although this initiative was started in the U.S., this can be a great opportunity for Canadians as well. As Canada is set to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Toronto and Vancouver, there will be many opportunities for Canadians to share their faith this summer. With Victory Beyond the Cup's free digital resources, believers can be equipped to engage in meaningful conversation that can make an impact on the lives of many.

This is a wonderful opportunity for believers to live out the Great Commission, to "go and make disciples of all nations." Visitors will be visiting from countries that are officially closed to the Gospel, and that

makes it even more important to reach out during the World Cup.

Heather Reddy, the Director of Victory Beyond the Cup stated, "This creates a moment that shouldn't be missed. People get excited, and in those instances of passion for what they're supporting, there's a unique chance to have a conversation. In these moments of unity, it eases the pressure of having conversations about faith," stated Reddy. "You're already comfortable around the people with whom you're cheering. Simply having a conversation naturally develops."

In a time when the world is fixed on soccer, Christians are being called to see the bigger picture. With tourism at an all-time high and families gathering in homes across the country, opportunities for evangelism are everywhere. Through Victory Beyond the Cup hosting kits, these moments can be transformed into intentional spaces for sharing faith right from the comfort of home.

To download the free digital hosting kit, or sermon helps for pastors, visit: www.victorybeyondthecup.com.

By Alexis Eunick, with files from Ann Jo. Alexis and Ann are both currently studying in the Bachelor of Theology program at Canada Christian College.

OTHER WORLD CUP NOTES

Go Seattle!

Toronto churches didn't manage (at least by presstime) to get a unified campaign presence up and running in time for the World Cup, but the city of Seattle did. Check out VictorySeattle.org to see how that city's churches got together to maximize impact and share resources.

Anti-Trafficking efforts underway

Christian ministries here in Toronto will be involved in anti-trafficking efforts during the World Cup. Churches can assist by equipping their people to recognize and respond to cases of trafficking.

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Street Evangelism

The Canadian Bible Society is providing a trilingual Gospel of John and other resources to local ministries such as Athletes in Action and Scripture Union for street evangelism efforts. World Cup evangelistic resources are available for purchase at <https://biblescanada.com/collections/world-cup>

Redeemer's One-Year B. Ed. to Launch in 2027

Following the Provincial announcement regarding changes to teacher education, Redeemer will welcome its two-year cohort this September, followed by a redeveloped one-year, three-semester program beginning after May 2027.

Redeemer's School of Education is moving forward with its recently revised two-year Bachelor of Education (BEd) program this fall. At the same time, it will begin preparations for a one-year program that will launch after May 2027.

In April, the Province of Ontario announced proposed legislation that would condense teacher education programs to 12 months over three consecutive semesters, streamlining the current model of four semesters spread out over two years. In response, Redeemer will be ready to meet the first cohort of the new program next year, ensuring teacher education from a Reformed Christian perspective continues

uninterrupted in Ontario.

"We're looking forward to welcoming this fall's incoming class into the updated two-year program while also being able to offer a condensed teacher education program beginning next year that meets the needs and requirements of Ontario's education system," says Dr. Peter Neumann, vice president, academic.

Incoming first-year students planning to come in fall 2026 may be experiencing uncertainty about their plans. To ensure stability for students, Redeemer will offer additional scholarships to all incoming and returning students for the 2026-2027 academic year. New students this fall will

automatically receive a \$2,000-per-year (\$4,000 total) scholarship to provide additional support. Students returning for their second year this fall will automatically receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Redeemer is providing support to the School of Education to further ensure that the new one-year program is ready for launch after May 2027. Redeemer will not defer current offers of admission into the September 2026 intake, consistent with its usual practice.

Preparation for the redesigned one-year program will begin this summer. The program will meet guidelines set out in the proposed legislation and by the Ontario College of Teachers. Students will be pre-

pared to enter classrooms across Ontario, in public, Catholic and independent schools, learning from a Christian perspective.

"Through this time of transition in Ontario, we remain committed to our mission of teacher education for faithful, effective, reflective, professional practice that prepares teacher candidates of the highest calibre to give Ontario's students the best possible start," says Dr. Phil Teeuwesen, dean of education.

Applications for the streamlined one-year B.Ed. program will open September 1 and tuition for the 12-month 2027-28 program will be announced at a later date.

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In view of this, here in Eastern Ontario, we have entered the stages of outdoor planting for a multiplied harvest in due time. The good news is there is still time to start.

We ask the Lord to use this opportunity to help us share, learn, and grow in Him through a deeper exploration of His divine design in creation. My prayer is that you will (re)discover the powerful benefits and natural healing properties of plants, and that your life will be enriched for His glory.

I am blessed to share the lessons that have supported both myself and others on our long journeys of (re)aligning with the Lord—in spirit, soul, and finally acknowledging the body and the harm we were creating. Over the years, I have encountered countless testimonies of transformed lives through faith-filled obedience to God’s “choice fruit,” which serves as tangible evidence that the harvest is far beyond our imagination.

Are you ready for this new season?

START WITH PRAYER

The invitation is to sit with the LORD, take an authentic inventory—a spirit, soul, and body health check—and write down what the Holy Spirit reveals. Next, make a simple verbal commitment to (re)align yourself and allow your little garden project to support your journey.

PREPARE

Choose herbs, leafy greens, or another plant you enjoy and that your body responds well to. Select clean, organic, mineral-rich soil, and research how your chosen plant will grow in your specific sun and soil conditions. Make a simple care card that is easy to read and follow. Choose the best



location—a yard, balcony, or, if needed, contact your fellowship community to see if there is a plot of land available for use.

SOW

It is ideal to choose organic seeds and soil whenever possible. The benefits are regenerative, sustainable, and result in nutrient-dense produce.

There is an opportunity for us to be intentional about what and where we are sowing. Churches, schools, businesses, and other organizations can engage the community—sharing, learning, and growing together—while supplying harvested crops for outreach and in-house gatherings.

-- TRUTH TO TEND --

“And God said, See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.”

Genesis 1:29 (NKJV)

If fruit is seedless, is it really fruit?

WAIT

The waiting period provides an opportunity to pause and remember the fundamental lesson that food is both “fuel” and healing medicine for our earthen vessels. We can trust the process and remain in faith.

REAP

When we are steadfast, committed, and persevere, we can trust that the harvest will

by Rachel Moore

be plentiful.

REST & RENEW

We have the privilege of following the rhythm established by divine wisdom. When the season comes to completion, we can give thanks and welcome a season of rest.

After what may have seemed like a season of barrenness, we step into the adventures of spring and new beginnings. I invite each of us to reflect upon God’s divine design and

rhythms of life as we enter this season of growth and renewal.

Let us put feet to our faith through action, applying these Kingdom principles of wisdom, throughout every area of our lives, so that we can LOVE to LIVE, leaving a legacy of health and wealth for generations to come.

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Gen Alpha, just entering student ministry age, has their own unique needs

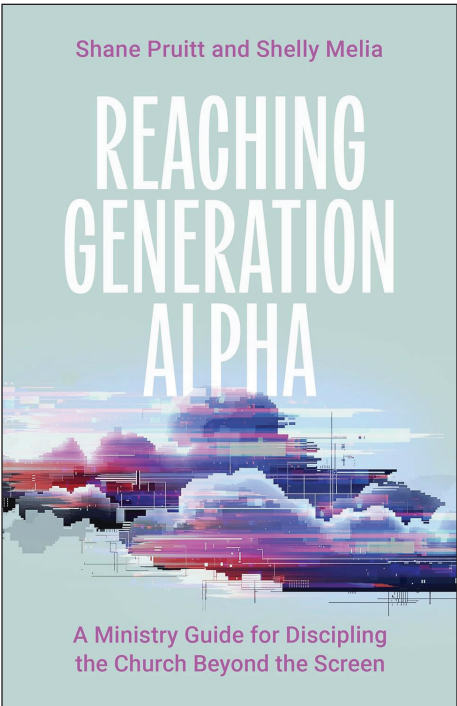
Each generation has had their ministerial focus. Many have witnessed the focus on Millennials as well as Generation Z. We are now in a time where the next generation (Generation Alpha) are just now old enough to enter student ministries. And just as we have seen a need for how to effectively reach millennials and Generation Z, Generation Alpha has their own unique needs.

They are a generation raised exclusively in the technological age, where the decisions they make today can potentially follow them into adulthood. Many of their relationships are fostered via technology, but there are also those that have been raised in isolation as parents have chosen to remove their children more and more from traditional education.

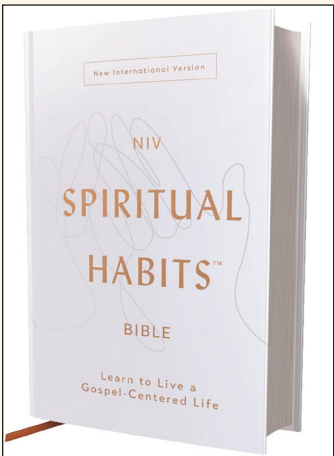
This resource offers expertise provided by on-the-ground interaction from Shane Pruitt as the Next Generation Director at the North American Missions Board (NAMB), paired with scholarly research from Shelly Melia who oversees the Family Ministry and Children's Ministry programs at Dallas Baptist University.

In *Reaching Generation Alpha*, Shane Pruitt and Shelly Melia provide professional, personal, and well-researched insights into reaching the next generation. This book offers more than a guide on how to give wisdom to specific situations often associated with Generation Alpha. More

importantly, this book discusses the ways for ministry leaders to effectively connect with this upcoming generation and present them with the gospel.



Reaching Generation Alpha
A Ministry Guide for Discipling
the Church Beyond the Screen
By Shane Pruitt & Shelly Melia
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Managing Conflict Takes Courage

An interview with Jacob Walda, President, Timothy Generation Ministries

Managing conflict requires courage. Winston Churchill said: “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

Jacob Walda’s favourite quote reinforces the need for courage: “If you work with a pig, get dirty and the pig will have fun.” For Jacob, this means deciding when to get involved, or not get involved. Sometimes conflict demands loving boldness to confront someone with truth. Other times, patience and walking away is the best path. Wisdom is needed, to make this decision.

In 1 Kings 3:24 wise King Solomon stunned his listeners when he commanded “cut the baby in half”. His intention was to see which mother would rather give up her child rather than see her baby killed. That boldness revealed which woman was the true mother!

The key to resolving conflict is praying for wisdom, then learning to listen and obey God’s voice, led by His Spirit.

Jacob’s Story

Growing up in a Christian home, where money was tight, Jacob’s primary interest was basketball. He had a belief in heaven, but that was it.

At Redeemer University he played basketball but lived in the world, still rebelling against serving God. During a basketball game in his third year, he suffered a concussion that took six months of rehab. Mad at God, Jacob continued to run away from God’s call to go to Bible College. Instead, he became a plumber.

As an elder in the church, Jacob’s father

by Nancy Kingdon

was confronted one day by a lady from the church. “How often to you read your bible and pray?” was her question. “Never” was not a good enough answer!

This confrontation impacted not only his parents, but Jacob’s life, too. His parents began to read their bible and pray daily. Jacob also began this, and six months later Jacob, his Dad and his little sister all signed up for Bible College.

After reading in Mark 16:18 about laying on hands to heal the sick, Jacob felt a prompting to take action. He looked around for someone in need of healing. He saw a student battling scoliosis, and she agreed to be his test subject. God miraculously healed her! That event changed Jacob’s life and he submitted his life to God, soon thereafter accepting a youth pastor position at a church in Whitby.

One day a few months later, Jacob saw in a vision the Scotia Bank Arena filled with thousands of young people raising their hands and voices, worshipping God. This spiritual dream inspired Jacob to passionately pray for revival in Canada.

Shortly after this, he met Bill Prankard, who shared the same vision, and became his mentor. After five years of working together on the same team, Bill passed his senior leadership baton on to his successor and Jacob became President of Timothy Generation Ministries.

Jacob recommends all leaders should read Gene Edwards’ “fantastic” book **Tale**

of Three Kings, which focuses on how David, Absalom and Saul interact with others, teaching great lessons on overcoming conflict. He believes the study of David’s life will illustrate techniques to manage conflict.

Danny Silk’s **Unpunishable: Ending Our Love Affair With Punishment** also gets a recommendation, as the book challenges readers. When punishment is anticipated, people sometimes become afraid to talk to God, and to confess sins. They fear what God will do. But God already knows!

Living with the fear of punishment is not an acceptable characteristic of the “born again” Christians. Instead, for healthier living, we must learn to accept God’s gracious offer of forgiveness and recognize his desire

for reconciliation.

When asked for a definition of the term, Jacob responded: “Managing conflict is the ability to control emotions and situations both internally and externally with wisdom and grace.”

Who are you listening to? Is it God’s or the world’s voice? God wants reconciliation, godliness, and to see each one of us reflect the loving heart of God in how we relate with those around us.

Therefore, how we learn to manage conflict can reveal who has control over us. For success in managing conflict, the key is praying for wisdom, then learning to listen and obey God’s voice, led by His Spirit.

Nancy Kingdon [www.writinglegacy.com] is an author and freelance writer for the Canadian Christian Business Federation. Her latest book is *Magnolia Grace Gardens: A Collection of Devotional Poetry*.

The CCBF [www.ccbf.org] exists to support business leaders in the study and application of Biblical Leadership Principles with peers, in order to transform lives, strengthen businesses, and positively influence and impact our world.

Biblical Principles...

Seek God First: Before addressing any conflict, pause to seek God’s guidance. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5 NIV

Be Patient with Everyone: Avoid taking offense. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 2 Timothy 2:24 NIV

Speak the Truth in Love. Restoration as our goal requires learning to speak truth in love. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15 NIV



The new Ark Fitness aims to improve health whilst celebrating faith

Are you a Christian who’s looking to increase your level of physical activity? The Ark Fitness (TAF) is a new safe space for Christian individuals to work on improving their physical fitness while expressing and celebrating their faith. TAF aims to provide a variety of Christian group fitness classes in the GTA with the goal of glorifying God through movement and exercise. Email arkfitnessgta@gmail.com, or contact them on social media (@theark.fitness) See you in class!

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Production wraps on ‘The Resurrection of the Christ’

Two-film sequel to Mel Gibson’s ‘Passion of the Christ’ will be released starting May 6, 2027

Lionsgate, along with multiple Oscar-winning director and producers Mel Gibson and Bruce Davey and their Icon Productions banner, has completed principal photography on the highly anticipated motion picture *The Resurrection of the Christ*, the follow-up to their 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ*, one of the highest-grossing “R” rated films of all time.

The filming concluded ahead of schedule after shooting for 134 days in Rome, Bari, Ginosa, Craco, Brindisi (Torre Guaceto), and Matera.

The studio also announced that the epic film, starring Jaakko Ohtonen, Mariela Garriga, Pier Luigi Pasino, Kasia Smutniak, Riccardo Scamarcio, and Rupert Everett, will be released in two parts, with Part One released on **May 6, 2027** (Ascension Day 2027), and Part Two coming one year later on **May 25, 2028** (Ascension Day & U.S. Memorial Day Weekend 2028). Lionsgate will distribute the film in North America.



Photo by Elise Lockwood, courtesy Lionsgate

Jaakko Ohtonen as Jesus in ‘The Resurrection of the Christ: Part One’

“Mel is a true visionary with an artist’s eye for scale and a storyteller’s instinct for emotional truth,” said Adam Fogelson, chair, Lionsgate Motion Picture Group. “Every image we’ve seen from set feels like a masterwork painting brought to life. There

are very few directors who can operate at this level of epic spectacle while at the same time delivering such depth and conviction. Mel has crafted a film of extraordinary ambition that audiences worldwide have been waiting to experience for over 20 years.”

“I’m deeply grateful to my incredibly talented cast and crew for pouring their hearts into this production. Together, we created something powerful,” said Gibson. “This film represents a major part of my life’s work, and it has demanded everything of me as a filmmaker and as an artist. This is far more than a film to me. It’s a mission I’ve carried for over twenty years to tell what I believe is the most important story in human history. Reuniting with many of my original collaborators from *The Passion of the Christ* — true masters of their craft — allowed us to bring this story to the screen exactly as I envisioned it, with the tremendous support of my longtime partners, Adam and the team at Lionsgate.”

The Passion of the Christ debuted to an opening weekend of \$83 million on its way to taking in \$370 million in North American theaters and more than \$610 million globally off a \$30 million production budget.

New Book Release!

United in Prayer

by Floyd A. Brobbel

United in Prayer is a guide that inspires readers to enter into compelling and impactful prayers that will fortify and enrich the suffering body of Christ.

It’s often said that the smallest action can have the greatest impact – and prayer is a testament to this reality.

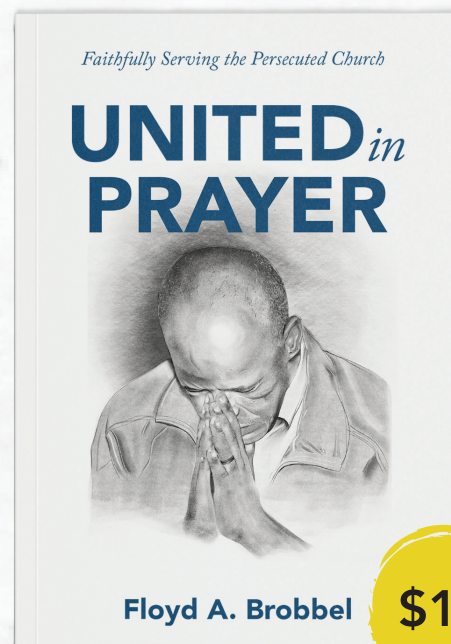
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Toronto Christian Entrepreneurs Network Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:00-9:00am

Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month to connect with like-minded Christian entrepreneurs, share ideas, refer clients, and get inspired over breakfast. Whether you're just starting out or seasoned in business, grow your network in a friendly atmosphere. Held at Friend of Nations Church, 1290 Finch Ave., W., Unit# 19, North York. Come with your flyers and business cards. Registration: On EventBrite, or \$10.00 at the door. Call 647-914-5777 or email torontocenetwork@gmail.com.

CONCERTS & MUSIC

Gospel Music Industry Hub Mondays; 7:00pm

GMI Hub Online is a weekly meeting and webcast of panel meetings with successful gospel music industry leaders discussing the state of the gospel arts industry and sharing their experiences and knowledge. www.gmihub.ca.

The River Worship - Season 15 Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Midweek worship has arrived in the Durham Region! You'll find us at the Canada Christian College auditorium, 300 Water Street, Whitby.

The River exists so you can come before God in the middle of the week, leave everything else at the door, and encounter Him in a personal and meaningful way. Expect to hear your favourite current worship songs and get ready to worship. Things might get a little loud! www.theriverworship.ca.

Whitby Christian Coffeehouse Saturdays; 7:30-9:30pm

The Coffee House is an outreach ministry of Durham Full Gospel Church focused on spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was established over thirty-eight years ago and is

still going strong. Halfway through the evening there is a 15-minute break for refreshments and fellowship. Each night there is a different Christian group ministering through songs and testimonies of what the Lord has done in their lives. Held at 419 Brock St North, Whitby. For the current schedule of performing artists, visit www.durhamfullgospelchurch.org.

Mike Janzen Album Release Concert Thursday, June 4, 2026; 7:30pm

Come join Mike Janzen and band as they celebrate the brand new release of *The End of Myself*; an all-original album of folky, soulful music that explores how faith is found in the most surprising of places. www.mikejanzentrio.com/events.

Rise Up: Thy Kingdom Come Saturday, June 6, 2026

Workshops :1:00-4:00pm
Praise & Worship Event: 5:00-8:30pm
You are invited to our annual FREE Worship Event at Islington Evangel Centre. Created to bring churches in the GTA and surrounding area together. This is more than just an event! One night. One sound. One name....JESUS
Let everything that has breath PRAISE THE LORD! Free admission with non-perishable donation for local food banks. Vendors and Sponsorships available. For more information contact: Riseupiecc@gmail.com.

Voices United Concert with Toronto Mass Choir Saturday, June 6, 2026; 7:30pm

Toronto Mass Choir presents the Voices United Concert with special guest NewGen Community Choir, Kristian Gusho, and soloist Kerroy Williams. The concert will also feature a special tribute to the legendary Richard Smallwood. Held at Evangel Temple, 4190 Yonge St, North York, ON M2P 1N9. www.tmc.ca.

Kingdom Bound Festival 2026 July 27-29 2026

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2026 Christian Creative Arts Awards Saturday, September 26, 2026

The 2026 CCA Awards will September 26th

at the beautiful City Playhouse Theatre in Vaughan. It will be an evening of connection and networking with other artists as well as industry professionals. The CCA Awards are designed to honour artists and industry professionals through recognition ceremonies and live performances aimed at fostering collaboration, mentorship, and professional growth. www.christiancreativearts.com.

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

Taste of North York

Friday, June 5, 2026; 5:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, June 6, 2026; 12:00 noon-10:00pm

Sunday, June 7, 2026; 12:00 noon-8:00pm

NeighbourLink North York presents the 4th Taste of North York Community & Food Festival, June 5-7 at Mel Lastman Square! Celebrate North York's vibrant cultures, diverse cuisines and community connections with delicious food vendors, live music, dancing, artisans, kid's activities and NeighbourLink's Community Fair featuring 20+ local organizations. Net proceeds support NeighbourLink's food banks and community care programs. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to cram a 32 division police cruiser and support NeighbourLink's food bank! Join in the fun of building a more connected community together! Learn more at www.neighbourlink.org/taste. Contact email: tasteny@neighbourlink.org

Karis Belongathon

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Join us for an accessible walk and roll in your community! Together, we'll raise awareness and funds for people with developmental disabilities in your community and around the world. Let's create spaces where everybody belongs! www.belongathon.ca.

The Big Give

Saturday, June 6, 2026

The Big Give believes that kindness and generosity are an integral part of our Christian faith. Every year, the group mobilize churches across the country to bless their neighbourhoods through a unified day of giving extravagantly – everything is free! To find out more about having your church or ministry join in, visit www.thebiggive.ca.

The Israel Conference June 8-9, 2026

The mission of The Israel Conference is to equip churches and Jewish communities with a

shared biblical understanding of Israel, address theological distortions, and foster meaningful relationships rooted in truth, trust, and mutual respect. Tickets \$50. Held in Toronto, advance registration required. www.israelconference.ca.

Silent PrayerWalk & Vigil for Persecuted Christians around the World Saturday, June 13, 2026; 1:00-4:00pm

Join us for a peaceful, silent prayer walk from Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto to Queen's Park, followed by a vigil as we lift up persecuted churches in Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and around the world. Together, we will walk in prayer and gather at Queen's Park to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, raising awareness about religious persecution against Christians and encouraging respectful public dialogue.(1.7km, about 20 minutes.) www.christianheritagemonth.org or email christianheritagemonth@gmail.com.

Bethel Apostolic Annual Conference Friday, June 19, 2026; 7:30pm

Saturday, June 20, 2026; 7:00pm

Bethel Apostolic Church of Vaughan presents their annual conference. Services will be held at: Rivers of Life Church, 9111 Keele St., Concord (lower level). Join us for an uplifting time of worship and powerful, life-changing preaching! <https://bethelacov.wixsite.com/mysite>.

2026 Love Gives Giveaway

Saturday, June 20, 2026; 11:00 am-2:00pm

Join us for a joyful community outreach event featuring free lunch, raffle giveaways, and family-friendly activities. Limited quantities available, including 200 lunch meals and 100 food gift packs. Enjoy free items, Asian snacks, potted plants, handmade crafts, haircuts, and bicycle repairs. A children's play area will also be available. Open to everyone—come and be blessed! Location: 2940 Markham Road, Toronto, ON M1X 1E6. Free admission. <https://efcnl.my.canva.site/efc-newlife> 647-771-5390.

The SuperWalk for Kids on the Rez Saturday, June 27, 2026; 8:00am

Walk to bring hope to Canada's Kidz on the Rez' in Northern Ontario aboriginal communities. At Chinguacousy Park, Brampton. Hosted by Pastor Levi Samson Beardy 705-872-6186.

Ride 2 Provide Ministry Fundraiser July 2026

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National Day of Prayer Canada

July 9-11, 2026 [Ottawa]

Canada is in a critical hour, and many believers across our nation sense the urgent need to gather in humble, unified prayer.

This July 9-11th, Christians from every region of Canada will come together in our nation's capital for the second annual National Day of Prayer.

It is part of a growing movement of believers who recognize that the challenges facing our nation cannot simply be solved politically, socially, or economically — we need God's intervention and leadership in Canada once again. For details, registration, and recommended hotels, visit: www.nationaldayofprayer.ca.

Anglican Church Cricket Festival

July 11, 2026; 9:00am-3:30pm

A space through cricket for the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of young and old, church and unchurched, skilled cricketers and enthusiastic amateurs! Location: Creditview/Sandalwood Sports Complex, 10530 Creditview Road, Brampton, ON L7A 0G2. Come join your fellow believers across the GTA for a day of cricket lovely cricket! Meet new friends, enjoy food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome.

For more information contact:

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Taste of Jesus in the City Boat Cruise

Sunday, July 12, 2026; 6:00-10:00pm

Experience an unforgettable evening as we cruise through Toronto Harbour surrounded by breathtaking skyline views, uplifting music, fellowship, food, and summer vibes.

This special cruise is the perfect kickoff to the excitement leading up to the 27th Annual Jesus in the City Parade & Festival — bringing people together in unity, worship, joy, and connection before we take to the streets to spread the love and Good News of Jesus Christ. This is more than a boat ride — it's a celebration of faith, fellowship, culture, and the Spirit of Jesus in the city. www.jesusthecity.com.

Church on the Beach

Sundays, Jul. 12-Aug. 30, 2026; 8:45-10:00am

Church on the Beach is an inter-denominational worship service on Crystal/Bay Beach in Fort Erie. Come dressed for the beach! Bring your own chairs, blankets, beach towels, and other beach gear. Sponsored by Kingdom Bound Ministries in partnership with WDCX-FM. www.churchonthebeach.ca.

Christian Product Expo Summer 2026

August 2-4, 2026

CPE is a tradeshow featuring exhibitors of Christian resources and giftware, attended by Christian retailers from around the world. The event also features training and workshops, inspiration and entertainment from Christian authors and artists and more. This year's

Summer CPE will be held at St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, MO, USA. www.cpeshow.com.

Global Leadership Summit 2026

August 6-7, 2026

For over 30 years, the Global Leadership Summit has been empowering leaders worldwide. It offers a unique opportunity to access world-class leadership training directly in your local community. When leaders get better, everyone wins. Various GTA locations. www.globalleadershipnetwork.ca

Renew Conference 2026

August 20-22, 2026

A global gathering of pastors, leaders, and believers united in one purpose: to encounter God through prayer, worship, and the living Word. Join us for a powerful time of spiritual renewal, unity, and transformation.. Held at Evangel Temple, 4190 Yonge Street, Toronto. Register at www.renewconferencetoronto.com.

Jesus In The City Parade

Saturday, September 12, 2026; Noon-4pm

Festival of Praise International again joins with churches across Toronto for its annual Jesus In the City Parade. The parade starts in front of the Ontario Parliament at Queen's Park and winds through the busiest downtown intersections of our city proclaiming the love of Jesus. Grab your comfortable shoes (it's a 3km walk) and prep your voice for praise. To register your church or ministry to participate in the parade, call 416-770-8699 or visit www.jesusthecity.com.

GOLF

YFC Highlands Golf Tournament

Monday, June 15, 2026

You're invited to Youth Unlimited YFC Highlands' annual golf tournament held at Caledon Country Club. Come participate in a great day of golf & our 3-course steak dinner in support of programs in Orangeville, Grand Valley and Highlands generally. Cost per Golfer only \$285 and includes: Green Fees, BBQ Lunch, 3-Course Roast Beef Dinner, Golfer Gift, 2 Mulligans, Putting Contest, and a chance to win "Hole In One" Prizes. www.yfc.ca/highlands/event/golf.

Ontario Christian Gleaners Golf Tournament

Friday, June 19, 2026

We're Back! Invite your friends and family out for a fun afternoon on the greens with a delicious dinner to follow! At Flamborough Hills Golf Club in Copetown. \$175 – Covers 18 holes with cart, pre-packaged snack, sausage lunch & a buffet dinner. \$60- Dinner only tickets (Additional fee if paying by credit card.) Registration starts at 12pm. Shotgun starts at 1pm. www.ontariogleaners.org/golf-tournament.

Galcom 18th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, July 13, 2026

We are excited about our Galcom 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Whisky Run Golf Club in Port Colborne. 1:00pm Shotgun Start, Lunch and Dinner provided. Awards and Prizes, 18-hole tournament, Scramble Format (rules provided.) www.galcom.org.

Haven on the Queensway Swing Fore Hope

Monday, July 20, 2026

Check-in 10am, Tee Time 11:30am, Dinner 6:00pm. At Lambton Golf and Country Club, 100 Scarlett Road, Toronto, ON, M6N 4K2. Registration Fee \$400 (individual) includes Passport, BBQ Lunch and Dinner. All proceeds will go to Haven on the Queensway's programs. www.havenontheq.com.

MMI Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament

Monday, July 20, 2026

Medical Ministry International presents its 2026 Fundraising Golf Tournament at Piper's Heath Golf Club, 5501 Trafalgar Rd, Milton. Funds raised enable the ministry to continue delivering health care on project teams, sponsoring training, and supporting development initiatives led by in-country leaders in response to identified needs. For more information or to sponsor our event, please email giving@mmi.org. www.mmi.org/golf-tournament.

Hamilton DCH Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 19, 2026

The Hamilton District Christian High School HDCH is celebrating our 70th anniversary and God's goodness to us. We are celebrating throughout the year and invite you to join in the celebration at this year's Golf Tournament. Sponsorship is a way to support the HDCH CARE Campaign and promote your business. Share a great day of celebration, laughter, food and golf.. At Century Pines Golf Club. www.hdch.org/events/golf.

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24 Hour Worshippers Toronto Monthly

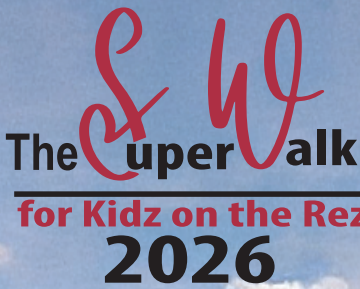
The mission of 24HW is to exalt God through worship and prayer as one body, while standing in the gap for the city, the country and the church. Worship and prayer teams from congregations in Toronto take 2-hour slots and pray through a weekend each month, starting on Friday at 7:00pm and running for 24 hours. www.24hourworshippers.com.

YOUTH

The Kingdom Has Come Youth Conference

June 5-6, 2026

Join us for The Gospel Coalition Canada Youth Conference: The Kingdom Has Come to explore what it really means to follow Jesus in a world that doesn't understand Him. You're not in this alone! Come for teaching that points straight to Jesus, worship with other teens, and engage in honest conversations about living for His Kingdom. With humility, we'll explore how to rely on God as you step out in faith at school, online, and with your friends. Come ready to be inspired, challenged, and encouraged to follow Jesus boldly every day. This event is for youth currently in high school up to 20 years of age. <https://tgccy26.ca>.



The Super Walk for Kidz on the Rez 2026

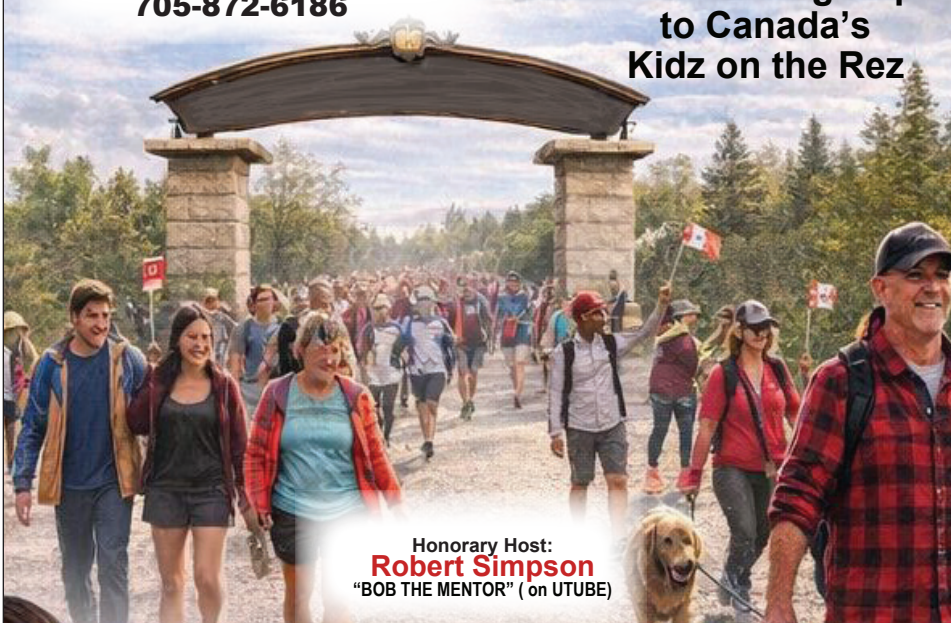
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