



June 2021

While watching a historical fiction series about the Queen of England and her first meeting with USA's first lady, Jackie Kennedy (President John F. Kennedy's wife), we saw how the hurtful words spoken by Jackie, in a moment of drug induced "freedom", motivated the British Queen to courageously break from protocol. She danced the leader of Guam back into the arms of the West rather than continuing into the evil of the Soviet Union and her communistic ideology. Was this a plan of the devil or a plan of God?

The Queen was motivated by the malicious words to do something no royalty had ever done before, dance with one of her former subjects. Her unconventional act of doing the "foxtrot" with a man who was quite rebellious against the British Empire brought about what some believe to be a good thing.

Psalm 37:23 (NKJV) "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way." Proverbs 20:24 (TLB) "Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?" These 2 verses are a good description of what has happened to us in the context of ministry for the last year and 3 months now.



Cathy leads worship at Freedom House, our home church.



Elise's grade 8 graduation celebration! The end of homeschooling our children is in sight for Cathy...

Sometimes I would like to view things that have happened and attribute them to the devil or some vile power other than God, but I realize another scripture comes to bear here. "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." James 1:2-4 NLT

I think we (Cathy and I) are a microcosm of what has happened in the church world lately. We've been doing the same thing for many years and needed a shakeup to motivate us to do what we do differently. Do I like the shakeup? Quite frankly, No. Do I need the break from the sameness of the last 15 years? An emphatic yes!

I've tried a few virtual meetings and I don't find my inspiration there. Some people can function like that but not me. For the next 9 months we've decided to minister to our local community in simple ways. The pushing to try to make things return to "normal" is not worth the effort. Even in the USA where things have "opened up", many churches are only finding attendance at about 50%.

What does the future hold? We don't know but we are quietly confident that we know who holds the future.

## Schedule 2021

Ministering in home area until May 2022 the Lord willing.

# WHAT IS HAPPENING

We truly appreciate those of you who support us through prayer and finances. With no normal income from offerings we have not been taking a salary from the ministry for over a year now. I, Lloyd, have taken various renovation and mechanical jobs more recently to supplement our income and we are doing ok financially. If you are one of our financial supporters and are experiencing financial difficulty at this time, please feel free to suspend your support until you are in a better financial position and feel the leading to continue.

The expenses that are ongoing are vehicle insurance, director's insurance, telephone, office and administration expenses. The expenses of salary, housing and food allowance are suspended as we don't take them when we are not travelling. Fuel and repairs are minuscule as the bus is not used



Lloyd working a job that's different because of the loss of ability to travel. Lloyd is currently working for a renovation company and other jobs to make up for lost income.



Our son Garrett presenting some uplifting music at the Blessing Centre in Brantford ON.

and the van is rarely used. If anyone has ideas of how to use the vehicles in a profitable way during this time let us know. I've listed the bus for rent but haven't had any offers to rent it yet.

## Pray with us for...

1. Direction for further ministry.
2. How to best utilize our resources for the kingdom while we don't use the bus this year.
3. How to expand the reach of ministry while working from home.

## Praise God with us for...

1. Elise has graduated grade 8.
2. All our children are doing well with furthering their education.
3. A Job for Lloyd as his "normal duties" in ministry are limited at this time.