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Exalting Jesus Christ! Igniting the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit
Under the authority of Scripture as the Word of God
Through Prayer, Leadership Development, Congregational Renewal, Mission Outreach



Are you Equipped or Unprepared? Spiritual Warfare and Kingdom Advancement

Ambushes suck. If I'm going to face skirmishes I'd much rather go in with eyes wide open and a few skills and strategies in hand. Denying the battle isn't very effective.

When we join Jesus in the adventure of restoring and extending his Kingdom we will eventually get on enemy radar and encounter resistance. Our call is to do Kingdom work. But when we obey Jesus, we'll take back enemy territory and inevitably brush up against spiritual warfare at some level. Wouldn't you rather be equipped than be ignorant about these matters?

Nehemiah understood that when you're on the front lines of restoring and advancing God's Kingdom, that spiritual warfare is a fact of life. It wasn't long after Nehemiah and his crew started rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem that enemies hatched their plots to halt the rebuilding.

"From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armour.... Those who carried materials did their work with one hand, and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked." Nehemiah 4:16-18

In Canada people don't usually carry weapons as they go about their day to day business. However, when we follow Jesus and reclaim territory for the Kingdom of God we will encounter enemy resistance along the way. So, let's be as prepared as possible for that reality. If we're going to carry a sword as we do the work of advancing the Kingdom, we'd better know how to use it when we need to.

We're not called to focus on spiritual warfare for warfare's sake; we do not want to get fixated on satan and his wily ways. This is about Kingdom Advancement and the equipping we need to accomplish that in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remember Jesus' admonition to the 72 he sent out to advance the kingdom, as they returned rejoicing that the demons submitted to them in Jesus name.

"Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20



Jesus taught us to pray that God's "Kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in heaven... and deliver us from evil." As you live that out, you'll encounter resistance. Come be better equipped to live a victorious life in Christ and serve Jesus. To him be the power and the glory forever.

by Barb Ferrier, PRMI Board Member

Join us April 6-10 in Guelph for the Spiritual Warfare and Kingdom Advancement Dunamis Project. Contact Sheila in the DFC office for details @ (519) 831-3603 Email: dfc@dunamisfellowshipcanada@rogers.com

Annual Conference May 14, 2011

What does it mean to be a leader? Viewpoints and definitions for leadership abound. God calls all Christians to be Prophets, Priests and Kings. That means everyone is a leader, such that their Christian life reflects and draws others to Jesus Christ.

Dunamis Fellowship Canada invites you to attend our Annual Conference on *"Leading by the Power of the Holy Spirit."* The focus of the day is to address how leaders of any ministry, big or small, might do so in accordance with God's will, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We welcome speakers Brad Long, Director of PRMI and Rev. Cindy Strickler, the Director of Dunamis Fellowship International. It is also a pleasure to welcome Rev. Stephen Dunkin who will share a practical testimony of being led by the Holy Spirit as a leader.

This year ClearView Christian Reformed Church has graciously opened their door and will host the Annual Conference. We are very grateful to ClearView CRC for making this venue possible with minimal costs.



Spiritual Leadership Equipping May 12-13, 2011

For those of you who feel a deeper calling into ministry leadership, DFC is also offering Leadership training Thursday evening May 12 – Friday May 13 at Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph. Everyone is welcome, particularly those exploring opportunities to share their gifts within the Dunamis Fellowship, such as teaching, leading Ignite videos, missions, intercession, and so forth. Do come out. Meals and accommodations for this event will be at the participants own cost.

Missions and Evangelism in the Power of the Holy Spirit Project 6—October 12-16, 2011

Looking ahead to the last in the series of our Project Track in Guelph Ontario on Evangelism. This Project emphasizes learning God's vision for evangelism in the reformed church. It also seeks to develop practical skills in cooperating with the Holy Spirit in doing the work of evangelism.

Please save the date and look for more information on registering in our next newsletter.

Eldership Unleashed

Dunamis Fellowship Canada has been invited to present a workshop at the "Eldership Unleashed" conference in Grande Prairie Alberta for the weekend of May 26 – 29, 2011. Eldership Unleashed is an interdenominational conference that seeks to celebrate, encourage and equip the leadership of lay people in the church. Bruce Fraser from New Zealand will be the main speaker. Bruce is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church with years of passion and experience in the ways that elders and leaders can take the church forward.

During the conference participants will be able to enjoy workshops led by other elders and leaders on a variety of topics that are practical and inspiring. A mixture of leaders will help explore new directions in the ministry God calls each of us to. *Dunamis Fellowship Canada* will be offering at least one set of workshops based on the "Gateways to Empowered Ministry" teaching. Just \$80 before April 5 covers the cost of five theme addresses, lunches, dinners and coffee breaks each day and a choice of four workshops from the list. Inexpensive accommodation has been arranged through a local community college for only \$45/night. It's an event you don't want to miss!

You can learn more about the conference from the Eldership Unleashed web site: www.presbyterian.ca/eldershipunleashed Registration is available on line. Space is limited, so register early! For more information, contact Shannon Bell by email at cariboopc@xplornet.ca or by telephone: (250)249-9669.

News from Dunamis Fellowship Britain and Ireland & Around the World

Over 2009 & 2010 there has been Dunamis Equipping taught to a large number of pastors and lay people in Indonesia. Hilary Clarke and Bill Burgess from Dunamis Fellowship Britain & Ireland have now been invited to participate in the Indonesian Dunamis Equipping which encompasses about half of the island of Sulawesi, a group of about 60 pastors.



*Outside a cultural comfort zone
learning the dynamics of Corporate
Listening Prayer*

Upcoming Events

Dunamis Fellowship Canada Annual Conference

May 14 ClearView Christian Reformed Church—Registration Flyer enclosed

Leadership Training

May 12-13 Information and registration in the Annual Conference Registration Flyer

Dunamis Project—Guelph, Ontario

April 6- 10 Project 5—'Equipping for Spiritual Warfare'

October 12-16 Project 6—'Missions and Evangelism in the Power of the Holy Spirit'

Ignite

March 18-19 Ignite 1—'The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit'
Evergreen Christian Reformed Church, Fort McMurray, AB

Advance Courses at the Community of the Cross, North Carolina

May 16-20 Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit
June 1-5 Spiritual Leadership

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



Bill Burgess right (DFB&I) with Nigerians James Anyanwu, Godwin & Newlife Ugochukwu. Cindy Strickler & Brad Long (PRMI) & Ray Vander Kooij (DFC)

At the DFB&I Annual Meeting Funsho Oluro and Bill Burgess were commissioned to develop Dunamis work with the multicultural community in Britain. Bill says that the more he teaches the course the more excited he gets about its potential to transform and unite. He added that there is an amazing opportunity to see more biblical models of ministry being adopted and he hopes to see Britain as a nation come back to its biblical roots.

The Lord opened the door for James Gray and Funsho Oluro to pioneer the Dunamis ministry in Nigeria after an invitation some three years ago. Subsequently there has been a Dunamis teaching school both in Lagos and in the West of Nigeria, and in Aba, the East. This training school was attended by 76 ministers in all, even though only 15 finished the full



Brad Long, Cindy Strickler, James Anyanwu, Funsho Oluro and James Gray. John Sermon interceding in the background

training. This training was done with a view to not only introduce the Dunamis Ministry to Nigeria, but also to raise a core group of Nigerian Dunamis teachers to reach out to Nigeria and Africa.

Paul Stokes from DFB&I shared about his time at Jesus Abbey in Korea with Mary Ellen Conners and Jeanne Kraak from PRMI. This was for equipping pastors in how to teach the Dunamis materials and how to lead a Dunamis Project event.



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