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Trying Times

Dan Baetz *Canadian Director*



How is God at Work in 2020?

After performing a supernatural healing of a lame man, in that condition for thirty-eight years, Jesus stated, “I only do what I see the Father doing and the works he wants me to accomplish” (from John 5:19). Later, He deliberately delayed his visit to the grieving family of Lazarus, who had just passed away. Jesus knew it was the Father’s will to raise him from the dead – as evidenced by his ‘pre-raising’ prayer! (John 11:41-42). This was Jesus’ ministry approach.

Similarly, the prophet Elijah foreshadowed this relationship between Jesus and his Father in 1 Kings 17 when declaring there would be no rain until God gave the ‘green light’. A cloud “as small as a man’s hand” (1 Kings 18:44, NIV) indicated that the answer was on its way!

Now, if this is the pattern of Jesus and His followers throughout history, it behooves us to follow his example. However, how do we do that?

At the beginning of various ministries that I have been entrusted to lead, a typical pattern has been to wait upon the Lord, to seek to understand His mind and seek His specific purpose for that time and place. This process has repeatedly demonstrated that, just like Elijah and his preparation for rain, God was at work long before the fulfillment came in physical reality.

Where is God at work in our world today?

Often, we are not privy to His ways, but

sometimes He gives us a sign that He is about to pour out His blessing.

Where is God at work in Africa Inland Mission during this COVID-19 pandemic?

We see many ministries changing. In many contexts, limits are being placed on proclaiming the gospel. Bible teachers cannot teach because of local lockdowns and restrictions. For African societies that thrive on communal living, social distancing is radical, and makes personal ministry difficult. We are experiencing delays in departures due to travel restrictions. Many of our missionaries in Canada have not been able to return to the countries where they serve. Summer camps scheduled for August across our country had to be cancelled.

Yet, amidst all of the challenges, we see signs everywhere that God is at work! Provision of an affordable new AIM office building, the selling of our former location, several new and gifted staff committed to service with AIM Canada, a continued interest in serving in Africa and Canada—both long and short term. All of these in spite of being in the midst of a pandemic. God is at work!

While we have still more questions than answers, our role, as a mission, is to continue to look up in search of a ‘cloud’, no matter how small, then seek to discern God’s purpose and act upon it.

God never stops working!

Reflections on a Lifetime of Service

by Rosemary Walker



Born and raised in Toronto, I fell in love with Montreal in the summer of Expo '67. It was an easy transition to live there, as I loved French. By the mid '70's I was happily settled in Quebec City, teaching English. In March 1976, the phone rang in my apartment in Sainte-Foy. Rev. Peter Stam, Director of AIM Canada, was calling to ask me to go with Africa Inland Mission to teach English in the Comoro Islands. Surprised, I answered something like, "Sir, I don't even know where Comoro Islands are, but I'll pray about it!" I asked God to open all the doors if He wanted me to go. When school was over, I packed up, sold my bicycle, said my good-byes, cried my way over the Pierre Laporte Bridge and drove to Toronto. I was on my way!

That summer, I was interviewed by the AIM personnel committee and accepted a

two-year assignment teaching English in a government school in Moroni, Grande-Comore. However, I needed a support team to move ahead. I wrote to churches, family and friends, asking them to pray that God would provide financially if this was His will for my life. When the support came in, I had my answer. On November 16th, I bade farewell to my parents at the Toronto International Airport and was on my way to the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros. By then I had found the location of Comoros with some difficulty in an atlas - three islands two hundred miles off the coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean. Although I did not know it, my nearly 44 years with Africa Inland Mission had begun!

I've had the privilege of serving in a variety of roles - as a secretary in the Comoros and Kenya, teaching English and/or French in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Montreal, Korea, Toronto and Stoney Creek (Ontario). I founded a community English club in Bunia, DRC, an international Bible class in Toronto and, last fall, a community Bible class in Tanzania. I also served as Quebec Mobilizer for AIM for 29 years, during which time I visited many churches, organizing and leading mission teams to Reunion Island, Kenya and the Congo. I was blessed by the experiences and people that I met, particularly the privilege of working with students, fellow missionaries, national colleagues, friends and neighbours. I would never have missed it for the world, and just thank God for that phone call back in March, 1976.

Serving with AIM hasn't been without its surprises. In Comoros, instead of teaching, I ended up as secretary to the director of

education, when he needed help in the office more than another English teacher! In January 1978, our Comoro team of medical professionals and teachers was abruptly put out of the "Perfume Islands" due to what was considered our bad influence on their young people. Reassigned to Pwani Bible Institute (PBI), in Mombasa, on the coast of Kenya, I worked as secretary for the principal for eight months. This gave me the privilege of getting to the coast sometimes with the principal and his wife, and typing up the graduation programme for the first class of graduates from PBI in July of that year.

Years later, in 1996, I was teaching at the English-teacher training college in Bunia in eastern DRC when Laurent Kabila invaded the country from the east, and took over from President Mobutu. AIM missionaries were evacuated from the country, crossing over into Uganda by car. Less than two years later, we had to evacuate again due to civil unrest and violent inter-tribal conflict in Bunia. This time, AIM-AIR pilots rescued us at a small airstrip near town and flew us to Nairobi, and I worked there for a few months before returning to Canada.



Ministry team 2013 about to visit a Muslim village across the river in Chad.

My latest surprise came in March of this year while teaching English at Nassa Theological College (NTC), Tanzania. COVID came on the scene and the Canadian government advised all Canadians abroad to return to Canada. On Tuesday March 17th, a colleague informed me that AIM had booked me a flight home. Less than two days later, I was on my way home via Dar es Salaam and Dubai, arriving in Montreal on Friday, the 20th.

Looking back, I can say that God has been with me all the way, and I have no regrets for having taken the 'road less traveled'. I have been privileged to visit several countries between assignments, and experienced again and again in countless ways that it is more blessed to give than to receive. The scripture verse given to me when I left for the Comoros in 1976 is still true.

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."

Psalm 139:9 & 10

Looking to the future, I know that my times are in God's hands, and that's the best place they can be!



2019 The director and librarian of Nassa Theological College receive computer & books from Canada.

Life Lessons through Christian Friendship

by Dr. D. MacKinnon, Mission-Church Liaison, AIM (Canada)

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity”

Proverbs 17:17

One of my favorite movies, *Toy Story*, is about a group of toys that share a relationship with Andy, the boy to whom they belong. New toys get introduced and old toys try to find their place; jealousies grow and wain as they struggle together, forging appreciation for the others' uniqueness. In the end, there is a wonderful unity that binds them, a strong support for each other that grows, and an affection that deepens for their owner.

I think that is a good illustration of our relationship to Christ and each other. New and old to the faith and the faith community, trying to find our place, dealing with all kinds of personal issues, and yet, learning to appreciate each other in the struggle to be faithful to our owner, Jesus, who has bought us at a great price (1 Cor 6:20).

Friendship is not always easy. For some of us, it is downright difficult. For some, who have been hurt in relationships, it can be difficult to trust others for fear of being hurt again. As a result, we seek comfort and security in other places, and in other forms. But God made us for relationship, first with Him, and then, with others.

My best friend is such because he decided that we were going to be friends. John and his wife, Angela, decided to bring us into their lives and we have never turned back. We've walked some difficult terrain together, rarely while occupying the same geographical location, and, at different times, one of us has scratched through the roof to get the other to Jesus (Luke 5:19). Watching this couple, I've learned a lot about friendship.

Let me suggest some qualities of Christian friendship:

Unconditional Love “A friend loves at all times.” A true friend's relationship to you is consistent and constant. It doesn't change with mood or season, time or distance. With a friend, you always know they love you. That's not to say they are blind to your faults, but it is to say that their love sees through them and remains unaffected.

Persevering Love A Christian friend walks with you when you face adversity. They often do it in silence, where words are less meaningful than presence. They don't add to the adversity by trying to fix you, but they support you by walking with you to the Light.



Honest Love Who is more honest than a brother or sister? You can get mad at your family, but at the end of the day they are still your family, and, as you get older, family ties are sometimes all you've got. So a brother or sister can be honest with you because they know you and have a longstanding relationship with you. They can speak into your life from knowledge, and you can seek their counsel, knowing they will tell you the truth in love.

Jesus Christ has all of these qualities. His unconditional love sent Him to the cross to die for sinners. His persevering love didn't stop at the incarnation but pressed through the valley of the shadow of death so we could see the Sonrise of resurrection. His honest love doesn't gloss over our sin and failures but acknowledges them, and, by the assistance of the Holy Spirit, uses them to grow us into His image.

That's what missions is all about in this broken world, caused by sin and sinners—people who know Jesus, willing to come alongside others as friends, to introduce them to their Best Friend and the best friend of all: Jesus Christ. Doing so requires incarnational love that is unconditional and persevering. The need is extreme and this is the kind of friendship needed for those working on the front lines as well. I know from experience that ministry can be a lonely place, but I also know that it is a lot easier when you have people who are holding your ropes, dropping you into the presence of Jesus through prayer.

I'm a better me because of the friends who hold my ropes.

Who is helping you be a better you?

Will you be a friend to someone who needs a rope holder; to someone who needs to be introduced to Jesus?



Africa Inland Mission (Canada) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Daniel MacKinnon to the post of Mission-Church Liaison. In this capacity, Dr. MacKinnon will function as the organization's outreach advocate to churches across Canada, with specific emphasis on serving the province of Ontario.

Dr. MacKinnon brings an extensive array of educational qualifications and spiritual experiences to this new position. He has served as senior pastor in four Presbyterian churches in Ontario, and as adjunct faculty at Tyndale University. He has also served as chaplain for the Ottawa Rapidz and Ottawa Champion teams in the Can-Am Baseball League. He considers his many years in working with churches in church planting and leadership as significant preparation for this new assignment. He looks forward to sharing his desire to see Canadians serve in cross-cultural ministry with pastors and church leaders. Working together, we will continue to involve the body of Christ in fulfilling God's Great Commission. Dr. MacKinnon is also the author of *Posturing with God*, which he self-published in 2014. He holds a Master of Divinity granted by Knox College, University of Toronto. He also gained a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in 1994.

Missions – Why Bother?



Across the world, including the continent of Africa, there are hundreds of people groups with little or no witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You are fulfilling God's purpose for your life.

The hearts of all believers are tuned by God to make Jesus known among men, women, boys and girls who face an eternity without HIM.

You are being obedient in responding to God's call on your life.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" Romans 10: 14 & 15

Go to bless others and be blessed by others.

"They opened their homes to us, fed us, and gave what they had to make us comfortable. They showered us with love and went out of their way to serve us, to show us their country and their culture. They were just like us—followers of Jesus Christ. To this day, we are still in contact with many of them through social media. We are a part of their lives, and that is the best blessing of all!"

Serving in missions means that you will sacrifice your time, talents, and money to serve others, and you will do these things in the name of Jesus Christ. This is arguably one of the highest honours a believer can receive—to be the mouth, hands and feet of the Lord—to be His co-labourer in the gospel.

Your Response!

Africa Inland Mission has hundreds of **OPEN MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS** waiting for people from all walks of life to step forward and say: "Here am I, send me."

If God is stirring your heart for ministry among Africa's unreached, either as part of an out-reach team, or in a supporting role, we invite you to dig deeper online or have a conversation with us.

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GIVING THANKS AMONG THE NATIONS

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples,
And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
And Your glory above all the earth.

Psalm 108:3-5



We give thanks
for the men and women
across Canada
and around the world
who help
Africa Inland Mission Canada
in the work
of making God known
among the nations
through prayer
and financial support.

**Thank you SO MUCH FOR
YOUR PART IN OUR MINISTRY!**

Life in Africa During a Pandemic

a prayer letter by *Tori Bissell*



I have put off writing this for months, as I've struggled to put into words what it's been like living and serving in Africa during the middle of a pandemic. I moved to Kenya about 11 months ago...just a few months later, Coronavirus stood on our doorstep. We evacuated the school and went into lockdown. This isn't what I envisioned my first year at RVA (Rift Valley Academy) would be – I've been on campus longer without kids, then I have with.

As I walk towards the child safety office, sometimes if I listen really closely, I can hear the ghostly whispers of a student laughing and excitedly chatting. I imagine the paths flooded with students moving from one class to the next. I see staff gathering all over campus, planning for this weekend's activities, and Kenyan staff in the cafeteria putting together the next meal – ready to feed 500+. I smell freshly-mowed grass as grounds the crews mow, clip bushes and blow leaves.

But then reality hits, like a punch to the gut. The campus is still empty, classrooms sit void, and dorm rooms long for their occupants. As our superintendent put it, it is an unpleasant feeling, and serves as an all-too-poignant reminder of the loss so many of us feel at this time.

We wait, wondering when life will be able to return to some semblance of normalcy. However, life continues, the grass keeps growing

and we push forward. Scattered across campus and the world, there are teachers preparing lessons, grading papers, recording video instruction. There are students, logging on to online school, praying the internet will be strong enough today, in more time zones than I can count... trying to figure out how to stay caught up as they sit at kitchen tables, couches, rugs on the floor, and make-shift desks.

I open my computer and begin working on emails, child safety policies, or the creative writing course I'm currently teaching online. I attempt to figure out how to make an isolation dorm, during the middle of COVID, safe. I wrack my brain for strategies to prevent harm, if students do come back to campus in January. I sit through the 5th zoom call of today and wonder how to best support staff and students scattered in over 30 countries.

This isn't what I thought my life would look like...but I'm honored to be a part of what God is doing...even if I can't always see the picture on the box of puzzle pieces. The last 7 months have been some of the hardest of my life. Being single, in a new country, in a pandemic, under lockdown has taken the anxiety I've struggled with most of my life to new heights. To be really raw and beaten down has left me exhausted mentally, physically and spiritually. Walking around on a huge campus that has been emptied out (at one point there were only 23 staff members

left – who were social distancing from each other) has been like living in the twilight zone. It's so unusual, it's frightening. But yet...there have also been some really beautiful reminders that while we are in a hurricane, there is peace in the eye of the storm. I know I am right where I am supposed to be and I'm glad I've chosen to stay.

From lunches on my porch 6 feet away with one of the few Canadians, a dear friend... to moving into a new house and discovering a community of loving and supportive missionaries willing to help... to finding a family in the chaos – God has been so faithful. God has provided hope that shines as a beacon in the darkness.

Knowing that I have a community praying for me has kept me going. Receiving emails from friends, and care packages from home have been the defibrillator paddles.

In an effort to stave off the anxiety and panic attacks which pound on my door, I've become a part of a family "bubble" made up of me, another single (Cass) and a family. Initially that family was a couple, who became my African adoptive mom and dad. I was heartbroken, but understood, when they had to leave. The crater-sized gap left by Beth and Steve was soon filled with an amazing, lively family of 4. Being a part of this make-shift pandemic bubble family has been so life-giving. When the daughter found out we were "bubbling," she excitedly exclaimed, "Does this mean I can hug Aunt Tori and Aunt Cass?" Not normally a huggy kind of person, I received my first hug in months – I could have cried.

God has remained steady when my world hasn't. He sees right through the mess inside me and speaks love. Fully known and loved...I am so thankful...



above: *Tori Bissell, Child Safety Coordinator at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.* left: *Rays of sunlight pierce the dark clouds hanging over the Rift Valley as seen from the RVA campus.* below: *The door to Tori's office where she works on child safety policies.*



The Value of Sowing a Seed

More than two decades ago, Africa Inland Mission Canada benefited from a gifting by a missionary couple from British Columbia, Canada. They were members of the organization who had previously served as missionaries in Kijabe, Kenya at Rift Valley Academy. Rift Valley Academy is a Christian boarding school in Central Kenya founded by Africa Inland Mission (AIM) in 1906. With over five hundred students in 2020, it supports missionaries serving in Africa by educating their children, thereby allowing them to focus on ministry.

At the end of their tenure, the missionary couple requested that the funds remaining in their Work Account be used by the organization to start a Bursary to assist the children of AIM Canada missionaries as they pursue tertiary education. Thus they planted the seed which birthed the organization's TCK Bursary Fund. Presently, there are more than seventy Third culture kids living in more than 20 African countries and North America. Third culture kids (TCKs) are individuals who grow up in a culture other than that of their parents', or the culture of their nationality. They live in a different environment for a significant part of their formative years.

"The funds donated have truly been a blessing since AIM considers the educational development of all of its members and their dependents integral to its success, and its future" said Monte Strong, Personnel Chaplain at AIM Canada. "Many of these children return to the mission field as missionaries themselves, or they serve in churches, or with charitable entities."

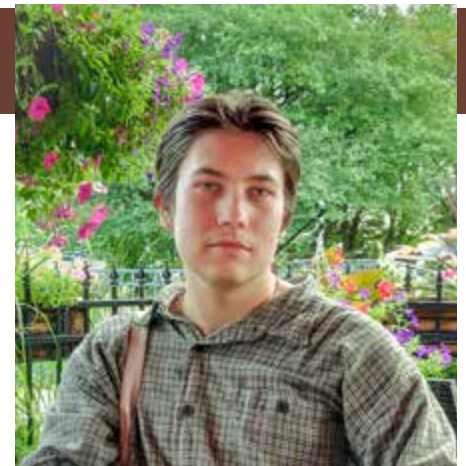
David Cassels of Waterloo, Ontario was recently awarded a CAN\$1,000 bursary from the TCK Bursary Fund. He considers himself "privileged" to have grown up in Uganda and Kenya where his parents John and Krystyna Cassels served for many years, and are still in service today.

"I would not say that growing up overseas had made me smarter or given me a better worldview. But what it has done is help me understand how little I really know about the world, and how much there is still for me to learn. I've lived in half a dozen cities across the world and visited over 20 different countries, but somehow I feel like I have barely scratched the surface in understanding any of these places."

David, who graduated from Rift Valley Academy in 2018, is starting his third year this fall as a journalism student at Ryerson University. He credits his choice of journalism as being linked directly to his days as a TCK, and being able to experience different cultures. This life introduced him to two interwoven paths. Firstly, his relationship with God. "Admitting that the world is so much bigger than I could ever understand has allowed me to put an awful lot of faith in God to look after me. One of my favorite Bible verse is 'Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what that day may bring forth'. Proverbs 27:1 (NASB). The life of a TCK can be so unpredictable. I am always able to lean on God who has calmed my fear."

The second path he identifies is pursuing studies towards a career in journalism. "The richness of each country's culture, politics,

religion and history are characteristics that I long to explore as I strive for a greater understanding of our world. I aim to...tell the story of the voiceless, to...listen to others, to be an expert listener, to...learn as much as I can about what I am reporting. I want nothing for myself but to be known by God." As his teacher the Apostle Paul says, "Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know, but whoever loves God is known by God". 1 Cor. 8: 2 &3 (NIV).



David Cassels, a Rift Valley Academy graduate, is a third year journalism student at Ryerson University.



A dorm full of Third Culture Kids at Rift Valley Academy under the care of Canadian AIMers Mike and Deanna Gaudaur back in 2013. These junior high boys held passports from Sweden, South Africa, Ireland, Holland, Korea, Malaysia, the United States, and Canada. David is the boy waving the Canadian flag.

AIM's Growing Following on Social Media



Sally Han Jun

Social Media Consultant, AIM Canada

Fifteen years ago, when Facebook and other social media platforms started popping up, it was easy to brush them aside as casual ways for young people to connect with their friends. Today we live in a world of Facebook marketing strategies, social influencers on Instagram, and Twitter accounts with millions of followers. Social media has become part of daily life for people of all ages.

So what does all of this have to do with missions in Africa?

Dynamic conversations about missions are happening online. Social media is an effective way to engage the world as we fulfill God's calling in an effort to expand His Kingdom. These platforms allow us to reach a very mobile generation that is seeking to be globally connected at every moment in time. Millennials are seeking information and opportunities to serve God in a cross-cultural context. This means that we need to be creative in our communication, be current with our shared information, and keep up to date using the latest trends and technology in bringing glory to God. This challenges us to use technology to share our work, update our members, and engage their supporters regardless of where they live.

Though other staff members had been occasionally using our social media platforms to help promote AIM, there was a desire to have a dedicated person regularly using social media, in order to increase our online presence. So, in November 2019, AIM Canada recruited me to fill this need.

We have daily posts on Instagram, engaging our audience with AIM's work of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with people all over the world. This includes updates from our missionaries who serve in more than 20 African countries and Canada wide. We also share prayer requests as a valuable means of carrying "each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). This is a great way to build community and encourage prayer as people comment on and share different posts.

Our regular efforts at reaching out on Facebook have become a favourite method of sharing by our missionaries, while Twitter is most useful to us for distributing quick 'instant news.' This is particularly relevant as we work diligently at sharing our information with like-minded organizations, including SIM, Pioneers and Global Grace Fellowship.

If you haven't already, make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

If you're a faithful follower already, invite someone you know to follow us.

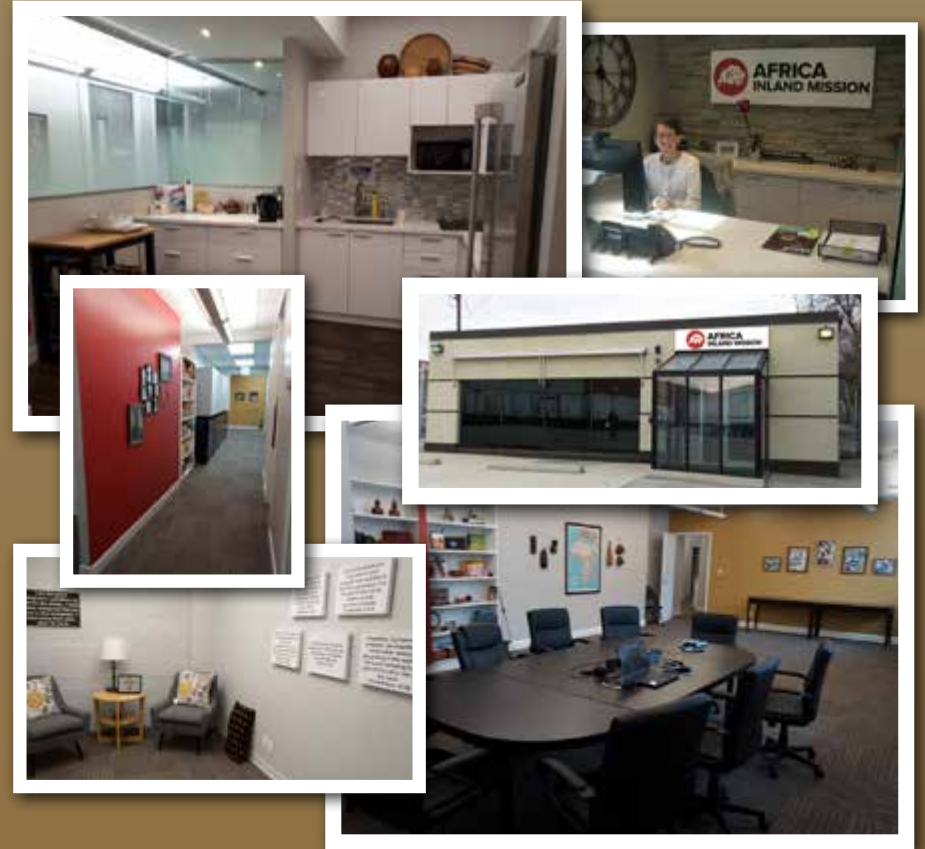
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"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

Praise God for His Faithfulness.

The transition to our new office is complete! Your prayers and support were instrumental in making this happen. As of October 1st we have raised \$49,895.97 towards our \$75,000 goal for our renovation fund to make our new office functional.

We invite you to continue contributing towards this goal.
aimint.org/ca/give

Thank you!

God at Work in Montreal

John P. Brown, Director of MAC (Ministry to Africans in Canada)



*“It didn’t make sense to me –
a God who was only a judge!”*

“I grew up in a Muslim country, in a family that did not practice Islam. At the age of 18 I became an outright atheist. But when I left for college I had several friends who practiced Islam and they invited me to pray and fast with them.”

Greg and Kristen smiled in wonder at the story they were hearing. They have now served with MAC in Montreal for almost 2 ½ years. In that short time the Lord has helped them build many friendships through their English language institute, children’s camps, kids’ gym days, seeker Bible studies, Holiday celebrations, and lots of guests enjoying home-cooked meals around their dinner table.

But even with all their witness to new Moroccan, Algerian and Tunisian immigrant friends, Greg and Kristen were still blown away by this testimony in their church. Nazim*, whom they had discipled, was standing a few metres in front of them at the Église Baptiste Évangélique de Rosemont. He was about to get baptized. (*not his real name)

“I started to say my prayers and do Ramadan,” Nazim continued, “but over time I found that God was simply a judge. Islam was all judgment. It didn’t make sense to me, a God who was only a judge. So I went back to atheism.

“When I came to Canada a few years ago, I felt hollow inside. But through the past year, Jesus has sent me friends who have taught me about the Bible and the Good News. He

says in his Word, ‘For I know the plans that I have made for you, plans for peace and not for disaster, in order to give you a future and hope’ (Jeremiah 29.11).

“Contrary to the teaching of Islam God is not simply a judge. I now know the Lord is good, he forgives, he is full of love for all who call on him. Jesus says, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’ (John 14.6).

“Today I testify that God transformed me from an atheist born in a North African Berber country into one of His disciples.

“I want to be baptized this morning in the name of my Lord Christ, my Saviour. AND I want to become a member of this church.”

With that, the pastor lowered Nazim into the tank. As the congregation clapped with joy, he rose up blinking water out of his eyes, smiling ear-to-ear, and raising up his drenched arms like a boxer who’d just won the world championship.

God is at work through Greg and Kristen—and all their MAC Team. This fall, with the arrival of one more AIM family from North Africa, the Team has grown to eight couples serving in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba. Especially during this COVID-19 pandemic they know they have to be flexible and ready to work in creative ways. As they do, new opportunities keep opening. And lost souls are getting saved.

For more information or to donate to MAC please visit: macministries.ca

The Gift of Giving

by Keith & Christine Tennant, Donor Development

Several years ago, we led a building campaign for our local church, to reduce the mortgage. People were challenged during this time period, through Bible teachings and personal stories, to give sacrificially.

A prayer meeting was planned one evening, and, as leaders, we arrived before everyone else. As the minutes ticked by slowly, a sister-in-Christ arrived. It didn't take long to figure out – no one else was coming to this God-ordained prayer time.

Within minutes we could sense the Holy Spirit among us. Our sister started crying as she shared her story. You see, she owned a local business, and every day leading up to the prayer time, the Lord was teaching her to let go of her finances, and give them unconditionally to Him. She shared how each day the analogy of a clenched fist was used as an example of how to release her resources, one finger at a time, until that unclenched fist represented the freedom to give what she had saved to the building fund. This money was earmarked for a trip to Africa to visit a missionary friend. Time had been of essence for this trip, but God had graciously convicted her to give her savings to the church.

Without missing a beat, we looked at each other and said, "We have been collecting Air Miles! We have enough Air Miles to send you to Africa, if you still want to go! Yes, we all sobbed, as we realized how God had not only directed our sister to give of her savings, but had orchestrated that prayer time, plus led us to give, all in order to fulfill His plan.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
Malachi 3:10

This amazing story of God's faithfulness is a reminder and an encouragement for us to continually live with a hand that is always open to giving.

How to Give

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If you have any questions about giving, please contact Keith & Christine at development.ca@aimint.org or 289-686-9753

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"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21



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