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"Reaching the children, youth, adults and families in this province by strengthening the ministries of the local assembly by providing coordinated ministry resources, personnel, leadership initiatives, missions awareness and other related

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YC & YC Malawi Report

YC2008—Gander, NL

This was the ninth consecutive year running this incredible God-birthing and Spirit-empowered Youth and Young Adult Conference. The reports from youth and leaders alike have indicated that this year has been one of the best to date. Ministry guest speakers included Chris Hill, Bob Lanz and Phil Cann. Worship leaders Leeland, Paul Baloche, Vicky Beeching, Bluetree, and Newfoundland's own Matt Maher led us into powerful times of encountering the presence of God. Our first ever Talent Search contest awarded Goose Bay's Gary French the winner of a recording contract and featured spot at YC2009. Our missions and social justice challenges were wholeheartedly embraced by the conference attendees. \$5000 was donated to the local foodbank in Gander. \$10 000 was raised for the Life Tour's campaign to provide clean drinking water through ERDO. Money was also raised to complete the Mission to Malawi and the YC Malawi event from this past August. Many decisions for Christ were recorded throughout the weekend. Newfoundland's largest convention is still growing in momentum and then it must until this generation comes to know this King of Glory!

YC Malawi Report

Sitting in the balcony of Lilongwe Pentecostal Church, I wondered if Youth Conference Malawi would actually happen. Then, when I saw the first bus arriving, full of Canadian young people, I looked heavenward and said "Thank you, Lord." Minutes later, the church was filled with energetic people, passionate to share Christ. Such was the beginning of YC Malawi, the nations first such event, organized by the African Evangelistic Enterprise Foxfire Youth Team and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Malawi, in partnership with the Extreme Dream of Canada. Dynamite was created when these youth were joined with the local Malawi Foxfire Youth Team. Nine amazing teams were formed, each with at least 12 people. Their mission was simple: Go to people and share the Gospel of Christ. They went into marketplaces, churches, orphanages, villages, prisons etc. To reach as many youth as possible different things were used (e.g; toys, soccer balls, music, drama). As a result, wonderful testimonies were heard daily!

THE EVENT

"What's this? What are you building here? What international secular band is coming here?" These and other questions were asked as musical gear was planted at the heart of Malawi's Silver Striker Stadium. When I answered, "This is a gospel crusade," they couldn't believe it until they saw it for themselves. It was a great celebration. As the African Evangelistic Enterprise Foxfire band, Leeland, Canadian Worship Team band,



Ethel Kamwendo, Papa San and other bands took stage, the warm heart of

Africa quickly became hot! The fire of the Lord was ignited in thousands of youth. I saw in the multitude drunkards, drug addicts, the sick, street kids, orphans and families. I spoke to denominational and organizational leaders. I knew that God had started a new thing, a new day was dawning for our young nation. As we stood to sing, "If you believe and I believe and then together pray, the Holy Spirit will come down and Malawi will be saved." I saw hope in hopeless eyes, fear and anxiety leaving. We sang "Africans Unite" while joy filled hearts, the joy bringing new strength to achieve new things for the Lord. I knew that youth of Lilongwe would never be the same. Midway in Saturday afternoon's program, I withdrew from the crowd and went to the back of the stadium. I saw Malawi jumping, smiling, singing and dancing amid hunger, HIV/AIDS and poverty. Then I saw Malawi thronging forward to receive Christ as Saviour and Lord. This was what we had prayed for!

Report by: David Chigamba is the General Secretary of PAOM, Director of Foxfire, the youth arm of African Evangelistic Enterprise and YC Malawi Director



Note:

The final numbers from Africa have indicated that over 8562 people made commitments to Christ during this Mission to Malawi. Praise the Lord!

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CHURCH MINISTRIES NEWS 2008

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2009 Events

- Marriage Enrichment Weekend (Feb 13-15, 2009)
- Pastor and Spouse Retreat (April 22-24, 2009)
- Men's Ministries Provincial Retreat (May 1-2, 2009)
- PK Retreat (May 15-18, 2009)
- Youth Pastors Time Out (May 26-27, 2009)
- Prayer Summit (May 28-31, 2009)
- 50+ Provincial Retreat (June 12-14, 2009)
- Youth Breakaway 1 (June 29 - July 3, 2009)
- Youth Breakaway 2 (August 24 - 28, 2009)
- Family Camp (July 12-19, 2009)
- Kids Rock Camp - Western Region (July 27-29, 2009)
Kids Rock Camp - Eastern Region (July 30 - August 1, 2009)
- Women's Ministries Conference (September 18-20, 2009)
- See You At The Pole/Altar (September 23, 2009)
- YC2009 (October 9 - 11, 2009)
- Discipleship Conference (October 22 - 25, 2009)

Give It Up!

It is that delightful time of year again called Christmas and the holiday season is in full swing. Lights, decorations, trees, music, parades, dinners, and of course, shopping, are all dead giveaways that the "most wonderful time of the year" is upon us. People everywhere seem to be on that endless quest for the right gift for the right person. Sadly, the consumerism of our culture has to a large degree drowned out the significance of giving and has left us in many cases with a hollow shell of the advent with little substance or meaning at its core. Christmas however, is saturated with meaning and significance for the entire human race. This is the time of year to give and to give unreservedly; but I'm not thinking of clothing, toys or technology. What can you as Christian leaders give this Christmas that will outlive and outlast any material object? Paul had some rele-

vant thoughts for us in Romans 12:6-8 (NLT) "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." The answer to the question is quite simple. What can we give? We can give what we have been given! So ask yourself what you have been given? Grace? Mercy? Love? What talents, aptitudes, and interests you have? At the intersection of your gift and peoples needs are the miracles of the Christmas season. Let's look beyond our own needs to the needs of others. Let's be a reflection of the One who started the original Big Give...and I'm not talk-

ing about Oprah!

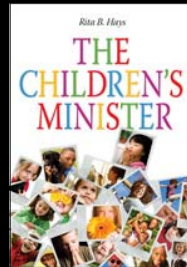
...God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Give it up!

P.S. All over this great province of ours we have a great team of local ministry leaders, lead team members, regional and provincial directors. These leaders give tirelessly, often without accolades or recognition to the areas that God has entrusted to them. Our Church Ministries Department would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the incredible ministry that you are carrying out through Newfoundland and Labrador. May you each have a restful, peace-filled and joyous Christmas!



Recommended Children's Reading material:



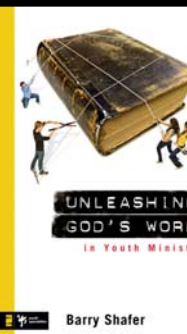
Christian Education Ministries

2008 was a very successful year in the Children's Ministries Department. Much time was spent dreaming and envisioning where CM needs to grow and go. 2008 saw the very first CM Symposium on the Baie Verte Peninsula, created to train and equip Children's ministry leaders in local assemblies. Kids Rock Camp 2008 proved to be another exciting and fruitful week of ministry for our children and their leaders to both the Eastern and Western regions of our province.

Special guests Stephen Mitchell and team from Devoted Ministries did a great job in serving our camp. The theme C.I.A. (Children in Action) challenged our boys and girls to not only accept Christ but to serve Him with their whole lives. Services were electrified with the presence of God. Children wept, worshipped, and encountered God's presence in a very real way. Two children received the baptism, 6 accepted Christ and many others were touched by the Lord. Many thanks to our KRC staff for doing a great

job in ministry this summer! The provincial children's ministries team are in the midst of restructuring due to Kelly Brenton's (Director) and Stephanie Jenkins's (Prayer Coordinator) resignation in November. A new director, as well as a lead team member will be appointed and ready to assume their role for 2009. Continue to watch with excitement for updates in the new year as Children's Ministries move forward in this Province! It is amazing what God will do in and through the life of a child!

Recommended Youth Reading material:



Youth Ministries — Director: Bruce Newman

This has been a wonderful year of missions, not only our short term Malawi missions project, but also in the youth missions giving at our summer breakaways. Youth Breakaway 1 saw the junior high students that attended give \$2,100. Youth Breakaway 2 saw our senior high students give \$3000. This \$5100 is a great boost to our youth missions annual goal and is also a testimony to the fact that our youth have embraced the discipline of giving to God's work around the world!

YB I & II saw youth challenged on what it means to be Christ disciples. Youth were led into God's presence through the worship leading of Andrew Stockley (YBI) and Matt Howlett (YBII). Onboard for both camps as morning speaker was Dr. Bradley Noel. The evening speaker, for YBI, Mark Miller brought a hard-hitting message 'No Room for Compromise.' YBII's speaker Pastor Glen Newman brought impacting messages 'Surrendering Your Lives To Christ.'

YB was a time of intense worship, discipleship, challenge, time in God's presence and fun. YB helps youth to see they are not alone in their Christian walk! (YB report by Seanne Heath) Youth Ministries has seen a change in the leadership team in 2008. Bruce Newman has stepped in the Youth Ministries Provincial Director role while former YM Director Bradley Noel now assumes Discipleship Director. We also welcome Matt Joy and Robert Lodge to the team and look forward to their ministry!

"And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use."

1 Tim. 4:14 MSG

Family Ministries: Gail Noel

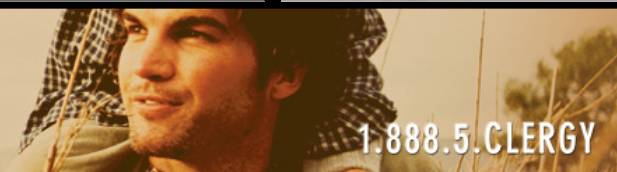
We are delighted to announce that Gail Noel has assumed the role of Provincial Director for the Family Ministries Department. Gail currently resides in Springdale, NL. Working with Gail will be Sharmaine Reid, Tina Mews and Janet Elliott. We look forward to their leadership and ministry as they dream,

support and become a voice for the family in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. Welcome aboard Gail!

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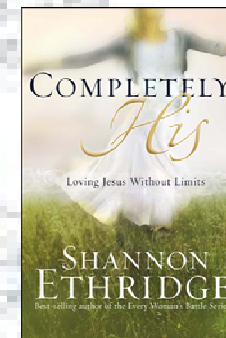


Women's Ministries — Director: Catherine Snow

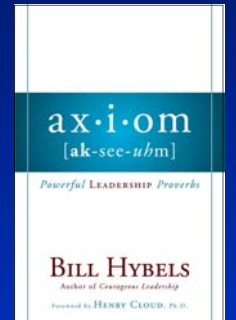
The Women's Ministries Conference held in September at Emmanuel Convention Centre, Lewisporte was noted again as a great success. There were 782 ladies the registered from across the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The theme - Come Closer - truly became the desire of each lady she was present throughout the weekend. The ministry of the speakers and the worship team touched and challenged the ladies to draw closer in relationship with the Lord.

Highlights of the weekend included the Saturday night missions offering when the ladies gave to our Missionary Care Fund. The offering came in at \$8,668.93. To God be the Glory!
Please check out the full women's ministries newsletter included in this packet. In it you will find more detailed information, ministry reminders, lead team updates.

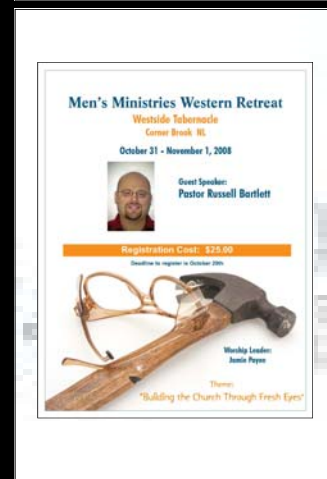
Recommended Reading Material



Recommended Leadership Reading:



Men's Ministries — Director: Wilfred Buckle



The Western Men's Ministries Regional Retreat was hosted by Westside Tabernacle in Corner Brook on October 31-November 1 with approximately one hundred men in attendance. Pastor Bartlett challenged the men to live out the theme of the weekend and be dedicated builders. Saturday's speaker, Pastor Cal Andrews encouraged the men to stay connected to God's building program

by being filled and motivated by the Holy Spirit. Saturday also featured testimonies on how God had constructed the lives of men to make them effective for His glory. The worship times under the direction of Jamie Payne were intense and, as expected, the fellowship around excellent meals helped foster a sense of brotherhood and solidarity that has been a time-honored strength of Men's Ministries!

Discipleship Ministries— Director: Bradley Noel

At our 2007 Discipleship Conference the Church Ministries Department introduced the theme of the "Crisis in Discipleship". This was far from showmanship. We wanted to make a statement that reflected our concern and passion. Although evidence abounds for this position little effort is actually necessary to verify the veracity of this theme. Rather than rehearse a defense for this position we unequivocally state that the moment we move from the understanding of the founda-

tional and formational nature of discipleship we will always be in crisis. Pastor Brad Noel is helping to develop a strategy to address the crisis...but this crisis requires all hands on deck and participation from all levels of leadership! A single report, curriculum, or methodology will not be adequate to address the challenge before us. This is not just a denominational issue, a local church issue or a pastoral issue but indeed an issue for all of these levels of leadership. We do not need another manual or curriculum

but we need to be bound inextricably for the years ahead to work together to correct our course and hoist our sails into a fresh wind of the Spirit. As we move from CRISIS to RECOVERY we desire to strengthen existing initiatives and champion emerging opportunities. We are tracking and developing this strategy on a Provincial, Local and Pastoral Level. Since the official launch of this Ministry we have formed an advisory team to continue the dialogue and strategy development on discipleship. Stay tuned!

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

