

ON TO THE NEXT! by Heather Lucier



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Time is passing quickly. In what is just short of a year, our time in The Cave is coming to an end November 30th. The question of the last few months has been...what's next?

The question is valid, but the answer is still not 100% decided. What we do know is that when one door closes, God always opens another!

In recent months, our leadership team has been meeting and discussing possibilities and various options as to what we should do and where we could potentially move to. Ultimately we came down to these three choices:

1. Buy some land and build a facility.
2. Look for and lease a space.
3. Rent a space from another church.

We spoke with a couple of commercial realtors about buying land in the Kelowna area and the response was the same. Land that would suit our needs is currently unavailable. While there are several areas in and near Kelowna that are under development, the zoning for a church or gathering place is not currently there.

We did take a look at the possibility of leasing a space. One of those options was the LORDCO building which will be open for lease soon. We presented this possibility to the church body and asked people to pray. However, with the

uncertainty of the current political climate around us, and not really knowing what restrictions or mandates may come down the pike; as a leadership team we did not feel that committing to a large lease of possibly \$20,000.00 or more a month, is a wise move at this time.

Our last option on the list was/is to rent space from another church. This would provide us with a place to meet and at the same time, not lock us into a long term contract. The only remaining question then is, who would be willing to rent to us?

We did pursue a church in the area to see if a weekly rental would be agreeable to them, but they felt they needed to decline our request for various reasons.

It was at this point that the Lord showed me a very quick yet impactful vision. Now, I am not one who often has open visions, so I paid attention to what I saw.

What I saw before me was a yellow lined note pad. I knew it was to be a list of options that God has/had for our church about where we will be going.

The interesting thing about the list was that there was only one name on it! I saw in block letters the name of a church. What confused me was that it was the name of the church that had just declined us. Then I saw a hand holding a black marker and the hand drew a line through the name on the list.

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FOREVER REMEMBERED



I do not know your name-nor for which battle you died.
I do not know your home, nor the tears that were cried.
I do not know where you rest-nor the promises broken.
I do not know your uniform and your fears lay unspoken.

But, I know your spirit exists-that your courage is admired,
And your service is honored by each soul that's inspired.
And I offer you from my heart Thank you, to guardians unknown
For offering yourselves for us all
that we may keep freedom our home.



BE A HERO Update

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY:
WE RAISED A TOTAL OF
\$5,000.00 FOR OUR CHILDREN'S
HOMES LAST MONTH!**

This month our featured Children's Home is: **JUSTICE RISING** which is located in the **Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa**. Congo is a country that has a long difficult history of war and genocide.

Our Children's Homes liaison, Art Mercer, has reported that the last monthly sponsor for our Justice Rising Home has cancelled their monthly partnership which means we no longer have funds to send to Justice Rising on a regular monthly basis.

We will be sending a portion of the monies raised in last month's offering to Justice Rising, however, they are always in need of monthly contributions which helps them continue to change children's lives on a daily basis. If you would like to become a monthly supporter for Justice Rising, please let us know and we will make sure that your donations go directly to this organization.

Here are a few brief reports from our **Justice Rising Children's Home** in Congo:

JULY REPORT: →

"The academic year in the Congo has shifted due to intermittent lockdowns and the recent volcanic eruption. While our students are typically off from school in July and August, they are now wrapping up their final month ahead of their year-end exams in August. We continue to see such incredible strength and resilience in our students and teachers alike!"



To support Justice Rising monthly, Please contact our office at **236-420-1980**

OR

You may contact Art Mercer directly via email at: **accounting@theharvest.ca** and he will get you set up for monthly donations for these children.



AUGUST REPORT:

"A quality education in a war zone can make all the difference. Our teachers, who live in war-affected communities, often tell us, "If we don't educate them in the classroom, rebel soldiers will educate them on the street."



SEPTEMBER REPORT: →

"We have seen firsthand, how in places recovering from war and poverty, girls are often the first to be left out of school when families face financial difficulties..."

"We are back to school and hoping to provide 500 emergency scholarships to support JR students, allowing them to attend school without the stress or financial burden during this school year."



HARVEST LIFE GROUPS... GET CONNECTED!

Looking for a place to connect and be face-to-face with people?

Join one of our Harvest Life Groups! Our hope is to eventually have enough Life Groups to accommodate any and everyone who wishes to be involved. Please bear with us as things adjust and morph as we work out the kinks. As these groups grow we hope to have more leaders in order to multiply, to facility more people.

There are currently 8 groups to choose from with plans for more to open in the near future.

If you want to be a part of a Life Group, you can sign-up online or you can sign-up by calling our office at **236-420-1980**. Once we receive your information, a Life Group leader will reach out to get you connected. We are trying our best to keep the Life Groups list up-dated. If you have any questions about times and locations, you can reach out to Pastor Rick Turner via email at: pastorrick@northwestel.net

Penticton | Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

Leaders & Hosts: Abe & Kathy Harder
204-807-1789

Lower Mission | Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Leaders & Hosts: Shane & Cynthia Casavant
250-765-1671

Ladies Group | Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Leaders: Wendy Arelis & Nancy Turner
867-334-8998

Vernon | Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Leaders & Hosts: Brad & Christine Faucet
250-938-8622

Rutland | Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Leaders: Jakob & Lilly Rahn
Hosts: Alain & Jane Tremblay
250-306-4602

Downtown Kelowna | Thursdays @ 6:45pm

Leaders & Hosts: Holly & Larry Penner
778-363-4700

Men's Group | Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Leader: Art Lucier
Host: Matt Cloutier
250-300-0452

West Side | Thursdays @ 7:00pm

Leader: Justin Long
Hosts: Dennis & Linda Enkurs
250-859-4407



*Don't forget to turn your clocks back
November 7th! Daylight Saving Time ends
at 2:00am and we get an extra hour of sleep!*



Life Group Leaders:

If you have people in your Life Group that do not have a Bible, please let Nicole know and we can supply you with Bibles at no cost.

IT'S ON THIS MONTH!!!

If you have any questions at all about what God's Word has to say about SEX, or how to overcome sexual issues in your life, this is the freedom session for you.

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 26th
6:00-9:00pm
@ THE STUDIO**

FREEDOM FRIDAY NIGHT

November 26 | 6pm - 9pm | The Studio

SEX

Ties That Bind

*There is more to sex than mere skin on skin.
Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact.*

- PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE -

Limited space available. Sign up by emailing Info@TheHarvest.ca
Registration also allows our team to pray over the attendees prior to the event.

Jack Update!



As most of you know, 4 year old Jack Ferguson, was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. He and his family have temporarily moved to Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver so that they can be close to Children's Hospital for his necessary treatments. Here is a recent update from Jack's dad, Austin:

"So Jack is generally in good spirits. He still can't walk and is sore. So we are pushing him around in a wheelchair, that should keep going for another 1.5 months but hoping it goes away sooner. It's estimated that Jack will need 5-7 more months of treatment but it could be less if things go well.

At the end of the month they will be doing another detailed bone marrow biopsy to analyze the cancer. We are hoping the results shock the doctors. There is currently a complication as of the last tests, that some forms of chemo, create another type of issue that has to be resolved with more medication. This would be creating a more intense physical experience for Jack.

As far as daily check ups go, his blood is good. He hasn't needed any blood or transfusions like they thought. He is mainly receiving platelets. There are three types of cells in the blood. Red, White and Platelets. He should be needing them, but hasn't so far, so that's good. That's about everything we know right now.

We are praying that:

1. He'll walk again soon
2. That tests at end of month will have good news
3. That we will be out of here before 5 months

Obviously it would be amazing for God to do a miracle. I won't stop praying for that either. I don't know if Jesus has set a date for that because something has to happen first? Or he wants to grow us or the community in prays and faith? Or that some purpose to all this has to be fulfilled first? So maybe a prayer for wisdom into that, if that's the case. If I grew in understanding of God's will and what he's trying to accomplish then I could lean into that and accelerate what God is doing."



JACK AND HIS FAMILY

As a church family we want to help support the Fergusons, as I am sure you can imagine the financial strain this type of situation can have on a family. Many of you have already given and Austin did report that they have been supported by family members and a Facebook fund raising campaign. They are overwhelmed by the generosity they have received and are extremely grateful.

Our hope is to pay for the Ronald McDonald House rental for the next 6-8 months as needed and provide some extra funds for food, transportation, etc. If you would like to donate to the Fergusons on a monthly basis, you can do so through our weekly offering. You can also give by e-transfer to give@theharvest.ca. Please indicate clearly that the donation is for "Jack". Let's keep praying for full recovery for this little man and his family, believing that God indeed will do a miracle!

Thank you and bless you as you give.

BOOK OF THE MONTH!

We are promoting this book for another month as we feel it is a valuable resource for anyone who has young children in their lives.

This book was written by one of our own Harvesters, Gwen Mercer. Gwen and her husband Art have been a part of our Kelowna church since it's beginning, however, they were called to Ontario last year. They are still connected with us here in Kelowna.

Gwen was our Children's Director and has worked with children for over 30 years. Her heart is to see the next generation know and walk with God, and for children to understand that God made them exactly how he wants them to be.

Elpha 'Happy to Be Me' is about a young elephant who is not happy with how she is made, but soon realizes that she is exactly as she was meant to be.

This resource is great for helping parents, grandparents, educators and anyone who works with children to address the issues of gender, and to help them love themselves as they are.

This is the 1st book in a series of books that will address societal issues that challenge biblical foundations.

This is a great stocking stuffer for a young child!

\$10

ELPHA!
HAPPY TO BE ME



WRITTEN BY GWEN MERCER
ILLUSTRATED BY JON MERCHANT

**WE SOLD OUT! BUT WAIT!
MORE HAVE ARRIVED!!!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ground Zero Prayer	3 ← Life Groups →	4	5 YOUTH	6 Saturday Service 6:00PM
7 Sunday Service 10:00AM	8	9 Ground Zero Prayer	10 ← Life Groups →	11	12 YOUTH	13 Saturday Service 6:00PM
14 Sunday Service 10:00AM	15	16 Ground Zero Prayer	17 ← Life Groups →	18	19 YOUTH	20 Saturday Service 6:00PM
21 Sunday Service 10:00AM	22	23 Ground Zero Prayer	24 ← Life Groups →	25	26 	27 NO SERVICE
28 NO SERVICE	29	30 Ground Zero Prayer	...Moving the Cave...			

GIVING SHARE
ESSING OFFERING
 sharing **GIFT** GIVE
FAITH OFFERING
 growing

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!

3 WAYS TO GIVE:

- 1 Email: give@theharvest.ca
- 2 Via Cash or Debit: @ our weekly services.
- 3 In Person: @ the studio during regular office hours.

All cheques can be made out to:
"THE HARVEST"

ITS TIME TO PRAY



GROUND ZE·RO INTERCESSION

TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM | THE HARVEST STUDIO
 Join us or watch online at www.CanadianFirewall.ca

Ground Zero Intercession will be joining in with the Canadian Firewall Tuesdays @ 6:30pm in the Studio. Please be on time as we want to give our full attention to prayer and intercession.

Please note, there will be **NO ADMITTANCE** after 7:00PM.

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Almost as quickly as the name on the list was crossed out, there emerged another name on the list, but now, the first name that was crossed out was completely gone, and the new name was first on the list.

I felt the Lord saying that He has a list and knows each name on it. He knows the exact location and timing for us. I also felt the Lord say that we/I only get to see one name at a time.

Now of course my preference would be to have a list of 10 or more possibilities and then analyse each one and go from there. But the truth is, that would not require much faith. I would be resting on the knowledge that there are many options on the list. What I feel God saying is, He simply wants us to rest in the fact that He knows our needs and that He has a plan and in the right time, the plan will be revealed and the door will be opened and we will simply need to walk through.

That being said, the second name on the list is currently being pursued AND, to date, things look positive. Although this option was not necessarily on our grid as a possibility for us, there have been several confirmations that indicate that we may have found a new temporary home.

I would love to share more details, but we will not have a final answer until November 1st. As soon as things are confirmed we will be letting everyone know. So... what we need now, is for you to pray.

Even though we know that God has a plan and that we are open to His plan, there is a very real enemy that will use whatever means necessary to mess things up. Let's be in prayer over the next few days that all goes well. That the things that need to fall into place will, and that there is unity and peace regarding the decision that is made.

No matter what happens, our last services in The Cave will be November 20th and 21st. We will begin stripping out and moving The Cave on the week of November 23rd-27th. We will need your help! There are lights to change, carpet to displace, we have all of our equipment and chairs to move, TV's to take down, and some general cleaning to do. If you can help us, please let us know when and what you can help with.

Once everything is cleaned up, packed up, and loaded up, we will be moving on to the next.

-Heather Lucier

Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre

Kelowna Harvest Fellowship is a supporter of the Okanagan Valley Pregnancy Care Centre. We send monthly financial support, but we like to tend to any immediate needs they may have as well. The Pregnancy Centre has indicated that they are in need of a few items, one of those items being baby formula.

Early this year we blessed them with **56 tubs** of food for babies! But, as you know... babies eat and they are in need again of more food; so let's see if we can bless these little ones with full tummies! The request is specifically for these items:

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

- ◆ Receiving Blankets for boys (the soft flannel ones)
- ◆ Crib sheets
- ◆ Boys Long sleeve sleepers (0-3months)



Enfamil A+ 1 663g



Enfamil Gentlease A+ Powder Tub

Your monthly support of the Pregnancy Care Centre is deeply appreciated. Because of you, babies are being saved, and young women receive the help they need.

We could not do this work without you.

THANK YOU

You are helping to change the world one life at a time.



Let's see if we can gather another 50+ tubs of formula. The need is for the Yellow brand more than the Purple. So, let's gather a minimum of **35 Tubs of Yellow** and **15 Tubs of the Purple** before the end of November.

Please bring your purchases to the church when you attend the service **OR** you can drop them off at the office during regular office hours.

Thank you for participating in this endeavor, know that God smiles on us when we help those in need.

HARVEST HEALTH TIP!

-By Tania Gustafson

JUST 1%

People often blame age for their aches, pains, and ailments. Especially in the over 40 crowd. And although age does play a small role, what many people don't realize is that the length of time doing/not doing something is often more impactful than biological age. The small things we do, or not do for our health consistently over time yield huge results. Good and not so good. Think about the home you live in. The stronger the foundation that was laid and the more care and attention that went into the construction, the longer it will last. Say you have a 14ft 2x4 that's out "just a smidge". If you've ever built anything you know that 2x4 will be noticeably out of place at the other end. It's that little bit, not corrected, over time that causes a problem at the other end. Same with your body.

And when these are all addressed, health happens. That being said, everyone should start where they're at. Adopt the 1% mindset and commit to doing something good for your health 1% better tomorrow than you did today. Maybe you turn off the TV and head to bed a little earlier; maybe you replace that 3rd cup of coffee with a few glasses of water; or perhaps you make a point of eating a balanced breakfast rather than running through a drive through, or parking at the back of the parking lot, or taking those vitamins that are still sitting in the cupboard.... You get the idea.

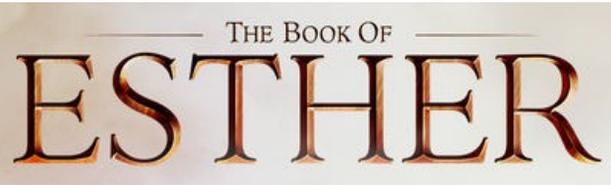
Restoring health, reversing disease, improving energy, etc., won't happen over night. But it will happen. I'm healthier and stronger in my 50's than I was in my 20's and I believe that positive changes can be made at any age. I challenge you to choose one thing and commit to 1% today and see where it leads you.

We all know God gave us bodies that were designed to heal. He also only gave us one. So it's up to us to take care of it consistently.

For more info visit Tania's website www.fuelignitethrive.com or email direct_tania@fuelignitethrive.com

There are six components to optimal health; stress, sleep, water, nutrition, exercise, supplements.

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE!



If you ever start to feel overwhelmed by the crazy of our world and what is happening in our nation, remember the story of Esther and what God did when His people decided to fast and pray.

The era may be different but the issues are the same. The enemy of God is still trying to annihilate the children of God through any means possible.

To remind yourself of God's supremacy, let's read the story of Esther at least once a week this month, and build up your faith so that you can believe for redemption for our nation and all of God's people.

In our attempt to promote healing and growth for the whole person~body, soul and spirit, we have developed some ministries available for you to receive from.



FREEDOM MINISTRY:

We offer monthly evenings of teaching and ministry opportunities, open to everyone. Additionally, we have small teams, trained to minister more intensive healing and deliverance to individuals, by appointment.

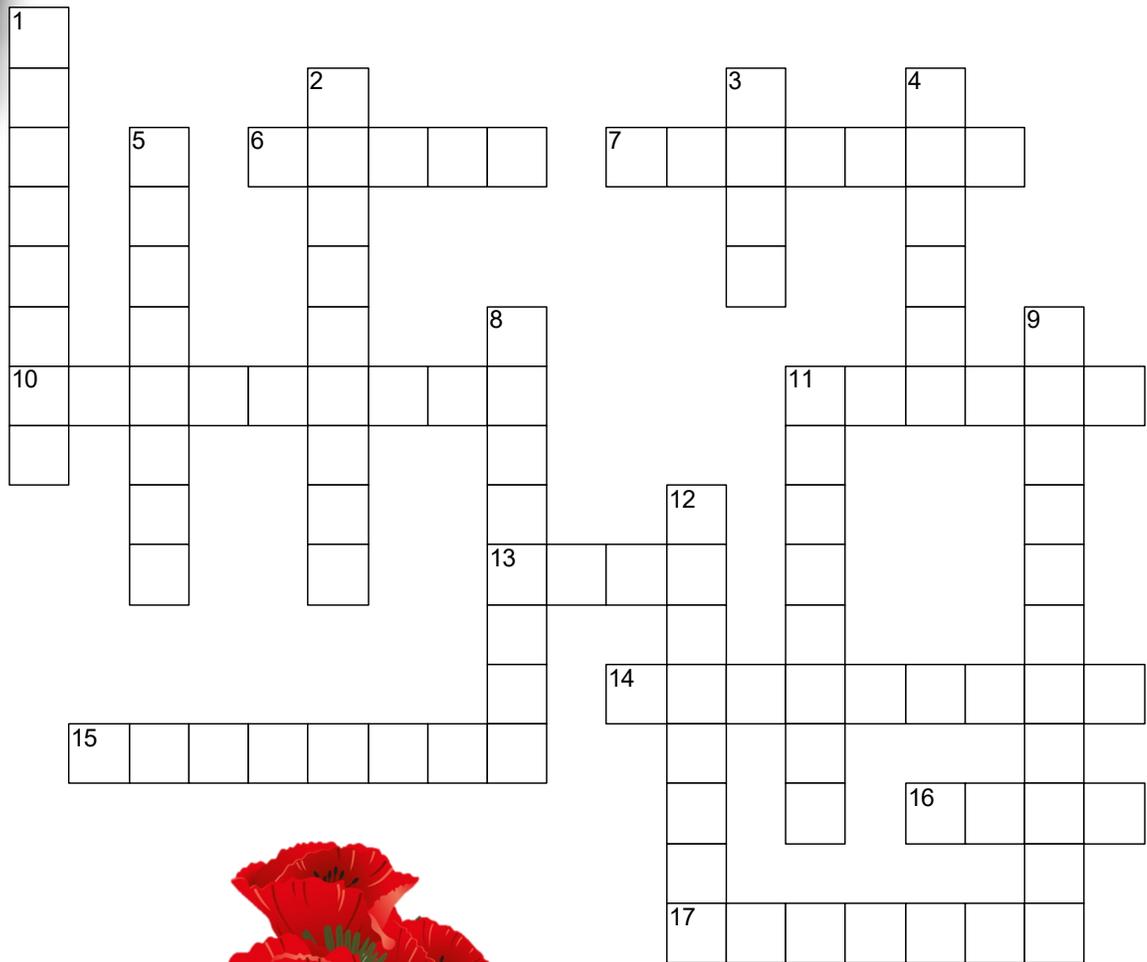
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING: Counselors holding specialized Graduate degrees and registration are available for hourly sessions at a small cost for Harvest attendees. We work with individuals, couples, and families. If you have a mental health diagnosis or want to explore the possibility of being diagnosed, clinical therapy is a great place to start. If you have had problems with addictions, this is an important component of becoming whole again.

Contact Larcy Dunford, Ministry Coordinator, to discuss setting appointments for either of our wholeness ministries. 250 878 3751 or larcy@larcychris.com.

HARVEST WHOLENESS MINISTRY



REMEMBRANCE DAY



www.CrosswordWeaver.com



ACROSS

- 6** The flower of Remembrance Day.
7 Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____.
10 Another name for 'Remembrance' Day.
11 Lest we _____.
13 We fight so that we can be _____.
14 God ____ His covenant.
 1Chron.16:15
15 Members of an army.
16 God said he would not remember our ____ Heb 8:12
17 A moment of _____.

DOWN

- 1** Another US name for 'Remembrance' Day. □
2 If you can't remember, you are?
3 The side of the body where you wear a poppy.
4 Another word for showing respect.
5 The month in which we remember.
8 Forget not all His _____. Ps 103:2
9 Jesus said "Do this in ____ of me."
11 In ____ Field where poppies grow.
12 We honor these people on Remembrance Day.