



# THE TRUMPET

Missions Newsletter of the URCNA

“Go out to the highway and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.” Luke 14:23

NOVEMBER 2015



## Scarborough, Ontario

*Rev. Mitch and Shabeeda Persaud*

### New Horizon on a New Road

We are on a new road. It is called 2300 Bridletowne Circle in North Scarborough. We are thankful to the Lord for providing a new place for us at Bridletowne Park Church, a community church. Many of you know that for a long time we have driven many miles (kilometres for the Canucks) on many of Scarborough’s streets looking for a new place to meet. Now we won’t have the rat smells or the rotting garbage from the neighbouring Hindu temple. This new location opens up new opportunities to do more community outreach. It is quite a mixed community with many Sri Lankans, Africans, West Indians, and Chinese.

We look forward to venturing into these communities with the Gospel. Pray that we can make more and effective inroads. Many of these communities are either yet in pagan ways or have been exposed to Arminianism or less. Sometimes just acknowledging the existence of God is ground for baptism in some of these churches.

We look forward to a more effective youth outreach. The Bridletowne Community Church has expressed an interest in possibly working together in this. We have one young man, Enoch, who is interested in leading. In addition to all these benefits, our new location is on two 24-hour bus lines, one of which is one of the busiest in the city. Over the last year we made some excursions into the University of Toronto. That led to weekly involvement in the Asian Christian Fellowship, a student group, and that has led to visitors and some new members at New Horizon.



In case this is your first exposure to New Horizon, we are a mission congregation of Cornerstone URC in London, ON. We have about 50 members – communicant and non-communicant, plus a few delinquents. We have 2 elders (Nathan Kidd, Doug Gerrits) and 1 deacon (Max Wang). Our other deacon moved out of the city, but we have a couple others in line. By God’s grace we have been able to ease the work-load of the dear brothers at Cornerstone as God has provided leaders for us. We are multi-ethnic but strongly united in strong faith and savory food. (Our next Fellowship Feast is December 5. Join us!) While we do have our challenges and a few grey hairs have popped out, it is joy to serve the Lord in this part of His vineyard.

Thanks be to the Lord for your continued support in finances and your prayer. We’ve not been in want for funds and encouragement. Really pray for us! We are seeing some exciting times ahead. And continue to give. We have had an increase in giving here, but we have also had an increase in the cost of operations. We look forward for your visit, whatever your ethnicity, when you are in our neck of the woods. 2300 Bridletowne Circle, Agincourt, Ontario M1W 2L2. Worship is at 1:00 and 2:30ish PM. We are always interested in your visits. And we often have cake between the services, if that will incentivize your visit.

In our first service in the new building we will witness the baptism of a teenage girl and her profession of faith with her mother, father, and older brother. Three others are waiting in the wings.

My wife Shabeeda and I always enjoy hearing from you – even an e-mail or phone call.

Phone: 416-335-0958; Church 647-389-2729

Email: [mapersaud@yahoo.com](mailto:mapersaud@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.newhorizonchurch.ca](http://www.newhorizonchurch.ca)

## **St. Catharines, Ontario** *Rev. Thabet and Wafaa Megaly*

*Rev. Thabet Megaly recently sustained a colloquium doctum in Classis Ontario East as a minister of the Word and Sacraments. Previously he served as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Egypt.*

One of the topics currently making global headlines is the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the rise of the Islamic State. This has led to a flood of refugees seeking a home in both North America and Europe, some looking to find a better life for their children, some looking for a safe place to live, and some seeking to advance an Islamic empire in these countries. Given the increasing presence of Muslims in North America, Trinity URC in St. Catharines began a ministry called Pathway Of Peace, led by Pastor Thabet Megaly. This article will serve as an introduction to Pathway of Peace. We will answer the following questions:

1. What is Pathway of Peace?
2. What does it do?
3. How can it help your church?

### **What is Pathway of Peace?**

"Pathway of Peace" is a Christian ministry that equips the church and God's people to reach out to its neighbours through education, training and hands-on experience. Its two-fold mission is:

1. To lead Muslims to Christ by equipping Christians to carry out the Great Commission.
2. To educate church members about the reality of Islam and its belief system.

### **What else does Pathway of Peace do?**

We organize trained groups of Christians to meet with those willing to hear the Gospel. Connections are made, Muslims homes are visited, and where opportunities are given, the Gospel is presented, contrasting Christianity to the Muslim faith, or, if in other homes, in contrast to secularism. Special cards prepared by the ministry for both Christmas and Easter with a distinctly Christian message are distributed to neighbours and neighbourhoods. When there are special Islamic holidays or events, such as Ramadan, Pathway of Peace distributes a handout for Muslims to explain the true meaning of forgiveness and redemption. We produce videos to educate people about Islam, along with videos that reach Muslims, to help answer their questions about the Bible. Thabet Megaly is involved in a



TV ministry directed specifically to Muslims. Pathway of Peace serves the Arabic community in Canada (Bible studies in Arabic) and overseas through the TV ministry, as well as via Skype and other social media. We also provide a series of courses to train Christians for Islamic outreach. Visit: [www.pathwayofpeace.ca](http://www.pathwayofpeace.ca) for details.

### **How can this ministry help your church?**

Pathway of Peace is willing to come to your congregational meeting and lead an informational session. We can provide training to interested members via courses or seminars. Please pray for this ministry. We need your help, both prayerfully and financially.

As Muslims join our communities and mosques spring up, and as more refugees settle in North America, we need to be prepared to welcome them with what they really need – the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please contact Rev. Megaly at: [thabet\\_megaly@hotmail.com](mailto:thabet_megaly@hotmail.com)

### **ACTS 13:48,49**

"And as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region."