

January/February 2025

Dear Pastors, Churches, Friends, and Faithful Supporters,

Greetings to all of you from snowy and cold southwestern Ontario, Canada! It certainly has been a more traditional cold and snowy Canadian winter this year than it has been the past several years! Though cold and wintery outside, our hearts are warmed and excited about the great things that God continues to do in our labours together with you here in London, Ontario, Canada!

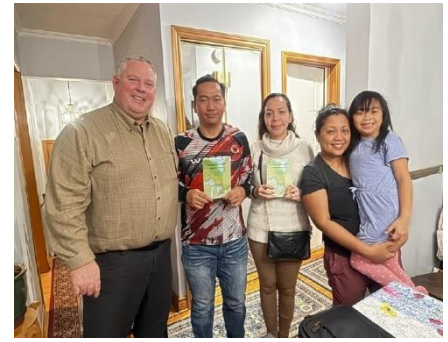
We enjoyed conducting a youth Christmas play in December that was well attended, and we were blessed to have one visiting lady accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour that evening! My wife led in the practices and performance of the children’s play and did a phenomenal job! I am so very thankful for all she does in faithfully serving the Lord.

We have been blessed and busy in soul winning and discipleship. At the beginning of January, we had a soul-winning appointment with John and Andrea. After we ate a meal together, I then addressed John and Andrea about salvation. As I began to speak with them about the Gospel, John asked, “Pastor, can I tell you something?” He then went on to tell me how recently he’d had a dream in which he saw Jesus coming down some stairs and how he wanted to go to Jesus, but he said, “Pastor, I wanted to go to Jesus, but I was in a prison and could not get to Him.” I told him, “John, I can’t validate your dream, but I know that Scripture likens Jesus to standing at the door and knocking. The Scripture also speaks of how our sin has separated us from God, and we are in the prison house of sin, facing eternal sentencing to Hell. The Scripture also teaches us that Jesus has the keys of death and Hell and that He came to set the captives free.” John stopped me and said “Pastor, I just got goose bumps!” I then asked John and Andrea if I could show them from the Bible how to be saved, and they replied, “Yes, PLEASE!” That night, John and Andrea were sweetly saved together and also followed the Lord in believer’s baptism a couple of weeks later! Several others who have been saved have also been baptized since the first of the new year!

We also just conducted our annual Married Couples’ Valentine Banquet. This year we used the theme, “You Are My Sunshine.” This is always a sweet time of fellowship, fun, and Biblical teaching and influence!

Our theme for the new year 2025 is “God’s Word Changes Lives” (GWCL2025!). By God’s grace and your faithful partnership in the Gospel, we look forward to a blessed year of seeing God’s Word continue to change lives as it is preached and taught and given and received by faith! To God be all the glory!

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Galatians 6:9



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