

Dunamis Fellowship Canada

A Regional Expression of Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International

Exalting Jesus Christ! Igniting the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit

under the authority of the Holy Bible as the Word of God

through Prayer, Leadership Development, Growing the Church and Mission Outreach

so that the Church will be empowered to do all that Christ commands to the glory of God the Father



Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit

It is not by might or power that God's Kingdom grows, but by the Spirit of God. The same Holy Spirit who grew the church so dramatically in the time of the Apostles, is growing Jesus' church today. He's the one with unique plans and purposes for each congregation—which are uniquely placed in their communities for witness and work that gives glory to Jesus and points to the Father's love for his broken, hurting world. Often the unspoken assumption within Christian leadership circles is that we all know *how* to discern and then cooperate with the Holy Spirit's guidance. However, few of our denominations or seminaries offer courses or equipping for congregational leaders in this most important of skills.

We're delighted to be offering two *Growing the Church* events in Canada, and very grateful for the partnership and financial support of the Christian Reformed Church's Canadian Home Missions. These events are designed to address the gap in practical

knowledge, and are intended to be safe places to get to know the Holy Spirit better, to practice listening, discerning and obeying. As we go to press we have just over 70 attending the event in Guelph, and anticipate about 50 attending the event in Edmonton next week, enjoying the excellent teaching which Paul Stokes and others are providing. In both locations, about a third of those attending are pastors, and other attendees serve in leadership roles within their congregations. For most, it is their first time at a DFC event.

Join us in praying for these Christian leaders—for continued openness to, and growing ability to dance with the Holy Spirit, and for those in their congregations to welcome this approach

to growing Jesus' church. Pray, that like a field of sunflowers, their gaze follows the Light of the world, and a fresh, joyous sense of adventure goes with them. Pray that God provides reliable companions in this new approach to ministry and clear discernment.

Join us also in praying for the DFC board for discernment about when and where we offer our next *Growing the Church* events. We'd love to make this available in more locations across Canada.



Kevin De Raaf, Mary Sterenberg and Paul Stokes
Teachers at *Growing the Church* event in Guelph

We've included PRMI's *Moving with the Spirit Update*, which is also available online through a link on our website. If you want to receive a printed copy regularly, please contact Sheila at the DFC office.

DFC's Annual Conference Theme:

Growing Your Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 23, 2014 in Guelph, ON

Plan now to join us for a day of encouragement and practical application as we consider how to apply scriptural Dunamis principles in our congregational contexts, featuring Rev. Cindy Strickler, Director of the Dunamis Fellowship International (DFI), and Dean of Faculty of the Dunamis Institute (DI).

When: Saturday, March 23, 2014; 9 AM until 8 PM

Where: Kortright Presbyterian Church, 55 Devere Drive, Guelph, ON

More details coming in our brochure available early February, or check our website.



Dunamis Around the World—Korea

If you've heard Rev. Brad Long, Executive Director of Presbyterian Reformed Ministries, Int'l (PRMI) speak, you may know about the formative influence on him by Rev. Archer Torrey, founder of Jesus Abbey and grandson of R.A. Torrey. Archer's son, Ben Torrey, is an Anglican priest like his father was, and serves now as co-chair of PRMI's Korea Dunamis Network. Recently Tom Willcox, who serves as President of the PRMI Board, is a Faculty Member of the Dunamis Institute and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Branson, Missouri, travelled to Korea and to teach and help establish a regional expression—not unlike DFC. Below are excerpts of his blog.



Jesus Abbey, South Korea



Rev. Tom Willcox

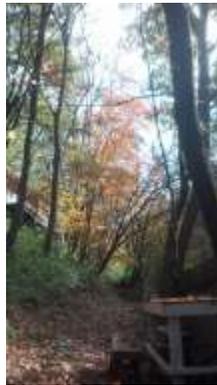
October 16th: I'm back in Danyang, South Korea again for PRMI. The days ahead will be exciting as we work toward the creation of a new PRMI Regional Expression here in South Korea, develop a fledgling "Dunamis Publishing Company", visit Jesus Abby and that's just between now and

Sunday evening. Starting on Monday morning I get to teach the Dunamis workshop on Spiritual Warfare with Fr. Ben Torrey.

October 17th: This is currently the busy season here in Danyang as folks come from all over East Asia to see the beautiful countryside and the fall colors, just now starting to turn. Yesterday and today we are exploring how the Korea Dunamis Network (KDN) can move toward becoming a full-fledged regional expression of PRMI. Very exciting.

This morning we will be talking about developing the board for the new Dunamis Publishing Company. We will also be talking with some folks from a university that wants to include an English language MDiv course about their desire to use the Dunamis materials in the curriculum. There continue to be promising discussions about a partnership with YWAM about outreach to the Chinese from here in South Korea through the use of the Dunamis materials. This weekend I will get to spend a couple of days at Jesus Abby, which always blesses me.

October 21st: This last weekend was a wonderful time of relaxation and restoration at Jesus Abbey. Jesus Abbey is a community of Christians committed to loving God and each other while serving the world. It is hard to describe the experience of being a guest in a community who speak



a language I don't speak or understand and yet feeling welcome and like I belong. On top of the wonderful community experience it was a beautiful weekend in the mountains with the trees turning brilliant orange, yellow and red. Today we kicked off the Spiritual Warfare workshop, the fifth in the Dunamis series here in Danyang, South Korea. There are seventy participants and an additional fifteen leadership team members. As usual, these are pretty "high power" pastors and ministry leaders. Most come from larger congregations. It is always amazing to see such folks carving a full week out of their busy schedules to learn about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. I love getting to interact with such high quality men and women of God.

October 22nd: Today we spent our time laying the foundation of Biblical truth and understanding upon which the practice of Spiritual Warfare for Kingdom Advance must be built. We started this morning with a discussion of the Kingdom of Satan. We don't want to glorify the enemy but we do want to understand the nature and "whiles" of our spiritual opponent. I mentioned that one of the many reasons that General Patton beat General Rommel in the North African desert campaign in World War Two was that Rommel had written a book describing his tactics and strategies for armored desert warfare after the first World War and Patton had read Rommel's book. Patton studied and understood his enemy.

We went on to study how we as Believers should prepare for our participation in spiritual warfare. Our emphasis is always on drawing close to Jesus Christ and on walking in the light. Clearing sin and healing woundedness is also an important aspect of preparation. Our last teaching session took a look at what the Bible says about attacks that come against us from outside forces. We first drew a distinction between such forces as our own sin and fallen nature, forces from which we might experience warfare from within and forces such as the Devil, the world and the structures of society that can become a source of attack from without. Father Ben Torrey has done a magnificent job with the teaching yesterday evening and today. *Continued on p.4*

Dunamis Project III The Power of Prayer November 6—9, 2013

One participant described the Power of Prayer Dunamis Project, held Wed., Nov. 6 to Sat., Nov. 9, as their 'best Dunamis event ever'! In spite of having some significant challenges and in spite of being a small group (about 35, including the team), God met us in beautiful and sometimes astounding ways.

I asked Janet Lammers, who, along with Melody Meltzer, heads the prayer ministry/intercession team, if she would give her reflections on the incredible four days we all just experienced. This is what she writes:

I am a gardener. Or maybe it is more accurate to say one of the loves of my life is to garden. I love to walk around early in the morning with my coffee in hand to see what has come up, what is blooming – all the new life. Having said that, I cannot say that I love all the work that goes with it – the preparation before I can even begin to plant, having to wait until the season and temperature is just right, listening to my back complain loudly after a day of gardening.... But afterwards, after I have spent the time labouring, dreaming, doing the hard but enjoyable work, I feel a deep joy when I stand back and look at the beauty of the garden growing and changing. And when I see new growth – a new bud, a flower freshly opened, it takes my breath away.



Janet Lammers
Prayer Co-Leader

I woke up this morning early, back in my own bed, still tired after attending the Power of Prayer Dunamis track in Guelph, Ontario. And though I will probably need a few days to recover, it is hard for me to describe the sweet joy that is in my heart. This Dunamis track has been a struggle and hard work; it seemed every time we pushed through one obstacle another was on the way. At times I would think, why am I doing this?!

Is it worth all the work? The enemy would come in a whisper with his lies...but the Lord kept calling us to persevere, to keep working at it, to stand our ground, and I have to tell you I am so thankful that he did! We moved forward trusting that the Lord had a plan and a purpose, and that it was good. He told us collectively to move ahead and step out in faith. As I am writing this, Ephesians 3:20 comes to mind "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen!"

The Lord showed up in sweet communion with all of us; he stretched us, filled us, called us, and taught us. Like preparing the garden with all that it can mean and cost, I stand back and am filled with great anticipation at all the amazing fruit that will come from this Dunamis track. Truly, it is hard to put into words all that is in my heart this morning after being a witness and participant in this beautiful work that God unfolded in front of our eyes. We trust that God will bring to fullness all the seeds and tender plants that he planted at this Prayer Dunamis. May the name of Jesus be exalted as we bear witness to all that he has done, and will continue to do in all of us. Blessings ~ Janet.

With gratefulness to God, our fellow team members, the DFC board, and especially also to the off-site Intercessors, **we now look forward to Dunamis IV, *The Healing Ministry of Jesus*, which will take place at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre from April 2 - 5, 2014. Come and join us.**

In Christ,
Judy Cook and
Nancy Mostert



Nancy Mostert



Judy Cook

Dunamis Family Track News



Anglican priest, John VanStone, who pastors a two-point charge outside of Kingston, ON has a passion to see the Dunamis materials adapted for use in a intergenerational family context, and has been commissioned by the Dunamis Fellowship International to develop that track, currently being pioneered alongside our Guelph Dunamis Track.

John and his wife Nancy and their three children have the blessing of Anglican Renewal Ministries, his parish and bishop, in this ministry. He is seeking to raise funds to be released, as much as 1/4 time, from his parish work, in order to focus time and energy to the development of the Dunamis Family Track. The DFC board is pleased to have set up a restricted fund, through which interested donors can designate their gifts to release John for this purpose. At the Guelph *Growing the Church* event, Paul Stokes (Academic Dean of the Dunamis Institute) and Barb Ferrier (DFC Board Chair) commissioned John as a Dunamis Fellowship International Leader.

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October 24th:

Yesterday we got a little bit of down time in the afternoon. We went on a boat ride on the lake here at Danyang (pronounced "Toung Young") South Korea. The mountains here are both rugged and beautiful.

The pastors and ministry leaders were amazingly well engaged through a huge amount of material and then still had the energy to work hard at application in our lab time tonight.



Today was all about ground level or personal level spiritual warfare. This is a combination of discipleship, healing and deliverance. For some, we gave them a systematic way to understand many years of ministry experience. For others, this was their first introduction to the concept of setting people free from the wounds and bondage of the enemy. I can only imagine what God is going to do in the coming weeks, months and years here in South Korea through these pastors & ministers and the congregations they serve.

Ways to Pray

- Praise God for Sheila's good progress in recovering from the stroke she had in July. Continue to pray for full restoration of all that was affected.
- For board members, Anne, Barb, Kevin, Les, Martin, and Stephen, for wisdom, keen listening to the Holy Spirit, discernment, courage to obey and protection for them and their families.
- For your own denomination—for clergy and other leaders to seek God's empowerment, recognizing their inability to advance God's Kingdom in their own strength. Against pride and fear.
- For God's provision of all that is needed for DFC's Kingdom work to go forward—intercessory prayer, willing participants, and financial provision.
- For credible witness to Jesus among those who practice Dunamis principles, so that we're quick to forgive, slow to take offense, growing as much in the fruit as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Sustaining the Flame Canada

A year ago we had little idea how God would provide the needed finances for us to launch a new work in western Canada, but here we are praising God as we see the work take off in the Edmonton area.

DFC is a faith-based ministry, looking to our faithful God to provide the needed income for this work. He in turn, generally works through faithful donors—people like you whose hearts resonate with the mission of this organization and who want to see this kingdom work flourish.

We thank God for donations of all sizes, whenever they arrive. We're particularly grateful for the donors who give monthly, providing a steadier stream of income to sustain this ministry in Canada. We're pleased that now \$1,523.05 is given monthly from 17 Sustaining the Flame Canada donors, which is an increase from \$1,103.05 from 11 donors just one year ago. Praise God!

Contact Sheila in the DFC office, if God's nudging you to join the ranks of our Sustaining the Flame donors. There are a number of different ways in which that can be set up. We BLESS you—for whatever way you can support this ministry—through prayer, participation and/or giving!



Upcoming Events

March 23, 2014 **Dunamis Fellowship Canada's Annual Conference**
Growing your Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit—Guelph

Dunamis Projects

Apr 2—5, 2014 Project IV—*Healing Ministry of Jesus*, Guelph ON
Apr 23-26, 2014 Project I—*Gateways to Empowered Ministry*, Edmonton AB

See DFC Website for more information

See PRMI website for further information on USA Events—www.primi.org.

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