



## God Connecting Art to the Church

Testimony by Veronica Hoiting

One and half years ago, I was convicted to start a Visual Arts Small Group at our church in Woodstock. During a solo exhibit of my water colour originals, numerous Christian friends expressed a yearning to grow in the area of fine arts. The meetings opened with a devotional time exploring how we can worship our Creator through what our hands could craft. This guild was a place to encourage one another, build on and develop skills, share experience, while respecting each member's place of growth. We hope to continue this fall.

In the past, I have had some opportunities to connect my enjoyment of art to church activities and worship, taking on roles such as Vacation Bible School Craft Coordinator, and "church sanctuary decorator", designing banners and displays connected to the church calendar themes. I encouraged other church members to use their skills and interests in these tasks.

I have struggled and ached to find a place where this life-long "love language" of celebrating God, His creation and the gifts given in visual arts, would enrich the worship of my church family. While away at a ladies retreat, 8 years ago, I accepted the invitation to be prayed over, asking the Lord to release and grow this artistic expression for His uses and glory. Recently, I was reminded of my timid act of surrender in this prayer.

On Sunday, March 30, 2010, I received a surprise from the Lord. During the closing worship service at the DFC Project: The Power of Prayer, I was given a vision as we were singing and preparing for the Lord's Supper. As I "watched" the picture, a feeling of being on holy ground overwhelmed me. The Holy Spirit nudged me to share this experience.

I described the scene to the fellowship. What I first thought were clouds, as far as the eye could see, sent my heart pounding, as the figure of the Lord Jesus came walking to the foreground. He was cloaked and hooded with a white robe that stretched to the horizon. His face was beaming with a smile of love, pleasure and triumphant victory! I heard the



words, "I cloak you." His strong hands were girding up his clothes in promises of His eminent return!

Following that time of sharing, fellow brothers and sisters affirmed that I had stepped out in obedience. Several people also spoke into the next step to unfold...Over the month of April, I journeyed on to put this picture into a water colour painting. I wrestled with my abilities, whether the Lord was asking me to create this work, and how it would be used to impact the body of Christ. Prayerfully, I completed the task and was able to unveil this piece at the May 1<sup>st</sup> DFC Annual meeting and share His story.

It has not stopped. Continually the Lord has put family members, church family and extended church friends on my heart to show the picture to. Each time, my spirit is lifted as I see the joy that resonates within those I have the privilege to share this testimony with. I have been reminded of His cloak of righteousness, protection, love and salvation extended over the aspects of my life. Jesus is victorious and has conquered everything for each of us! He is King! Hallelujah!

**In November 2010, the Lord willing, prints of the original, "I cloak you" painting, will be available at the Dunamis Project in Guelph. It is my desire to "give back" to DFC in their work for our God while sharing the wonderful message of our Sovereign Saviour. Twenty-five percent of each sale will go to this ministry.**

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*  
(Ephesians 2 :10 NIV)



## February 19-20, Ignite 2 was held by the Immanuel and Cross Point Christian Reformed Churches in Brampton, Ontario.

Report by Jeanne Kraak

Ignite weekend events are seen as a place to experience a taste of the teaching and practice of Holy Spirit-empowered ministry, with a hope that congregations would experience spiritual renewal. Ignite 2, Building the Body in the Power of the Holy Spirit, focuses on learning to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and moving in all the gifts to accomplish the purposes of God the Father. The people attending this Ignite most definitely have a fire started and are growing in Christ-centered renewal. They were very eager to move from the teaching and theory into practice of the gifts with one another in a deep and meaningful way.

An exciting part of the Ignite event for me is working with teams of 4-6 others who join in administrative tasks,



(above) Rev. Ray Vander Kooij, Board Trustee of Dunamis Fellowship Canada, Jeanne Kraak, on staff with Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International and Administrator of the Dunamis Fellowship Team for Congregational Renewal, leading an Ignite event.

(right) Jacqui and Pastor Wildeboer of ClearView Church, Oakville with a Dunamis Course participant making a profession of faith.

teaching, give testimonies and providing intercessory prayer and prayer ministry. Many of these team members are personally stepping into new areas of service. If you are interested in having an Ignite event in your church or in being on an Ignite team, contact Canadian Office—[dfc@dunamisfellowship.org](mailto:dfc@dunamisfellowship.org).



## Dunamis in the Congregation

Testimony by Jacqui Cornelisse

In May, 2008 our Church's Prayer Coordinator asked if I would attend a Dunamis Facilitator Training Event with her. Two years prior to that I had attended a Dunamis Event in Burlington and brought back my excitement to the pastor about facilitating a Dunamis Course at ClearView Church, Oakville, Ontario. As is often the case, one person on a spiritual high is not enough to create a venue for the work of the Holy Spirit in a congregational setting.

The facilitator training that we experienced in May of 2008 offered much more than just a learning component. It offered:

- Affirmation of the call to be a course facilitator.
- An understanding that the course needs to operate under the authority and direction of church leadership.
- A plan to bring the course to the congregation.
- A partnership with Dunamis Fellowship Canada for prayer and support.
- A plan to build a team grounded in ministry.
- Comprehensive Training on how to use the materials

We have offered *Gateways to Empowered Ministry* twice (first to selected leaders), then opening it up to others in the congregation. We have most recently offered *In the Spirit's Power*. It is our intention to run this course for each January season continuously. Each course cannot be offered in a vacuum – they build on each other as the Holy Spirit does his work of sanctification – as participants grow as disciples.

We have seen an impact by bringing Dunamis to ClearView. This impact does not seem huge outwardly, however, we see people better able to articulate their experiences in light of the outward and inward work of the Holy Spirit. I have seen people empowered by the Holy Spirit for witness and service; where previously there would have been a spirit of fear, there is now a Spirit of boldness.

## Ontario's Next Project

Les Ferrier, Project Coordinator

*The Healing Ministry of Jesus* is the next Dunamis Project Event this November - Healing was one of Jesus great ministries. It attracted attention because it was clearly from God, that is supernatural and beyond everyday experiences. We are promised that we too can cooperate with the Holy Spirit in His healing ministry (John 14: 12-14). We welcome Rev. Brad Long and Rev. Cindy Strickler back for the teaching and practice. Please share the news with others in your congregation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if your prayer team became equipped for healing prayer? How would that affect your church?

Two other short courses will be offered during this event: **Gateways Makeup**—a brief version of Project 1 for those who are new to the Biblical basis for the Dunamis teaching. And, **Facilitator Training** for those interested in leading a Dunamis Video Course (those not attending the Project are also welcome at this training).

There is a strong need for teaching about the Spirit of God in our churches in Canada. We hope to bring the Dunamis Project to another part of Canada. Please help us expand the work, DFC relies completely upon your generous financial support.

## Prayer Corner

Sandy Bassie, Prayer Coordinator

*With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. Eph. 6:18-19*

A number of prayer and training events happen each year at PRMI's Community of the Cross - from May to July - Spiritual Leadership, Growing the Church, Healing Ministry, and Upward Challenge. This year, staff-led intercession on the site happens the third Saturday of each month, starting in May, and you can see this in a video "First Prayer Walk with the New Prayer Pattern at Community of the Cross" on their blog at [www.primi.org](http://www.primi.org)



It is wonderful to be able to pray together for what the Spirit is doing in our ministry. God has called us to pray and encourage one another to boldness as we bring the gospel to a world in need. Your ongoing prayer support for PRMI/DFC's ministry is vital to what we do. Thank you to all who intercede; your prayers are a valuable contribution!

From time to time, DFC Intercessors also receive emailed prayer requests for events and special requests. If you are interested in being part of this intercessors group, please let us know at [dfcintercessors@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](mailto:dfcintercessors@dunamisfellowshipcanada.org)



## Dunamis Fellowship Britain & Ireland Annual Meeting Report

Ray Vander Kooij, DFC Board Trustee

It was inspirational to experience attending the annual meeting of Dunamis Fellowship Britain & Ireland in July, representing DFC, with my wife Sue. Amazingly, of the 45 present I had met 12 over the years at other PRMI events at Community of the Cross in the US. I fit into the flow and was embraced by those present with a deep appreciation for representation from Canada. Much of my time was spent in personal connections, leadership gatherings, and intercessory prayer, sharing in times of joy and working through challenges. I was amazed to see God work out all things to His glory and praise.

This fellowship, having been formed through the journey of several Dunamis Project Tracks, has grown to a depth we have tasted in some ways, and that I see growing as we journey through our Dunamis Project Track in Guelph. I celebrate their depth of relationships, connection, commitment, and flourishing ministry in leadership equipping, prayer, and mission.



Four representatives from Nigeria were also present and had completed the training for leading Dunamis Projects. I was blown away by the passionate faith of these absolutely on-fire followers of Jesus Christ. I'm pleased to say that several DFC pens have made their way to Nigeria.

The focus within the annual meeting was on structure and how each person felt they fit into the scope of the ministry. Brad Long, Cindy Strickler, and Tom Kemner, all from the US, led most of the meeting. Reports were shared from mission experiences with the Dunamis Project and leadership training in Korea, Indonesia, and Nigeria. Members of DFB&I travelled to the Netherlands in April to connect with a sizable renewal movement.

New ministry initiatives were celebrated. **Upward Challenge**, a youth camp experience, was set to launch in August, the first time outside the US. **Living Waters** will follow the pattern of the healing weeks being offered at the Community of the Cross in the US. Amazing ministry, powerful prayer, and kairos moments with the Holy Spirit moving in wonderful ways.

Our presence at the DFB&I meeting was a rich blessing to us and, I sensed, to DFB&I – building on our connections and deepening our mutual support and sharing Spirit-led ministry. We are united in Jesus Christ, whose Kingdom transcends national borders!

## Giving Opportunities

How To Give - It is heartwarming to hear from committed donors who are looking to support Dunamis Fellowship Canada and PRMI. We are very thankful for your generosity. The good news is that technology makes giving easier and easier. Online donations may be set up as a one-time or monthly payment through Canada Helps. Using this third party for donations is currently the most cost effective method for a small ministry such as DFC and charitable donations can be done by following the link on our web site 'donations' tab [www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org](http://www.dunamisfellowshipcanada.org). Giving to PRMI is also easier through an "Agency Agreement" which allows us to meet Revenue Canada requirements for cross border giving. Canadian donors may earmark donations for the development of the "Evangelism Video Course" as well as the development of a "Cyber-Space Learning Community". The development of this community brings together Dunamis Fellowships around the world through virtual tours, schools of prayer and online courses. Canadian funding received through these two projects frees up PRMI funds to continue building the Community of the Cross.



*A picture of a vision that was received at the beginning of DFC's ministry—Igning Canada from sea to sea.*

Why and How Much To Give - DFC's mission is to share a Reformed teaching perspective on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. We are a 'faith based' ministry that does not charge for events, other than food and lodging costs that are optional for attendees. Donations at Conferences, Dunamis Projects and Ignite events continue to be our main source of income, but tend to just cover event costs. Initially DFC was working with 'seed' money which is now running low. Currently, the board is determining how we might maintain administrative costs of running the ministry. One such way is to let our supporters know, that we need your help.

Our costs for DFC are approximately \$3,000.00 per month and we ask you to prayerfully consider if you might give.

Monthly donations of \$25.00—\$50.00 will ensure these costs are met. Together we can work to expand and build on the ministry of DFC in exalting Jesus Christ by Igniting the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit.



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## Upcoming Events

### Ontario Projects

November 10 to 14, 2010

Project 4—'The Healing Ministry of Jesus' Flyer enclosed and also available on website or can be requested from the office.

April 6 to 10, 2011

Project 5—'Equipping for Spiritual Warfare'

November 2 to 6, 2011

Project 6—'Missions and Evangelism in the Power of the Holy Spirit'

### Ignite Events

Tentatively—March 2011

Ignite 1—'The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit' in Fort McMurray, Alberta

Winter 2011

Ignite 3—'The Power of Prayer' at Immanuel CRC, Brampton, Ontario in partnership with CrossPoint Church, Brampton.

For events in the US, please go onto our website, [www.dunamisfellowship.org](http://www.dunamisfellowship.org) and use the tab for Events and you will find a tab called "Events occurring in the United States".