

Canada Field Report
Canada Board Meeting, August 2019
Submitted by Dan Mayerle

I am encouraged by all of the InterAct missionaries on the Canada field who continue to faithfully give and live the gospel in the communities that God has called them to. Many of those communities are not easy places to invest and minister long term but these ministry workers remain faithful, committed and engaged in people's lives.

Staff Updates

Amy Flater resigned from InterAct, effective June 30, to focus on being a wife and a mom. Brandon and Amy moved to Vernon, BC as part of this transition. Byron Sayer has picked up oversight of the Anchored Warriors network and budget. Byron will be working with the InterAct staff who are involved in youth ministry to network and assist them with resources where possible. Jesse Stigile (Urban Fire) will oversee volunteers who serve in Anchored Warrior's monthly youth ministry at Eden Valley.

Dale and Debbie Kenyon have returned from their secondment of serving with SIM in Bolivia. They are now back on staff with InterAct Canada. The plan is to have them spend six months of the year in Canada developing relationships and coaching the younger missionaries on the field. The other six months they will live in Phoenix and be mobilizers for InterAct in that region.

Urban Fire Communities

The Urban Fire team has rented one house where they are all sharing space while they work to locate a second house, build relationships in Calgary, and continue preparations. Stefan Dick's marriage will mean a change as he and Kate move into their own place after the honeymoon. Stefan will continue to invest in the ministry and Kate will continue her employment with the Billy Graham Association. There are three young ladies whom the team is planning to invite into the ministry as soon as a second house is located. Obviously a second house for male participants is a top priority as they would like to have ladies in the first house by September.

Developing a business that can be used for work experience is something that continues to get ongoing attention as well. The prayer is that this business will create a level of sustainability for this ministry. Once Brooke Wortham finishes raising her support and arrives in Canada the team plans to find and furnish a third house that will house more female participants.

Midway Bible Camp – Site 6 Proposal

The CLT is still processing the business plan you have seen regarding the development of a new camp ministry property. There are advantages and disadvantages to InterAct entering this project. I hope to have greater clarity and a written perspective to share with you at the board meeting or before. I (and my field leadership team) are looking to Dale and you for wisdom regarding this proposal.

Training

Brooke Wortham will be attending Center for Intercultural Training (CIT) once her support level gets closer to 80%. We hope to have an InterAct contingent that she can be part of when she goes to CIT.

We are looking forward to utilizing George Walker in training for the Canada field ministry workers. We also continue to look at distance learning options for ongoing training to reduce travel time and cost.

George Walker and Mike Matthews will be presenting the tool 'A Novel Approach' to the Canada Leadership Team (CLT) for their understanding and acceptance as a primary tool in helping our missionaries understand the people and community they are evangelizing and discipling. We believe this tool will open the door for greater heart change and not just behavioural changes.

Administration

Greg Hamilton and I continue to pick up administrative details. Hopefully we are keeping up with all the things that should be done. As you saw in the auditors report Melanie Young has been commended for her good work and financial record keeping. Greg and I are grateful that she continues to enjoy her work.

As per Dale's direction the following portion of our deferred revenue has been invested in GIC's with Oaken Financial:

Savings account (2.3%)	\$5,000
90-day redeemable GIC (2.35%)	\$80,000
18-month non-redeemable GIC (2.9%)	\$260,000
3-year non-redeemable GIC (3%)	\$260,000

As noted by the auditor the Camp Nookoowai ministry leaves InterAct with a liability potential due to having minimal input into programming, etc. We recognized this reality before but the auditor's note has given us impetus to do something about it. I plan to work with the camp committee, which has one InterAct missionary on it currently, to facilitate their move toward getting their own charitable status. InterAct will still be a ministry partner but will not carry the liability risks. Beyond just liability considerations it seems this change should help Camp Nookoowai grow and develop as a ministry.

Mobilization and Recruitment

Five EnGage! participants spent their summer in Canada. Three served at Loon Lake, SK and two among Winnipeg's Punjabi people. I trust the Lord will use their time in ministry to equip them for service in parts of His kingdom and that the people they built relationships with will be challenged to know more of God and His love for them.

There are a few potential InterAct applicants that mobilizers are keeping in touch with but the mobilization pipeline for the Canada field is very empty right now. Please keep praying with us.

Leadership Development

Succession planning continues to be a priority. Relating with and developing younger people for possible leadership is an area that I enjoy. There is significant lack of InterAct staff in the 40-50 year-old group to choose from so please pray with us. In the middle of our efforts I trust God will raise up leaders of His choice.

Since Wes' departure both Greg and I have been acutely aware that we can't do it all. Dale has done a good job of coaching us to be faithful as God's human servants but to be alert to attempting to carry or solve that which is controlled by God.

Thank you again for your faithful ministry as board members.

Dan Mayerle
Canada Field Director

CANADA STAFF LIST – 2019

(** denotes a change in role or involvement)

Native Ministries

Cohle and Rebecca Bergen. Full-time - Thompson, MB (Cree) – Midway Bible Camp – *CLT member*

Josh and Joylynn Beutler. Full-time - Lethbridge, AB (Blood Tribe/Blackfoot)

Dick and Ruth Browning. Full-time - Loon Lake, SK (Cree)

Andy and Jesi Chinn. Full-time - Anahim Lake, BC (Carrier, Chilcotin, Bella Coola)

Mark and Emma Dabrowski. Full-time – Native Bible Centre, Curriculum development & relationships

** **Stefan (and Kate) Dick.** Full-time – Urban Fire - Calgary, AB (urban Native)

John and Anne Giesbrecht. Volunteer, Part-time - Fort St. John, BC. (Beaver, Cree, etc)

Don and Kim Gillaspie. Full-time - Redstone, BC (Chilcotin)

** **Jim and Becky Hamilton.** Full-time – Urban Fire supervisor - Canada Mobilization - *CLT member*

Travis Harms. Full-time - Thompson, MB (Cree) – Midway Builders

Ed and Glenna Houston. Full-time - Native Bible Centre, Bible studies and relationships

Dottie Kasten. Full-time - Kamloops, BC. (Urban Native)

Thomas and Nicole Olney. Full-time - Thompson, MB (Cree)

Kyla Plett. Full-time - Split Lake, MB (Cree)

Byron and Danielle Sayer Full-time – Kamloops, BC (Shuswap, Kamloops, etc)

Morgan and Krista Serger. Part-time - York Landing, MB (Cree)

Joel and Amanda Sewell. Full-time - Eden Valley, AB (Stoney) – Worldview Discovery coaching

Jesse Stigile. Full-time – Calgary – Urban Fire Communities

Valen and Carol Straley. Full-time - Kamloops, BC. (Urban Native)

Roy and Laura Thiessen. Full-time - Cardston, AB (Blood Tribe/Blackfoot)

Boris and Mirka Vyskocil. Volunteer, Part-time - Morley, AB (Stoney)

East Indian Ministries

Akmal and Sarah Erastus. Full-time - Winnipeg, MB (Punjabi)

Sam and Judy Paras. Part-time - Surrey, BC (Punjabi)

John and Tracey Tobin. Full-time - Abbotsford, BC (Punjabi)

Muslim Ministries

Fayez and Vivian Narooz. Part-time – Calgary

David and Marlene Nelson. Full-time – Calgary

Administration

Greg and Laura Hamilton. Full-time, Ass't Field Director, Human Resources, Supervision

Dan and Bev Mayerle. Full-time, Field Director.

Melanie Young. Hourly staff – 30 hrs/week – Financial administration

Member Care

Barbi Gonzales. Full-time, Prayer ministry for the Canada field

**** Dale and Debbie Kenyon.** Full-time. Coaching missionaries, Mobilization

**** Bill and Lois Twichell.** Part-time, Member Care.

Active Retirees

Dan and Barb Kees. Retired - Lethbridge, AB (Blood Tribe/Blackfoot)