

PRESIDENT'S PRAYER PARTNER TEAM

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Thank you for committing to pray for my family and me over the past four months. I am grateful for your prayer partnership as I give servant-leadership to our Fellowship. If you would like to receive this newsletter on a quarterly basis, please email: rheaton@fellowship.ca to request it.



A weekly "Zoom" gathering with our missionaries



A "Zoom" gathering with our Fellowship Chaplains

I trust this edition of my President's Prayer Partner Newsletter finds you healthy and encouraged. This virus continues to make such an impact on our lives.

While 2020 will be remembered as the year of the VIRUS; I imagine 2021 will be our year of the VACCINE. Like many of you, Marilyn and I have had our first vaccination shot.

Our Fellowship National office remains closed with restricted access. It looks like we'll continue these protocols for a few more months at least. Covid has definitely changed the way we work and communicate with one another. One of the new ways we've started keeping in touch with our Fellowship Chaplains across the country and our Fellowship International missionaries around the World is through weekly zoom prayer gatherings. I've never felt so connected with our 200+ missions' personnel.



Preaching at Grandview, Kitchener, ON - first Sunday after "Lock-down"

MINISTRY UPDATES

■ A Recruitment and Partnership Boom

The interesting thing about our 2020-2021 ministry year is that the pandemic has not slowed down ministry. The past 14 months have been particularly busy for Fellowship National. Since September 2020 we have:

- Appointed 9 long term (career) missionary units to countries like Madagascar, Romania, Japan, Indonesia and Canada.
- Appointed 29 new Fellowship Chaplains
- Established 19 new Francophone Church Plant partnerships. That is 19 English churches entering a seven year partnership to plant a Fellowship French church plant in Quebec.
- Our Covid Christmas FAIR appeal, raising funds so our missionaries might supply emergency food etc. to people on the field, raised \$135,000, some \$50,000 over our target. God's people have been generous.

This has been a particularly fruitful time in partnership with our churches.

■ THRIVE magazine

Our spring/summer 2021 edition is entitled, "Culture: Who is influencing whom?" The theme is how current cultural changes are causing our church to shift in their approach of sharing the gospel and advancing the Kingdom. I encourage you to go online to read our THRIVE magazine. [Click](#) here.



- Summer appeal



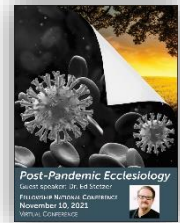
Our summer appeal is for our Fellowship International ministry. The appeal is called "God-sized Task" and is raising \$60,000 toward multiple national projects to help advance disciple-making initiatives in several countries that our Fellowship International missionaries serve. Please [Click](#) to find our more.

■ Fellowship International Director

I hope to be able to announce our Fellowship International Director very soon. Please pray with me for the smooth transition of our International Director.

■ FNC 2021 going Virtual

The decision was made to make our Fellowship National Conference for 2021 a virtual event. We were going to be in Dartmouth, NS, but due to the uncertainty of our shared Covid experience, we decided to go virtual for our National Conference on November 10, 2021 from 2:00–4:00pm (EST). Our speaker will be Dr. Ed Stetzer on “Post Pandemic Ecclesiology”.



■ FNSP: 2021-2026

My team and I have been working on Fellowship National’s next 5 year strategic plan over the past 18 months. I present the 2021-2026 plan to our National Council in May. Please pray for a good response.



JONES FAMILY UPDATE

- My Aunt in the UK passed away in January from the Covid virus, just a couple weeks after my dad (her brother) celebrated his 90th Birthday. Covid has brought grief to so many families
- I asked you in my last newsletter to pray for full-time employment for two of my adult children, Alec and Jessica. Thank you for praying. Both are working full-time.
- After 40 years in vocational ministry, I will experience my first sabbatical this summer. (June 19 – September 20, 2021) - I have developed a plan that includes: study, oil painting, spiritual refreshment, and physical rest, horseback riding, art gallery visits (Covid permitting) and trips with Marilyn including a visit out West to see our girls. My prayer is this occasion will be a “time of refreshing” (Acts 3:19-20) where my reservoir gets replenished.

Thanks for praying!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Jones".

Rev. Steven Jones,
President, the Fellowship



The Jones Family