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**139 ANTIQUE FARM MACHINES BREAK WORLD RECORD TO HELP END GLOBAL HUNGER**

Manitoba became home to another world record July 31<sup>st</sup> when 139 antique threshing machines harvested a field simultaneously for 15 minutes at the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin, MB.



***“This was a once-in-a-lifetime event,”*** says Elliot Sims, co-organizer of *Harvesting Hope: A World Record to Help the Hungry*, held at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Manitoba Threshermen’s Reunion & Stampede at the Museum.

***“You just don’t see stuff like this anymore,”*** he says. ***“The energy from the participants and crowd was amazing. You could feel the pride and excitement.”***

Nearly 8,000 people came to the Museum to watch 750 volunteers from across Canada and the U.S. break the Guinness World Record for *“most threshing machines operating simultaneously.”* The previous record was 111 machines held by a group from St. Albert, Ontario.

The record is unofficial until it is certified by Guinness World Records. Altogether, 75 acres of winter wheat was bound and 30,000 sheaves were cut to be threshed during the event. Combined, the machines were capable of threshing approximately 17,000 bushels of wheat per hour, with 6,100 horsepower of engine capacity driving them.

***“This was truly a celebration of our agricultural heritage,”*** says Sims. ***“We’re all very happy to have succeeded, and the feedback we’re getting is great. Everyone seems to have really enjoyed themselves.”***

Funds raised at the event will be split between the Manitoba Agricultural Museum, which hosted the world record attempt, and Canadian Foodgrains Bank. A final tally will be available in a few weeks.

The funds going to the Foodgrains Bank will be used to help small-scale farm families in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Kenya learn to grow more and better food so they can better provide for their families. The funds going to the Manitoba Agricultural Museum will be used to help it continue to preserve Manitoba’s agricultural heritage.

***“We were really proud to be a part of this record-breaking event,”*** says John Longhurst, Director of Resources and Public Engagement with the Foodgrains Bank.

***“Since the Foodgrains Bank was created by and for Canadian farmers, it’s only fitting, and a huge honour, to be part of the effort to break the record for using antique farm machines, and to also raise money to help end global hunger.”***

*Thank you to all who supported and/or participated in the event!*

*We did it!!*

## ANNUAL USA/CANADA REGION HAITIAN CONVENTION HELD IN MONTREAL

Nazarenes from across the U.S. and Canada gathered in Montréal, Québec, July 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> for the National Haitian Nazarene Convention.



Québec District Superintendent, Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick, (pictured above, left) called it a privilege to host the convention.

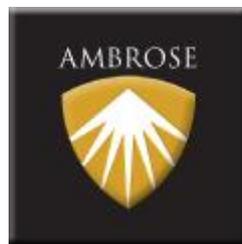
*“During these few days together, I witnessed a genuine and sincere seeking after God,” Rev. Fitzpatrick said. “I realize that this could be said of all such gatherings, but there was something very special about our time together. Haitian brothers and sisters from up and down the east coast of our continent came with one desire and left with one mission – to serve the Lord God with all our hearts, to re-engage the ‘first love’ experience with Jesus as we face the challenges of ministry in this present age. I was moved by the dedication those who travelled to Montreal ... from our New England, Mid-Atlantic, Metro New York, and Florida districts, as well as from other parts of the USA. This was a real encouragement to Québec District Nazarenes.”*

Rev. Fitzpatrick also thanked those who assisted with the convention.



*“Thank you to all who made this possible, Rev. Pascal Permis (USA/Canada Haitian Facilitator) and to all who participated publicly and behind the scenes to make this event such a success,” he said. “To all the workshop and seminar leaders, we say thank you. The Haitian church on our region is alive and well. It embodies a movement of people who are serious about their worship of God, serious about discipleship, and serious about servanthood ministry. This conference, far from being an end in itself, was a means to an end in preparing all of us to better serve the Lord and fulfill the mission of the church. What a privilege to be part of this experience!”*

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## **REFORMATION TOURS COMING IN 2017**

2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

So next year, Ambrose professors [Kyle Jantzen](#) and [Bernie Van De Walle](#) are each leading tours to mark the occasion and provide opportunities for you to experience this historical turning point through travel study.

[These tours](#) fit in with a [Christian Studies](#), [History](#), or [School of Ministry](#) degree – you can complete assignments and go on the trip for class credit – but they're not just for students. If you have a personal interest in the subject, or even if you're just curious, this could be your chance to see Reformation history come to life and to gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

Kyle Jantzen recently returned from leading a private Reformation tour, where he visited many of the sites that will be part of next year's trip. Here's what he had to say about the experience:

**Ambrose: Why should someone join a Reformation tour?**

**Kyle Jantzen:** Many Christians have very little idea of how we came to believe what we believe. Some of that comes from understanding early Christian history, but frankly, an awful lot of what most modern Protestants (Evangelicals included) believe comes from the Reformation era: our understanding of salvation by faith, the way grace works in the life of the Christian, the importance of the Bible, the priesthood of all believers, the idea of election, the relationship between church and state, and the way that we understand baptism and communion. And that's just for starters.

When we travel to the places where Christians like Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, or John Calvin made, rediscovered, or renewed Western Christianity, we learn so much more about the roots and content of our own faith. It is tremendously encouraging to learn more about the sacrifice and determination of these and other Reformation-era Christians. I find it gives me more confidence as a Christian and a deeper conviction about what matters to me as a Christian.

And then, of course, it would be silly not to add that it's just a whole lot of fun travelling to beautiful and interesting places in Germany and Switzerland, eating great food, meeting new people, and experiencing this historical and spiritual journey together with others.

**A: Why does the Reformation matter today?**

**KJ:** We're living in a tremendously challenging time, spiritually, with so many cultural and political challenges to Christianity. While our faith is a living tradition, and the various forms of Christianity will adapt and evolve over time, it's more important than ever to be solidly anchored in the essential truths of our faith.

Understanding the Reformation grounds us as Christians, and helps us to know how to navigate the turbulent spiritual waters of our own day. When we see what others got right (and wrong) in the past, we are better equipped to live out our faith today. For

example, when I see Luther's deep commitment to the authority of Scripture – how he translated, published, preached, and taught it – I'm reminded that I too need to live my life rooted more firmly in the Word.

**A: What is your favourite aspect of the tour?**

**KJ:** I really love helping people understand the Reformation in its historical context. It's important to get people like Luther and Calvin off of their pedestals and out of their vacuums – to show how the social, political, and spiritual world in which they lived shaped their vision for church reform, and to show how they never acted alone, but were always surrounded by a team of colleagues and supporters. For instance, Martin Luther's wife Katharina von Bora was an amazing manager, entrepreneur, and adviser to Martin. He wouldn't have accomplished much without her running his day-to-day life!

**A: How does the tour tie into your research and personal interests?**

**KJ:** I guess it starts with the fact that I wrote an MA thesis on the history of the Reformation as it unfolded in the Swiss city of Basel, so I've been fairly familiar with the history and theology of the Reformation in Germany and Switzerland for some time. I'm especially intrigued by the ways in which the Reformation spread, how the new ideas took hold of local communities, and how hundreds of new Lutheran and Reformed churches emerged in the cities and towns of central Europe.

And Reformation propaganda is so interesting too – there were thousands of printed portions of Scripture, theological pamphlets, teaching texts, and polemical pieces floating around sixteenth-century Europe, many with fascinating images. The written and visual language of this material ranges from insightfully brilliant to shockingly satirical. It is never dull!

So there you have it – come on a tour and you'll be engaged, encouraged, grounded, and informed.

If this sounds like something that might interest you, now's the time to inquire. Spaces in the two tour groups (May 6–21 and July 26 to August 10) will fill up fast!

[Get all the details here;](#) then contact Kyle or Bernie to reserve your spot.

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