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THE GAL WHO'S SEEN IT ALL



When I first came to Gateway (Full Gospel Christian Fellowship), services were being held in the basement because the upstairs wasn't quite finished. We have really grown and had some wonderful experiences. What a great church! Times of revival with the church just booming and the floors rocking to the people dancing and worshipping; times you couldn't fit another person in the Fireside Room where Brother Steve Nemeth was ministering, to those quiet peaceful times of prayer where you were just still before God and soaked in the glory of His presence. And now, every World Impact Conference more exciting than the last and just continuing to see so many people responding to God and experiencing the power of His love.

I started volunteering when my son, Keith, started K-4 in 1987 and I ended up working on staff until 2007. It was scary at first. I thought I didn't fit because there was so much "background" in my life. It turned out working on staff was one the greatest adventures of my life. Instead of having to be something I wasn't, I was accepted and released to be whom God intended.

Through the years we faced lean times where it just seemed you couldn't get a break and the battle was all uphill, to the great times where we were the tightest team and even being awarded, "One of the Best Christian Places to Work in B.C." That's life – to everything there is a season.

I've been coming to Gateway for thirty-years and it's still a joy to volunteer and an honour to continue to type Pastor Tim's messages, do his powerpoint and greet our new friends at the Connect Centre.

Happy Anniversary Gateway!
Shelley Poulin

FORTY YEARS OF MINISTRY



In the early days we started with a vision from heaven for a local church that would have a grace, evangelistic, spirit-filled reach. Beginning with a ministry called Teen Time with support and help from Teen Time Edmonton many youth were reached one of them being Kenn Parker. Some of the core families were the Smiths, Glazers, Weurches, Johnson's, Schroeder's and of course Pastor Ed and Mabel Funk who gave early leadership to what was then Full Gospel Tabernacle. The name was changed to Full Gospel Christian Fellowship in 1981 when the move to 2055 20th Ave would take place.

In the year 2000, we moved our location to the Gateway region of Prince George. Because of the new location, we changed our name to Gateway Christian Ministries and because we believed that name actually defines who we were; many ministries, in the Gateway and as a gateway to the region and the world.

In June of 1972 we committed to assume pastoral responsibility. We arrived with our first Daughter Tanis who was just over a

year old in two vehicles , a 1965 painting van (driven by myself) ready to go into business and a 1971 Plymouth Satellite driven by Sandra's dad who thought we were going to the end of the earth. Business and church ministry happened immediately. Prior to coming and when the call of God came to come to Prince George, a very clear voice from God came at an ACOP conference that *"You will have a business and then the church will grow to the point you won't have time for business"*.



When we arrived we were graciously hosted for a short season in the lovely home of Fred and Sofie Wuerch and then moved into the noisiest duplex we could find on 5th Ave. with a drug addict that we tried to get rent from in the basement. Good luck!! We tried to lock him out but he managed to get in the window, finally he got the hint...I was a little slow in that case with my gospel gun.

Almost immediately we began to make plans to build a home for our little family at 962 Quesnel Ave where a lot was made available to us by WKG Homes for \$5900.00. Seemed like a high price for a lot but we stepped out in faith and signed for a \$26,000.00 mortgage and would live in that place for almost 17 years where we would do the most of raising our 3 children, Tanis, Michelle and Berkley.

In 1973 Chubb Lake Full Gospel camp was started in conjunction with Pastor Allan Martin who established a Full Gospel Church in Williams Lake which we helped him build. The church at Valemount then under the leadership of Norm Walker was also involved.

Not long after a church in Mackenzie began under the leadership of Leroy Davis and Kirby Friesen. The church in Mackenzie started because of an accident. The Davis family, coming to minister with us, totaled their vehicle and trailers east of Prince George. We had never met these people before, and now they and their 3 children were homeless, so we took them in for several months and out of that there was a church plant that began in Mackenzie.

The camp ministry drew the newly planted regional churches together for common fellowship and purpose. Hundreds of people came together in those days for camps that ran 9 days straight. Children and youth camps ran around the time that family

camp was conducted. Many were baptized and experienced the fullness of the spirit. Some on the mission fields of the world today confirmed the call of God in their lives in those days.

Many guest speakers came such as Mel and Heather Mullen, Verne and Marge Wilson, Barney Coombs, Breda Langruid, Steve Nemeth, Ken Hartenberger, Carlton Spencer, David Cook, Art and Greta Sheppard - the list goes on.

The first camp we didn't have a clue in some areas as to what to do. Get people to do things...preach, pray, have meals have camp. It was a huge responsibility and we undercharged, which we are notorious for, and I got the message from whoever was doing accounting that we were not in good shape financially.

One day an elderly couple saw the sign and came to the camp. They were from the state of Oregon. The husband said to me "We just want to help and work around the camp in cleanup or whatever" and that they did. Toward the end of the camp he came and thanked me for the opportunity to serve and handed me an envelope with \$1500.00. It was the miracle we needed to end in the black. God and his true followers are amazing.

In the 80's and 90's a vision for multiplying the church through



outreach and church planting was given by God so churches were planted in Valemount; Mackenzie; Williams Lake; Quesnel; Hudson Hope; Terrace; Tumbler Ridge; Cassiar; Dease Lake; and region. Later outreaches took place in Thunderbay; Osoyoos; Vernon; Smithers; Poland; Mexico; Thailand; the Dominican Republic; Romania; Japan; China; and Malta. In those days, whenever possible, teams joined leaders to kick-start the work.

Looking back, vision for missions in those days, was accelerated by a missions conference where FJ Kosick and Wayne Lowenberg were keynote speakers, along with local and regional pastors. As I recall that one conference solidified mission/church planting and New Testament vision more than any other time. Shortly after that, CMTC or *Christian Ministry Training Center* was conceived and Leroy Davis was invited to be the dean of CMTC and CITW or College in the Word. CITW started back in 1974 offering evening classes. Steve Nemeth, Phillip Smith and Wayne Lowenberg all came around the same time. I felt that God had arranged this to start teaching the word with these capable teachers and missionaries. I had this vision one day of people carrying scripture in their pockets to work memorizing the word because of what they were learning at classes.

By the mid 2000's, we recorded about 2000 students who had taken various classes, seeking to be knowledgeable in the teaching of scripture and to be trained in Christian leadership. The drive was to teach and train. The plan in mind was "learn a little and

do a little" and over a long period of time, to grow people to be effective in their calling, in the pace and timing that God had for each individual. The way to do it was not just crammed learning but learn and practice.

Out of the passion for missions and training came the idea of our "Short term" school or conferences. The plan was for a week of intensive upgrade in leadership and theological training every spring. Our slogan was "*there are times when just another seminar is not enough*". This drew in people from the region and beyond for more in depth knowledge of the word. Later this conference changed to be just 3-4 days. Many guest speakers such as Judson Cornwall; Maurice Fuller; Malcolm Smith; James Ryle; Wesley Campbell; Leonard Fox; Gil Killam; Barney Coombs; Mel Davis; Winkey Pratney; Francis Frangipaigne; Leon Fontaine; Mark Hughes; Matthew and Tommy Barnett; Anthony Greco; Andrew Pickylick; Lionel Batke; Cal Danny and Karen Burr; Jack Whitesell; Casey Treat; Kenn Parker; Rick Parkyn; Kieth Hazel; Kirk Duncan; George Barna; Dave Hubert; David Cannictracci; Wilf Kent; Gord Whyte; and Cindy Jacobs, came in from all over North America, India, even Australia bringing to the people and leaders great inspiration and understanding of the truth and ways of God.

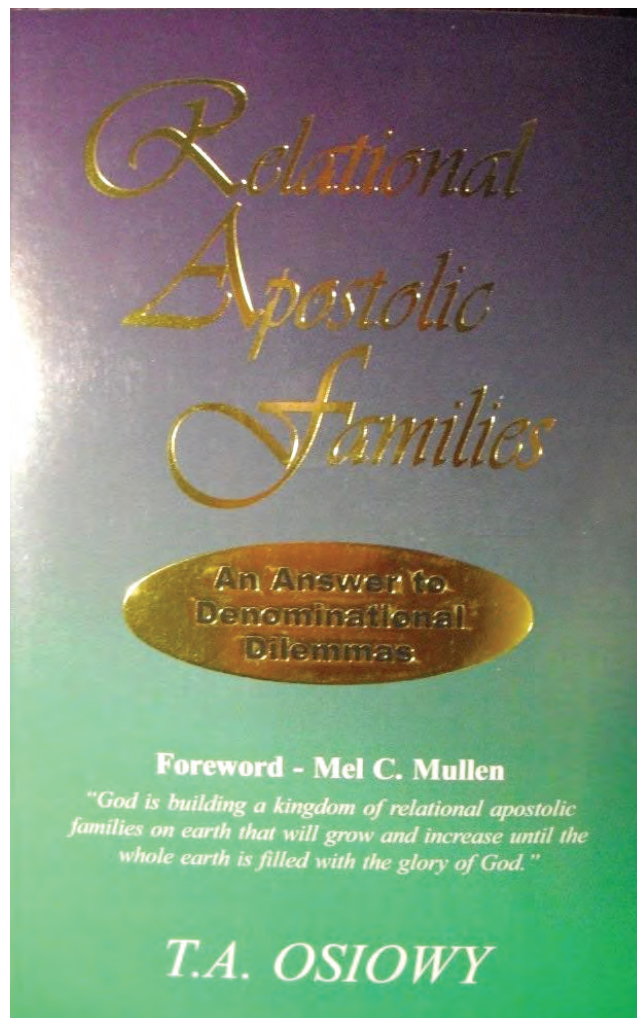
Performing artists like Debbie Boone, Scott Wesley Brown, and Kevin Procsh have set before the eyes of our young people the highest in excellence, encouraging them to achieve and be the best, for God and his glory.



Emphasis shifted over the years where at one point together with local churches of the city we embraced the “renewal” for a season of refreshing. Into the 1000’s attended for days on end. During this time a deep work was accomplished especially in young lives who now are in ministry in various places. While some would say there were extremes in manifestations, good fruit remains. We did not camp on renewal but took the best we could from it and moved forward in the purposes of God.

Vine Publications and productions was birthed in the 80’s as we were led to write books and various teaching manuals for spreading of the truth.

Certain emphasis were carried through the years. As lead pastor I never had a passion for a status quo ordinary traditional local church. Reading and preaching the book of Acts I had a passion to build the church which would be diverse in what it does and how it does it. Today we might call it out of the box kind of church. The Antioch sending, spirit-filled church allowing the balance of prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors and apostles was my dream. Respecting and engaging all the ministry gifts God gave would build a well rounded church displaying the fullness of Christ was the goal. After all Jesus is all of these in one person and so should the church be. We always desired to be a grace filled church with a desire to see lives restored to holiness and freedom.



At different points leaders and pastors beat up in different ways were brought in to find healing. In some cases they stayed long enough to be fully restored, in other cases they stayed around to not find healing and as the saying goes “hurt people hurt” and they ended up biting the hand that was healing and feeding them.

The goal in this ministry was to find a need and fill it. We did this through developing many ministries as the gifts were manifest in individuals. If someone had a passion for an area of ministry we trained them the best we knew and set them on a path to develop ministry in that area. Out of this approach about 50 different ministries and departments functioned under developing leaders. If we got a vision for something we put someone with the gifting in place and let them have at it.

While we held basically to the teachings of our ACOP fellowship of churches, we took on some of our own dna and doctrinal distinctives. We moved strongly in kingdom values and steered away from end times teachings, holding to what Jesus said to the disciples who wanted to know the “times and the seasons”. Jesus said that was not for them to know, rather they were to be endued with power to be witnesses locally, provincially, nationally and internationally. We carry that same emphasis today staying clear from those and the teachings that make all kinds of predictions as though they were experts wiser than Jesus about how we should unfold information or prophecy in what they call the last days. The last days are clearly from Pentecost to when God culminates his work here on earth not just a few days 10 years before Jesus returns but according to his long range eternal plan..

There were different eras during the different decades for the church.

The 70’s were “tough years” in the words of Ed Funk and I would agree. Upon arriving in the city I met a pastor who was about to leave his church and the city. His statement to me was “most pastors that come here stay for about 2 years”. There were some who had longer term ministries but this frontier town with it’s many fugitives and red necks was no piece of cake so to speak when it came to pastoring. There was an opposing spirit that was very oppressive at times. Often when we left the city for a

few days, upon returning to the city it was like a huge weight and oppression landed on our shoulders; so much so that one wanted to “just leave” and “get out of there”. The opposition became very fierce as some on the inside had designs to remove us from the church. The phone call came saying....”you will be out of here in two weeks”. At that point we had to go through deep examination of our hearts concerning what the will of the Lord was. Good people can get caught up in foolish things. The upshot of all of this was the leadership and myself came together and appealed to the person promoting this self willed thing and they would not yield or be reasonable therefore left the church. It was not long after that that God began to grow the church. The church more than tripled in size not long after we made the move to 20th avenue. One year, not long after all of this turmoil about 200 people were baptized. We faced many pleasurable but also very painful experiences.

The 80’s were very productive years that demanded huge sacrifice. We set out to build in those days when interest rates were 21.5% and the bottom was falling out of the local economy. Housing prices jumped and then dropped 30%. On top of that we overspent in our building project.

In desperation, because our house was on the line for the church mortgage, I cried out to God for mercy. God heard my cry and spoke to me in the middle of a conference in Winnipeg “I will give you many people to carry this load”. I believed that word and miracles began to take place.

One person gave me a bag of gold that was valued at \$22000.00. A grand piano was needed for the church and a blank cheque was given to me to buy a C7/4 Yamaha then worth about \$20,000.00. A new convert around that time called me and said “I have \$9000.00 in savings which I believe should be given to help the missions fund get out of the red”. Hundreds of new people were coming in. We admittedly did not have a clue what we were doing but God knew what he was doing through our total abandon and reliance on him.

Missionaries that we could not afford to send, we were sending. At one point we were supporting 8 workers internationally. People were being sent out by faith. Our belief was that we should go to

the wall so to speak on their behalf and sacrifice to make it happen. We should make sacrifices equal to the sacrifices the missionaries made. On the home front I had agreement that we would support a staff family by no more than one salary for the sake of world missions because missionaries do not go on 2 salaries to the mission field. That was unheard of among missionaries in those days. Most missionaries feel blessed to have one salary and some ministry expense. As senior leader I received less salary for years that did our missionaries plus we sacrificially supported those who got higher salaries than us. They needed it, we could do ok with less on the home front. I always felt if I needed to I could go out and do a days work in my trade and make enough to buy a few loaves of bread and some meat to survive. We sold our RV's and fun equipment for the cause that we believed in and we are the more blessed today in every way including a family that lives on to serve and follow Christ with joyful dedication. Like some put it "those were the days" that we reflect on with great joy satisfaction.

The 90's were years of prosperity for most people. Prince George we have learned runs on 7 year cycles. It takes about 3 years to get out of the downturn so that means every ten years it comes around

again. In the early years we had to run a business to make ends meet. God provided abundantly right in the middle of downturns. Some of the highest volumes in business were realized in the so called worst years. On a personal level we lost over \$50,000.00 on a property purchase. That was not smart for our young family who we were seeking to put through our newly started Christian school. I asked God for forgiveness for the lack of discernment, then asked for deliverance, and in one wise purchase and sale it was restored back plus a little for the pain. God is merciful. All of this has been amazing.

Believing God was leading we restored a business especially with our growing son in mind. Competitive businesses were leaving town and ours was growing incrementally each year with the exception of one year which was a good test to faith, however the fat years carried us through the lean years. While financial prosperity was around us, spiritually we were not advancing as well in the church. We were doing the stuff so to speak but this was a different season. Look at the new houses, the toys, the new cars (nice ones). Yet there was a heart for the Lord that remained because people who are touched by God deeply maintain a



measure of steadfastness. We sought to expand on the property we got for a miracle price which we raised the \$180,000.00 cash for and then raised another \$630,000.00 to build plus another \$212,000.00 for a further expansion a few years later.

School ministry had it's up's and downs yet a core was committed to bring it through no matter what. The late 90's ended with some

turbulence and division with staff members who should have known better than to disturb God's flock over personal things and foolish issues. I must say I find it hard to forgive those who mess around with the church which Jesus purchased with his own blood however, we have no option but to stand ready to forgive and that we have sought to do.

Over the years we had the painful experience of disciplining our own spiritual sons for immorality, greed, worldliness and for dividing the flock over things not central to the gospel or the cause of Christ. Those who have chosen to be genuinely restored have done well; those who have acted in rebellion have been disciplined by the Lord himself. His discipline is often more severe than the grace discipline true leaders of the church hand out. We were both evil spoken of and well spoken of in these situations. On one side we were experiencing pain and on another side there were pleasures. Something like Paul spoke of to the Corinthians when he said "deceivers yet true". Some of the people we brought in with the highest honor left to dishonor and in some cases continue to break our heart. We do understand that like they, we too have broken the heart of God without even knowing it at times.





Turning into the year 2000 we set out to have a great celebration which had history in view as well as the future. That was the time when all the computers were supposed to crash and we were to run out of food etc. I sent some of my doomsday friends funny cartoons after it was all over which for some reason they did not think were funny at all. Hey, a lot of times our jokes just don't fly and people don't get it. I also thought, well, no use being a fool, so I bought 20 pound bags of rice, a bushel of wheat, a few preserves just in case; not just for us, but for all of our families to have in store. Way to go Tim, you are at least trying to be like Joseph. I guess I should have started the Joseph Company before someone else did...could have had a good franchise.

Coming to 2009 we believed God would have us release more leadership toward the next generation. Some years earlier I had written my personal will for the church. In the event a plane went down that I was on, or I hit a moose (which I did at almost 90 km/ph and we - Sandra Shelley and I survived) I felt it wise to have the house in order so to speak. In this will we set in successors and a plan of action to be carried out with the in house leaders and our covering ministries to whom I have been accountable for many years. I have always said, the higher you go in authority, the more accountable one must be therefore I have been accountable to my wife, secretary, the appropriate people and other ministries because if we are not careful "absolute power corrupts absolutely". The person who refuses to be accountable should be brought into question.

Many great doors of opportunity and platforms of honor have been granted over the years in the community of Prince George, our province, nation and around the world. Involvements in civic responsibility and elected offices have always been considered a high honor. To be known as friends among great community leaders, politicians and business leaders will never be forgotten and will always be cherished. This church has been commended by the same and has spoken to those of the highest rank and file. In saying that it is always qualified with a "to God be the Glory".

In 2010 under the counsel of covering ministries, the release of our leaders and the blessing of the church put into growing authority and responsibility; we began to release the next generation leaders

that we believe God is appointing to lead into the future. The roots and fruits are evident and growing. Our trust is that even what Jesus said to his followers before his departure will be true of these, that being, "greater things than these shall you do". Multiplication in every good way and work is our faith for the future.

My life verse has been 2 Timothy 2:2 which tells us that what we have learned we should commit to faithful people who will be able to teach others also. It is our trust that greater works and greater multiplication is yet to come.

In conclusion, many names have not been mentioned who could have been and according to the words of Jesus their reward will be even greater because of being omitted. Much more could be said. Thinking back there have been many miracles (sort of like the last verse in the book of John) not mentioned here for which we give glory to God. I must say that my wife has been one outstanding "first lady" as some have rightly called her. She has carried more than most people realize and that without any financial remuneration for many years. We know that her reward will be great along with the many other people have served in similar fashion and with distinction. God knows who those people are. One example I must mention was a lady from out of province that came here regularly and especially at a time when we were under great duress which she knew nothing of, only to

pray for days for us and our church. She did this expecting nothing in return. Things like this are graces we don't deserve but for His honor and praise we joy and benefit. My mother has been another who has for years stood in steadfast loyal faith prayer not just for our survival but for the advance of the great work we are called to. Shelley Poulin who stood for many years as my executive secretary did an unbelievable amount to build Gateway to what it is today. Businesses in the community and church did their part and God has blessed and will continue to bless in return. Over the years we have had an exceptionally committed staff and congregation who love God, one another and His work

In our humanity, we have made our errors and learned a few lessons which we trust will help the generations to come.

We see a bright future in line with what the prophets of old saw when they said that "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea". As we have repeatedly said over the many years here "the church is the most important business on the face of the earth". Jesus himself said "I must be about my fathers business" and so must/will we.

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GATEWAY’S JOURNEY OF PRAYER

Rev. Florli Nemeth

Prayer! Where do we begin? This church was birthed in prayer in 1971 as a few families banded together to build the first church building on Ospika.

It was nurtured in prayer by people who committed themselves to pray for the needs of people, and it was bathed in prayer as pastors and people came together corporately for days and even nights of concentrated prayer.

When Pastor Tim Osiowy arrived to pastor this church, it was a small group of people, mostly younger families. He came from the prairie town of Grenfell, Saskatchewan where he had grown up in a Christian family that prayed together. Both his mother and grandmother were women who knew God and modelled prayer. He was also nurtured by a church and pastors that knew how to pray. In those days people would pray for an hour or more after a church service. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit and their lives forever changed in these times of prayer.

As a young pastor his vision was to see everyone in the house of the Lord involved in corporate and individual prayer. In the early years he assembled the whole church together for special days of prayer throughout the calendar year for concentrated and focused prayer for families, for the church, the city, Canada and the world. The vision included the nurturing of prayer in small groups throughout the city. Teams of people were committed to pray for emergency situations in the prayer chain where requests went from person to person.

When I asked Pastor Tim what dreams he still had in terms of prayer for the church, he replied that his vision has not changed. The heart of God is that His house be a house of prayer for the nations – and that includes prayer for our families, the church, the city, and the world!

OUR PASTOR’S VISION IS TO SEE

- Every person involved in prayer privately and corporately
- Prayer connected to worship (see Revelation 5:8,9)
- Prayer that declares the Word of God

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

- The worship makes prayer enjoyable and powerful, bringing us into God’s presence, and enables us to pray for long periods of time without wearing out.

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

The Word of God declares God’s will for our lives, and when we pray His Word, we align ourselves with His will. So what steps did Pastor Tim and the leaders of this church take to make prayer a priority in the house?

- Scheduled pre-service prayer time before each service
- Formed small groups that met weekly for prayer and Bible study
- Developed a prayer team that prayed for urgent situations
- Eventually mentored prayer leaders (or pastors) to oversee this area of ministry

Marja Kostamo, our first prayer pastor was brought on staff in the late 1990’s. She served faithfully in that position for a number of years encouraging times of prayer and fasting for our local needs and for needs around the world. Gateway was never focused only on its own needs. It has always been outward focused to people in need.

Many of you will remember our first 40 day fast in 1999 for revival in North America and the world. We joined with Bill Bright and 2 million people around the world in this endeavour to pray for the nations. Other fasts included prayer focuses for evangelistic outreaches in the city, for “Fan the Flame” services in our city, for missions and the 10/40 Window of the Muslim world, for city-wide conferences, for missionaries, for direction for Gateway, and numerous other prayer focuses.

This church has been built on prayer and will continue to thrive impacting our city, our nation and our world

The call to prayer has not changed. Our prayer pastor, Dixie Hoffman, has an ongoing desire and passion to see PRAYER RISE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. We have sung the song, “Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord”, and I believe that God is calling us these days to see prayer rise to a higher level of waiting on God and worship.

Other prayer focuses not necessarily associated with fasting were the –

- monthly night of prayer for Canada
- weekly prayer for prodigals
- early morning prayer for our missionaries
- noon prayer on Wednesdays for the ministries of Gateway
- weekly prayer for personal needs
- men’s weekly prayer breakfast for over 25 years

It’s not that God NEEDS us to pray – He WANTS us to partner with Him through prayer to effect change here on earth.

In this journey of prayer at Gateway over the past 40 years, we have seen God do many miracles in people’s lives. But we must remember it is an ongoing journey. We have not arrived. I don’t have to have all the answers about prayer. I don’t even have to pray perfectly. I just want to pray effectively!

This is our destiny – that we be a house of prayer for all nations. Gateway will move forward in prayer as you and I are involved in the continuing saga – this great journey of prayer.

3 GREAT BROTHERS GONE TO BE WITH JESUS IN RECENT YEARS



Carl Angele



Stew Motteram



Steve Nemeth

GATEWAY ACADEMY 27 YEARS

Greg and Carla Paulson

At one point in the early 80’s a clear word from God came during a presbytery to start a Christian school. In response to this vision, Full Gospel Christian Academy opened of grades K-12 in September 1981 under the direction of Principal Stew Motteram and a number of parents dedicated to providing Christian education for their children. For the next 27 years, principal’s Abe Friesen, Don Cleverly, David Arnold, Darrell Steves; Ed Grant, Mitra Kostamo, Rod Simmons many staff and parents provided education to children from the church and community.

The name of the school changed twice during its existence; first to Prince George Academy, and then to Gateway Christian School. At first the school was located in the basement of the church on 2055 20th avenue; then some grades moved to 1919 17th avenue. After numerous moves back and forth between the two buildings, the school finished the final year in an expanded facility on 1919 17th avenue.

The school developed from a single room accredited Christian learning lab to a two-grade split fully taught classes from grades K-12. Preschool was added with a full classroom each year. The school became accredited and licensed as an independent school in. In 2006 Dogwood Diplomas were issued to graduates by the Ministry of Education. The school joined the Association of Christian Schools International and the Education of Independent Schools and met ministry criteria for teacher and student standards. A Library was started for the benefiting of students and families.

In the last years the elementary classrooms were full with waitlists and the high school class enrolment increased. Students were recognized for their achievements in the community at Science Fairs, District Track & Field meets, and through Passports and Education. Students and staff were also able to participate in numerous outreach activities such as work in a recovery home in Salmon Arm (along with a houseboat outing), a Mission Trip to Thailand. There were also a healthy interaction in the community and area with numerous field trips, sport and educational outings and “club Friday” clubs, guest speakers, and community projects

to help in the community, which ranged from packing care parcels for the Samaritan Inn, Operation Christmas Child, helping Thai orphans, and renovating a house for profit to benefit various ministries including the local Salvation Army who received several thousand dollars from this effort.

Many students were positively impacted by the Lord during this time at the school – in classroom instruction, in school leadership development, and through dedicated parents and staff who prayed, sacrificed and worked for the success of the school.

In 2007-08 enrolment dropped along with the city’s declining student population. After much prayer, PAC (Parent Action Committee) and the church leadership worked with Cedars Christian School first on joining high schools, and before we knew it we were joining the two schools to enable further growth for them to take them to the next level. Initially the plan proposed from the leadership of Cedars was to rent our school for the primary grades. That possible move was met with a lot of opposition from a few parents and never materialized.

With fond memories of the past and despite measure of sadness because of the many years we believed it was right to have our families enrol at Cedars Christian School.

We thank God for the many hundreds of students at Gateway Christian School. Many continue to walk with God and serve Him effectively in Prince George and in various places around the world in a host of careers and ministries.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry at Gateway has undergone many phases and changes in the past 40 years. Many people might not realize it but Gateway its self has it’s Roots in youth ministry as the original times of ministry was largely to the youth population in Prince George. Pastor Funk and Pastor Tim started building the church with the young people that were there.

When the youth ministry started to grow and the church began to increase there became need to bring a staff member in to work specifically with the youth. Mike Rosenau became Gateway’s first youth pastor.

Pastor Mike worked with the youth for approximately 10 years until he was sent with several others to start a church in Terrace. Pastor Mike handed over the youth ministry to a zealous young evangelist, Stacey Oig.

Stacey led what he called By Force Youth Ministry, into evangelism, missions and growth. Stacey had a huge impact on Gateway. Many who attend or minister at the church were brought up through this ministry. After about eleven years Stacey moved on and left the youth ministry to Ben Erbacher who is currently running what is now known as the Root Youth Ministry.

After 15 years Ben and his wife Jamie continue to run a vibrant youth ministry that has reached hundreds of youth over the years. We see many exciting things in the past and are believing for even more of the good things God has for us and the Youth in the future.

MY VIEW AS A PASTOR’S WIFE FOR OVER 40 YEARS

Sandra Osiowy



What have you loved doing most in pastoral ministry?

Serving in many different areas - has brought much joy and fulfilment

How were your early days in Prince George? Lonely? Happy? Challenging? Scary?

Yes, all of these and maybe more! - we moved here a young couple with a one year old daughter - all our family was back in Saskatchewan - a whole 2 day drive away - the city was very strong in the pulp smell back then - people came and left often, didn't put down roots here - hard to establish a church - one person told my husband “pastors average about two years in this city” -however this was the city God had called us to - so I was determined to make it “home”

What things were difficult in the early years?

One of the things was - we had a young family - my husband worked full time building a business - plus pastoring the church - at times I guess I felt like I was carrying the home and family responsibilities alone -

How did pastoring affect your marriage and family life?

Even in the early days of what seemed to be work, work and more work - we always tried to make time for each other and for our

family - we had many wonderful family holidays -where we would pack up the camper and away we would go - one time pulling our trailer with canoe on top of the car way down to Los Angeles - if I remember right - I think we only used our canoe once! also it nearly blew off going over the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.Friday night was a night set aside for only us and our family - Saturday, Tim's day off, he would take the kids on many different excursions which I so appreciated.

How did you make ends meet financially over the years?

God has been very faithful to us over our many years in this city - when we needed work - we got work - once the church was established and Tim could no longer work at his business then provision came as people became committed to building God's work.

What would you consider the greatest joy and honor experienced serving alongside a pastor over the many years?

Greatest joy - to have seen so many peoples lives changed as they have committed themselves to God and His work. The greatest honor - to have so many people - serve alongside us for all these years.

What were the greatest sorrows or hurtful things that happen in ministry?

To be real honest --one of the greatest is when we have walked and worked with people for years in the church - and then for one reason or another - decide to leave long term relationship and commitment for reasons that seemed so unreasonable and. shallow

What exciting places has ministry taken you over the years?

We have been blessed and honored to travel to many countries in the world - either to visit our missionaries in different locations - or attend and speak at conferences - one place that comes to mind is -Seoul, Korea - where we were pzriviledged to attend a conference in the largest church in the world - what an experience!

What would your advice be to anyone considering long term ministry?

If God's call is on your life to serve Him - full time in whatever form of ministry - go for it - the joys far out weigh the sorrows!

BY THE GRACE OF GOD: 40 + 1 THINGS ABOUT GATEWAY

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| 1. ...has performed around 500 weddings | 22. ...annually hold special teaching conferences to equip leaders |
| 2. ...had an arsonist try to burn down the church - but did not succeed...he burned down 2 others | 23. ...have become a consulting covering ministry to many churches and groups nationally and internationally |
| 3. ...on several occasions Pastor Tim has faced serious threats | 24. ...encouraged people to serve in political offices and they were elected |
| 4. ...once had a church service start at 7:00 PM and last until 2:00 AM with Steve Nemeth speaking | 25. ...hosted all candidate meetings during elections |
| 5. ...many times had church efforts appear in the newspaper | 26. ...our mayors and members of parliament have graced us with their presence many times |
| 6. ...have seen miracles of healings in people's lives | 27. ...given leadership and hosted many Ministerial and interchurch events including “Fan the Flame” |
| 7. ...had to pay 21.5% interest to the CIBC bank in the early 80's and we survived | 28. ...invested about \$50,000.00 from one offering taken up by James Ryle into other ministries in the city including Hospice House |
| 8. ...has run about 50 departments at given times | 29. ...have been priveleged to have world class ministries speak and have top singers and world class performers come to us |
| 9. ...had in it's employ 25-30 people here and in other nations | 30. ...have been given award as one of the top 10 workplaces among charities in Canada by CCCC...no one got first place |
| 10. ...has staged large performing arts events that brought in 1000's of people over the years | 31. ...changed our name to Gateway Christian Ministries because we are a gateway church and we have many ministries that function and we will always remain Christian |
| 11. ...ran a dance school for many year, had it's own store of food for the poor and for several years and had a thrift store on Queensway | 32. ...as far as we know we have had the longest term pastor in the history of the city with staff that have been long term |
| 12. ...have supported downtown Life Center for years plus a recovery home in the city and have had ministry to seniors for many years | 33. ...Pastor Tim has served 30 consecutive non stop years in the ACOP fellowship - a longer tenure than any leader served them |
| 13. ...had a great part starting the Christian Counseling Center in PG | 34. ...has enabled it's pastor to travel to the nations, and the nation, serve in many capacities at home and abroad |
| 14. ...had much ministry go to the jails with the gospel...Pastor Tim was the Chaplin for a season | 35. ...many teams went from here to the surrounding areas and world |
| 15. ...had it's own school for 27 years | 36. ...have directly touched about 30 nations with the gospel & mercy work |
| 16. ...built 3 facilities over the years....1055 Ospika; 2055 20th; and 1919 17th Ave | 37. ...has helped Poland & Romania with food and bibles in their desperate times |
| 17. ...our leadership would retreat to Jasper almost annually for prayer and direction | 38. ...has supported an orphanage in the Dominican for years |
| 18. ...have practiced accountability on all levels with staff and board and encouraged it among members....senior pastor accountable to fellowship and covering ministries | 39. ...we have always loved the many nations that have come to be a part of us...one year many Japanese came to a conference here with Teresa |
| 19. ...changed our constitution twice | 40. ...helped plant a church all the way up in Cassiar BC |
| 20. ...there have been 10 day fasts encouraged for years....one year many entered a 40 day fast | 41. ...we are now seeing our third generation serve here! |
| 21. ...developed Vine Publications for the printing and publishing of books and manuals that aided churches with teaching materials here and around the globe. Some of our materials have been translated into several languages | |

THE CHURCH WE SEE

Berk and Stacey Osiowy

As I look to the future of Gateway I am filled with hope and inspired by the heart of God. I believe that although we have seen God do much in and through our church, our best days continue to be ahead of us.



We see a church full of laughter and joy as it lives life well together.



We see a church that is fully engaged, expectant, constantly changing and growing, leaning in and partnering with what God is already doing in the world to be a part of a cause that is bigger than ourselves.

We see a church where many come to know Christ and as they get planted in the house begin to flourish in their lives and reach their full potential.

We see a church full of leaders and visionaries committed to bringing God's mercy to a world full of injustice.

WE SEE A CHURCH THAT SERVES...

We see a church that is full of faith and risk takers willing to do whatever it takes and go wherever they must to bring the transforming message of grace.

We see a church that is full of builders that knows what it is to work hard and work together, recognizing that what we are building is of eternal significance.

We see a church where no matter what your age, gender, nationality, style or preference you are accepted here, you belong here, you are family and this is home.

We see a church passionate about loving Jesus and demonstrating that love by reaching into a world that is far from Him.

...BECAUSE IT "GETS" TO, NOT BECAUSE IT "HAS" TO.

We see a church that cares more about the people they are trying to reach than their own personal preferences.

We see an abundantly generous church that cares more about what it can give than what it can get, a church that is full of contributors and not consumers.

We believe that as Gateway continues to dream for, love, build, reach and lead this generation our legacy will live on and there is a beautiful hope for the future.



The landscape of praise and worship as well as creative arts at Gateway Christian Ministries has changed significantly over the years in terms of style and creativity but the one thing that has remained the same is the desire of people to see God glorified.

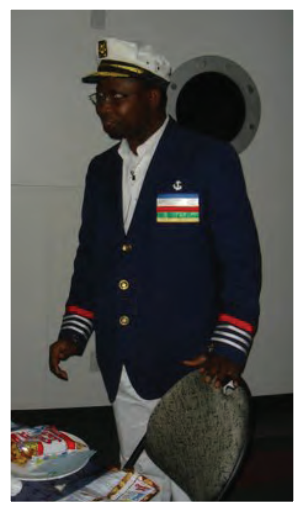
Our current praise and worship team, under the leadership of Berkley Osiowy, are key in bringing about the contemporary style of music that is emerging in today's church. Their heart is to create an atmosphere of worship that is conducive for the Holy Spirit to flow and they are committed to providing worship excellence to our congregation.

They believe that as they love God and love people, God is able to move in hearts bringing healing, hope and health. Their aim is to see heaven here on earth and each week they work to bring a piece of that into our services. It's so exciting to see people each week

get in touch with God and grow in their ability to bring Him praise and then to see the power of transformation in their lives as walls come down and healing begins.

We have also seen great impact in terms of reaching people through our drama presentations. Whether it's the comedy of "Uncle Phil's Diner" or "The Wedding", the beauty of "Imagine Christmas" or the simplicity of a child's faith in "A King is coming to Town" lives are touched and the kingdom of God has been expanded.

The future is bright as the next generation continues to be innovative, creative and revolutionary in our approach to music, creativity and ability to use these gifts to reach people with the love and power of Christ.



SAMARITAN INN: RECOVERY HOME FOR WOMEN



Dixie Hoffman

In the summer of 2003 a vision was presented to Gateway to minister to those who were caught in addictive lifestyles. Our church –you– embraced the local mission field and the journey began.

First a home was needed and by November a house was purchased by a church member. Since God directed the shopping it was perfect for what was needed: a therapeutic, quiet location with five furnished bedrooms and room for two more. With a little TLC the Samaritan Inn officially opened January 1st 2004 with two residents.

Diane Gervais was the only staff member at that time but she was assisted by volunteers who shared her heart for this ministry and who wanted to contribute to a safe place in which women could heal. Within weeks of the home opening I began to volunteer and in the fall of 2005 I came on staff.

A 90 day program was developed which is continually evolving as we search for better ways to bring healing to those God has entrusted to us. We have an open ended program for those wishing to stay longer. After completing the program clients can go on to further education or begin to work while continuing to be in a supportive environment.

One client, stayed 4 years and became house mom. She was affectionately known as Grandma Buns for her love of baking bread and love for the women who came through the house.

We have women who have been clean for over six years; two are serving on staff at churches, we have seen babies born that were



Diane Gervais

going to be aborted and there have been many first time decisions and baptisms. By the end of 2010 we had 204 intakes involving a total of 140 different women. Many of these women maintain their connection with the house and staff after graduating. They drop in for visits, and others, from out of town, call to let us know how they are doing.

In a difficult area of ministry, the Samaritan Inn enjoys a high success rate. Its positive reputation has spread so that today it receives referrals from other churches, the courts, native bands, and agencies in cities as far away as Vancouver, Edmonton and Regina. Several clients have come from Edmonton. Women are accepted regardless of their financial situation and assisted in applying for funding which they qualify for as well as having their medical, dental, clothing and all personal needs supplied other than tobacco.

From conception, the connection with Gateway Christian Ministries has been a vital part of this work with members contributing both finances and time. Over 40 volunteers have shared their lives with the girls and some have served for the entire life of this work. The steady love of the volunteers has been a reassuring witness to girls who often have never before experienced unconditional love. They learn to see the pastors as friends and real people and in turn, volunteers often learn “there but for the grace of God go I”. The women become involved in serving which in turn connects them with a whole new community to which these women evangelistically bring their boy friends/ husbands, children, and extended family. Thus, the ministry has itself become an evangelistic tool.

The Samaritan Inn Recovery Home for Women is unapologetically Christian. Our mission is to assist women in finding freedom from addiction restore them to wholeness through the hope given in Jesus Christ.

Director of the Samaritan Inn
Dixie Hoffman

THE FINANCIAL HISTORY OF GATEWAY

Ian MacInnes

The financial history of Gateway (formerly Full Gospel Christian Fellowship) has been an exciting one these past forty years. The story includes the increase and decrease of many staff, from one part time pastor in the beginning to over twenty full time equivalent staff during the height of our Christian School days (1981 – 2008). Payroll costs have ranged from \$4,300 in 1972 to over \$750,000 in the school years. This does not include the payroll costs for our missionaries.

Gateway has supported several missionary families on staff, watched the growth and maturity of many young ministries, planted churches in the north, and supported the growth of other affiliated churches in addition to the overseas churches planted by our missionaries. The call for vision and faith would go out and the people responded with faithful commitments. Mission spending has always been dependent on the faithfulness of the people, starting with \$400 in 1972 and rising as high as \$200,000 in recent years. In spite of some tough economic times on the home front where staff would have to take temporary layoffs, Gateway was always able to maintain a core commitment to those on the field. God proved faithful and we were able to overcome all the financial challenges we have faced.

The church tithes have been extremely faithful, seeing \$20,000 per year in the beginning and reaching \$519,000 in 1994, a figure we hover around to this day. Mission giving and special offerings are all in addition to the regular tithes. The giving hearts of Gateway people have always been amazing as testified by special offerings for many projects: the \$25,000 for the Los Angeles Dream Centre

a couple of years ago, sowing largely into the building campaign of Overcoming Faith Centre and today we see that project complete, as well as \$41,000 raised in a special offering and sowed into various ministries in the community, with the largest amount given to our local Hospice House.

Gateway has experience in building campaigns having been through two; one in the early 80's and another in the early 90's. The small congregation of Gateway people stepped out in faith in 1980 to construct our present facility at 20th Avenue and in 1981 the tithes rose 227% from the previous year and doubled again two years later to provide for the financing of the building and the growing ministries.

In the early 90's a Stewardship campaign was launched to raise capital for the 17th Avenue facility. The faithfulness again of Gateway people raised over \$640,000 for the construction of that building.

Pastor Tim has continually sought the vision of God and led the charge to forge ahead in faith into all that God has called Gateway these past forty years, missions home and abroad, training, building, planting churches, raising ministries and sowing into our community. The accomplishments and ministries we have as our history is a testament to the obedience of the leadership and the members of Gateway. The future is even brighter because as it is written, “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.”

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March 31, 2011

To the Gateway family:

I wanted to add my congratulations to the many you will receive as you celebrate your 40th Anniversary. It is a significant milestone and I wish you a weekend that is full of special moments and rich blessings. I continue to give thanks for the ministry that you have undertaken here in Prince George today and for 40 years.

I have had occasion to visit your church and have always felt welcome and cared for. I know firsthand of the important work being done at Samaritan House and had the pleasure of volunteering at the Great Toy Giveaway. You have taken seriously the command to "go into the world" and it has made a difference in our community.

Thank you for your service and outreach!

Happy Anniversary!

Shirley Bond

Shirley Bond, MLA
Prince George - Valemount
Minister of Public Safety and the Solicitor General



Since 1982 we have had the privilege of being connected to Gateway Christian Ministries in one way or another. We came for the purpose of working in the then known Full Gospel Christian Academy. For five years we put our heart and soul into that ministry, heartily enjoying the chance to connect with many families. Immediately following that, we went to Malta to begin a Christian Academy for the Maltese and expatriots alike, giving them the option to engage in Christian education. In the meantime, two churches were birthed as well. After sixteen years of being faithfully supported, both by prayer and finances, we underwent a drastic change when we moved back to Canada to spend 'long lost time' with our kids and grandkids. Although our connection with Gateway has changed since then, we still maintain a high regard for the fellowship and now treasure an ongoing friendship with many of you. It always gives us great pleasure to drop in to renew acquaintances whenever we have opportunity to do so. Many BEST WISHES are sent your way, Pastor Tim & Sandra and Team, and CONGRATULATIONS on 40 years of ministry.

Abe & Olga



I have been associated with Gateway Christian Ministries from the time of my conversion in the mid seventies. Over the last 35 years I have received encouragement, instruction, relationships, connectedness, finances, oversight, correction, mentoring, coaching and a sense of belonging. I have been pastored; my ministry has been recognized and valued. I have had doors opened for me through Gateway's ministry and influence.

I could continue to list so many tangible ways Gateway and its leadership has been part of making me what and who I am today. However, that would be the easy part. The difficulty would lie in all the intangible, small things that are harder to qualify and quantify. I have learned kingdom principles and have been challenged to live in faith, integrity and with a standard of excellence. All things considered, I thank God often for the demonstration of the kingdom of God that has been modelled by Gateway and its leaders.

Kenn Parker



Mayor's comment on the 40th Year Celebration of Gateway Christian Ministries:

On behalf of Council, I would like to congratulate the Gateway Christian Ministries on your 40th year in Prince George. Thank you for all you do to build positive community connections. Many families seek fellowship opportunities, friendships, and spiritual associations through Gateway Christian Ministries and it is my pleasure to acknowledge the important work you do.

Sincerely

CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE

Dan Rogers

Mayor



I heart Gateway! It has been a Church where I have felt loved, pursued, championed, known, valued, taught and inspired! Since I can remember there has always been a place for me. There was always an invitation to be a part of something, opportunity to engage and through the years of youth group, conferences, prayer groups, worship nights, bible studies, mission trips, I came to a place of knowing God deeper, and ultimately a place where God gave me a heart for Missions. I am so glad I made the choice in different seasons in my life to invest time and put myself in the community at Gateway. Gateway - I am indebted to you. Thank you for your consistency throughout my life in giving me many opportunities to grow, enjoy friendships and giving me a platform to be used by God.

Much love - Alicia Olesiuk

“You have been a great encouragement to a whole lot of people. Keep up the good work.”

Ed and Donna Bradley



“Our relationship with Gateway goes back to the year 1976 when we assisted in the planting of the Church in Mackenzie. Six years later we left to go serve God in Missions in Puebla Mexico where we assisted in planting 2 churches that continue strong to this day. During the more than 10 years in Mexico our relationship with Gateway was strong as Gateway took us on in prayer and financial support along with our home church in Mackenzie. Upon our return from Mexico we were involved with the leadership team of Gateway in a part time capacity until leaving again for the Okanagan to once again be involved in church planting. We are into our 11th year of the church we were part of founding here in Penticton BC. We have appreciated our relationship and friendship with Gateway over these many years!”

Blessings,
Kirby & Olivia Friesen



Congratulations to Gateway Christian Ministries as you celebrate your 40th Anniversary! I am grateful for the opportunities you gave me to minister in partnership with you. You have offered the Good News of Jesus to the spiritually lost, equipped believers to engage in ministry, challenged ministers to strive for excellence, and supported Canadian and international workers. Your ministry has been truly glocal – global and local!

Dr. T.V. Thomas
Director, Centre for Evangelism & World Mission



Dear Pastor Tim and Sandra and Gateway Christian Ministries, Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary! You have been a great blessing not only to the people of Prince George and surrounding areas but also to the nations of the world! Thank you for coming to Central Asia and Turkey and impacting the lives of many in these countries! Your influence is being felt around the world! May God’s favour and blessings continue to be on you for many, many years to come!

Blessings,
Eunice Danielson
Word of Life Istanbul, Turkey, Director WLI Silk Road



Congratulations and our best wishes on the 40th Anniversary of your outstanding service to the Lord in Prince George and around the world! Your friendship and ‘fellowship in the Holy Spirit’ is a never-to-be forgotten fact of my life. The memories of traveling with Pastor Tim to Thailand and Japan will always remain vivid, and a vital part of my personal experience.

Jesus, for so great a Name, no praise is adequate!
Lionel C. Batke



Gateway Christian Ministries has been a model New Testament church in our nation. Pastor Tim has modeled outstanding apostolic leadership and has been a colleague, ministry partner and friend for over 40 years.

Mel C. Mullen



What a blessing it has been for myself to have been a part of Gateway Christian Ministries now for over 30 years; as a member, as staff and as a missionary. You have not only greatly impacted my life for the Kingdom of God but have impacted the four corners of the world with the many people you have sent out. Congradulations Gateway on your 40th year of ministry.

Allan & Siriton Bay - Chiang Mai, Thailand



Greetings in Jesus Name,

The Full Gospel Praise Centres in Malta pray that the Lord will continue to bless you all through the coming days. Pastor Abe and sister Olga were supported by you folks to start the work in Malta. Through this work my wife Antoinette and I continued the ministry after Pastor Abe and sister Olga returned to Canada. We established two churches a school and another two churches in Libya. We have been full time for the last sixteen years., we had to give up all our businesses to work for the Lord But He is always faithful. We visited you a in the year 2000 where we were really blessed. As soon as the Lord provides someone to handle the churches here in Malta we will continue the work in Libya and we will come and visit you again. He never left us or forsake us God bless you all

Pastor Vince and Antoinette Fenech



We were privileged to be a part of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in its early years, from 1974-79. We remember the celebration of the five year anniversary and mortgage burning. It seemed like a major milestone at the time, but we are thankful for all of the many other milestones the church has had opportunity to celebrate since! When we returned to Canada with our two children after four years in Taiwan in 1974, we were looking for a supportive and stimulating environment in which to grow and minister. We found all of this at the Full Gospel Tabernacle and know that it has been a supportive home base for many people over the years. We send our congratulations and prayers for many more years of service in Prince George and around the world.

Wayne & Darla Lowenberg



Our first stop on that tour was with Pastor Stew in Quesnel.

We partnered with the White Rock Christian Fellowship to host the Jesus Celebration, a worship and arts conference, four years in a row – twice in P.G., and twice in White Rock. For these conferences held in P.G. we always did a full length professionally written drama, as well as a full length choir and orchestra presentation. We also displayed physical art of all types, all around the church, done by Christian artist from our community.

The ballet school started during our time here, and we performed the first worship dance at an ACOP conference in P.G. In addition to being on the initial committee for CMTC, Chris and I both taught courses for it, as well as CITW.

I also spear-headed the starting up of Vine Publications and Productions. We published Pastor Tim's "Fundamentals in the Faith – Second Edition" and many other study manuals. We also released recordings by Millie Saville, Roland Martwig, Dave Collier, and the Shamblin Stone Trio.

We left P.G. after six full, rewarding years to be with our widowed mothers in Wichita, Kansas. Our time in P.G. was some of the most precious memories of our lives!

Pastor Shamblin and Chris Stone



Tarmo and Eila Kostamo were sent out as full-time missionaries to East-Europe in 1981. They continued to work in East European countries, mainly Poland and Romania untill 1994 when they returned to Canada. Ministry to Poland still continues to be carried out by various pastors and brethren from Canada.



Our Years at Gateway & Region

We came to Prince George in 1975. We had rolled our truck and trailer and were stranded. Pastor Tim and Sandra graciously opened their home to our family. The church also welcomed us into their midst.

We had felt led to plant a church in Mackenzie. It appeared to be unlikely until we landed in Prince George. Gateway (then called Full Gospel) became the base from which The Friesens and us launched the work there. When constructing the church building, Prince George folks came and assist us.

Over the years Pastor Tim & I worked together and saw churches, such as Hudson’s Hope, Terrace, Quesnel, Deese Lake and others established. We travelled this Northern region visiting and encouraging the churches.

In 1988 we were invited back to Prince George to be part of the staff at Gateway. We were involved (with others) in the vision to establish local church ministry training (Christian

Ministry Training Centre) to take students the next step beyond College in the Word. This included teaching and developing the curriculum and the program of training. It was a challenge to develop a quality program for those called to ministry. Several graduates are today serving the Lord in various aspects of ministry.

The plan for Short Term (now called World Impact) was to be a short period of time set aside for busy pastors and church leaders to come for intense study of the Word. Originally it was 10 days then shortened to 7. Internationally known speakers and teachers supplemented local staff.

In 1995 we were returned to Africa for a short missionary ministry as part of the outreach from Gateway. Then again in 1999 we were the speaker for the 50th anniversary of the Bible School and mission that had been so much apart of our life. Once more in 2004 (?) with the help of Pastor Tim we were one of the speakers at the ACOP International Conference in Zimbabwe.

The eleven years passed quickly and are remembered with joy and fondness. We still maintain our membership and relationship with the body. You have stood with us in difficult times and rejoiced in good times. Gateway has been a blessing to us and we look forward to many more years of relationship together.

LeRoy & Shirley Davis

Congratulations Pastor Tim and Gateway.
I can testify that every time I have visited I have been blessed by your hospitality and great spiritual input. It makes you want to return again and again.
God bless you all.

Calvin Weber
Campus minister with
Ambassadors for Jesus, UBC

Dear Gateway Ministries and Members,
We at Overcoming Faith Centre send our sincerest congratulations on your 40th anniversary celebration. Our association with your body has greatly encouraged us, established an invaluable friendship, and benefited us from your faithful and loving service to Jesus Christ our Lord. We currently enjoy the privilege of our own facilities because of your obedience to the Lord and your generosity. Thank You for your financial seed. You as a church, have modeled the nature and character of God to Prince George and beyond. May God’s richest blessings and the reaping of an immense harvest be yours.

In Christ,
Pastor Harry Dreher



As we look back on the years that we spent growing up at the Full Gospel Christian Fellowship (Gateway) and the training and community that we were able to be a part of, we are so grateful for God’s goodness and for the blessing of being able to be a part of such a great place. It is Jesus that makes His body amazing, and we were introduced to Jesus in context of our families and our church body. We also had the opportunity to grow up as active participants, students, members, staff and friends within almost all of the programs and training that Gateway offered during our time there. We would not be where we are today in our marriage, calling or ministry without the history of where Jesus placed us in our past. We are truly grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness and and to the body of Christ in Prince George for their faithful response to be obedient to Christ’s mandate to all that would follow Him. “Go into all the World and make disciples!”

Love in Jesus,
Ben and Val Kostamo

Congratulations to Gateway Christian Ministries on 40 years of fruitful ministry in and to the community of Prince George. We pray that God makes the next 40 years even more fruitful as you continue to extend God’s grace and ignite hope in your community.

Blessings! Wes Mills



Dear Tim, (Which you requested)
Our relationship with Pastor Tim and Sandra and the church, began a number of years ago. We became committed to one another from the start of our acquaintance. Pastor Tim gave me the privilege of speaking to his leadership, the men of the assembly, conferences, and the congregation. This is a vibrant church and on the cutting edge of what God is doing and saying in Canada.

Pastor Tim and the church have a definitely mandated by God to be a clear and certain sound in this nation and many nations around the world.

A tremendous sign of a progressive church, is their vision, ability and transition to the new generation. This is a “flag” church and we are thankful for such a long and faithful committed relationship. God bless you Tim and Sandra,

Andrew and Evelyn Picklyk

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