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Open your
eyes and look
at the fields!
They are ripe
for harvest.

Jn.4:35b [NIV]



His Harvest



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
Luke 10:2 [ESV]

Every fall I think about these words from Jesus. It is our Lord's one prayer request. Jesus looked out over the world and across the centuries and saw no shortage of souls ready for the harvest. While sending 72 workers out into the harvest, Jesus – in the same breath – instructed them to pray earnestly for more laborers. In this moment we see a pattern for our own lives and ministry at St. George's.

Every follower of Jesus has a two-fold ministry.

First, when it comes to the harvest of souls Jesus empowers and releases each of us to labor in His fields – in the world around us. Maybe this harvest season you would reflect on your own life and ask the question, “What am I doing for the Lord?” Has His great love for you and His miraculous gift of salvation led you to respond in loving service? Are you like the 72 that Jesus sent out into the ‘fields’, or are you still sitting idle? Are you in the game or warming a bench on the sidelines?

Take a look at your life and at the needs around you. A prayerful evaluation of your own gifts, talents and abilities, combined with an equally prayerful assessment of the needs in your church, in your family and in your community, can develop a

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laborer's heart. We truly begin to live out our life's purpose when God-given gifting meets with Spirit inspired calling to serve.

One word of caution – too often Christian service can be motivated by guilt or even a desire to earn the favor of the Lord. Nothing could be more perverse. God's favor is bestowed on his children unmerited. The call to then engage in service is all response to such great, undeserved love.

Firstly, the Master calls each Christian to be a laborer in His field.

Second, the Lord asks each laborer to pray. Imagine, Jesus asks a prayer request of you, of me and of all disciples throughout the ages. See what he asks us to pray. He does not ask us to pray that the labor would be fruitful; He knows that the success of Christian service rests in the power of the Spirit who inspires the work. Instead, He calls us to pray for more laborers.

I have just returned from a meeting with a small group from our new province (The ACNA). During this meeting our Archbishop, Bob Duncan, called for the planting of 1000 churches over the next 5 years. Our Lord's word in Luke 10 came to mind. I have been praying this prayer, not only for ACNA but also for us at St.

George's in this coming year. We have seen many new families join our parish family over the past year or so. It takes a few months for newcomers to find their way around the ministries and to get to know their new church family. I am praying that this harvest season would see many newcomers to St. G's called to be laborers in the fields. Consider what gifts and talents the Lord has given you and prayerfully watch for things that need to be done.

Secondly, the Master calls each Christian to pray for more laborers.

I trust and pray that each of us would find fruitful ministry in the church and in the world. I pray that we would be motivated to respond to God's rich love for us, in Christ Jesus, by rolling up our sleeves and laboring in the Master's fields. I also pray that every disciple of Jesus would hear His prayer request and take seriously their responsibility to pray for more laborers.

Open your eyes, look around. The harvest is plentiful. Labor and pray.

Ray David



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in Canada

*Jesus said "I am the way,
and the truth, and the life"*

National conference, synod and consecration

His power in our weakness

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". . . . For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Cor. 12: 9-10 [ESV]

You are invited

to join Anglicans across Canada at ANiC's national conference, featuring inspirational worship and Bible teaching and culminating in the consecration of three bishops on Friday afternoon.

Date: November 11-13 2009 (Wednesday - Friday)

Location: Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines, ON

For more information or to register, see our website,
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Manitoba mission trip

Three members of the Chambers family participated in the trip. They have shared the following memories with us.

Cameron writes:

I came into the missions trip with huge anticipation of the week we were going to have in Manitoba together. Right from the initial plane ride there was a feeling of bonding that spread throughout the group and grew to great heights as the week progressed. While we were there, I personally loved working with and for the kids. We spent our mornings together, teaching them and playing



games. In the afternoons, it seemed that we started off just working with no purpose other than to make a building look better. After the first two days though, a huge change seemed to sweep across the kids as they felt closer to us. They came out and helped us paint during the last few days, making sure to get a few free piggybacks along the way. As a teenager, this really touched me. There are too many people in this world who complain about the need for change and happiness, yet not enough people who are willing to step up and make that change. I am honored to say that my fellow youth, who I was fortunate enough to travel with, are the sort of people who will go the extra mile to see that change come alive. We made a difference among those kids and there are no words to describe how rewarding that feeling is.

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Anita writes:

I am impressed with the beautiful, hardworking people in Kinosota and Amaranth. One example of these caring people is Rhonda, a mother of 3 teens. We were together one afternoon doing finishing touches on the church, talking and working. She explained to me the children on the reserve do not have the consistency and supervision in their lives that we are used to, thus missing a great bit of school and not having a vision for their future. One such child she

knew well through her work as an E.A. and having him around her house, often sleeping on the couch. She invited him to stay whenever and for however long, so he could attend school on a regular basis. (He would be kicked out of his house when his mother had men over). Her persistent invitations paid off and she now is his foster family, where he is graduating from high school this year—the first ever in his family!

Emerson writes:

When we were painting animals on the kids, their faces just lit up with a smile. D.J was one of the younger kids at VBS; he had a buzz cut and sat in the back alone, but when we went up to sing to our group, he would shine the biggest smile. As the week went on, D.J sat closer and closer until he would jump up and down and sing with us! When we had to leave, I will never forget what D.J said to me.



Garth thanked the people of Amaranth and Kinosota for allowing us to come to Manitoba and said **God** sent us to this small town that needed us so much; and right then D.J stared into my eyes and whispered, “Are you an angel?”



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A Sad Day In the Life of St. Matthew's



I often pick up a sandwich and a Pepsi at the small restaurant across the road from St. Matthew's House food bank.

This last Thursday, as I left to get my lunch, there was, as usual, a line up of about twenty five people waiting outside for food. I had only been away for a few minutes but on my return I discovered the people had gone, and the food bank was empty of customers and food.

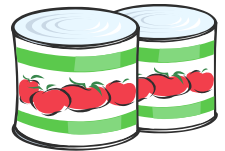
"That was quick," I said to my colleague, "we must have had what they wanted." "On the contrary," she said, "we had nothing left for them. We had to send them away empty-handed, and as they are allowed to come to our food bank only once a month, they'll have to try elsewhere to obtain food. I hope that we will have more food by tomorrow."

It happens often at St. Matthew's House these days; we run out of food to distribute before we have served all the customers. And sometimes we have only one item to give to each person.

Can you please help us with more food?

Yours in Christ,

Betty Pristol



Suggested non-perishable food items:

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| peanut butter | soup |
| pasta | pasta sauce |
| macaroni | pork and beans |
| canned meat | canned fruit |
| cereal | powdered/canned milk |
| baby foods | diapers |



Shopping bags are always needed!

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briefly noted

St George's Evening Service: now each Sunday, 6:30 p. m., at the Milton Bible Church on Main Street, Milton.

Farewell to the Walkers: Oct. 4, a potluck lunch after the 10:45 service to express our thanks and good wishes to Scott and Michelle and family.

Service of Prayer for Healing : Oct. 18 at Crossroads at 4:00 p.m. Note the change in time.

Milton Churches Working Together will once again be presenting "On the Way to Bethlehem", November 27-30 at Country Heritage Park, Milton.

Service of Consecration and Ordination as Bishops in the Church of God for Rev. Stephen Leung, Ven. Charlie Masters, Ven. Trevor Walters, at 1:00p.m., Bethany Community Church, St. Catherines, Friday, Nov. 13.

Installation, 4: 00 p.m. ,Sunday, November 15:

Charlie Masters will be installed as Bishop in the Anglican Network in Canada, a Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. The officiant will be the Right Reverend Donald Harvey. The preacher will be Reverend George Sinclair, rector of St. Alban the Martyr, an Anglican Network in Canada Church in Ottawa.

The Provincial Council of ACNA will be held in Toronto, December 10-12, 2009, hosted by ANiC. It will begin with the ACNA College of Bishops, followed by the first full Provincial Council.



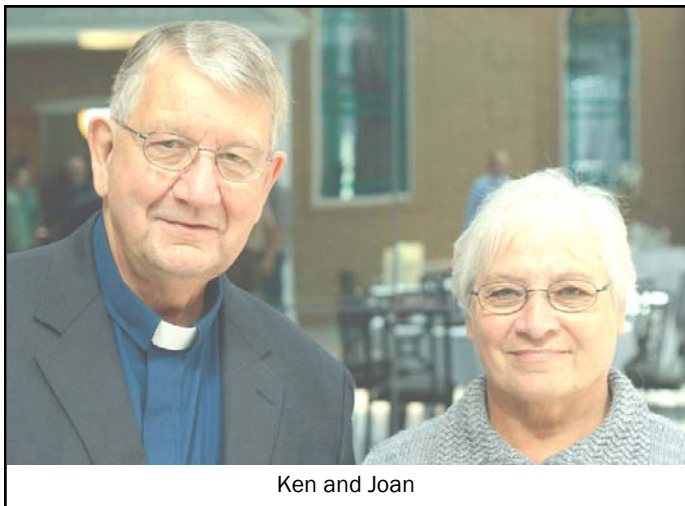
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Welcome Ken Bombay

Ken Bombay and his wife Joan join us having had a previous pastoral ministry of some 50 years. Ken will act as pastoral assistant to Ray David, also as a pastoral advisor to Reach In and Reach Out; as well he will preach on occasion.

Ken has a rich heritage in ministry from both his parents; both parents were ministers. He came to the Lord at his father's knee when he was a young child. His dad began preaching in the backwoods of Bracebridge at the age of sixteen. His mother was a teacher but trained for the ministry in Winnipeg. In fact, his mother and a cousin, two young women, opened churches in Campbellton, New Brunswick, and Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. These churches are still active today. Ken inherits gifts from both his parents: from his Dad a heart for revival and evangelism, and from his mother a teaching gift. He recently celebrated fifty years as an accredited preacher. He has done many evangelistic missions across Canada and overseas, as well as pastoring churches in six different provinces of Canada.



Ken and Joan

Ken and his wife Joan were high school sweethearts who met when Ken's family moved to Pembroke where Joan lived. They have no children of their own but have been parents to many throughout their years of pastoring churches.

Ken has many favorite Scriptures. For himself he likes Psalm 84:11,12 and also Philippians 3: 10.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will be withhold

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from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. Ps. 84: 11, 12 [KJV]

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Phil. 3:10 [ESV]

About God Himself, Ken particularly likes Romans 11:33 –36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, and who has been his counselor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he may be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The pivotal scripture for our congregation is Psalm 126 the last two verses.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. [KJV]

These are wonderful verses for our church looking forward to spiritual harvest. There is an expression of the great value of our message, the “precious seed”; there are tears for the lost and for the church taken captive by secularism; and above all, there is the joy of the Lord’s harvest, the harvest altogether due to the Holy Spirit.

All this is a great motivator for prayer. Ken is awed by the incredible spirit of prayer that he has witnessed already at St. George’s and he looks forward to encouraging us further in prayer and to seeing God work.

This is right in step with the bold plan of the Anglican Church of North America with its call to grow and expand (a thousand new churches over the next five years!!) . Ken is excited to participate in the work of ACNA .

The Lord bless Ken and Joan as they begin this work to which God has called them! We look forward to their ministry among us.

Jane and Mary Ann



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Church of the Messiah News

Shalom in the wonderful name of Messiah Jesus!

September is always a time of 'new beginning' in this part of the world. School resumes for the young and Holy Cross Day, September 14, reminds us of the new life we have in the cross of Messiah Jesus. Parishes renew activities which were put to rest over the summer. The time of harvest, rich brown chestnuts, bright reds and golds of falling leaves all remind us of the joy of life and yet also of dying! Paul wrote: *For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.* Ro 14.7,8 [ESV] In the following report, Sheilagh shares the joy and the sadness of this summer.

Peter

Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another. 1 Thess.4:9 [ESV]

We are so thankful for all that God is doing in ANiC and in the lives of its members. These past weeks have brought times of celebration and times of mourning but in the midst of it all God has strengthened us. We as a parish family have recently celebrated the first anniversary of our joining together for Sunday worship. From our beginnings in the basement of Dottie's house, our time in Barb's, the Moores', the Robinsons' and Anne's home, to our current location in the Upper Deck, God has been with us each step and this community has blossomed into the Body of Christ. We are so grateful for Peter's guidance over the past year. The celebration of our year together was a wonderful way to recognize all that God has done for us. As with most of our Sunday services this one was no exception as we gathered to share in a meal. For those who have never visited the village of Norwich there is a Dutch Bakery that makes an incredible fruit cake. It was with this cake that we celebrated a year of worshipping the Lord together.

The Upper Deck has also been a very important part of our journey. We have witnessed God's love for this ministry and its leaders, Jackie and Jason. They have discipled

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many of his children. God has recently blessed them with the birth of a son, Joel. They have shown us much about loving one another as they continue to care for Norwich's youth. There have been many challenges this year, but God has met the needs of the Deck.

We were also blessed with the gift of music, Sunday the 13th, when the Carrieres joined us for Morning Prayer. What a joy it was to hear their music. Jim and Jude are busy with many commitments; yet they sacrificed their time to come and join us. St. George's members have also visited us, and you are all welcome to come and worship with us!

Those who have died believing in Christ will rise to life first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16b



I have also learned about God's love for me and for his family. My father passed away on August 27, 2009, but he died knowing our Lord and for that I am so thankful. Dad joined me in church on a couple of occasions and he recognized the love of this body of believers. My father suffered a heart attack and a stroke and the weeks that followed were difficult for us all. During this time I saw the love of God in action through the members of our church. Peter was a welcome visitor, and my family from the Church of the Messiah upheld us in prayer and with visits and phone calls. God was so faithful and He had a plan for my father. Over the past years God has been transforming him and the change in Dad was evident. We had many conversations about the Lord and I was able to share God's love with him. There was a plan for Dad; that plan was for him to be God's child. Through the amazing love of Jesus Dad was able to know the Lord. The weeks spent in the hospital were full of valleys and peaks but the peace that Dad had never changed. The Bible verses from Thessalonians were ones that I read to him on August 27, 2009. They are words of comfort, words of hope; God's Word is something we need to share with those that we love.



So as we begin our second year, we give thanks for the past year, for the struggles, the celebrations, and even the sorrow. For it is in these times of trial that our relationship deepens and we find the peace that passes all understanding. Once again, we would like to thank Peter for his godly leadership and for his wonderful teachings. We are also thankful for all the leaders within ANiC, for their steadfast love of God. I am especially thankful for this body of believers who have put their love of Christ into action as they ministered to the needs of my family and particularly my father.

Sheilagh Roloson

Norwich



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Stoney Creek Project News

The Stoney Creek Project has worship facilities! It started as a trip to the municipal offices to renew a dog licence... but God had bigger plans!

Following meetings with Rev. Ray David Glenn and Rev. Keith Stodart, the go ahead has been given and The Stoney Creek Project will be joyfully holding our first service at John Knox Christian School on Sunday ,October 4, at 3pm!!!

This will be coupled with a ‘give-it-away’ event the morning of Saturday ,October 11 (also at the John Knox Christian School), to introduce ourselves to the community and to get to know them.

Throughout the summer months members of The Stoney Creek Project searched for a larger place to meet, realizing that our house church could only grow so much – and that we had really reached our capacity. The first 3-4 contacts produced no results and one promising lead fell through. Then, two weeks ago, while renewing a dog license, John Pen-nylegion noticed a Christian school next door to the municipal offices. One phone call, and yes, we can rent their gym to hold Sunday afternoon worship (at a very affordable price!) God is Good (All the time!)



worshipping in the carport

This month marked one year since the seven of us, from different ANiC churches, started meeting to pray about planting a new church. Looking back, it hardly seems like a year – which seems ironic considering we were so eager to ‘go’ last September that we had to hold each other back with reminders to follow our Lord, not run ahead.

It has been an amazing year of discernment, filled with fellowship, tears, laughter and lots of prayer



Dave Gordon preaching the Word

and study. Meeting every Wednesday evening in the Pennylegions' home, we sing worship songs, spend time in the word with a Lectio Divina style study, and pray for each other and our community. Often one or two of the group receive a strong vision or word which encourages us that we are following the right path.

This summer, has been filled with prayer walks through the Stoney Creek neighbourhood, holding our Wednesday night study outdoors, and holding Sunday afternoon lay-led worship services in the car port—hoping to draw in the neighbours or those walking by. Attendance has varied from five of the original leadership group to as many as ten—adding two 'regular' attendees.

All of our group wish to thank everyone at St. George's Lowville for their support through prayers and encouragement. We ask that you continue to pray as we take these next baby steps. And if you're in the area – do join us for services or our give-it-away event – we'd love to see you!

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
The Stoney Creek Project
(awaiting our name from the Bishop!)

Jim & Jude Carriere,
Dave & Marg Gordon,
Jim Muirhead,
John & Zandra Pennylegion



Stoney Creek Project

Give it Away Event

795 Hwy #8, Stoney Creek (Fruitland)

Saturday, October 11, 2009

9am - noon

Can you help?

We would appreciate:

Donations of items to give away

Helpers on site to:

talk with our visitors,

offer prayer,

work on the tables

(items should be small enough to transport easily by car
– i.e. no large furniture or appliances)

Contact:

Zandra Pennylegion 905.975.6413



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Scott Lewis writes to us

Greetings from Cambodia

This is Scott Lewis; I hope this finds you well. As for me, I still find myself working in Cambodia with the Mennonite Central Committee, though not for too much longer. I am coming home in December, having completed my three year term with MCC. I have very much enjoyed my time working as an advisor on community and economic development projects. I have had many good learning experiences both personally and professionally.

I have specifically enjoyed my role as a partner advisor. I have seen progress with the Cambodian development organizations I am working with, and I am confident that the projects will continue long after I am gone, not because of me, but because of the wonderful, talented Cambodians I have had the pleasure of working with, and because of their commitment to economic and community development here.

As I think about leaving, I have been doing a lot of reflecting on my time here. Both the challenges and the opportunities I have experienced have been a blessing to me and I hope my work has been a blessing to others. Definitely, there have been some very challenging times, including some not so fun parasites, a kidney stone, and watching a lot of friends here leave Cambodia while I remain.

In my devotions recently, I read the following;

*I walked a mile with Pleasure, She chattered all the way;
But left me none the wiser, For all she had to say.
I walked a mile with Sorrow, And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her, When Sorrow walked with me!*

(Robert Browning Hamilton)

I know I haven't really suffered much during my time here, and I am very thankful for the protection that God has provided me. But I do know that the more challenging times have also been the best learning times for me. My prayer is that much fruit would be born from the sorrows in our lives.

As I prepare to leave, I humbly ask for your prayers that I would wrap up my time in Cambodia well, and that I would have clear direction and opportunities for the next stage of my life.

Blessings to you all,

Scott Lewis



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Just wanted to say "Thank You" to all of the congregation of St. Georges who either prayed for me or sent cards of encouragement during my recent surgery and radiation treatment.

God certainly blessed me with a fast recovery and a great sense of peace during all my recovery time.

St George's folks and clergy are "Awesome."

*Yours,
Norma Jolly*



*"Brethren, pray for us"
Jess, Erica, Jonah, Benji, Kobe*

An organ in good working order is looking for a temporary home. If you are interested in this opportunity, phone (905) 335-9769.



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**9:00 am Morning Prayer or Holy Com-
munion, and Sunday school**

**10: 45 family service, nursery and Sun-
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What do you think?

A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not, " but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?

Matthew 21:28—31a

[ESV]

