

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



***Deliver me from my enemies,
O God; be my fortress against
those who are attacking me.
Deliver me from evildoers and
save me from those who are
after my blood (Psalm 59:1,2).***

This week in Canada has been characterized by national insecurity.

There's nothing quite like insecurity and uncertainty, even trauma and tragedy to test the authenticity of what we say we believe.

That's true for those of us who follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

And it's equally true for those who have rejected the claims of the Christian gospel.

After all, atheism too, is a belief.

In that sense, every person is a person of faith. Each of us has a "faith position".

What about those who say there is no such thing as right and wrong; that everything is simply a result of conditioning or cultural preference?

Total Control? Does national insecurity affect your sense of eternal security?

Do they still hold to that "faith position" when someone steals their jacket or their credit card?

Others confidently hold to the doctrine that absolute truth does not exist – that you can have your version of truth and I can have mine, and at the end of the day words are really somewhat meaningless, arbitrary, subjective, relativistic.

But listen to those people describe events – and adamantly object to anyone who sees the "facts" differently – when their car has been crushed by another vehicle advancing through a red light!

That brings me back to the surreal events of recent days – the attack on Canadian military personnel within our own borders! These incidents have jolted most of us into the realization that our national enemies are not only living in far-away lands.

As a result, we are confronted with the consequence of our personal conclusions about God, eternity, and

the meaning of life. How genuine is my faith when life poses more questions than answers?

For followers of Christ, these events often clear away the mental clutter, driving us back to the bedrock of what we know to be true.

We are called on to have bullet-proof confidence that God is sovereign – He is the ultimate Authority and in control of all things. Plus, the Bible describes Him as omniscient – He can never learn a single thing, because He already knows everything: every cause, every effect, every contingency and the action of every terrorist before the thought enters his or her head.

And nothing – not even the events of today's world – will in any way thwart His ultimate designs, or offset the timing of His plans by a millisecond. He will bring about His purposes for His people – and He will continue to build His Church and usher in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Takeaway: O Lord, please use the current news – as threatening as it is – as the catalyst to purify my desire to follow Christ as my life's priority, to "seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

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Check out a new blog that was started very recently....

PURPOSE: To encourage open and honest discussion within assemblies about assembly principles, practices and the Christian life. If you like what you see and want more, there's a section where you can sign up to get articles right to your inbox.

Some of the blog entry titles:

- My Struggle with Mental Illness
- Should We Have Elders Today?
- The Effective Prayer Chain
- 3 Tips on Sharing at the Lord's Supper
- The Danger Of The Hebrew Roots Movement
- The Priceless Value of Conflict
- Good Works Can Open Doors



HISTORY OF CHITOKOLOKI MISSION, ZAMBIA

Chitokoloki Mission in Zambia, Africa just celebrated 100 years of God's Faithfulness. The Following is an excerpt from the (CMML) "Missions" magazine about its history.

Chitokoloki (Chit) was founded in 1914 by three men: George Suckling, T. Lambert Rogers and Fred Arnot. Sadly, Mr. Arnot's poor health soon forced him to return to Johannesburg where he died in 1916, the same year that Mr. Rogers died from a case of blackwater fever. But George Suckling continued on at Chit for the rest of his life, until 1952. A coworker of his, D. Mawhinney, said that "He was a giant in his work for God, often spending 18 hours a day in hard toil, doing at least as much as three men."¹ Mr. Suckling labored in four areas of ministry, which remain the focus of Chit to this day: church growth, medical work, leprosy work and education.

George Suckling started to teach under a tree with illiterate students simply sitting on the ground. Within four years of that modest start there were four other schools started in the region, all supervised by Christian nationals. This work was carried on in the context of evangelism, and many of those early students became Christians. By 1951 there were 41 schools in the

ever-increasing neighborhood of Chit, with many of the teachers in those schools being Christians and having been trained at Chit itself. This work was a wonderful opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

Chit Mission School ended in December 1965 due to a lack of workers, therefore the government took it over in January 1966. However, there is great freedom for the Gospel in Zambia, and Chit workers have been involved in the religious education classes to this day. Keith Bailey (MPH Day 5) serves as the head of the Religious Education Department at the Chit school. In nearby Kabompo, Don Brooks (MPH Day 5) has taught religious education in the high school for nearly 40 years and annually administers to high school seniors the state religious education exam that would be a challenge for many North American Christians. The work of Dorothy Woodside (MPH Day 7) should also be mentioned. Dorothy resides at Chit but tirelessly goes out to many surrounding villages to teach literacy and the Bible to hundreds of eager learners of many ages.

Medical work has been part of Chit since its very earliest days. By 1929 they were dealing with 30 to 40 out-patients each day, and by 1978 this had risen to 200. There has always been a strong emphasis on primary care. Since 1947 there has almost always been at least one doctor at the hospital, including James Worsfold, Jim Rennie, Ian Burness (now the general director of Echoes of Service), Barbara Oolman and most recently, David McAdam from Northern Ireland. Many others have given years of their lives as nurses, dentists, anesthesiologists, radiologists and more. The medical work is carried out in the context of the Gospel. Each patient hears a clear gospel presentation every day, and many have come to a saving knowledge of Christ through this ministry.

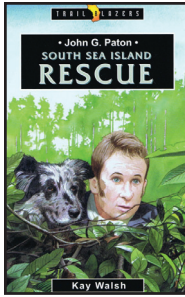
A notable aspect of Chit's medical work is the care for leprosy patients. As early as 1928 these needy people were offered simple shelters, food and clothing. Dr. James Worsfold, who served at Chit for 30 years, starting in 1947, was particularly notable in this ministry, eventually becoming a widely known and sought-after Leprologist. Dr. Worsfold was married to Hilda Secombe, who ran the hospital for many years. By 1964, the year Zambia gained independence from Britain, there were 400 lepers living in the colony at Chit. This work continues to the present though there is currently a need for a supervisor for the colony.

Top row (left to right): A chief, Kenneth Kaunda (president of Zambia), and Dr. James Worsfold; David Mawhinney; Agnes Suckling; George Suckling; Dr. James Worsfold and Beryl Worsfold. Bottom row (left to right): George Suckling; David Katota and Vivian Ewart; George Suckling family; Theo Deubler.



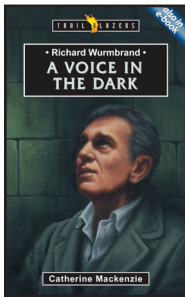


FEATURED ITEMS FROM THE CHAPEL LIBRARY - Submitted by Bill Mooney

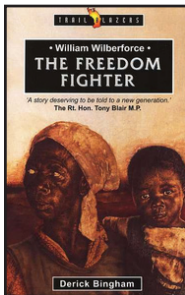


CF4Kids Trailblazers series

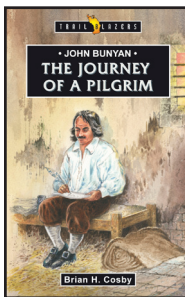
The CF4Kids (Christian Focus Publications) Trailblazers are narrative biographies of some of the most famous and influential Christian writers, missionaries and leaders throughout the history of the Church. These aren't fiction, but creative liberties are taken and the lives of people like John Bunyan, Jonathan Edwards and Patricia St. John are presented in story form.



Actual quotes of the subject of each biography are identified at the end of the book. A timeline offers historical context, and topics for further reflection and discussion (along with prayers) are listed by chapter. Multiple authors have proffered their talents for the series, but each book follows the same formula and there's a fairly high level of continuity throughout.

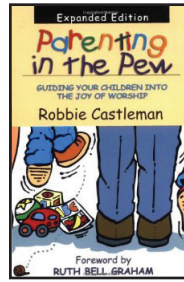


The purpose of the CF4Kids Trailblazers books is to present godly examples of past saints for readers to learn from and imitate. These are probably best for 3rd-6th graders, though older kids can also enjoy the entertaining stories and benefit from the emphasis on Christian virtue. Because they're easy to read and understand, any of these biographies could also work well as a supplement to family devotions.



If you want your kids to have plenty of wholesome reading material outside their studies, these will likely be attractive to you and to them. Readers are directed constantly toward Christ and righteous behavior, while enjoying often adventurous stories about beloved heroes of the faith. Whether for spare-time reading or as a supplement to Church history or devotions, CF4Kids Trailblazers are a safe and excellent choice (exodusbooks.com).

The chapel library has the following books in this series:
Richard Wurmbrand: A Voice in the Dark – Call #: Y3
William Wilberforce: The Freedom Fighter – Call #: Y3.1
John Bunyan: The Journey of a Pilgrim – Call #: Y3.2
John G. Paton: South Sea Island Rescue – Call #: Y3.3



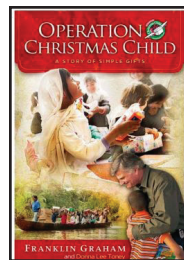
Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship

by Robbie F. Castleman
– Call Number: M71

Robbie Castleman believes that Sunday morning isn't a success if she has only managed to keep the kids quiet. And she knows there's more to church for kids than trying out their new coloring books. Children are at church for the same reason as their parents: for the privilege of worshipping God. Worship, Castleman writes, is "the most important thing you can ever train your child to do." So with infectious passion, nitty-gritty advice and a touch of humour, she shows you how to help your children (from toddlers to teenagers) enter into worship (ivpress.com).

Operation Christmas Child: A Story of Simple Gifts

by Franklin Graham & Donna Lee Toney
– Call Number: C46



Over the past 20 years over one hundred million shoebox gifts have been collected and distributed by Operation Christmas Child (OCC).

Headed by Franklin Graham, and supported by millions of caring Christians around the world, OCC has encouraged and inspired the hearts of millions of children in need. In this volume, Graham shares the remarkable story of the beginning of OCC and dozens of stories of the lives impacted by these gifts. Stories told by Graham, volunteers, and gift recipients from the past two decades of ministry will remind you of how God uses your gifts to change lives. As you read, your heart will be warmed, filled by the true spirit of Christmas giving (christianbook.com).


Human language is inadequate to describe the manifold generosity of the Lord ... But what we know of it should cause us to refrain from ever complaining and to thank Him with all our hearts.

"God's Extravagance" by Dorothy Grimes

More sky than man can see.
More sea than he can sail.
More sun than he can bear to watch.
More stars than he can scale,
More breath than he can breathe.
More yield than he can sow,
More grace than he can comprehend.
More love than he can know.

From: "Alone in Majesty" by William MacDonald

November 2014

Birthdays  Anniversaries 

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			RUN YOUTH RETREAT Oct 31 - Nov 2 Darmouth, NS		Oct 31st Swimming at the Cari-Pool. Pizza at Chapel afterward.	1 
2 AM: Rod Belyea PM: Thomas Lewis	3 	4 9am Ladies Prayer 10 am Ladies Missionary Group 6:25pm AWANA	5 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study	6	7 ♥ 7pm Youth Group	8 
9 AM: Wayne Guindon PM John McKim  ♥	10 Men's Business Meeting 7:30pm 	11 9am Ladies Prayer 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6:25pm AWANA	12 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 	13	14 7pm Youth Group	15
16 AM: David Clarke PM: Bill Mooney  ♥	17 	18 9am Ladies Prayer 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6:25pm AWANA 	19 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study ♥	20	21 7pm Youth Group	22 ♥
23 AM: Brian Taylor PM: David Boisvert 	24	25 9am Ladies Prayer 10 am Ladies Bible Study 6:25pm AWANA	26 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study	27	28 7pm Youth Group	29
30 AM: TBA PM: TBA						