

**SPRING/SUMMER
2011**

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MISSIONS FEST UPDATE

CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS



Simon Guillebaud challenged us to be radical Christians. At age 24, Simon was single, available and quite affluent. He told God that he would do anything if God would make it clear. A friend suggested going to Burundi to work with youth and do evangelism. After he asked God for a radical sign, he received confirmation through a phone call. Simon went to Burundi and has seen so much fruit—several 100 thousand people impacted for God. Simon's book *Dangerously Alive* talks about radical discipleship. Dangerous people turn vision into reality. Too many of us act as though we have more confidence in ourselves than in God. A few principles to live by: 1) establish what makes you "tick." 2) open your eyes to dream a big dream--we follow the God of the impossible 3) step out and take risks—act out our dreams. 4) be disciplined and proactive--goals and plans are so important to success 5) stick to it. No one can make you inferior without your consent. We want instant growth—but with God delay is not denial. God is concerned about how strong we grow, not how fast we grow. For Burundi so far it has been a 12-year journey for Simon—but it takes a long time to change a nation for Christ. 6) keep the vision clear and 7) don't get distracted by the tyranny of the urgent over the important.



Barry Meguiar spoke on God's purpose for your life. He emphasized that lay people are the church. We are living in a challenging time. There has never been an easier time to witness than right now. Even the "fat cats" are not secure; there is nothing to hold on to except Jesus Christ. He is the Anchor. Jesus said, "The Greatest Commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:29-31)

We have to be serious! What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? What is the highest desire of people—to go to heaven. The church is in disarray. We are the church—we have been commanded, commissioned and called and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, and we have been called to the ministry of reconciliation. We have been called to be salt and light. We are to love our neighbors and share our faith.. What is the reason that we exist? We were created with intelligent design. Why did God create us? Shouldn't our purpose be the same as His purpose? Step back and say, "What is my purpose?" My purpose is to take as many people to heaven as I can. It's all about loving God and serving God and loving others and talking to them about Him.



Hilary Price challenged attendees to consider what is meant by our theme, *Moving With God*. She took us back to the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve had everything they could ever want but it wasn't enough. Eve said "No" to God, as did Adam, and mankind was no longer in fellowship with Him. But God's plan was to restore that fellowship by sending His Son to earth. And in the fullness of time, Mary was approached by the angel of the Lord, and God said to her, "Will you carry in your body the Life of My Son?" And that is what He still says to each of us today. Mary said, "Yes," to God and in so doing gave her body over to Him so that His Son could come into this world. We can move with God only as we invite Him to live His life within us. As we yield ourselves to Him, we will know the joy of being led by His Spirit to accomplish His purposes in our world.



Speaking on the Priorities of a Missional Church, Charles Price posed several questions, "What is the church doing to reach their own local community? If the local church disappeared, would the community notice?" Oswald J. Smith said, "Light that shines the furthest shines the brightest at home. If our reach becomes greater than our depth, then our reach is weakened." Does the church have a mission or does the mission have a church? What is the mission? "The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea." (Hab. 2:14) "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10) The end of the mission is that people are restored into the image of God into which Adam was originally created. God's primary means of fulfilling the mission is the church. There is a big difference between being successful and being fruitful. In a fruitful church, the character of Jesus Christ is seen in the people. It is important to see the fruit of the Spirit. What is fruit for? It feeds people. God has put eternity in the hearts of people who hunger to know Him. We often settle for what we can measure—we can't measure fruit well. Fruit bearing is a process; it takes time. One sows, another waters, another harvests but it is God Who gives the increase. Our mission is to reach the whole world for Jesus Christ.

CULTURAL CONNECT*

*MFA's Third Annual Fundraiser

Join us for a great evening featuring singing in many languages, a silent auction and a dynamic message from our guest speaker, Wagdi Iskander.

EDMONTON

Saturday, September 24th

6:00 p.m.

West Edmonton Christian Assembly
6315 - 199 St

CALGARY

Friday, October 14th

7:00 p.m.

Foothills Alliance Church
333 Edgepark Blvd NW



Guest Speaker:
**Wagdi
Iskander**

- No Admission Fee - Invite your family & friends - Free-Will Offering -

Pictures below are from Cultural Connect 2010 in Edmonton



Attendees check out the
Silent Auction items.



An amazing night of worship in many languages, updates from
around the world and an inspiring message from Bob Gal.



Canadian Bible Society
provided a display of
international flags and
Bibles in many languages.



2011/2012 Calendar

June 2 - Annual General Meeting

June 11 - CAP LovEdmonton

June 12 - Global Day of Prayer

Sept. 24 - CULTURAL CONNECT-
Edmonton

Oct. 14 - CULTURAL CONNECT -
Calgary

MISSIONS FEST ALBERTA 2012

February 24 - 26

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CONFERENCE

Missions Fest's goal is to help individuals find the place where their interests and abilities can best be put to use in the Great Harvest.

Three-Fold Purpose: to inform and celebrate what God is doing all over the world; to educate Christians about their responsibility and involvement in world evangelization and missions; to challenge believers to pray, give, send, and go.



Gasoline Alley was a unique feature area and we were blessed to hear about the many people that used this as an outreach to bring their friends and family to the conference.



Conference attendees' comments in answer to the question:

What was the most meaningful experience for you at Missions Fest? Why?

Offered a variety of seminars and best of all it's *Free!*

I loved the cultural concert at the closing assembly.

Hearing Hilary Price speak on "Different Just Like Me" amazing perspective on how God sees people who have disabilities.

Worship on Sunday Night, partaking in fellowship worship.

Unity and servanthood – oneness of Body. Thank you, so refreshing.

The challenge to be a radical follower of Jesus Christ.

Great challenges. My husband and I are planning on being used by God somewhere in our world!

Hearing about what God was doing around the world-encouraged to pray.

Excited about "Watch & Pray"; Be dangerous; Live the Truth; Great new speakers.

Women's Day – Friday, Sunday Evening, all was very good!

To see what the Lord is doing around the world through the dedicated missionaries.

Seeing the commitment people have to spread the Gospel.

Listening to the different missionaries and pastors because they give me "fresh food" and refresh me spiritually!

Many "God moments" this weekend; the Spirit is really leading me to meet the people I need to. God has spoken to me.

Learning about organizations and how they could help me find my purpose after retirement.

Connecting with people and ministries, because relationships matter.

How we must move with God and allow Him to use us for His purpose, His will, His perspective, His way, His plan, etc.

The Speakers at the General Assemblies. Very Challenging! The urgency to do God's work NOW!

Missions Fest is like a small piece of heaven right here on earth. It's neat to see how so many missions are reaching world wide with God's love and His son Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Keep up the great work. Keep smiling for Jesus!

The challenge to give everything to Jesus, take back what He gives me, make changes and grow!

Thank you for having our team serve at Missions Fest this year. We really had a wonderful time, and it was such a great event to be involved with as a team. May the Lord continue to bless you as you work to mobilize many to minister in the harvest!

2011
aggregate
attendance-
22,500



275 attended the
MF Luncheon!



Grades 1-6 experienced the MF Missions Tour "Safari" on Friday and Saturday Nights.



Missions Quest
Friday Field Trip with over 500 students attending. A day of experiencing missions: with presentations at different stations, a rally and a visit to the exhibit hall.



Exhibitors' comments. . .

- God delights in people using business/professional skills for His Kingdom– that is true missionary work!
- We made many contacts--*exposure is everything!*
- Shared the gospel with two teenagers.
- We had several interesting conversations. One came back the next day and introduced their spouse to us.
- We regularly have people who have joined the ministry through contacts made here.
- This is a valuable conference! The Lord is present at it.
- Keep doing this. The fellowship, encouragement of fellow believers and focus on Jesus is valuable at minimum. Well done.
- Good to see so many young people. For many of us the desire to be a 'missionary' was planted at a young age. We will pray for the desire to be kept alive in these young hearts amidst the temptations of the times.
- So many ministries keep saying, "We are blessed by your ministry,s and we are thrilled that you are here."
- We have contacts from all of Alberta. Thanks for all your hard work. See you next year.
- Experienced God's love and power thru people – and their love for Jesus.
- As always a good response. Another successful event! Thank you!! The Lord bless Missions Fest and the Team.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Missions Fest Alberta gratefully receives some of its funding from exhibitors and sponsoring churches.

The remainder of our support comes from individuals who strongly believe in the value of the conference for building up the Body of Christ. We deeply appreciate those who faithfully stand with this ministry each year.

To assist Missions Fest Alberta financially throughout the year, please donate by mail, on our secure website, or at the office by Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa, Master Card or AMEX. Preauthorized monthly giving by credit card can be arranged by contacting the office.

Other Options. . .

Other ways to help us out could include auctions, car washes or other fundraising events hosted by your church, youth group, small group, etc. Please contact us with your fundraising ideas so we can continue to work together for the harvest.

REFLECTIONS

The foundation of Missions Fest Alberta is the sponsoring churches that support, plan, and organize this family missions extravaganza in addition to numerous other supportive congregations who encourage their people to attend for the weekend. We are grateful to God for bringing us together from so many diverse backgrounds. It is encouraging to see thousands who have been challenged and motivated for world missions over the past 17 years.

THANK YOU to all who attended. We extend our sincere appreciation to 600+ volunteers for serving at the conference!



Seminar attendees' comments. . .

Good stories and helpful to spur me on to share the pure Gospel. I had questions and this presenter really answered those questions. Thanks. *"Spirit Affirmation"* – thank you, the message remains the same. Great session, very inspiring. Just what I needed to hear. *Sharing your testimony is HUGE, Powerful! WOW! I am at a loss for words.* Very good, humbling and useful to gain a bigger perspective, Thank You! *Exactly what I was hoping to get out of this seminar.* Totally practical! *This came at the perfect time as our missions committee is currently reviewing our care process for our missionaries.*

Thanks! Thanks for a well-sorganized, informative and challenging presentation. *Great to have a great panel of speakers that are energized and contagious in this mission.* Challenged me to ask God for direction. *Very dynamic and honest, Good Stuff!* This seminar helped me realize that God probably is not done with me yet. *Great authentic presentation from the heart.* Excellent - please bring this speaker back! *This what I needed to hear today, God owns my business and this has inspired me to share the gospel in new ways. Thank You So Much!* Come back to inspire many more at Missions Fest. *It was very encouraging and informative, I enjoyed it.* Presenter is very authentic and sincere, I was blessed. *This presenter is a great blessing and the reflection of Jesus shines through.* Thank you – a complete blessing!



PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS

Throughout the weekend, the call went out to pray for the nations. Attendees could choose a country to pray for during the next year.

There are still 22 countries available.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Missions Fest Office.

You will be blessed and encouraged as you see God's answers.

"ASK OF ME AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR INHERITANCE, THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION." PSALM 2:8

PRAYER FOCUS

PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise God for encouraging our hearts to reach the lost – for a continued spirit of co-operation among our Sponsoring Churches – for giving us fresh vision.
- Praise God for testimonies of individuals whose lives have been changed through the influence of Missions Fest Alberta.

PRAY FOR

- The salvation of billions still in need of Jesus.
- Pray for youth who attended Missions Quest and weekend youth sessions; they are our future mission leaders.
- Wisdom for Staff, Planning Team and Board as they plan during the year.
- Sponsoring Church Reps – for anointing in promoting missions in churches; for wisdom in choosing areas in which to serve.
- Pray for financial blessing to meet our 2011/12 budget.
- Missions Fest Alberta 2012 - February 24 - 26 *"The World is My Neighbor"*
- Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send thousands of laborers from this region; and for greater awareness of missions in our churches as we seek to work in unity to proclaim Jesus to the whole world.

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**"The World
is My
Neighbor"**



**Vince
Antonucci**
Verve,
Las Vegas



**Asmick
Jean-Jacques**
LaCorde-
Youth Unlimited,
Montreal



**David
Macfarlane**
Billy Graham
Evangelistic
Association
Canada



**Maralee
Dawn**
Passionate
Women and
Maralee Dawn
& Friends

2012 EXHIBIT HALL FEATURE AREA: INTERNATIONAL STREET

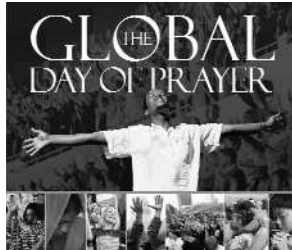


CAP LovEdmonton - June 11, 2011

In June 2010, over 1000 participants from 30 Churches demonstrated God's love in the City of Edmonton through the Rock the River - **Community Action Project**. They picked up garbage, painted, fed hungry people and removed 20 tons of garbage from the Stony Plain Road Area.

Are you a youth inspired to make a difference in your community? Join one of the four projects this year: **Stony Plain Road** (Big Bin Project & Community BBQ), **Bonnie Doon** (Graffiti Removal & Pizza Lunch), **Inglewood** (Community Festival) or **Calder** (Community Beautification & Basic Cleanup.)

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2011 GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Edmonton & Area

"Shaking the Nations"

Sunday, June 12 - 6:30 p.m.

Calvary Community Church, 8704 Millwoods Rd

www.globaldayofprayer.ca

Guest Speaker: **Greg Musselman** "The Voice of the Martyrs"

Worship led by the **Edmonton Chinese Christian Choir**

In 2010 millions of believers from 220 nations of the world participated in "Global Day of Prayer." The call is for believers to unite in repentance and prayer, collaborating as God's instruments for the blessing and healing of the nations.

"...if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land." **2 Chronicles 7:14**

CD'S/DVD'S

If you missed any of the sessions at the conference or would like friends and family to hear the messages, a 2011 CD/DVD Order Form is available on our website or by calling the Missions Fest Alberta Office.

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For Further Information...

Please contact me about:

- ordering cd's & dvd's
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- getting my church involved
- receiving promotional material
- becoming a volunteer
- being placed on the MF mailing list
- obtaining more mission resources
- Other _____

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Senior Pastor's Name: _____

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