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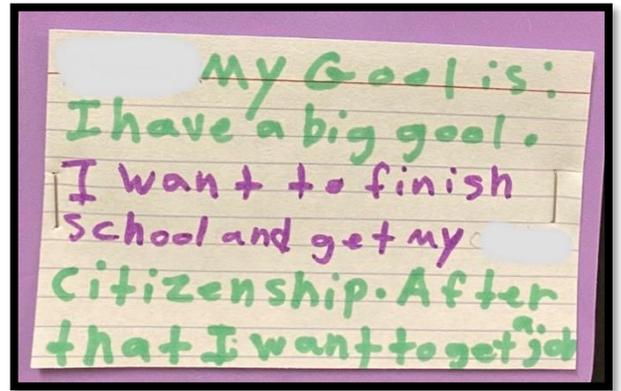
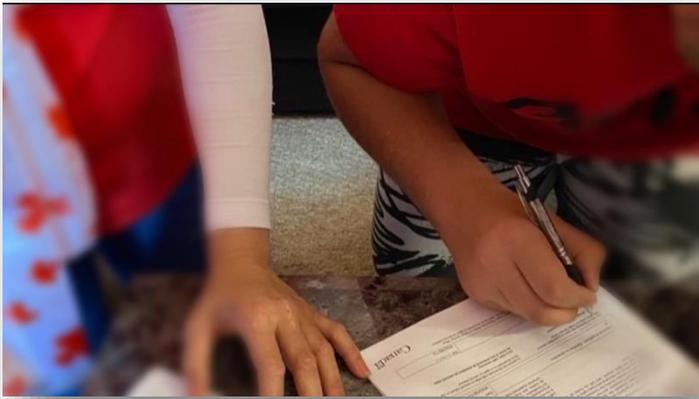
SEEK FIRST
the
Kingdom
of
GOD

and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:33

So much Good News!

Arden Language Center Update



When Fatimah joined our program she had never gone to school. The above pictures tell some of her journey. After studying with us for two years, she wrote these goals down: to finish our program, get her citizenship and get a job. She continued to work hard and your many prayers were felt as she persevered. Just recently, Fatimah graduated from our program and the picture above shows her signing her papers to become a Canadian citizen. She also now has two jobs.

It is through your continued prayers and support that we are able to serve people like Fatimah.

Thanks for your support and prayer's- they are felt (and not just by us)

Andy & Dave Foster

The school year was a success.

Some highlights:

- We took 27 Newcomer & born-in-Canada families camping in June. (Pictured here)
- Students join us from 13 locations - including Saudia Arabia, Tajikistan, Lebanon and Egypt.
- 9 students completed all 4 levels of our program.
- I (Andy) completed my Masters in Intercultural Studies.





All About The Water Event



Friday, June 24th



56ers joined Pastor Lise and her helpers down at Harrison Park in June to enjoy their final event of the year, *All About The Water*. The children enjoyed the warmth of the heated pool, French fries, freezes and some time at the play ground. This year we said farewell to 13 grade 6's that will be entering our youth program this Fall.



This program is geared towards children in grades 5 and 6. These once a month activities are designed to bring the kids together for a fun evening out with friends, which helps them transition smoothly into our youth programs. If you have a child that's in grades 5 or 6 register them online for our future events.



You are a star

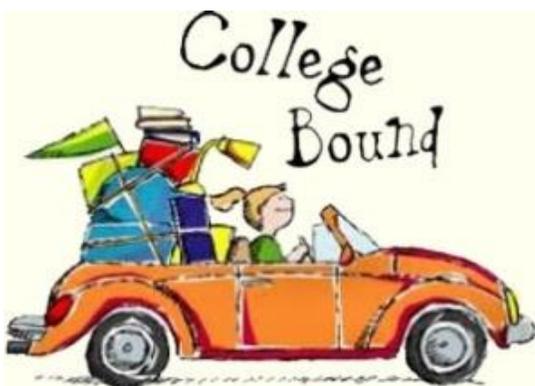


in the making!



Grade 8 graduates! Congratulations! What a joy and blessing it has been to get to join you on the last leg of your journey through middle school. I am so grateful and honoured by your seamless acceptance during the time of transition at the end of this year of Jr. Youth. Indeed, all of your middle school years were marked by transition. You survived online classes, online youth group, youth group with social distancing and masks, and everything in between, yet somehow you did this with an incredible attitude and joy. It has been a delight to get to journey with you as we learned more about the characteristics of Jesus and how to apply them to our own lives. Your tenacity to learn, discuss, and apply these characteristics to your life was wonderful to see. Keep pursuing Jesus as he pursues you! Also we learned that some of your rap skills are unmatched—iykyk. Graduates, we cannot wait to see you in Sr. Youth and to see all of the wonderful things God will do with your lives for his glory!

Blessings,
Josie McCallum



ATTENTION STUDENTS | ATTENDING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE IN THE FALL 2022? Please fill out the form at the student board in the hallway so we can keep in touch with you and support you in prayer and a little encouragement! ***(If your address has changed please update form).***

Would You Rather

Questions to get to know people and provoke interesting conversation.

Allyson Adams

Have more time

Have a life rewind button

Know all the worlds languages

Stuck in an elevator

Have world peace

Go sky diving

Be an adult your whole life

Go on vacation with friends

Side salad

Get a brand new house

Go to dinner alone

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Youth LED Worship

I was so encouraged to have the youth team up again since pre COVID. I am so proud of how they stepped up and led our church in worship. This fall, we're going to have an after school club where we will practice songs to lead a youth worship night once a month and learn about what worship is and why it's important to the church. I can't wait to invest in these youth and see how God grows their passion for worship. The youth team will likely continue to lead Sunday mornings once a month, so look forward to getting to see them grow in their gifts as well!

Pastor
Joel



TRAIN UP a CHILD
in THE WAY he SHOULD GO;
even when HE IS OLD
he WILL NOT DEPART from it.
PROVERBS 22:6

BABY LOVE BASKETS



We could use your help filling our shelves again with some needed items: **Diapers (size 1), baby wash, wipes, gender neutral sleepers (sizes 0-3 months)**. Please drop off items in the playpen in the front foyer. We continue to support mothers and babies in need through the Grey Bruce Health Unit. Thank you for your donations.



*Children
are a gift from God;
they are His reward.*

PSALM 127:3

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Young Adult's *Volleyball*



BUMP
SET
SPIKE



Thursday nights this summer are now being filled with bumps, set's and spikes for our Young Adults, thanks to the initiative and organization of Cai MacDonald and Jake Ireland. This is a drop in event and no special skills are required. The group meets at Timothy Christian School's back field. Thank you Principle Bittel for the use of the court. No awards are given out for the winning team but be prepared if you are on the loosing team, you may be buying a Wendy's frosty treat for the winners. If you are between the ages of 18-29 this is your personal invite to please come on out and join the fun.

For more information please contact:
Cai 519-288-3655 or
Jake 905-806-9271



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Hello from the Howells

We're pregnant!

Yes, you read that subject line right! We are very excited to announce that we are expecting baby number 3!!! My due date is in late February. We are planning to return to Canada at the end of our apprenticeship in December, God-willing.

I am feeling pretty good so far, mostly tired, especially with the heat! We are also thankful to have found a good OBGYN who will follow the pregnancy until our departure, when we will transfer over to Ontario doctors.



All dressed up to enjoy a holiday meal with our neighbours.

We are so thankful to those of you who have already been praying for this little one, and continuing to pray for us as we enter this home stretch of our apprenticeship. (We will share more details in an upcoming update about timelines and future plans.)

Admittedly, this last month has been challenging with the heat and rain. We have also had to work extensively on our ordination assignments, which both of us hope to complete in November, and interview after we return to Canada. And of course we've had the usual busyness of family life, like celebrating Todd's 4th birthday, and potty training Oliver. All of which is a bit more taxing with first trimester symptoms, as many of you know!



Todd helps serve lunch for the year-end party at an outreach ministry for street boys.



The view of the street outside our house for several days following a large rainfall.



We are so proud of these kids and their ability to stay entertained amidst the heat and flooding

Please pray for us in the following ways this month:

- As we continue to navigate prenatal care in a different language and culture.
- For some upcoming vacation time, that it would be restful and renewing for our family.
- For potential ministry opportunities in September, that we would have wisdom to discern what to take on during these final months.
- For continued spiritual conversations with friends following the Tabaski holiday.

For Christ and His Kingdom,
Mike and Nikki Howell

**OWEN
SOUND**



HARVEST FOR HUNGER



Owen Sound
Alliance
Church

A project of



www.harvestforhunger.com

Submitted by Heather Parkin

After a two year hiatus of holding an event for our Harvest for Hunger project, we are happy to let everyone know that the Committee is planning a scaled down version of **Fun Day at the Farm on Saturday, September 24**. The event will be held at the Parkin Farm, 457903 Grey Road 11, Owen Sound. We have moved it to the fall, to celebrate harvest time. A pumpkin patch has been planted and people will be welcome to come and pick their own pumpkin. There will also be corn stalks available for decorating your home for the fall. A pie booth will be a highlight and guests will be able to purchase whole pies to take home, or buy a piece with coffee or cold drink. There will be more kid friendly snacks this year too.

Several activities will be available for children. The bouncy cow will be making a return, as well as the mini train, face painting and the ever popular giant sand pile. Families can check out the corn maze and see if they can find their way back out. We hope you will come out and join us. Pass the word along to your friends and neighbours.

As in previous years, approximately 22 acres of soybeans are being grown by Torrie Farms and Parkin Farms for the project. The soybeans should be combined late September or October, depending on growing conditions between now and then.

Money being raised through our project is distributed by Alliance Justice and Compassion. Food assistance is being provided to families in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict there. Money used for this is being matched by the Canadian government 4:1. There is also a multi-year agricultural and livelihood project in Niger that will impact 15,120 households, with money for this project being matched 2:1.

Thank you to everyone who assists with this project, and especially to our sponsors and donors for their generous contributions. Since 2015, when we initiated this project, we have raised just shy of \$200,000.



Women from Mawere village
Zimbabwe packing
their food packets received at a food
distribution centre.



The Kennedy's

Dear Church Family,

With joy, I would like to introduce you to Nick and Julia Kennedy. Through prayer and conversation, Nick has accepted the elders' call to become our next Youth Pastor.

His home church is in Richmond Hill, however, his ministry began in Calgary after he graduated from Ambrose University. His Bachelor of Ministry degree has a youth ministry focus. In his spare time, he likes to golf, fish, and do woodworking - which is basically the drop down menu of the Grey Bruce tourism website. The Kennedys have two cherished rescue dogs, Ruby and Opal.

There is lots more to say, but we will save that for an in-person introduction at the Pancake Breakfast (Sun Sept 11), which will be their first official Sunday with us. **As an expression of welcome, we would like to gather some grocery and other gift cards, in lieu of stocking their pantry/fridge - please contact the church office if you can help.** Please pray for their transition, for their housing situation, and for ministry vision and discernment.

Along with our elders, Pastor Jeff and I would like to express our deep appreciation to the other members of the Pastoral Search Committee: Denise McKay, Bryanna Bryans, and Sierra Symons. With their insight, wisdom, creativity and diligence - this committee has served our church family so well. We are blessed and grateful for their work.

We commit Nick and Julia, and our other youth leaders, and the students and their families - all to Jesus. Would Jesus continue to be the centre of their lives and the centre of this ministry. Would salt and light be evident and increasing in our schools. I'm convinced that God has a plan and a purpose for this emerging generation; would He expand and accelerate that work, for His glory. AMEN!

Pastor Ryan

SUMMER FUN

Word Search Puzzle



W A T E R P A R K V A C A T I O N
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BAREFOOT	FISHING	PICNIC
BASEBALL	FLIP FLOPS	POPSICLE
BEACH	FRIENDS	ROAD TRIP
BICYCLE	FRISBEE	SPRINKLERS
CAMPING	GAMES	SUNSHINE
COOKOUT	ICE CREAM	SWIMMING
FAIRGROUND	LEMONADE	VACATION
FIREWORKS	OUTDOORS	WATER PARK

HAPPENINGS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 8TH

Moms and Tots

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SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022
OWEN SOUND ALLIANCE CHURCH



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GUEST SPEAKER: **Moira Brown**
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Friday, Sept. 16 – Sunday, Sept 18

-SAVE THE DATE-

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Running for 10 weeks on Wednesday Nights

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Annual **FALL KICK OFF**
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 11
9:00am

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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