

# ELDER'S UPDATE

March  
2019

Thrive Spiritually • Build Community • Reach the Lost

## Message from the Chair

What a delight to work with our new Elder's Board who deeply care for and love each other, our staff, and our church congregation. We challenge each other as we also challenge you to thrive spiritually, build community, and reach the lost both locally and globally. As a board we have studied the practical application of the biblical principles of church governance and leadership. We are committed to prayer privately and as part of different prayer teams meeting at various times in the church. We thank our staff and the many volunteers that provide loving care and spiritual teaching to all ages so that we can share the love of Jesus throughout our community and beyond. Your continued involvement financially is greatly appreciated. Without this we could not have the staff we have to give training and leadership to our volunteers. Nor could we keep up maintenance on our building or support our missionaries abroad.

Excitement is building as we get closer to reaching our future development goal which will allow us to start building the new Education Centre. I would like to thank the teams that have continued to work with all of you to make this vision of reaching our community in more ways a reality. As we spread the good news of Christ's love and disciple new believers, we ourselves will thrive and experience the abundant life that we are promised. We certainly have not arrived at all that we can be, but are committed to helping each other in the power of the Holy Spirit on this journey.

May God bless you as we work together in 2019.

Henry Banman,  
Board Chair.

## Congregational Meeting

Please join us March 14 at 6:30 pm for dessert before attending the semi-annual Congregational Meeting that will begin at 7:00 pm. Come and learn more about the compelling vision of the church to reach the community. Hear from the Future Development Team with the plans of the Phase 1 building. Receive an update of finances at Spruce Grove Alliance Church. This meeting is for ALL attendees of Spruce Grove Alliance Church. We hope to see you there.

**Average Weekly  
Attendance:**

**Nov. 771**  
(Nov 2017 - 838)

**Dec. 886**  
(Dec 2017 - 850)

**Jan. 788**  
(Jan 2018 - 802)

**Feb. 710**  
(Feb 2018 - 741)



## Missions / Outreach

### Antigua Mission Trip

The Antigua Team, consisting of 14 members returned to Antigua in January. God provided for them in immeasurable ways including the ability to visit 6 preschools and 37 primary schools. They also left behind 1000 seedling bags providing educational curriculum teaching them about Jesus. The team was given 2 hours at Potters Pentecostal Church on Sunday morning to share their presentation and personal testimonies. Every evening time was spent sharing personal testimonies and prayer as a team with a number of team members having significant encounters with God. The team would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support leading up to and during this time.

### Faith Hockey Night

Faith Night was enjoyed by over 100 people who heard a gospel message from Noah Welch. We handed out over 50 New Testaments and 1 person made a commitment to Christ.

### Apologetics Canada (AC) Partnership

We are pleased to announce that Steve Kim passed his licensing with the C&MA and we are working towards formalizing a partnership with AC. Steve will begin on staff at SGAC on March 15, and the majority of his salary & expenses related to his ministry with AC will be covered by AC. Please feel free to talk to Pastor Scott for further clarity.

### Pastor of Local and Global Outreach and Men's Ministry

Joel Marquez and his wife Lolet (Delores) will be joining us March 5 to 10 to candidate for the position of Local and Global Outreach and Men's Ministry. Pastor Joel and Lolet have served as International Workers of the Christian and Missionary Alliance to the Silk Road region for 12 years. They ministered to Arab Muslims, Filipinos and other international churches in the country.

## Refugee Sponsorship

We are excited to report that in just over 2 months, the refugee sponsorship has raised \$12,614.56. As a team we have made a proposal to the elders that we start the application process at the end of February, beginning of March 2019. The reason we are hoping to start the application process is because once we apply it takes 1-2 years before the family arrives. We feel confident that as a body we can raise the remainder of the \$40,000 needed to support the family.

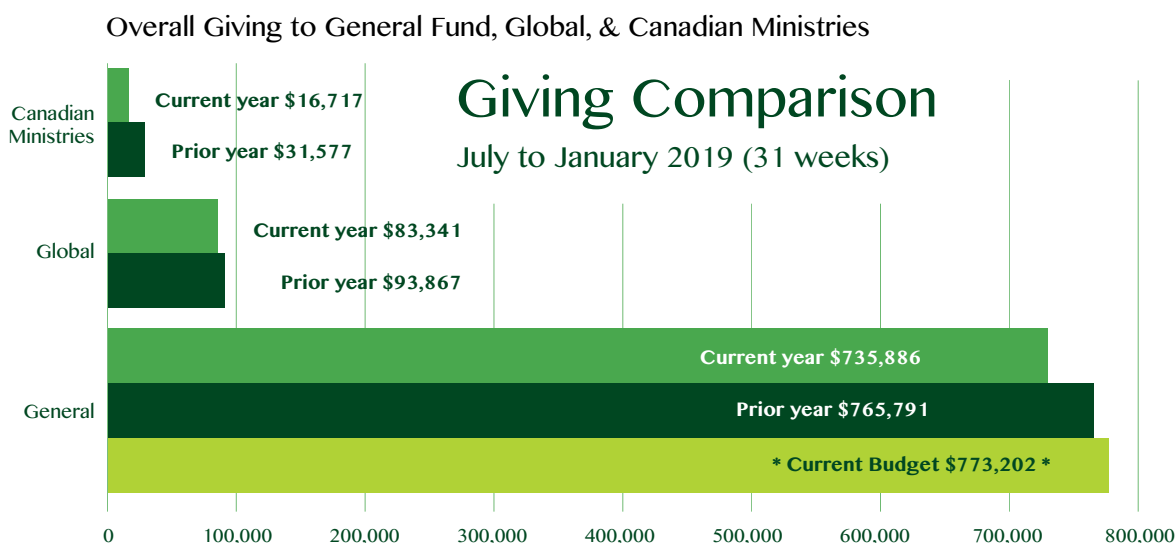


Joel and Lolet Marquez



## SGAC Giving Update

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to SGAC enabling us to reach the lost in our community and beyond. The following provides a snapshot of your giving from the beginning of our fiscal year July 1, 2018 to the end of January 2019. As you can see each category is down from last year. Given the current state of our economy and feedback from the district this is not surprising. We trust this information will help you as you consider your giving to each of these areas. May God richly bless you as you continue to be faithful to Him.



### Ministry Highlights

**Youth:** 73 youth and leaders met at Camp Nakamun from February 22 to 24. They had a time of meeting with God through worship, prayer, study, and of course a great time of building community together.

**Women's Daybreak and Evening Edition:** Approximately 84 women are meeting weekly to study John Eldredge's book "Beautiful Outlaw". Eldredge breaks the typical stereotypes of Jesus to get to know His personality as revealed by the Gospels.

**Keenagers:** An average of 40 Keenagers meet weekly for prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

**Mens:** Monday evenings was an encouraging time over the past number of weeks. An average of 15 men participated in a great study called "Goliath Must Fall". This was a study of 'giants' in our lives and how they can be defeated by the presence and power of Christ operating in our lives.

**Specials:** T.J. Syroteuk joined us at the end of January on Friday evening and Saturday morning sharing the Big Story with 80-100 people in attendance.

Men and women continue to meet for prayer on Monday mornings and afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Several opportunities to worship our Lord continue to be offered on Sunday evenings with **House of Prayer, Hymn Sing, Into His Presence, and Singin' the Gospel.**



## Future Development

Many years ago, SGAC made a commitment to the city of Spruce Grove that we would pave our parking lot. We have been able to delay fulfilling this commitment until we complete site development. With our aging utilities feeding the building, it is prudent to upgrade these systems prior to paving over them, therefore utility upgrades were included in the Phase 1 project and will be completed prior to construction and parking lot paving.

December and January giving was just over \$180,000 of the \$750,000 that the utility upgrades and ground work are anticipated to cost. We are encouraging each of our current giving units (couples or individuals that currently donate) to consider their ability to donate \$250/month over the next three months to assist with covering these costs. If you have any questions please reach out to a member of the Future Development Team or [phase1@sgac.net](mailto:phase1@sgac.net)

### PHASE 1: Christian Education Centre

# Laying the Groundwork





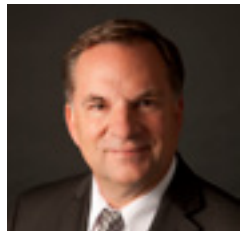
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The Elders of SGAC want to keep the lines of communication open and clear with our attendees. This newsletter is not designed to be comprehensive, but rather, to provide an overview of some things that have been happening at the board level since our last newsletter (Nov. 2018). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to one of our Elders in person or by email at [chair@sgac.net](mailto:chair@sgac.net). It is our goal to serve with integrity and transparency.