



**AUGUST 4, 2017**

**SUMMER AT SEEDS OF LIFE**

The crop of soybeans on our farm in Alberton, Ontario was planted on June 5, 2017. Today (July 28<sup>th</sup>) they are just starting to flower and soon we will see seed pods develop. In spite of the challenging weather so far this year, we seem to be on track for a good crop.



On June 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted the second annual Seeds of Life farm visit. We had muffins and drinks, a presentation by David Epp, Ontario's Canadian Foodgrains Bank Co-ordinator, and a GREAT music program by the Hiller family. We had lots of fun and fellowship as we celebrated the blessings of a new growing season.

When this crop is harvested and sold, we will send the proceeds to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) to help in funding the overseas relief and development programs of CFGB members. It costs \$400.00 to produce an acre of soybeans, and we expect a return of \$520.00 per acre, depending on yield and crop prices.

We are well on the way to getting donations to sponsor ALL of the 72 acres on our farm, and we thank our generous donors to date. If you would like to help us, you may donate all or part of an acre, or any amount that you choose, and you will receive an official receipt for income tax purposes (for donations of \$20.00 or more) from CFGB at the end of the 2017 tax year.

For more information and donation instructions, please visit [www.seeds-of-life.ca](http://www.seeds-of-life.ca).

Thanks for your generous support and have a GREAT summer!



Scott Brooks  
Project Manager, Seeds of Life



### **CHANGES AT POWELL STREET**

As Mission Possible continues to grow and strengthen our employment initiatives and social enterprises, our need for space is changing, too. We are pleased to announce that our facility at 543 Powell St. is going to be the new home for Jacob's Well!

Jacob's Well is a faith-based community in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, BC. They seek *mutually transformative friendship with those on the margins of society and equip others to do the same in their own context.*

The building will continue to be shared with Mission Possible for our monthly Momentum Meetings and weekly Power Breakfast. In addition, our long-time partners, the BC SPCA will continue Charlie's Pet Food Bank, and Partners In Hope will continue to host a weekly 12 Step Meeting.

Update your address book! The home of our training facility and social enterprises is also our mailing address: 659 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6A 1R2

Questions? Contact Matt Smedley: [matt@mission-possible.ca](mailto:matt@mission-possible.ca).

### **Websites**

[Jacob's Well](#)

[Mission Possible](#)

[BCSPCA](#)

[Partners In Hope](#)

## **NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RECEIVES \$1.6 M GIFT**

Nazarene Theological Seminary announced it received a \$1.6 million gift from the Smith family to complete funding for the NTS Faculty Chair of Evangelism. The Smith family gift combines with funds first received in 1971 from Frank A. and Gladys L. Cooper and recent gifts from NTS friends and board members to fully endow the Adam Smith/Cooper Chair of Evangelism.

These gifts will enable NTS to increase educational opportunities, course offerings, and scholarly contributions in the area of evangelism and Christian witness. The generosity of the Smith and Cooper families ensures focused attention, and resources will be devoted to the vital practice of evangelism for generations to come, for both the benefit of NTS students and the church.

*“As a seminary rooted in the Wesleyan–Holiness tradition, NTS draws from a well spring of rich theology and innovative models of Christian witness,”* said Josh Sweeden, Dean of the Faculty. *“The early evangelical tradition recognized the holistic nature of the gospel and recovered ancient yet timely practices for proclaiming the good news in a variety of contexts. Such commitment and innovation is desperately needed today as pastors, leaders, and laity engage a dynamic world full of new challenges and opportunities.”*

The \$1.6 million gift is representative of the Smith family’s commitment to the Church of the Nazarene and the vitality of Christianity in North America and beyond, specifically evangelism. Recognizing the timeless call of Christians to be witnesses of God’s saving work, the gift is future-looking, supporting a rediscovery of the practice of evangelism faithful to Christian scripture and tradition and attentive to the changing contexts and expressions of the church. The Coopers provided initial funding for NTS’ work in evangelism in the 1970s and then again in the 1980s. Those funds provided a partial endowment and supported past NTS professors (Chic Shaver, Chuck Gailey, and Lyle Pointer), courses, and scholarships in the study of evangelism.

As NTS prepares ministers of the gospel in service to God's ever-expanding and multi-faceted church, it celebrates the many partners who make possible a variety of courses in evangelism, church planting and development, and ministerial entrepreneurship. In addition, NTS has a Certificate in Evangelism that provides focused study on the theology and practice of evangelism for ministerial leaders interested in resourcing persons and communities toward faithful Christian witness in the contemporary world.

– [Nazarene Theological Seminary](#)

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