



# Evangelical Free Church of Canada

## PRAIRIE PROFILE

strengthening pastors encouraging leaders developing churches



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Superintendent Rob & Cherise Cave

Acts 5:12-14 "The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup>No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number."

God was at work! He was overwhelming people with the power of His healing grace. It was an exciting time in the early life of the Church! But there was a cost to those through whom He was working. There was an external cost: the fear of persecution, beatings, prison time, loss of earthly possessions and even their lives was real. And there was an internal cost: take sin lightly in your life, withhold truth, and you could end up like Ananias and Sapphira.

God's goal isn't a better bottom line with more members at all cost. He's looking for people who know the supreme value of His Son and are willing to pay whatever cost is necessary to see Jesus exalted in their lives. Amidst all the fears and "what ifs" we face, let's carry on the legacy of the early church and be people who relish the opportunity to risk greatly for Jesus, so that others might also see His supreme value and relinquish their lives to Him.

What's interesting is that God could have made it easier for more people to come to faith and join the church. He could have, but He didn't.

**Financial Update:** Your gifts make the ministry of the Prairie District possible.

Equal Shares Budget (Oct-Mar)	\$61,650
Equal Shares Giving (Oct-Mar)	\$44,678
	<b>Below budget \$16,972</b>

Equal Shares for the district are \$5 per attendee per month (\$60 per attendee per year)

Send all gifts to financial secretary  
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## DISTRICT NEWS

### GraceLife—Calgary

Chad and Karmyn Graham have completed their pastoral role at GraceLife to pursue further education. GraceLife began as a church plant in 2008 with Chad as its first pastor. Chad has also served on the Prairie District Board as church planting representative.

### Champion

Tim and Miriam Hill have resigned from the EFC of Champion and will be finishing up their time of service at the end of June, following 14 years of faithful ministry. Tim served on the Prairie District Board for many years as well.

### South Calgary Chinese EFC

Edward Wong began his ministry as associate Cantonese pastor in September 2015. Feng (Simon) Xiang was hired in March 2016 as assistant pastor for the Mandarin congregation.

### Calgary Chinese EFC

Two new staff members have been added on an interim basis with the possibility of long-term ministry in the future. Eileen Wu is the interim Mandarin pastor. She and her husband, Howard, were previously active at New Life EFC in Calgary. William Wong is the interim assistant pastor of Cantonese ministry. He and his family recently returned to Canada following two years serving at Aberdeen Baptist Church in Hong Kong.

### New Website: [www.pdefcc.ca](http://www.pdefcc.ca)

The Prairie District is expanding its website! Check back often for updates on pastoral openings and a district brochure.



### Staff/Spouse Retreat

The Staff & Spouse Retreat was a powerful time of meaningful connection, authentic sharing, and timely teaching for those in attendance. The Resort at Cypress Hills provided a peaceful setting away from the busyness of regular schedules for rest and renewal.

### Coaching Clinic

Over 20 pastors, lay leaders, and staff from several districts attended the *Culture of Coaching* clinic on April 22 at Okotoks EFC, a joint effort of the EFCC National Office and the Prairie District.



## DATES TO NOTE...

### August 4-6

EFCC Conference in Fort Langley, BC  
Keynote Speaker: Mark Buchanan  
Register now: [www.efcc.ca](http://www.efcc.ca)

### October 14-15

Prairie District Conference in Brooks, AB

## LeadBeyond

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If we do not build our future leaders, we will be done. Pray and give \$10 per year for three years to fund leadership preparation into the future. [www.efcc.ca](http://www.efcc.ca)

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