



# Central Baptist Church

O A K V I L L E - O N T A R I O

November 2012 — Volume 1 Issue 6

*a reason to be, a way to grow*

340 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario L6K 1K3 • 905.845.2942 • www.centralbaptistchurchoakville.com

## From the Editor

This is a month of “hellos and good-byes”. We say hello and welcome to Rev. Dr. Michel Belzile, our new permanent Senior Pastor, and we say good bye to Rev. Robin Barlow, our Intentional Interim Senior Pastor.

Since the early summer when the congregation endorsed the recommendation of the search committee to engage Dr. Belzile, there has been excitement and anticipation. We now transition to a new era. Welcome to Central Baptist Church Michel, Mary Ellen, Josh and Genevieve! We will be hearing more from you and your family in the December issue.

Robin Barlow arrived at Central about fourteen months ago to “prepare the congregation for a settled pastor”. Though he made it clear that he was an “interim” and that he did not wish to become permanent, he immediately established his himself with dynamism, energy, enthusiasm, passion, hope, joy, love and empathy in abundance. He tackled his assignment with the vigor and the passion of man empowered by Jesus Christ. He challenged us to be true Christ followers: he persuaded and convinced us to follow Christ’s direction to His disciples to go out into the world and spread the good news. He entreated us to find our individual talents and employ them in bringing the joy and peace and love that is in Christ to one another, to our neighbors and friends, and most of all, to invite and lead our friends to our church. He connected with the children. And Debra has been a tremendous asset as she supported Robin, especially behind the scenes. Robin and Debra we thank you and we wish you God’s richest blessings

The Portuguese congregation celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary. In this issue, Pastor João Garcia recounts the beginning of the Portuguese Ministry at Central – in both English and Portuguese. I also welcome Pastor Dinè’s article in both languages on the Reformation

We are happy to present Ernie Domet’s overview of the monotheistic religions and the comparison of Christianity and Islam. In Ernie’s words “most Christians unfortunately know very little about other religions. This includes the totally erroneous view - held by far too many Christians - that all who worship one GOD are basically on the right track”. Some years ago Ernie gave a series on that very subject to our Adult Sunday School class. Since the reasons that prompted him to write this piece on ISLAM have not changed, he offered it for inclusion in our newsletter. Space does not permit reproduction of the entire paper in one Newsletter, so we will present it as a series over three issues.

Yours in Christ!

*Errol Anderson*



## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						3
						4
					9	10
						11
						12
						13
						14
						15
						16
						17
						18
						19
						20
						21
						22
						23
						24
						25
						26
						27
						28
						29
						30
						31

**November 11th** — Annual Church Budget Meeting immediately after church. Coffee will be available.

**Pastor Robin's last Sunday.**  
Please plan to attend.

**November 13th** — Board Meetings

**November 18th** — Central Baptist Church 59th Anniversary

**December 8th - 8 pm** — CBC & Oakville Improv present: “It’s a Wonderful Laugh”

**December 15th, 5 pm** — Portuguese Christmas Celebration and Dinner

**December 24th, 6:30 pm** — Christmas Eve Service

## To our visitors

**Welcome to the joy of worship and the warmth of our congregation!**

If you are searching for a local church home, we invite you to make your home with us. If you are a newcomer, please include your name, address, email address and telephone number on the Contact Cards. We’re glad you’re here! We encourage you to feel free to participate in any church activities you read about in this bulletin. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.



As I was sitting in Church yesterday enjoying the worship service, I was also savouring our comfortable new chairs. My goodness, what an improvement over the old ones! This got me thinking about our upcoming 59th Anniversary. What a wonderful event to celebrate! Praise God that Central Baptist Church has been around for all those years.

## From the church council

What got me thinking about this as I was enjoying our new chairs? Well, as part of our upcoming 60th Anniversary in 2013, we have an ongoing fund raising campaign with a target of \$60,000. The

money raised from this campaign has already paid for the aforementioned newly upholstered chairs in the main sanctuary. There are many other worthwhile projects that have been proposed that will benefit from the money raised during this campaign, as well.

Thanks to the prudent research and hard work done by members of our Property Maintenance Committee and other church volunteers, we were able to use our

existing wooden chairs. The cost to add new padding and reupholster the chairs was approximately \$78 per chair. This was a much less expensive option than purchasing new chairs, which might not even have included book racks.

Our “new” chairs are not only much more comfortable than they were before, but they also offer a colour and style more in keeping with the cedar walls and roof in our sanctuary, as well as matching the carpet much better than our old neon green upholstery! Not only had our old chairs lost all their padding, but they were starting to look quite beat up, as well.

Dwight Nowlan, Chair of the Board of Finance, informs me that we are already more than halfway to our goal of \$60,000, with over \$32,000 raised so far! For those who have already donated to the 60th Anniversary Fund, I thank you on behalf of Central Baptist Church. For those who weren’t aware of the campaign, or who perhaps have intended to make a donation but haven’t yet done so, this is a gentle reminder to please keep our fund raising campaign in your mind. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

*Ian Hallford,  
Chair, Church Council*



## Pastor Robin’s corner

We made it! It was a storm like many of us have never seen before or ever will again. And because of our individual perspective, it looked different to each of us. Storms are like that. I was just young boy when Hurricane Hazel came to this area. Don’t remember much about it but again, it was due to my view and perspective. As a child I just trusted my parents when they said we would be fine - Nothing to worry about. That’s how children view life as their perspective is all wrapped up in trust

and faith: After all my parents know more than me.

Now, sixty years later we are the parents and the grandparent. And because of what we know and have learned, we believe we will be fine and, nothing to worry about. Each one of us still possesses trust and faith. Today that faith is based on what we know and what we have experienced in just living life. Or does it?

I think there is something more. I think it revolves around

our faith in a God who cares for us. When the disciples were out in the boat, going to the other side of the lake, each one viewed the coming storm from a different perspective. Some were seasoned sailors and fisherman. Maybe one or two had only seen a storm as they stood on the shore. I even wonder if maybe, just maybe, there might have been one of the disciples who had never been out a boat ever before, let alone in a storm.

I have wonderful news for each of you. Be reassured we are not going through any storms in life without a loving Father going through it with us. He takes our hand and we trust Him as He says to us, don’t worry. Jesus was in the boat with the disciples and He is with us through our storms. But there is something more, much more. Not only is God in the storm is with us, He has the power and the will to calm the storm. And He will and He does.

Believe in Him. Trust in Him through your storm. Have faith in Him as you weather the storm. When it’s all over, you and I will look up into His eyes and feel His arms around us.

Something to know!

*Pastor Robin*

*Portuguese Ministry*

## O maior tesouro da Igreja

No dia 31 de Outubro de 1517, Martinho Lutero pregou as suas 95 teses na porta da Igreja do Castelo em Wittenberg, Alemanha. Seu desejo principal era provocar um debate público sobre alguns temas doutrinários. Alguns desses assuntos doutrinários tinham também desdobramentos éticos. Sua motivação vinha principalmente dos estudos bíblicos que fazia na Universidade de Wittenberg e o impacto da venda das indulgências na sua região.

O Papa Leão X tinha interesse em levantar recursos financeiros para terminar a obra da Basílica de São Pedro (Sede do Vaticano e maior templo católico do mundo). Alberto de Brandemburgo tinha interesses políticos em dominar o Arcebispado de Mainz, o principal da Alemanha. Esses interesses se juntaram para a pregação itinerante da venda do perdão plenário concedido pelo Papa àqueles que estivessem dispostos a pagar por isso.

Uma das 95 afirmações de Martinho

Lutero é esta: “O verdadeiro tesouro da Igreja é o



santíssimo Evangelho da glória e da graça de Deus.” Esta frase está esculpida numa placa de pedra no Museu

de Martinho Lutero, na cidade de Wittenberg. Em nossa recente viagem à Alemanha, no último verão, Eu e Leila tivemos a oportunidade de ver de perto esta história.

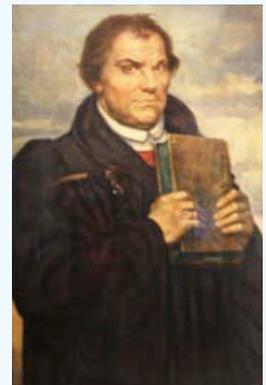
A “Graça de Deus” se tornou um dos temas fundamentais na pregação de Martinho Lutero. “Sola gratia. Sola fide. Sola Scriptura” (Só a graça, só a fé e só a escritura) se tornou o tema da Reforma. Nesta frase se resume toda a mensagem do Evangelho. É a este tesouro que Lutero se referia em sua 62.<sup>a</sup> tese.

Lutero compreendeu o que Paulo afirma em Romanos 1:17: “Pois a justiça de Deus se revela no evangelho, de fé em fé, como está escrito: o justo viverá pela fé”.

No sacrifício de Jesus Cristo na cruz Deus condenou todo o pecado da raça humana, satisfazendo assim o justo juízo de Deus contra o pecado. O Evangelho é o anúncio deste juízo de Deus contra o pecado. Não é mais preciso temer o juízo de Deus contra o pecado, posto que a justiça divina já foi feita na cruz.

Na cruz encontramos também a graça de Deus. A todo aquele que crê na suficiência do sacrifício de Jesus, Deus estende a sua graça e justifica. A justificação divina é para todo aquele que tem fé em Jesus. Nenhum sacrifício mais é requerido do ser humano. A fé no poder do sangue de Jesus é o único requerimento divino para conceder a graça do pleno perdão e justificação. Nenhuma boa obra é requerida. Nenhum dinheiro é necessário, porque nem toda a riqueza humana seria suficiente para comprar o perdão de Deus. O preço do nosso resgate já foi pago pelo Filho de Deus. A salvação nos é outorgada pela graça divina quando cremos em Jesus Cristo. Nenhum mérito humano é requerido. Só a Graça. Só a Fé.

Em contraste com os documentos assinados pelo Papa ou emanados dos Concílios, Lutero aponta para as Escrituras. A Bíblia é o registro da revelação de Deus aos homens. Nas sagradas escrituras temos tudo o que precisamos para nossa orientação moral, social e espiritual. O Evangelho de Jesus Cristo é parte das Escrituras. Nenhum escrito humano tem valor igual. Assim, todo aquele que deseja saber a vontade de Deus para a sua vida deveria consultar as Escrituras. Suas decisões deveriam ser inspiradas e orientadas pelas Escrituras. Só a Graça. Só a Fé. Só as Escrituras.



Temos nós valorizado este tesouro? Minha vida e meu comportamento podem comprovar isso?

Vivamos de tal forma que nossa vida seja um cofre onde este tesouro tem sido depositado e esteja à disposição de quem d

*Pastor Dinè Lota*

*Portuguese Ministry*

# The greatest treasure of the Church

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. His main desire was to provoke a public debate on some doctrinal issues. Some of these doctrinal developments were also ethical. His motivation came mainly from the Bible studies he did at the University of Wittenberg and the impact of the sale of indulgences in his region.

Pope Leo X was interested in raising funds to finish the construction of St. Peter's Basilica (Vatican headquarters and largest Catholic church in the world). Albert of Brandenburg had political interests in mastering the Archbishopric of Mainz, the chief of Germany. These interests came together to itinerant preaching the sale of plenary pardon (Indulgences) granted by the Pope to those who were willing to pay for it.



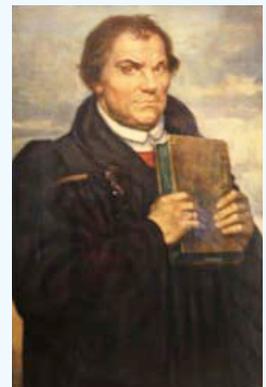
One of Martin Luther's 95 statements is this: "The true treasure of the Church is the Most Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God." This phrase is carved on a stone slab in the Museum of Martin Luther, in the town of Wittenberg. On our recent trip to Germany last summer, Leila and I had the opportunity to see firsthand this story.

The "Grace of God" became one of the key themes in the preaching of Martin Luther. "Sola gratia. Sola fide. Sola Scriptura" (Only the grace, faith alone and scripture alone) became the topic of the Reformation. This sentence sums up the entire message of the Gospel. This is the treasure that Luther was referring in his 62.<sup>a</sup> thesis.

Luther understood what Paul says in Romans 1:17: "For the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." In the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross God condemned sin of the whole human race, thus fulfilling the righteous judgment of God against sin. The Gospel is the message of God's judgment against sin. You no longer need to fear God's judgment against sin, since divine justice has been done on the cross.

At the cross we also find God's grace. Everyone who believes in the sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice, God extends His grace and justified. The divine justification is for everyone who has faith in Jesus. No sacrifice is required more human. Faith in the power of the blood of Jesus is the only requirement for divine grace grant full pardon and justification. No good work is required. No money is necessary because not all human wealth would be enough to buy God's forgiveness. The price of our ransom has been paid by the Son of God. Salvation is granted by the grace of God when we believe in Jesus Christ. No human merit is required. Only Grace Only Faith.

In contrast to the documents signed by the Pope or emanating from the councils, Luther points to the Scriptures. The Bible is the record of God's revelation to man. In sacred Scripture we have everything we need for our moral guidance, social and spiritual. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is part of Scripture. No human written has equivalent value. Thus, anyone who wants to know God's will for your life should consult the Scriptures. Their decisions should be inspired and guided by Scripture. Only Grace Only One Faith Scripture.



Have we valued this treasure? My life and my behavior can prove this? Let us live so that our lives are like a safe where this treasure has been filed and is available to those who wish to own it too.

Pastor Dinè Lota

*Highlights from*

## Board of Ministry and Outreach

We welcomed our incoming pastor Michel Belzile to our meeting as an observer. We approved the budget proposal from the Board prepared by Errol and Murray. Plans were discussed for the contents of a postcard to be delivered mid November as a follow up to our Block Party mail walk. The postcard will introduce our new pastor and will highlight Christmas activities. The postcard, of course, will include a warm invitation to neighbours and friends who came to our Block Party

to check us out as we worship and work inside the building.

The deacons' care lists were handed out and if you have not already been contacted, you will soon hear from your deacon for the coming year. We would encourage the congregation to inform us of any needs or celebration so that we might pray for you and assist you where we can.

The Board authorized the promotion of the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Box Project which is now underway.

## Trip of a lifetime

Dwight and I, together with Dwight's two brothers and their wives joined a 21 day tour of Britain and Ireland from Sept. 16 - Oct. 6. There were only 18 people on our tour bus so we soon became like family - a family made up of 6 Nowlans, 4 Australians, 2 Americans and six other Canadians. The weather cooperated so that it only seemed to rain at night or when we were on the bus which allowed us to participate in all of the scheduled stops for walking, sightseeing, etc. There are no words to describe the beauty of the scenery; it was feast for the eyes and sometimes the other senses depending on where we were. A highlight for the Nowlans was a side trip the six of us took to the town in Ireland from which the first Nowlan departed for the New World in 1816. A visit to the graveyard where ancestors were laid to rest became for the "boys" a very moving experience. Our tour guide Willie, a little leprechaun, who was a deeply spiritual man, reminded the brothers that after many years they had come home. Speaking of moving experiences brings to mind a night in Troon, Scotland. It was a lovely setting looking out over a golf course and beyond that out to sea while

we enjoyed our dinner. Just as the soup was delivered the fire alarm went off. We were all sent out to the parking lot where we shivered in the damp, cold air while awaiting the fire trucks, etc. Eventually the all clear was sounded and we went back in together with the chefs and other wait staff. We decided to eat our soup cold so that the chefs could prepare the main course as it was getting late and we had to be up and on a ferry by 7:30 a.m. No sooner had the main course arrived then the fire alarm went off again. This time most of us wrapped whatever was portable in a napkin and took it with us. We enjoyed lots of laughter amidst the groans as we interacted with many others from various parts of the world. Apparently some hapless guest had ignored the warnings printed throughout the rooms and had opened the bathroom door while showering.

We returned replete with good food, wonderful memories, new friends AND vowing we would never do another bus trip. Up and out every morning heading for a new hotel at the end of the day left us all whining "can't we please sleep in"?

*Pat Nowlan, Board of Ministry and Outreach*



## SPECIAL PRAYERS

*“ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours ”*

Mark 11:24

Let us remember our brothers & sisters in our prayers especially:

**Velda Clifton  
Carl Smith  
Kathy Waldron  
Sara Rebelo**

In November, the Jr. Highs will be having a free pizza and games night and the Sr. High girls will be having a sleepover. Registrations for the Avalanche and Blizzard



winter retreats will continue with the first payments being

due on Nov. 11. The Sr. Highs will have a chance to hear Tricia DeBoer from Africa Arise speak about her ministry in Uganda at Kerr Street Ministries and we are looking forward to welcoming our new pastoral team leader, Michel Belzile.

*Steve Elshaw, Pastor of Youth and Children's Ministry*

## Personal Profile: Rev. Jaoa Garcia

### PORTUGUESE MINISTRY 25 YEARS

*“May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy” (Psalms 126.5).*

On Sunday May 1st 1987 in the morning service, my family and I were introduced to the English Congregation by Rev. Jack Anderson. We were beginning the Ministry in the Portuguese Language. It had been the aspiration, for a few years of Central Baptist Church to reach out in the Portuguese community with the message of the gospel. Rev. Jack Anderson, then Pastor of this church and Rev. Ubirajara da Silva Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Toronto tried to start a Portuguese Ministry, but it remained only in their thoughts and prayers.

When my family left London Ontario, where we had worked for eight years, Rev. Bob Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the Department of Shared Mission of Canadian Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, asked me if I would be interested to start a new Portuguese speaking ministry in Oakville, where many Portuguese speaking people had established themselves. As I showed interest I was soon contacted by Rev. Jack Anderson and the World Mission Board of Brazilian Baptist Convention. Thus was established a missionary project to reach out into the Portuguese community of Oakville. After few months in Brazil working for the World Mission Board we came and fixed residence in Oakville.

In the beginning we had no idea where the Portuguese people lived in Oakville. Some people told me that they were not too far from this Church. I then started the very difficult task of collecting addresses using the English and Portuguese telephone book. After several months, I gathered one thousand, five hundred addresses of Portuguese families, of which close to five hundred lived not too far from CBC. The methodology we had to use was of total involvement in this community; incarnation ministry. The Portuguese Speaking Ministry had to be a presence in the midst of these people, whose spirituality was based mostly of all on traditions. I discovered that I had to be ready to help as much as I could if I wanted them to listen to the message of the gospel. As they have some difficulty with the English language I offered myself to interpret for Portuguese patients at the hospital, family doctors, schools, social service, and Halton police. During few years I volunteered myself at Kerr street Ministry, where several Portuguese families would come asking for help. I also became a member of the Halton Multicultural Center where I used to translate documents to be used by

new Canadians to the Ministry of Immigration.

Our goal was to let them know that we can have a better life when we understand what Jesus Christ can do to those who trust in Him. Only Jesus can give us salvation. We value life and because of Jesus this Church and Ministry have to be a daily presence in the community demonstrating his love for all mankind.

Lucimar and I worked together. She organized the women’s group in the Portuguese language, started and directed the Pioneer’s Club for children that met every Friday. She played the piano for our service and gathered together a musical group that sang in every special occasion. We also did, in the fall, several retreats at Camp Kwasind. Every Easter, Summer and Christmas we distributed in the community a Bulletin BOAS NOVAS with a message of the gospel and invitation to our Portuguese Services.

In the beginning it was only the Garcia family. Then came the first family to join us; our brethren Mr. Paulo and Mrs. Adriana Rebelo and their children! They were followed by Mr. Tony and Mrs. Nelia Martens and their children and few other people who use to come from Brampton. Later we received other families and baptized those from the community who had accepted Christ in their lives.

Those days we did not find Brazilians in Oakville. Recently young Brazilian families are coming as immigrants and making Oakville their home. By the grace of God the Ministry continued until my retirement in December 2007. At that time we were richly blessed by the coming of Rev. Dine and Mrs. Leila Lota. Through his great leadership the Ministry has grown with a new direction reaching out to the Brazilian community. To God all the glory! Thanks to CBC for the vision they had to reach out into the Portuguese community with the message of the gospel, to the Department of Shared Mission of the CBOQ and to the World Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention for given their full support to this Portuguese Language Ministry at CBC, that was done with Love, Patience, Persistence and Prayer.

*Pastor Jaoa Garcia*

## Perfil personal: Rev. Jaoa Garcia

# MINISTÉRIO EM LINGUA PORTUGUESA, OAKVILLE.

*“Aqueles que semeiam com lágrimas, com cantos de alegria colherão” (Sl 126.5).*

No domingo 1 de Maio de 1987, eu, Lucimar e nossos filhos fomos apresentados a congregação canadiana pelo Pastor Jack Anderson, então Pastor da Igreja. Naquele culto de domingo não havia nenhuma pessoa portuguesa. Estávamos assim iniciando o trabalho missionário em Língua Portuguesa nesta cidade. Tinha sido uma aspiração desta Igreja alcançar a comunidade portuguesa com a mensagem do Evangelho. O Rev. Jack Anderson e o Rev. Ubirajara da Silva, Pastor da Igreja Batista em Olivet, já tinham tentado realizar algo nessa direção, mas nada foi concretizado. Quando deixamos a Igreja em London, Ontário, onde havíamos trabalhado por oito anos, o Rev. Bob Wilkins, Secretário Executivo do Departamento de Missões, da Canadian Baptist Convention of Ontario e Quebec, me consultou se eu estaria interessado em iniciar uma nova frente missionária em Oakville, onde muitas famílias portuguesas residem. Tendo demonstrado o meu interesse logo fui contactado pelo Rev. Jack Anderson e a Junta de Missões Mundiais da Convenção Batista Brasileira, e assim foi estabelecido um projeto para alcançar a comunidade em língua portuguesa que vive em Oakville. Depois de alguns meses no Brasil, a serviço da Junta de Missões Mundiais, fizemos residência em Oakville.

Inicialmente não tinha ideia onde estava a comunidade Portuguesa. Fui informado que vivia em volta da Igreja. Comecei, então, um trabalho árduo para descobrir essa gente. E depois de algum tempo pesquisando tinha produzido um arquivo com uma lista de mil e quinhentas famílias na cidade, das quais aproximadamente 500 vivem não muito distante desta Igreja. Iniciamos um trabalho de envolvimento na comunidade, evangelismo por incarnação. O Ministério tinha que ser uma presença no meio de um povo com dificuldades com a língua inglesa. Ofereci-me para ajudar interpretando no hospital, médicos, polícia, transportando pessoas que necessitavam ir aos médicos e hospitais, visitando o comércio português todas as semanas, e estando presente semanalmente no Kerr Stret Ministry onde algumas famílias portuguesas procuravam ajuda. Além disso fui membro por vários anos do Centro Multicultural da região de Halton, onde além de aconselhamento traduzia documentos para pessoas que estavam fazendo o processo junto ao Ministério de Imigração do Canada.

Nosso objetivo era enfatizar na comunidade que há uma vida muito melhor para ser vivida quando entendemos que Jesus é o nosso único e suficiente Salvador, sem necessidade das tradições. Ele transforma todos aqueles que o seguem e se tornam seus servos. Valorizamos a vida e por isso a Igreja tem que ser essa presença diária do Senhor Jesus na comunidade. Demonstramos a presença de Jesus também através da literatura distribuindo um boletim BOAS NOVAS, folhetos na Páscoa, no verão e no Natal. Fizemos uma campanha de distribuição do Vídeo Jesus que foi aceito por 90 famílias. Todas as casas portuguesas em Oakville foram alcançadas, de uma maneira ou outra com a mensagem do Evangelho.

Lucimar foi a grande ajudadora neste Ministério. Ela organizou o grupo das senhoras, iniciou o “Pionner’s Club” para crianças todas as sextas-feiras e um pequeno grupo coral que cantava em todas as ocasiões especiais. Realizamos todos os anos, no Outono, um retiro no Camp Kwasind.

No início éramos apenas os missionários, João e Lucimar Garcia, contudo não demorou muito para que a primeira família viesse se juntar a nós os irmãos Paulo e Adriana Rebelo e seus filhos, excelentes colaboradores deste Ministério. Então se seguiram os irmãos Tony e Nelia Martins e sua família que grandemente nos ajudou e alguns irmãos que viajavam de Brampton. Mais tarde recebemos outras famílias portuguesas e pudemos alcançar e batizar aqueles que aceitaram o Senhor Jesus em suas vidas.

Naqueles anos não existia em Oakville brasileiros. Somente recentemente é que famílias do Brasil começaram a chegar a esta cidade. Portanto, a nossa tarefa era alcançar a comunidade portuguesa. Pela graça de Deus o trabalho foi realizado até a minha reforma ou aposentadoria em Dezembro de 2007. E, então, fomos abençoados com a vinda do Pastor Dine e irmã Leila Lota. Com sua sábia liderança podemos ver o crescimento deste Ministério, agora com uma nova ênfase alcançando a comunidade brasileira.

A Deus toda a glória! Devemos agradecer a visão desta Igreja, da Missão Canadense e da Junta de Missões Mundiais, que sempre nos apoiaram nesta obra realizada com amor, paciência, persistência e oração.

*Pastor João e Lucimar Garcia.*



Through SHARI'AH, ISLAM becomes the "ISLAMIC NATION" Muslim politicians often talk about, more than just the **spiritual** brotherhood represented by the church of Jesus Christ which makes us "ALL ONE IN CHRIST". However, soon after Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire (313 A.D.), a worldwide Christian NATION also evolved, represented by the Catholic Church- with the Vatican in Rome its "Capital". The Vatican is a "State" and recognized as such. For example, not far from ST. PETER'S Church is the "Canadian Embassy to the Holy See". Canada's Embassy to Italy is quite separate and located in another area of Rome. The problems of an "Islamic Nation" - with Shariah its constitution - are addressed in an interesting commentary in the *Globe & Mail* by William Johnson. Copy enclosed. Given the concept of "Islamic Nationhood", any Muslim who changes his religion, therefore becomes a "Traitor" to that nation; hence the death penalty.

Also, since QU'RAN means RECITE, recitation of Koran chapters and verses in Mosques are usually chanted. Like the calls to worshippers from the Minaret. Similar chanting takes place in the Synagogue and some Churches, e.g. Anglican and Greek Orthodox.

*(To Be Continued In The Next Issue)*

*Poem from Bee Cooke*  
**November Musings**

It's not only the end of a season  
 That falling leaves bring to mind.  
 It's the notion that we can look back  
 To the tender green that Spring defined.

It's an awareness of the reversal of nature  
 That sees those leaves, a summer's worth  
 Making sugar thru' the long hot days  
 To nourish the tree that gave them birth.

Now their work is done and they float and fall  
 To be gathered for burial as garden waste.  
 Others will take their place at Spring's recall  
 And the cycle, not recycle, will begin anew.

The falling leaves in their glorious hues  
 Teach us to colour each moment of our time  
 With challenge, hope, joy and love  
 And make the present a gift sublime.

*By Eunice Perneel Cooke*  
 Copyright Nov. 2012

*Community Outreach*

**English as a Second Language**

ESL at CBC continues to be AOK. This fall we have 12 wonderfully dedicated and collaborative ESL teachers. Currently there are 24 students spread over our four classes of instruction. Here are some of our latest observations:

From Bee Cooke Class Three, "Do you know about the Singing Sands of Tobermory? Do you know what the capital of Nunavut means in Inuit? Do you know about a wonderful lady with only one arm who wouldn't let anyone say she was handicapped? During the joint Open Session our ESL students are learning about Canada and Canadians, geographically and culturally." Joe Cooke concurs, "I have always found the students to be greatly interested in stories about Canada and Canadians." We try to share newsworthy items or human interest stories as well, such as the triumph of Helene Campbell to gain back her life with a double lung transplant; our local Olympians who competed in the London Games; the Queen's Jubilee and her interesting life; the beauty of travelling or walking through the autumn leaves; the celebration of a great Canadian, Lincoln Alexander, just to name a few.

As a part of each short "talk", the love of God is evoked and He is praised for His goodness to each one of us. And then, classes are convened for English usage, lessons in grammar, vocabulary and interesting stories and novels.

We set a new record for laughter last week in Class Four. For our reading exercise, we read an article in the *Canadian Geographic*, July/August, 2010, about the tightening of our border by the US after the destruction of the World Trade Centre. The article focuses on the twin villages of Stanstead, Que., and Derby Line, Vermont. The border goes through both villages, and passes through some buildings. US Border agents patrol in jeeps and helicopters. The students were shocked that we could get into so much confusion about our borders. They thought that it was hilarious.

Class Two noted that Pablo our Chilean loves Canada's Wonderland. He has only been in Canada 6 months but we believe he has been to Wonderland 6 times.

In Class One a student who purchased CBC's red bible, is using it diligently. She translates by writing the Korean equivalent beneath the English passages so she is prepared on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You should see this bible! Add to this that she is not a Christian.

As you can see, our moments are full and satisfying each Wednesday and Thursday. And, we teachers learn as much as we teach.

*Ann Laing*

