

GENERATIONAL FAMILIES NETWORK

Gary & Beth Wiens

We have been asked about the changes in our lives and what our new role will look like. One change is that Beth & I have been working together as we visit families. We really don't feel that we are leaving ministry, in fact we feel we have some wonderful opportunities ahead of us. In many ways the real change is in the way God is providing.



We are moving from faith support to a contracted position as homeschool facilitators with Education Unlimited. We have the awesome privilege of encouraging parents to raise their children under the banner of Jesus Christ, directing them to appropriate methods and tools in discipling their children (we hope to continue to use the GoodSeed tools when appropriate) and affirming the fathers concerning their role as spiritual leader in their home. Folks, if we lose the next generation to a humanistic pagan mindset, there will be untold billions that will die in their sins without understanding who Jesus is and what He accomplished on their behalf. This is why we believe a parent directed biblical foundation is so important if the next generation is going to contend for the Christian faith. The homeschooling community plays a significant role in protecting these God given principles and we welcome the opportunity to be part of this. www.educationunlimited.ca

In a related role we have also taken on the editorship, publication and distribution of the Alberta Home Education Association's (AHEA) magazine – HOME Matters. The magazine goes out to thousands of homeschooling families across the country. The magazine discusses the challenges and rewards of educating your children at home, encourages excellence and of course lays a biblical foundation. It goes out 3 times a year. Tamara & Tina have taken on the bulk of the publication and distribution. One of the blessings of homeschooling is that it has paved the way for us to be able to work together as a family. www.aheaonline.com.

We also have a vision for the power of film to be harnessed for the glory of God. It is not surprising that the





Wardrobe for Mayflower II

LORD has brought a movie making family into our lives. The film director, Dallas, is now our son-in-law. Together we have hosted two film intensive weekends under the banner of Alberta Conservatory for Christian Film Makers (ACCFM). www.accfm.ca We hope to continue with this annual event.

Presently Dallas and his father are in the process of editing their second and third feature length films – “Grandpa Detective” and “Mayflower II”. You can follow them on Facebook. (If you haven’t watched their first film, “Remember,” you are missing a worthwhile experience.) The girls and Beth spent hours working on costuming and wardrobe during the productions. Our entire auditorium was turned into a sewing/props department and Jyl’s photo studio housed a space ship. (Dennis quite enjoyed this “playhouse”.) www.new.moviemakers.ca

Our building continues to present us with challenges and blessings. It has provided us with a good home and now space for Jyl and Dallas as well. It has been a great asset for film production/training. Dallas and Jyl are running a wedding video/photography business out of it, and they still do portraiture. Jessica has her music studio. Tina is thinking about selling apparel accessories online. Tamara has her sewing room (she shares it with her sisters). There are a couple of rooms for overflow storage from GoodSeed. We have been able to rent out space occasionally as well. We have also toyed with the idea of making space available for Christian travelers, people in ministry, who would like to visit the area. The challenge is keeping up with the maintenance and utilities. Our desire is that the building continues to be used well to benefit God’s kingdom.

This past summer we volunteered for 2 weekends at the Canadian Badlands Passion Play. During the days in between we relaxed and enjoyed the different sites around the area, including kayaking down the Red Deer River. It made for a rewarding time of ministry, as well as some good family time. We are hoping to encourage some other families to join us next year, perhaps the start to a bit of a family camp. www.canadianpassionplay.com



Surveying the Red Deer River

I would like to try my hand at developing some curriculum. Beth has a yearning to write. The girls would like to take in some homeschool conferences in the States and perhaps visit the Creation Museum. The idea would be to spread the word regarding ACCFM, promote moviemakers, and share how some of the GoodSeed tools can be used in discipleship, while seeing some country. Maybe share some of Beth’s old stomping grounds in

Ohio with the kids. We would like to do this under the banner of Generational Families Network. Of course we would still entertain doing some children's ministry as opportunities arise. If you would like to stay posted, we hope to make this our resource and communication hub. If you would like to receive occasional updates as to our endeavors, send us an email to gary@generationalfamilies.net and we will add you to our email list. www.generationalfamilies.net

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The list of GoodSeed materials continues to grow. "The Story that Matters" is new this fall. It is a remake of "What are Christmas and Easter All About" with line art instead of the full color pictures. This will allow for a wider distribution, and Revival Movement Association ministry in the UK is gearing up to print millions. Already 400,000 French copies are on their way to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is neat to see how God has used Beth's efforts in translating this little book into Easy English. The translation process is steady but slow, with a number of hurdles that need to be overcome. Please pray for accurate, God honouring manuscripts. You can view some of the new editions on the GoodSeed store under new releases. There is also a musical in process that was debuted during the GoodSeed Bible camp this past August. It is quite unique and will provide a powerful alternative in sharing the gospel when it is complete. Finally there is a small booklet that highlights various situations in which the GoodSeed tools have been effective in bringing people to a saving understanding of Christ. It is called "Fieldnotes". These stories can also be found on the GoodSeed blog. Your prayers would also be appreciated for the transition in regards to the finance department as I leave. Manuals have been updated, and I am working on some video tutorials that should help, but it would be nice to have a new person in place before I'm actually finished in the office. I have assured them that I'm close by if there are some questions.

Thank you for journeying with us during these 20+ years of faith supported ministry. We could not have done it without our faithful supporters. As a thank you I have placed "Fieldnotes - stories from the GoodSeed field" on our Generational Families Network web page. Our time with GoodSeed officially comes to an end January 31, 2015.

As a courtesy, our account will remain open for another 3 months until the end of April if people would like to bless us in supporting until then. If you could let us or the office know of your intentions (especially those who have automatic withdrawals) we will make the necessary arrangements. Our plan is to continue

to put the GoodSeed tools to good use. We trust that your investment has been multiplied and will continue to bear fruit as we seek to live out the next chapter that God has in store for our family for his glory. Our prayer for you this Christmas is that you would have time to examine your heart for the sin that so easily entwines and draw close to Immanuel.

Please let us know when you would like
to finalize your support.
Thanks

God's Best,

Gary & Beth

Gary, Beth and family



Exploring the Alberta Badlands

(pretending to be in Israel)



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Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isa_7:14