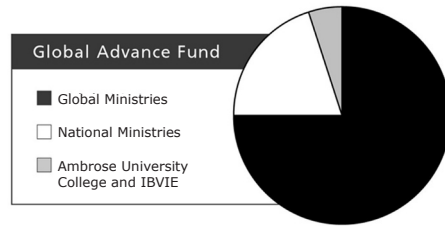


THE GLOBAL ADVANCE FUND finances global missions, covering the costs of sending workers overseas—salaries, benefits and the costs associated with ministry in various countries—and some is designated to strengthen the sending base, to train missionaries and for administrative needs, including the National Ministry Centre.

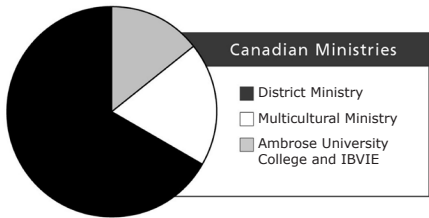


Income - May 2010

May Income	870,000	Year-to-Date Income	\$5,223,000
May Faith Goal	<u>\$1,167,000</u>	Year-to-Date Faith Goal	<u>\$6,103,000</u>
Difference	- 297,000	Difference	- \$ 880,000

O God, with all our hearts we long to be a movement of churches; transformed by Christ, transforming Canada and the world.

Table Talk



THE CANADIAN MINISTRIES FUND supports ministry in Canada. Most (65%) is used for district ministries such as church planting and leadership development. Another 20% is used for national multicultural church planting. The balance is used to support the leadership training ministries of Ambrose University College and Institut Biblique VIE.

Year-to-Date Income - May 2010

Canadian Pacific District:	Western Canadian District:
Year-to-Date Income \$98,882	Year-to-Date Income \$355,054
Year-to-Date Budget <u>\$130,000</u>	Year-to-Date Budget <u>403,000</u>
Difference - \$31,118	Difference - \$47,946
Canadian Midwest District:	Central Canadian District:
Year-to-Date Income \$142,867	Year-to-Date Income \$114,723
Year-to-Date Budget <u>\$152,917</u>	Year-to-Date Budget <u>\$115,834</u>
Difference - \$10,050	Difference - \$1,111
Eastern Canadian District:	St. Lawrence District:
Year-to-Date Income \$175,444	Year-to-Date Income \$5,149
Year-to-Date Budget <u>\$116,830</u>	Year-to-Date Budget <u>\$9,166</u>
Difference \$58,614	Difference - \$4,017

Danger on Every Hand

Perhaps the hard work of our diplomats lull us into complacency so that we don't bother thinking much of the dangers that surround us, and probably that is a good thing because we can't keep Canada strong if all we do is wring our hands. But as Christians, we know that peace and prosperity are not the normal state of events. When we hear that conflict in the Korean peninsula could occur and that tensions with Iran are heightened and that the economic recovery is threatened by the weak economy of Greece and ... who knows what tomorrow's news will bring ... well, a thoughtful Christian might wonder what the immediate, not to mention the long-range, future might hold.

And yes, it is good to say that God knows, for he does know. But it is also good to remember that Jesus told us that sailors could read the sky and know what tomorrow's weather would be and he told us that we should be able to read the signs of the times and know how God is moving.

What signs should we be looking at? Through the past 50 years, some folks have built whole careers on telling church people that they knew the signs and they had to do with how many nations in Europe were joining the common market or who was doing what elsewhere in the world. I know of books that claimed that prophecy showed that communism, that the European Union or the United Nations would take over the world—and



none of it has happened.

So may I suggest that Jesus did not point us to signs about who was going to take over the world. In fact, while Jesus was alive there was an empire that had taken over much of what is now Europe, namely Rome, and Jesus showed little concern about it. What Jesus pointed to were signs of God’s activity in saving the world. God’s saving activity, his calling the nations to himself, is what we should watch.

God is calling people to himself. Jesus prophesied: And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14). There are less than a thousand groups with a population of 100,000 or more who have not yet heard the gospel in any form.¹ But there are still many smaller groups still waiting to hear. This is the sign we should keep our eye on. This is the task, and as we finish it we bring in the last act of history. Watch this. Get involved in this.

Franklin Pyles
President

1. Today, **639** unengaged, unreached people groups with populations over **100,000**, together numbering over **535,000,000** souls, are still beyond the reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. www.finishingthetask.com

family happenings

- *Lois Belsey (Indonesia) is preparing to host a short-term ministry team from the Central Canadian District in Ontario, July 29 - August 12. Pray for Lois as she prepares ministry details. Pray God will prepare the hearts of each team member. Pray for good flight connections as they travel. Pray that all construction supplies will arrive on time as they plan to continue working on the dormitory.*
- *Manjohn Wong (Sr. Pastor at Midtown Alliance Church and former international worker) writes, “A team from Midtown Alliance Church in Toronto served the homeless and poor at Toronto Alliance Church recently. After serving there, they wanted to serve more frequently.” Pray God will use this ministry to draw people into his Kingdom.*
- *Pray for Bob and Louella Gould (Toronto) as they pastor the International Christian Fellowship church in Warsaw, Poland until the full-time pastor arrives July 15. Pray for God’s wisdom as they serve this congregation.*

➤ ➤ ➤ MISSION UPDATE

Ralph and Ruth Shareski
Spreading the Word in Germany

In January, Ralph and Ruth’s church leadership team held a “Listening Retreat” and one of the words the Holy Spirit impressed on them was that Haus des Herrn was to become more like the city on a hill—the lamp on a stand. The church has been looking for a larger meeting place for a couple of years now, and thanks to many prayers, an incredible door has been opened for them to meet in a very large hall—the “citizen’s hall” in the city hall, directly on the central square of the city. All of the requirements have been met and the price has been adjusted so that payment for one month of Sundays will cost what one meeting would have cost in their previous building. The church celebrated their first service there on May 23. They are asking God in faith to fill the 600 seats with people who are seeking God.

Many people from Haus des Herrn have been part of an “Encounter Weekend”—first as participants and now as prayer partners and presenters. It’s a time to learn about the cross, the Father’s heart, how to deal with past sins and wounds and become free in Christ; a time to be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk in victory. The Shareskis were recently part of such a weekend in north eastern Germany and they felt like proud parents as they watched many of their young people ministering to and blessing participants from the church there. Ralph and Ruth are thankful for the partnership with Youth Storm from the U.S. and their help in learning to use this very effective tool. The church hopes to present an Encounter Weekend in Mannheim this fall.

Another open door the Shareskis have encountered is the opportunity to continue to hold creative events in a large cafe (Coffee Fellows) just down the street from the city hall in another important square—the marketplace. They are so thankful for the freedom to hold these events, for the amazing musicians, artists, dancers and others who work so hard to put these evenings together. It’s a place to bring friends and neighbours into an environment where they can feel comfortable and have a chance to discover more about a relationship with God. The next event is planned for July 18. Please pray for lots of fruit from these events. Pray that good relationships will be built and that seekers will come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Your donations to the Global Advance Fund help finance the ministry of Ralph and Ruth as well as other international workers.

