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Apostolic Faith Church

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL REPORT

BRANCH CHURCHES VISITED

LANGLEY, BC

CALGARY, AB

EDMONTON, AB

FORT MCMURRAY, AB

KITCHENER, ON

TORONTO, ON



“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”

I John 1:3,4

We thank God for the wonderful privilege to visit with several of our branch churches in 2022. The love of God and the unity of the Spirit among His people was so encouraging and inspiring to us. Our purpose was to show support and love to the brethren, but we received such love and support ourselves, we couldn't help but feel we were on the receiving end. God was surely with us every mile of the way as we travelled from coast to coast throughout the Canadian District.

Birchy Bay Sunday, September 4, 2022

There is a beautiful little church nestled in a little bay with just a few saints whose hearts are still longing to worship and serve God despite the decline in members. Lord willing, a retired pastor will be going to Birchy Bay church to spend a weekend or two with them on a monthly basis. It was our desire to be with them for the first Sunday that they were without a pastor.

Each time we have the privilege to visit this small congregation, we are so uplifted by the faithfulness of these wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. Just a few of them but when you spend time in this little church the singing and praying is so wholehearted and powerful you feel that you are in a large congregation.



We enjoyed a wonderful evening service. Hearty singing and testimonies went forth, a beautiful duet by Olive and Eileen entitled, "I Know a Man Who Can." was given before the Word. Brother Chris presented the message from God's Word using, "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation," as his theme. His text was *Isaiah 50:10, 11*. Light cuts through the darkness – it guides us and helps us to walk in straight paths for our feet. We do not have to fear getting lost or confused if we follow the Light.

When we do not know how to make the next decision or what the answer is, we need not worry or fret. All we must do is follow Jesus – *our light*. *Psalms 139:12*. Darkness and Light is the same to God. So, when we feel fearful, discouraged, negative thoughts or worries cloud our minds – we can turn to God – you may feel you are at the bottom, but God can lift you up. In the darkest moments of life, or in the middle of the night, God can see the obstacles up ahead. If you ask Him to help – He will make what seems obstacles in the dark as steppingstones in the light.



There was a wonderful, sweet presence of the Lord as we met at an altar of prayer. Please help us pray that God will raise up a people in this community and area to fill the empty pews of this lovely church.

Bide Arm September 11, 2022

What a delight to be in worship with the saints of Bide Arm. Pastor Randy Antalan, the new pastor, extended a warm welcome to us. The morning service was Spirit filled as the congregation sang the grand old songs of the



gospel. Testimonies of victory and beautiful specials preceded the Word of God. Pastor Randy preached on, "Jesus, the Vine," taking his text from *John 15:5*. As long as we remain attached to the true vine, we will bring forth spiritual fruit unto

righteousness. After the morning service we enjoyed a delicious lunch with the Antalans.

What a glorious time of fellowship we enjoyed in the two services at Bide Arm. They have opened their arms of



love and welcome to their new pastor and are very excited to see the Spirit of God move in the midst of the church.

South Brook October 11, 2022

The Sunday we spent with the saints at South Brook was very uplifting and both services were filled with the glory of the Lord.



It was Thanksgiving weekend, so much praise and worship were given to the one who has blessed us beyond measure. The choir sang a very nice song entitled, *“Thank You for Everything That I Have.”* What a blessing to sing His praises. ‘In the morning, in the evening I thank you for everything that I have.’

Pastor George and his wife, Barbara, sang a beautiful special, *“Let Me Be The One To Say Thank You,”* to open testimony service.



It wasn’t hard to stand and tell of the goodness of the Lord when we have so much to be thankful for. The Spirit of the Lord filled the church. Brother Chris presented the message using *Psalm 105*, *“Give Thanks Unto the Lord,”* exhorting us to praise God.

When we think about the blessings of God, it causes us to draw near to Him with a grateful heart. He inhabits the praises of His people. When you feel as if you have



nothing to praise God for then be encouraged to read David’s list in *Psalm 103:1-10*.

Englee Sunday, October 9, 2022

My wife and I enjoyed wonderful fellowship with Pastor Kirby Hewlett, his wife, Diane, and the saints at Englee. The morning service was so refreshing, filled with the Spirit of God. The choir sang a beautiful song entitled, *“My Jesus knows Just What I Need.”* Congregational singing followed. Brothers and sisters witnessed to the goodness of God in their lives. A wonderful solo by Joan Cassell, entitled, *“I Want My Lord to be Satisfied With*



Me,” was sung before the sermon, presented by brother Wayne. He took his text from *Mark 4:36-29*.

A delicious lunch was prepared by sister Diane which we enjoyed immensely!

The evening service was opened with the choir singing, “Just Over in the Glory Land.” Beautiful gospel songs such as, “Joy Unspeakable,” “I Believe in A Hill Called Mount Calvary” and “Rescue the Perishing” were sung by the congregation. A trio by Trudy, Bessie and Diane entitled, “When the Clouds Roll Back,” was sung before testimonies were given. Freeman Cull sang a solo entitled, “Shall I Find Some Soul” before the Word was presented by Rev. Chris Hewlett. His text was *St. Luke 21:25*.



Langley

October 30 – November 8, 2022

We had the privilege to spend two Sundays with the Langley saints.

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Sunday school began at 9:30. Bible class lesson was Discovery, Daniel Used by God. Brother Sam taught the lesson and there was good interaction from the adults.

The Sunday morning service started with prayer at 10:30. The prelude was flute and piano selections performed by Precious and Tomi. The songs played were, “Hearts Always Hunger More,” and “Ancient Words.” The duet was joined by other instruments played by a group of young people. Oh, what beautiful music resounded as we entered a Spirit of worship.

Brother Shola led the congregational songs, “Take Time to be Holy,” “Revive Us Again” and “Amazing Grace.”

Brother Chris brought greetings from Headquarters church at Roddickton and the Board of Directors. The song, “He Set Me Free,” was sung before testimonies of victory were given.

A beautiful song entitled, “Humble Yourself and See what the Lord Can Do,” was sung by Patience before the sermon by Brother Chris. He preached on, “The Return of Christ,” taking his text from *St. Luke 21:25, 26*. This is a picture of coming events, disasters unknown to mankind. Everyone must agree that we are living in serious times ... like the world has never known. When we see these things come to pass then know that the coming of Christ is at the door. We are striving for one goal, to be raptured, to live in Heaven eternally. Rather than being worried or terrified of all the events taking place, we must live in readiness, awaiting the Lord’s return. It is easy to get use to all these happenings and become complacent, dismissing the fact that it is indeed the fulfilment of the Holy Scriptures. *Verse 33, 36*. We need a reminder to be sincere about our eternal salvation – look to Jesus while others are looking to the world. *1 Peter 3:1*. The Lord hasn’t returned yet because of His patience and mercy, He is waiting for lost souls to repent and be saved. Christ’s second coming will be sudden and for those who have not accepted Him as their personal Savior it will be a terrible time. If you think this recent COVID Pandemic was sudden and terrible, it will be nothing compared to the shaking that the Rapture will cause. The invitation is still extended to you today to come and be saved. *Matthew 16:24-26* “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” He then shared a wonderful experience of how the Spirit of God moved in the midst of the Roddickton church the Sunday previous to him coming to Langley. Many were anointed and prayed for. Special prayer was made for Pastor Michael Ivany who

could not make it to the service. But a great miracle took place for when we looked, he was coming in the door with his hands raised, praising God for touching him. There was great rejoicing. The saints were encouraged and met at the altar for a wonderful time of prayer.

Sunday evening was a Spirit filled service with beautiful singing, wonderful testimonies of victory, special selections in song and music and an inspiring message from the Word of God by Pastor Scott Wells entitled, "The Church of the Living God." He used *1 Corinthians 12:12* as his text. We are all different members but one body in Christ. We must work together to build the Church of God. The Lord wants to present to Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. We, as the family of God must have a mind to work as did Nehemiah in the days of the Children of Israel who had been held captive. The walls of Jerusalem were destroyed but Nehemiah took it upon himself this great task to rebuild the wall and make Jerusalem once more a fortified city. Despite the opposition, he did accomplish that. The Spirit of God met us at an altar of prayer.

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

We attended the Prayer Service at 7. Wonderful prayer service with a great volume of prayer. As well during the week we enjoyed meeting with some of the church folks on a more casual and friendly basis.

Saturday, November 5, 2022



At 8:30 a.m. the ministers and their spouses met for breakfast at a local restaurant. Next, we gathered for a ministers/spouse meeting.

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Sunday school at 9:30: The opening was led by Pastor Scott. We sang joyful action songs such as, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men," and "Put Your Pedal to the Medal."

There was a sword drill which was won by Immanuel Olulana. The adult class lesson was taught by Shola. The lesson was, The Book of Daniel, Prophecies Given to Daniel. It was an informative session of Daniels prophecies concerning Israel and the meaning of the King's dream.

Sunday morning, prayer began at 10:30 and what a wonderful start to the service. It was opened with selections by the Akindele's, singing, "I Will Arise," "Nearer to Thee." There was beautiful harmony in this sibling trio. Congregational songs included, "Rejoice the Lord is King", "The Bible Stands", and "Fill Me Now." Beautiful testimonies followed.

The special before the Word was sung by brother Chris and Patti Hewlett entitled, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells for you and Me."

The message was presented by Pastor Marjorie Reid using *Luke 10:42* as her text. This story gives us a lesson that we should not hold on to things that are not eternal. Focus on and know that the only thing eternal is Jesus. In the living room with Jesus, Mary, and Martha. Martha was welcoming Jesus. Hospitality is very important, but she became very busy, while Mary chose the better part by sitting at Jesus' feet. Martha brought complaint that Mary was not helping her, but Jesus said she had chosen the better part. Her priorities were upside down. When distractions come Jesus is so faithful to bring it to our attention and help us to focus on what is necessary. It is wonderful to know that Jesus' words to Martha did not mean that Mary was better. He wanted Martha to be focused on things eternal. Jesus referenced that Mary had chosen the eternal part and it will never be taken from her. A wonderful prayer meeting followed. A delicious potluck lunch was prepared, and brothers and



sisters enjoyed sweet fellowship. An anniversary cake was brought out to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church in Langley. Highlights were shared of the

Langley's church beginnings. Great miracles and experiences of the early church was very enjoyable.

The ministry gathered to cut the cake and take pictures. Instead of going home and coming back to evening service, we went into an early service right after the



meal.

The evening service began with a piano solo and then an exciting song, *"Just a Little Talk with Jesus,"* sung by a Mens Group. Testimonies of victory followed. Before the message a powerful song entitled, *"I Speak Jesus,"* was beautifully played and sung by Precious Akindele. The anointing of the Spirit was upon the singing and the congregation was feeling blessed. Brother Chris stood to preach the Word, but the Spirit of God was in the place. He felt led to ask Precious if she would sing it again. He then encouraged the congregation to stand, to close their eyes and raise their hands heavenward. He said, listen to the words of the song carefully and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to your need and to worship God. The Spirit of God took over. Hearts, voices, and hands praised and uplifted the name of Jesus in one accord. Words cannot describe the wonderful experience. How sweet was the presence of the Lord as it flowed from heart to heart.



A stirring message was then given by Pastor Chris entitled, *"Unclogging Old Wells and Digging New Ones,"* taking his text from *Genesis 26:1-3, 18,19*. Isaac returned to the old wells of his father and found them clogged by the enemy. They once flowed with cool, clear water but they were now clogged with debris. Three times Isaac dug new wells. Today we are embracing the latter rain gospel. Are our wells still open and flowing with fresh water? Has there been any clogging of our wells? Many have allowed the enemy of their soul to clog their spiritual wells with the things of this world. Let's keep our wells open and flowing freely from the springs of living water. *John &:37, 38*. If any man thirst let him come to me and drink. We remember the woman at the well who came for water, but Jesus gave her Living Water. This water is still available today.

Closing song was, *"Drinking at the Springs of Living Water."* A great time of prayer followed.

Calgary, Alberta November 15, 2022

What a blessed privilege to be in Calgary for Sunday, November 15. We arrived in freezing cold temperatures but were warmly greeted by the saints of Calgary.

We met at 9:00 for Sunday school. Congregational choruses such as, *"Rise and Shine and Give the Glory,"*



"The Wiseman Built his House upon the Rock," *"I'm Gonna Work and Watch and Pray,"* were sung with such gusto.

Excitement continued as the children presented their program. What a lively song they sang as they marched to their different classes, Step by Step we will Follow Jesus. A very descriptive and informative lesson was taught in the Bible Class by Gbenga Adejare. The topic was, *"The White Throne Judgment."* Many insights in the

Word of God and interaction from the class was very beneficial to those eager to learn.

Pictures of our Visit in Calgary



The service opened with a piano rendition of, "Solid Rock," followed by the orchestra, "This is my Father's World." Beautiful singing by the choir, congregational worship songs and specials preceded the message from

the Word by brother Chris, entitled, "The Love of God." He took his text from **Eph. 3:14-16. 16.** Love is more



than **"feeling."** Yet many fail to perceive the love which lies behind the cross. It produces selfless, sacrificial, giving, LOVE. The greatest act of love anyone can do is give himself for others. How can we lay down our lives? Sometimes it is easier to say we will die for others than to truly live for them. Let us examine ourselves to see where we stand.

The fellowship with the Calgary saints, whether at the services, in private homes of different members, or at the restaurant, was such a blessing and will be long remembered.



Edmonton, November 16 - 21

Wednesday, upon our arrival, we were invited and warmly welcomed to have supper with Pastor Foluso, his wife, Yetunde and their three sons. A delicious, home-cooked meal prepared by sister Yetunde,



followed by a prayer meeting on ZOOM all made for a great evening.

Thursday, we had the wonderful privilege to meet at Benjamin's and Esther Daramamola's residence. Once



again, we enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal and fellowship with their beautiful family which included the newest addition, little Daniel.

Friday Evening, November 18

The evangelistic service opened with a beautiful prelude of clarinet and piano by Addy and Caleb, "There'll be Peace in the Valley." The choir joyfully sang, "Salvation

Has been Brought Down." Beautiful testimonies followed. A duet by Victor and Caleb was presented before the message. Rev. Chris Hewlett preached on, "The Conversion of Saul," using [Acts 9:1-6](#) as his text. Saul was very religious, his training was at the feet of Gamaliel, a great teacher of the Law. His good intentions and efforts as a Pharisee caused him to go to great lengths to wipe out Christianity. But he entered Damascus in a different manner than he had expected or planned. He met Jesus, is forgiven and became a great Apostle. His name was changed to Paul, and he became just as zealous for the gospel as he was to try and stop it. Will you surrender and give all to follow God? Do you desire to have the same zeal to follow Christ?

Saturday, November 19

The church family met at a local restaurant for dinner buffet. It was a great opportunity for us to meet with the



members, allowing us to interact in a more relaxed setting. It was an amazing time of bonding and sharing among all the members and invited guests. Pictures were taken to capture the memory of such an enjoyable evening.



The young teenagers did a great job in bringing this lesson to life. To end the skit, the song, *“Get Onboard Little Children,”* was sung.



Sunday, November 20



Sunday school began at 10:15 and opened with violin and piano duet, *“To God be the Glory.”* Action chorus followed then children went to their perspective classes. Bible class was taught by Yetunde.

Great insights and discussions cumulated to a profitable teaching on Worthy is the Lamb.

Morning service at 11:30: Hearty welcome greetings and remarks were given by Pastor Timothy Foluso. Pastor Marjorie and brother Edwin Reid joined us for the services. It was so good to see them again. To begin, there was a children’s program entitled, Get Onboard. A dramatized lesson portraying our choice to receive Salvation as getting onboard the gospel train.

The choir sang, *“Thank You for The Cross Lord.”* It was so beautiful. A quartet sang to open testimonies and the choir sang before the sermon by bro. Chris Hewlett. The theme of his message was, *“Answering the Call of God,”* using *Ezekiel 22:23, 24* as his text. He mentioned that this text is one of the saddest in the Bible. There was no man to stand in the gap and stem the tide of iniquity for the nation of Israel, for the land. Priests were violating the laws of God and sin was rampant. We need to uphold our spiritual leaders in prayer continually. We are living in a time of spiritual decay. God is commonplace, the Sabbath is ignored, sin and neglect makes a gap in the hedge of protection God provides. What is God calling you to do? Will you stand in the gap? The song, *“Who is on the Lord’s Side,”* was sung as we gathered at the altars. The Lord met us there.

Fort McMurray

What a blessing to visit with Pastor Howard, his wife, Sharron, and the brethren at Fort McMurray. Thank God for His presence with us.

A wonderful presence of the Lord met us at prayer meeting on Tuesday night. Hearts were blessed as we laid our burdens at the altar of prayer. God is so faithful to uplift and encourage as we spend time with him in prayer.

Sunday school was such a thrill. To watch the children and youth sing so excitedly truly blessed our hearts. An



evangelistic service took place in the evening and was filled with the Spirit of God. Great singing, music, testimonies, and anointed sermon by Pastor Chris



entitled, "Yielding Ourselves to God," using *Romans 9:23* for his text. There must be a willingness to submit to God's plan of salvation through faith in the Creator. Israel saw examples of those who hardened their hearts against God and His commandments and chose not to heed the Word of God's prophets, thus they were no longer useable by God. *Jeremiah 18:8,9*. Much of the



divine skill, creating wisdom, and sanctifying power will be visible when we submit ourselves to the hand of the Master.

During the week some of the brethren met at a restaurant for breakfast and another time for dinner. Great fellowship with the family of God was so refreshing to our hearts.

We flew back to Newfoundland December 1, 2022, with a heart filled with wonderful memories of our time spent with, not only the brethren of Fort McMurray but also some of our precious loved ones, our daughter, Roseann, her husband, Shawn and their family.

To God be the glory.

Kitchener, Ontario, December 16, 2022

It was a glorious privilege to spend time in Kitchener during the Christmas season. We spent time with our two daughters, Rochelle, Ralinda, their husbands, Deon and Shane and their children, as well as the saints of God.

The same evening we arrived, we were privileged to attend the annual church supper. What a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food.

The first Sunday, December 18, there was a Sunday school program which was a great success. Nursery



children, primary, elementary and juniors were all applauded for a splended job in promoting the gospel in

Toronto, Ontario, January, 2023

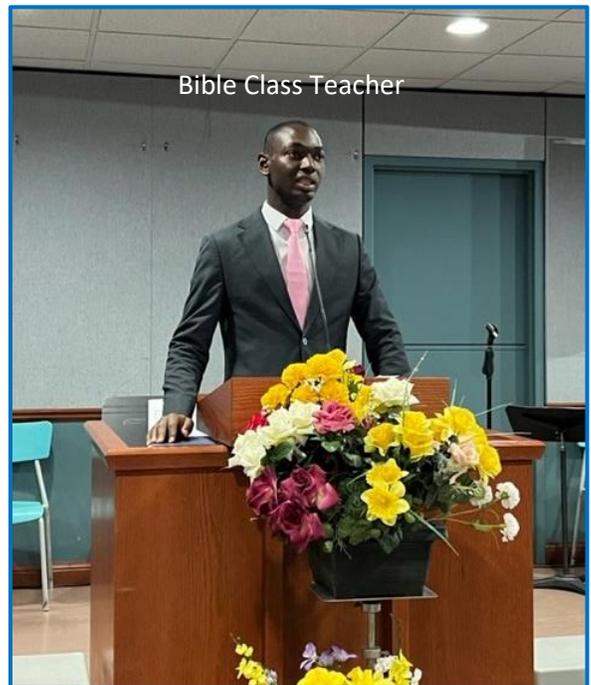


We met with brother Tobi, his wife, Tosin and their beautiful children during the week to enjoy dinner at their home. What an awesome, home cooked meal and good fellowship we enjoyed.



January 1, the first Sunday of the New Year we spent at our Toronto church. What a thrill to be in worship and fellowship with the Toronto brethren.

At Sunday School the children eagerly recited their memory verses and sang wholeheartedly.



song and recitation. The birth of Jesus was portrayed and greatly celebrated. What a blessed sense of praise and adoration to the King of kings was experienced by us all as we left the church. Our hearts were full and overflowing with the sweet presence of Jesus.



The second Sunday, Christmas Day, we enjoyed a Candlelight Service. The Spirit of Christmas was in the air. Beautiful selections were well done by all who performed. It is certain that everyone was truly blessed for coming.

It was marvelous to see all the brothers and sisters once again. As well to meet the newcomers who have come along since we last visited. The presence of the Lord was in our midst as we congregated to praise and worship our blessed Savior and to start the New Year with prayer and consecration. Wonderful specials, music, and testimonies truly blessed our hearts.



Brother Chris preached a sermon entitled, "A New Beginning," taking his text from *Joshua 1:1-3*. He reminded the church that we, like Joshua, must look at



how far God has brought us through 2022, reflecting upon God's mercies, blessings, and the challenges He has helped us overcome in the old year. He admonished the congregation to look up to God for the journey ahead into 2023 asking God to direct our steps, for we do not know what lies ahead.

SUMMARY:

At some of our branch churches, it was revealed that it was Pastor Chris's birthday month, and he would be celebrating his 65th. So, a birthday cake, gift and special greetings were presented to him. It was such a nice surprise and was greatly appreciated. What a blessing to celebrate such a milestone with the family of God.

We were greatly blessed at all church locations that we visited. The kindness and love shown by the brethren was so much cherished and will long be remembered. It is very exciting to see how God is moving and adding souls to the congregations. To God be the glory for the growth that



is happening across the country. Let us pray it will continue as we work together for the extension of His Kingdom. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon each one of our branch churches. Let the call of God which is going out across our land be answered with, "Here am I Lord, send me."

We look to God for our future travels to other branch churches, should Jesus tarry His coming. Encouraging each one to keep looking upward and onward.