

Prairie District PROFILE

Summer 2015



**Superintendent
Tim & Lynn Seim**

Who has come to faith in Christ from your personal witness or through your church ministry over the past year? In April I asked that question of our district staff. I

received 15 responses with enthusiastic stories of God still calling people of all ages to faith in Christ by His grace.

Some of the stories are so amazing only God could have pulled them off. A woman posted a question on Facebook questioning her Mormon faith and a woman from an EFC church engaged with her, first on Facebook and then in person. Both the woman and her husband are now followers of Christ.

A number of responses spoke of children encountering faith in Jesus through after-school programs in the public school and also church kids' ministries. A junior high boy came to Christ through the friendship of a Christian friend.

Another common thread were the stories of seniors coming to Christ. God sent believers to nursing homes to care for these people in times of suffering and loss, and the message of Christ was received.

A God-encounter in a parking lot led to a conversation in which a caring believer spent time with a hurting person who then came back to Christ, responding to His call. Stories of first Christians in their families bringing a witness through baptism was another common theme.

A man came to the place of finding God's saving grace and receiving Christ as Lord and Saviour from a life of abuse, failed relationships and continued life hardships.

A woman called a church asking for prayer. Someone contacted her and

not only prayed for her, but also met with her to care for her needs and to witness of Christ's love. The woman in need of prayer immediately began to attend church and bring her family. Many pre-evangelism stories were told of people sharing Christ with neighbours and friends in crisis, encounters designed by the Lord.

A man contacted a church asking questions about his involvement with the Jehovah's Witness. A person in the church with the same background followed up only to have the inquirer come to saving faith and now be disciplined by his new friend. An employer shared Christ with an employee who came to know Christ and become part of the local church.

"Do not say 'four months more and then the harvest.' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." *Jesus*

Newly Elected Superintendent

Prairie District delegates voted unanimously on the acceptance of Rob Cave as the next district superintendent. Originally from North Battleford, SK, Rob has served EFC churches in AB and BC. Following 10 years of ministry at Christ Community (EFC) Church in Kamloops, Rob will begin his work with the district in early August. Please pray for Rob, Cherise, and their youngest son as they move to Okotoks and settle in their new role.



LeadBeyond Honour the Past Build the Future

I am totally excited over our EFCC initiative to fund leadership preparation into the future. If we do not build our future leaders, we will be done. I'm on board with prayer and my \$10 per year for three years. Why not join me? If you haven't heard of the initiative or would like more information, visit www.efcc.ca.

DISTRICT NEWS

EFC of Lethbridge

Dave and Rachel Siverns have resigned as director of worship and young adults, a position Dave has held since the summer of 2010. Dave will be attending Regent College to further his education. Thanks to Dave and Rachel for their much-appreciated ministry.

Curtis Anderson has resigned his youth ministries role to take a similar position in Saskatoon. Blessings upon Curtis and Tara in their transition.

Mike Dosso will begin August 1 as the director of technical ministries after a year-long internship in that role. Mike was recently married to Jennifer.



Josh Raine is the new director of worship arts, beginning August 16. He earned a BA in music at Briercrest College and has served churches in Edmonton and

Toronto. Josh and his wife, Bethany, have two daughters.

Shannon Steeves begins August 1 as director of preschool ministries. For the past three years, she has taught preschool at Little Lambs Christian Preschool. Shannon and her husband, Michael, have two sons, ages 5 and 7.



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

Budget (YTD) \$74,000 Giving (YTD) \$71,500

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Okotoks EFC

Chelsea Bustin has resigned her worship ministries position and will finish in late summer. Chelsea and her husband, Eric, will stay in the area, much to everyone's delight. Thanks to Chelsea for her ministry leadership.

Bow Island EFC

Julian Erb has given notice to leave his youth pastor role this summer to pursue graduate work through Wheaton College/Seminary over the next two years. Blessings to Julian and thanks for ministry well done!

Good Shepherd Community Church Cut Knife, SK

Scott and Shannon Crawford have accepted the call to serve in the pastoral role. The Crawfords are empty-nesters with five adult children. Scott has previously held pastorates in SK (Wolseley and White Fox) and MB (Deloraine). Scott and Shannon have also served with YWAM in California and Kenya. Welcome to the Crawfords!

DATES TO NOTE...

June 12-21

Manitou Lake Bible Camp 75th anniversary celebration

August 4

Rob Cave begins serving with Tim Seim in the district office. Tim and Rob will serve together until conference in Taber.

September 25-27

Identity Youth Conference EFC of Lethbridge

October 15-17 Prairie District Annual Conference @ Taber EFC

- Friday evening banquet: farewell for Tim and Lynn Seim
- Saturday: ministry seminars and Annual General Meeting
- Saturday evening banquet: welcome and commissioning service for Rob and Cherise Cave

Trinity Western University EFCC Prairie District Scholarship Fund

TWU is excited to announce a scholarship fund in partnership with the EFCC Prairie District for students pursuing an undergraduate degree. Through the matching grant program, students with assessed need will be able to receive up to \$6,000 in financial assistance. awards@twu.ca