



THE CANADIAN
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

From the President's Desk...



To all Licensed Ministers
Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada

February 15, 2011

Dear Pastors and Leaders,

On the cornerstone of our Mother Church, Angeles Temple in Los Angeles, is firmly set this statement, "Dedicated unto the cause of Interdenominational and World-wide Foursquare Evangelism".

The Foursquare Church of Canada exists to fulfill the great commission. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20). We are a Missionary movement!

Since I announced, at our Whistler Convention in October, that our Director of Missions, Barry McGaffin, resigned, many have asked me,

"What now?"

"How can 'Mr. Missions' Barry ever be replaced?"

"Is Missions still important to our church?"

"Where is Missions in Foursquare Canada headed?"

In this letter, I want to begin to answer these questions, plus a few others that I've been pondering myself.

First of all, like the song asks, "How can I say thanks?" to Pastor Barry McGaffin? Barry has been respected as the godfather of missions in Canada over the past couple of decades. His gracious, wise and articulate manner has gained Canada world-wide respect. He has served our church with dignity, and as well, reflected the heart of Jesus, even beyond the many nations which he has served.

Thank you Barry, and the Kingsway Foursquare Church, for pointing the way for all who fall under your large shadow. "Well done good and faithful servant!"

As of last month I have appointed Pastors Steve Falkiner and Gord Demchuk as Regional Representatives of the Foursquare Church of Canada.

We've divided our world into two, and delegated responsibilities to Steve and Gord accordingly. Steve will represent our church to the following continents and regions, and in turn will represent the mission fields there, to Canadian churches and leaders – Asia, South Pacific, Europe and parts of Africa.

Gord will do the same for North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and parts of Africa.

They will both, receive all communications from their assigned regions, and also communicate our Canadian world to them. Steve and Gord will be available to travel to the various regions they represent as is necessary. Of course, many others of us will also hopefully travel too, to teach and lead teams to fields as the Lord Jesus leads. Please include Steve and Gord in all communications you have with each of these Foursquare Nations.

We will ensure that the communiqués of each of the Leaders, who have connections to Canadian Foursquare Churches, will be uploaded onto our webpage www.foursquare.ca. Rather than publish our Monthly Prayer Guide, each of our missions personnel will make sure their prayer requests are uploaded on our Foursquare webpage.

Every month, I will write a letter to each of our licensed ministers with current information, and include a DVD for you to use in your church. The 10 DVDs per year (none in December and one in summer) will give you a visual report and challenge from our various ministries.

Pastors Steve and Gord will carry most of the weight, but we will continue to use a task force to do the administrative work required by our Canadian Missions Ministry. Our Unit Leaders, or a representative, will meet two times a year with our Regional Representative to ensure our National interests are well represented. One of the first assignments that our Unit Supervisors will be given is to talk to each of our pastors, and learn what we are doing in missions work around the world. We'd like to know what we, as a Canadian Church, are giving ourselves to, and to measure the fruitfulness of our work.

Some of the things we are working on now are:

- a world kids program, uniting all of our ministries to the children of the world under one banner and learning from one another
- a policy and procedures manual for Canadian Foursquare Missions
- a missions training program for new Foursquare pastors and churches

- a missions training manual for all teams that represent our Canadian Church around the world. We will be publishing a list of local church planned ministries several months ahead, so approved members of smaller churches can link up with teams to the nations where they have an interest and passion.

We will be scheduling Friday, April 8 as our Missions Day at our Calgary Leadership Conference. Jim Scott, who is Missions Director for Foursquare Missions International, will be with us. We'd be very open to hearing your ideas or comments before that date.

Well I think that's enough to chew on for now. I will write again just after our Conference next month.

Until then, keep thinking about our mission.

Love and Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Buzza", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Buzza
President

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