

# Paul & Sandy Burbidge

## New Testament Church Planting

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Greetings to all our faithful partnering churches and thank you for your care in prayer and financial sacrifice by which the Lord supplies the needs of this work and ourselves. As Sandy and I see the Lord's hand in our lives, and in the lives of the people to whom we are ministering, we are humbled and rejoice in His grace. I hope you do not find this letter too onerous; but, there is much the Lord is doing; and, I am impressed that I should give you, as best I can, a more full picture of the ministry here at this time. Also, we are sensible that, although we are not free at this time to report to you in person, you have invested so much in us and this ministry that we want to take some extra time to report in a little more detail than the average prayer letter.

The Lord has been giving us an increase in attendance in our various meetings. Our Sunday meetings are growing; we had a high attendance of ten just a couple weeks ago, and we are seeing six to seven consistently, now. At our mid-week meeting we are having three to four out consistently. And our Friday Men's Bible Study now has four to six men attending. Over the last two months we have had two different social events which were both well attended. As well, we just hosted a men's devotional breakfast and had seven men out to that.

Two weeks back the Lord brought a visitor named Daniel. He found us on the Internet. Daniel and I have already met privately, and I was able to answer a number of his questions regarding God and sin and the Gospel. Pray for Daniel, that the Lord would open his heart more and more to the truth in Christ Jesus.

A young man from our home church is going to college here in Halifax and is, of course, faithfully attending our various meetings. Lord willing, Hayden and I are going to be immediately starting a campus Bible Study on Thursday evenings. Pray for us, that we would have grace sufficient for this work, that the Word of God would have free course, and that any opposition (if any arises) would be turned by our Lord to the furtherance of the Gospel. Regarding the need for salvation please pray for Mike & Yeojoo, and Daniel. Pray for Tim; he comes from an un-separated-evangelical background. He has many struggles and has seemingly received little help over the years. The Lord is drawing him more and more; and, I think we are earning his trust. He started coming to the Friday men's study, then occasionally to Sunday evening, and now Wednesday evening; and he is coming more consistently; I told him he needed consistent Bible teaching/preaching. He claims to be saved—pray that the Lord confirms this to him or reveals otherwise. Our great Saviour has healing in His wings!

*Under the authority of...*

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We have a young married couple attending, Rogan & Molly, who have just spoken to me about membership. I told them that since we are still a ministry that membership will be in our sending church until such time as the Lord brings together here an autonomous church. They were very content with that. Pray for me as I meet with them, that I would have discernment regarding their salvation testimony. I know that they require Scriptural baptism, which I have already told them. They did not balk at that, and I told them I would show them from the Scriptures why we do not receive baptisms from churches of other faiths and practices. They seem tender to the truth—pray that the Lord would guide their hearts and minds.

Our weekly schedule at this time includes Tuesday evening home Bible Study, Wednesday evening Bible Study & Prayer meeting, Thursday evening Campus Bible Study, Friday Men's Study, and our Sunday evening preaching meeting. During the days we pray, prepare, go door to door, and do any visits that the Lord brings our way. I am beginning to talk to the folks regarding, and praying that the Lord would give direction on, adding a Sunday morning meeting. Please pray for wisdom in this. I am also praying for the Lord's will, timing, and finances coming from the folks here, as to renting a permanent meeting space. I want to be ready to move when the Lord so directs whether that is a month from now or a year from now.

Canada is changing. As a country that was once based upon Judeo-Christian principles that change is not for the better. Some of this change is being affected by excessive immigration. Nevertheless, we have the Great Commission to preach the Gospel to every creature, that repentant believers may be translated out of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Oh, that they, with us, may seek a better country—Hebrews 11:16. We thank the Lord for bringing these precious souls our way. As I bring this letter to a close maybe I can leave you with this account illustrating the religio-ethnic diversity around us. Two weeks ago as I was going door-to-door I had the privilege of meeting and witnessing to a Hindu man from Nepal, leaving him with a tract and meeting information. Later that same day, I was allowed to sit on the front porch of a Jewish man and witness to him, leaving him with a tract and meeting information. That Sunday evening is when Daniel (*spoken of above*) came out, who is an immigrant from Russia. The following Saturday morning Daniel and I sat in a coffee shop talking, over my open Bible, and a Muslim man approached and said he had been eavesdropping and was excited to hear what we were talking about. He left with a tract and information on where we meet. Not every week is like that; but, the Lord masterfully directs our hearts and feet every day, and we are so grateful to be serving our great Lord and Saviour.

I know you are praying; and our Lord is answering.

The love, grace, and peace of God be with you all as you watch, work, and wait.

*Your servants for Christ Jesus,*

*Love from,*

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