

Through the various international branches of our community, literature is being distributed around the world in many different languages.

The timely booklet *Cross in the Crossfire* has been translated into Arabic by an arabic pastor in Israel and is being distributed to Christians in the Middle East. They live daily under the threat of violence and death because of their faith in Jesus.

The messages from Mother Basilea in *God Comes When all is Dark* and other leaflets have been translated into several native languages in India and are being printed in large quantities. Christians there are engaging many in conversations about Christ and giving out the leaflets wherever hearts are open. Hundreds are coming to faith in Jesus.

Beth Abraham in Israel

In our last spring newsletter we shared that our ministry in Israel is going through a transition. The Lord has wonderfully provided another house "Beth Abraham" in the city of Ein Kerem east of Jerusalem. In Biblical times Ein Kerem was the home of Zachariah and Elisabeth, the parents of John the Baptist. This small house will enable Sisters to continue ministering to Holocaust survivors and their families as well as others facing pressing needs in the land of Israel.

New Season for the Prayer Garden

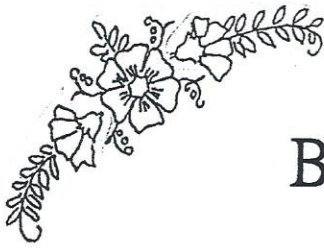
After a very mild winter, we are already preparing the Prayer Garden for another season of visitors. It is not often that we can begin raking in the lawns in March. But in Alberta spring snow storms are still a definite possibility! For those living nearby we are enclosing a Prayer Garden brochure. We have now received county municipal addresses which can aid in locating us along the county road. The address at the driveway is a blue locator sign with the designation 480041 Rge Rd 240. Please note that this is NOT a mailing address. Our mailing address is still RR1, Millet AB T0C 1Z0. Perhaps you would like to share the brochure with friends, family or members of your church who may like to visit Canaan during the summer months. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch and spend part of the day here. The Prayer Garden in Tracy, NB also continues to be open in the summer for visitors.

In looking ahead, we continue to be encouraged, knowing we always have an open door of prayer to our Heavenly Father. He knows and cares about each one of us personally. May He lead and guide you as you trust in His almighty love and power.

Yours in Jesus' precious love and fellowship, *the Sisters of Mary*

*Prayer means
lovingly bringing all the needs of our family, friends, neighbours and our
nation, indeed, the whole world, before the Father and persisting in faith
until help and salvation come. MB*

taken from "Building A Wall of Prayer"



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:9b

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Dear Friends,

This verse from the Gospel of John was spoken by Jesus to Thomas, who had said he could not believe unless he himself saw the wounds of the Resurrected Lord. For all of us there are times when it is difficult to believe. Even now we see the world around us in chaos and without direction because it is without God. Still Jesus taught us to pray “Thy Kingdom Come” Luke 11:2 and although we cannot see it, still it is coming. Often in her writings Mother Basilea encouraged us with the words “With God suffering is never the final outcome!” This Easter our hearts rejoice anew to realize that death is indeed swallowed up in victory. Jesus has triumphed over sin, the grave and everything that may trouble us. He has triumphed over our world with its suffering, immorality and increasing violence. Our God reigns and will establish His Kingdom.

Retreat - Thy Kingdom Come!

This is the theme for the annual three day retreat,
September 29 - October 2, 2016 near Ottawa.



It is the weekend before Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing many of you there. The retreat has become a very meaningful time for many. As one couple shared with us, “We thank you for hosting the Retreat again this year. This has become a weekend that we look forward to all year. It is a weekend where we can grow just a little more in our understanding and Christian strength. And, it’s a time of calmness, peace, personal reflection and most important, worship.”

Retreat brochures are enclosed for the friends in the east and our friends in the west are welcome to request a copy or download a registration form from our website. www.kanaan-canada.org

Literature Responses

It is always a joy to hear how the Canaan literature has been an encouragement to you. Thank you for sharing with us.

“For more than thirty years I have been reading *Father of Comfort* and finding so much strength and encouragement from the daily devotions. I have often given my personal copy for a friend in need and it has happened again. Would you please send me two copies...”

“Thank you for your booklets etc. Thank you for your prayers and support of people who still long for God’s teaching.”

“Thank you for the little book *Shine Light into My Darkness*.

Opening it up at any page, and reading just a few pages, it is easy to find a section that resonates with one’s thoughts and feeling. The photos are also amazing.”

“Thank you ever so much for the book *Shine Light into My Darkness*.

What a treasure! I am so thankful to Mother Basilea for opening herself up to be a channel of God’s words to us. I gain much strength and encouragement from all her writings.”...