# HARVEST MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL KELOWNA HARVEST NEWSLETTER

# **FEBRUARY**

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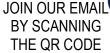
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## MATTERS OF THE HEAR By Lenore Schur

 $\boldsymbol{I}$  is upon us. From school classroom hearts, write His teaching on the tablet of windows to retail outlets, almost everywhere our hearts, strengthen and establish our you look you will see hearts. From the hearts and keep our hearts firm. Depending world's standpoint, February is the month of what version you consult, the scriptures LOVE. We believe that this must mean love is mention the word 'heart' more than 1,000 in the air but is it really? Or is it just another times. I think it is safe to say this is not just a opportunity for retailers to sell chocolates and diamonds?

While we focus on the heart one time a year, Romans 10:10.

t's not hard to figure out when February More references encourage us to 'guard our fleeting subject.

> *I* hy would God put so much emphasis on the heart? **Proverbs 4:23** tells us

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God is constantly thinking about our hearts. to 'guard your hearts with all diligence for 1 Samuel 16:7 says that God does not look out of them flow the issues of life." Our heart at us the way man does, on the outward is the core of our being. Proverbs 23:7 says appearance. He sees our hearts. After all, that "as a man thinks in his heart, SO IS this is how we connect to Him. Romans 10 HE!" "A good man out of the good treasure famously states that we must believe in our of his heart brings forth good; and an evil hearts in order to be saved. "For man man out of the evil treasure of his heart believes with the heart and so is justified and brings forth evil. For out of the abundance he confesses with his lips and so is saved." of the heart his mouth speaks." Luke 6:45

FEBRUARY IS MISSIONS MONTH

**C** ebruary is the month in which we celebrate and remind you of our commitment to

WHATS INSIDE!		$\Gamma$ world missions. We believe this is part of our mandate as a church, to help those in need. We are so fortunate to Steve Horton as our director of our missions department.
Wings of Hope	2	Wings of Hope. This month we will have updates and a special guest speaker. See more inside.
February Calendar	4	Currently we have 10 homes that we work with.
Book of the Month	5	<b>JUSTICE RISING</b> – Congo – Of our seven schools four of them are directly affected by war. But in the midst our students continue to attend school as this is the one place that offers normalcy and hope.
Men & Women	6	WE IGNITE NATIONS – India/Nepal – We are rescuing girls and boys from
		the sex trade and sending teams into villages to educate the parents of the children.
Home Groups	7	SUUBI HOME – Uganda – We started with 32 children in Ezra's home!! Now we have multiple

homes for children and widows who care for the orphans in these homes!!

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN FOUNDATION – Philippines – We support children in the Barangay, Pingagbutan Slum to attend school.

- AGAPE CHILDREN'S HOME Ghana We strive to care for children who have been abandoned due to HIV/ Aids. Through a community based approach.
- <u>GOWIDO</u> Kenya Located in Ramba our mission is to rescue children who are suffering due to the AIDS/HIV epidemic. To provide housing, education to the most needy in our community.
- **HEROES OF THE NATION** Kenya Our Vision is to provide safety, healing and discipleship to the vulnerable and orphaned transforming boys and girls into Godly leaders who will one day transform nation

WE IGNITE NATIONS – Nepal/India – We work in one the worst areas in the world for child trafficking. We are working to in-



**PROVISION OF HOPE** – Liberia - We reach out to the many war afflicted orphans, widows and refugees, bringing hope to those in despair.

**JUBILEE CHILDREN'S HOMES** – India – We rescue children whose parent works and lives in the brothels of Bangalore. We provide a Christian home and education for these children.



## Our feature home this month is HEROES OF THE NATION



## The 'Baby Steps' Method: How to Adopt an entire Village through one child!

How do you eat an entire elephant? The answer: One bite at a time.

As Bill Murray discovered in the hit movie "What about Bob?", the most daunting tasks are best achieved by "baby steps". The best way to change the world is not to start by trying to change the world... but start by changing the life of someone in your local community. Then, your community will be changed, and those changes will ripple on to the rest of the city, province/state, country and world. It all starts small at first!

The same is true of change in Kenya, India Uganda, Congo, Philippines, Liberia and Canada. In many parts of Africa there are drought-stricken people who have lost much of their livestock, their main source of food and income. Children go hungry. Villages remain in disrepair. Oftentimes, the food children get at schools is the only meal they eat. When the food runs out at school, the children go without any meals at all.

In addition, the poor living conditions increase alcoholism in the communities, where children are the test subjects of illegal brew, forced to drink it to examine its potency. They are also incredibly vulnerable to assault and forced early marriage.

In the face of such grueling conditions, it is easy to lose hope of a solution. But through Wings of Hope's sponsorship programs, you can spark change by supporting just one child. Then, that child will go on to change their family, their future friends and acquaintances, and generations to come. By doing so, an entire community can be inspired and lifted up.

## Prevent. Restore. Sustain.

Heroes of the Nation has a three-step approach to promoting lasting change.

Prevent— Through the Kingdom Nation program, Heroes of the Nation seeks to prevent sexual immorality, drug addiction, suicide and depression with the transforming message of the love of Jesus. Heroes of the Nation has reached over 600 high schools and 14 universities in 2022. Kingdom Nation witnessed over 450,000 salvations, 23,000 freed from drugs and over 5,000 suicides diverted. Restore— Heroes of the Nation is dedicated to the mission of restoring orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya. Our campus currently houses 300 children and an extra 500 in community based public schools receiving basic needs, nourishment, quality education, counseling and medical needs. Most importantly the Heroes of the Nation students receive the transforming love of Jesus.

Sustain— Upon graduation from Heroes of the Nation campus, HTN offers continuing discipleship and education to further sustain our graduates and empower them to become Spirit-filled warriors as they transition into the marketplace and community. Our discipleship program is designed to take their education and discipleship a step further and to transition them into becoming fully devoted leaders in their communities. The goal is to allow graduates to share with others some of the blessings they have received.



If you would like to make a donation towards one of our Wings of Hope Homes you may do so via:

#### Consider sponsoring a child or supporting Heroes Today!

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**WEBSITE:** wingsofhopecanada.com EMAIL: wingsofhope@theharvest.ca

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ACTION 4 CANADA ecting Faith, Family and Fre God Keep Our Land Glorious and Free

Campaigns to Educate, Equip and Empower Citizens

**Take Action Group for Our Kids and Our Community** 

Friday, February 16th, 6 - 8pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month) Harvest Church 410 Leathead Road, Kelowna

Other Kelowna A4C Action Groups: SOGI | School Board Meetings | Church Unity |Prayer Team IS Minute Cities |Drag Queen Protest |Correspondence Team 15 Mi

Contact us at: bc-kelowna@action4canada.ca

www.action4canada.com



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WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM | EMBASSY CHURCH Contact John Ashby @ 778-345-5049

### LOVE AND RESPECT MARRIAGE GROUP

Cost: \$40:00 per couple "Love and Respect by Emmerson Eggerichs" Leaders: Hal & Katheren Welwood

If interested in joining our next group, Please email: hkwelwood@gmail.com



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Home Groups RECOVERY	1 Home Groups	2 MENTORING IN THE PROPHETIC	<i>3</i> Saturday Service 6:00PM
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11	12 DIVORCE <i>Care</i>	13	14 Home Groups RECOVERY	Home Groups Art	16 ACTION <sup>4</sup> CANADA & Heather gone to Be	17 Saturday Service 6:00PM
18	19 DIVORCE <i>Care</i>	20	Home <sup>21</sup> Groups RECOVERY	22 Home Groups	23	24 Saturday Service 6:00PM
25	26 DIVORCE Care	27	Home <sup>28</sup> Groups RECOVERY	29 Home Groups	March 1	<b>2</b> Art & Heather home



## **HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD**

Come and be activated In the many ways God speaks to us. March 2, 2024 | 9:00am 'til noon Cost \$20.00 Contact: kelownapropheticcompany@rra.ca

#### LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED!

We believe that everyone can prophesy. **Joel 2:28** And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

We believe that the prophetic works best when done within a community of believers.

- **VISION:** A prophetic company that is accessible to all believers and incorporates practicing the gift of prophecy through training, weighing and testing while honouring the unique way that people hear from God.
- **MISSION:** Through training sessions, conferences, community events, we gather, equip, inspire and mature disciples of Jesus in the diverse gifts of prophecy in a safe environment.

#### Come and be a part of establishing the Prophetic in Kelowna.

#### **KELOWNA HARVEST NEWSLETTER**

Whether we know it or not, our heart is the most important gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenheartpart of us.

even though I had been saved since I was a child, my heart flashed through the room. I didn't feel any different. A few was not healed. I am sure there are encounters with God days later, however, I came across a situation that would where the person has everything healed at the time of have normally upset me and I realized I didn't react. A few salvation.

That wasn't the case with me. I had said the sinner's prayer when I was 10 years old and I knew then and there that my life was changed. I later received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues but I still needed to be healed from hurts and trauma that had left my heart wounded. The day I discovered that most, if not all, of society's issues stem from wounded hearts, I went on a quest to get my heart healed. I knew it was possible, I just didn't know how.

A deep dive into the gospels revealed that the disciples were consistently being called out for their unbelief and hardness of heart. Jesus also made the distinction in Matthew 6:11 saying, "blessed is the man who takes no offense in me." Offense is a reaction to situations that causes wounds to reside in the heart. The last thing I wanted in my life was to be offended at Jesus! I wanted so badly to have my heart healed.

**D** salm 147:3 says "He Heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the

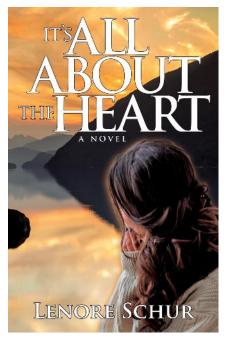
ed. I closed my eyes and asked Him to search my heart of 🖊 y own journey into matters of the heart began more any and all offense and to heal it from all brokenness. It I than a decade ago. That's when I realized that, was a simple prayer. No fireworks went off. No lightening more days and a few more incidents arose and I realized that my heart had been healed! Jesus had done the work that no one else in the universe could have done. Just as everyone needs salvation in order to spend eternity with God, we need healing of the heart to function properly on the earth while we are still here. I believe it to be the root cause of so many of society's ills. In fact, the medical community has even identified a condition called 'broken heart syndrome'. The Mayo Clinic lists the condition along with its symptoms and diagnosis. The problem is, even the Mayo clinic is unsure how to treat it!

> n **Galatians 4:17**, Paul exhorts us to "no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance in them due to their hardness of heart!" That says it all right there! In order to live in the fullness of what God has for us here on the earth, we must have our hearts healed! This year, make valentines day the most memorable of a lifetime. Receive the healing of your heart as only Jesus can do and watch your world turn upside down!

> > By Lenore Schur

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he wind swirled through the trees while a gust of cold air slapped Jannie in the face as she walked toward the line of buildings at the end of the street. Ten more steps. She lifted the collar on her coat and clasped it with her left hand to keep the icy draft from blowing on her neck. Just as she reached the entrance of the first grey stone building, a splash of rain hit her. "No umbrella," she thought. She pushed the heavy wooden door open and stumbled inside. The warm smell of coffee and baked goods enveloped her, helping her to quickly forget where she had just been... Thus begins Jannie's journey of the heart.

Elderly Mr. Sherman, with whom she shares afternoon tea, quickly becomes a mentor, sharing wisdom collected over the years. He relates his wisdom about career, identity and relationship, but mostly about the heart, where our response to life really happens. Mr. Sherman shares with her, "Maybe the best lessons ARE learned through experience and not from books. The lessons that stick with us are the ones we learn with our hearts." In the same way, lessons of the heart can often be learned more effectively through a story than a textbook. It's All About the Heart is Jannie's story. It is a tale of discovery, and lessons learned about the issues of the heart. Share Jannie's story. Learn the lessons of the heart and take them into your own story.



Let's say a guy named Roger is attracted to a woman named Elaine. He asks her out to a movie; she accepts; they have a pretty good time. A few nights later he asks her out to dinner, and again they enjoy themselves. They continue to see each other regularly, and after a while neither one of them is seeing anybody else. And then, one evening when they're driving home, a thought occurs to Elaine, and, without really thinking, she says it aloud: "Do you realize that, as of tonight, we've been seeing each other for exactly six months?"

And then there is silence in the car. To Elaine, it seems like a very loud silence. She thinks to herself: Geez, I wonder if it bothers him that I said that. Maybe he's been feeling confined by our relationship; maybe he thinks I'm trying to push him into some kind of obligation that he doesn't want, or isn't sure of. And Roger is thinking: Gosh. Six months.

And Elaine is thinking: But, hey, I'm not so sure I want this kind of relationship, either. Sometimes I wish I had a little more space, so I'd have time to think about whether I really want us to keep going the way we are, moving steadily toward... I mean, where are we going? Are we just going to keep seeing each other at this level of intimacy? Are we heading toward marriage? Toward children? Toward a lifetime together? Am I ready for that level of commitment? Do I really even know this person? And Roger is thinking:...so that means it was...let's see...February when we started going out, which was right after I had the car at the dealer's, which means... lemme check the odometer...Whoa! I am way overdue for an oil change here.

And Elaine is thinking: He's upset. I can see it on his face. Maybe I'm reading this completely wrong. Maybe he wants more from our relationship, more intimacy, more commitment; maybe he has sensed -- even before I sensed it -- that I was feeling some reservations. Yes, I bet that's it. That's why he's so reluctant to say anything about his own feelings. He's afraid of being rejected.

And Roger is thinking: And I'm gonna have them look at the transmission again. I don't care what those morons say, it's still not shifting right. And they better not try to blame it on the cold weather this time. What cold weather? It's 87 degrees out, and this thing is shifting like a garbage truck, and I paid those incompetent thieves \$600. And Elaine is thinking: He's angry. And I don't blame him. I'd be angry, too. I feel so guilty, putting him through this, but I can't help the way I feel. I'm just not sure. And Roger is thinking: They'll probably say it's only a 90- day warranty. That's exactly what they're gonna say, the scumballs.

And Elaine is thinking: maybe I'm just too idealistic, waiting for a knight to come riding up on his white horse, when I'm sitting right next to a perfectly good person, a person I enjoy being with, a person I truly do care about, a person who seems to truly care about me. A person who is in pain because of my self-centered, schoolgirl romantic fantasy.

And Roger is thinking: Warranty? They want a warranty? I'll give them a warranty. I'll take their warranty and stick it right up their .....

"Roger," Elaine says aloud.

"What?" says Roger, startled.

"Please don't torture yourself like this," she says, her eyes beginning to brim with tears. "Maybe I should never have . . Oh, I feel so....."

(She breaks down, sobbing.)

''What?'' says Roger.

"I'm such a fool," Elaine sobs. "I mean, I know there's no knight. I really know that. It's silly. There's no knight, and there's no horse."

"There's no horse?" says Roger.

"You think I'm a fool, don't you?" Elaine says.

"No!" says Roger, glad to finally know the correct answer.

"It's just that . . . It's that I . . . I need some time," Elaine says.

(There is a 15-second pause while Roger, thinking as fast as he can, tries to come up with a safe response. Finally he comes up with one that he thinks might work.) "Yes," he says.

(Elaine, deeply moved, touches his hand.)

"Dh, Roger, do you really feel that way?" she says.

'What way?'' says Roger.

"That way about time," says Elaine.

"Oh," says Roger. "Yes."

(Elaine turns to face him and gazes deeply into his eyes, causing him to become very nervous about what she might say next, especially if it involves a horse. At last she speaks.)

"Thank you, Roger," she says.

"Thank you," says Roger.

Then he takes her home, and she lies on her bed, a conflicted, tortured soul, and weeps until dawn, whereas when Roger gets back to his place, he opens a bag of Doritos, turns on the TV, and immediately becomes deeply involved in a rerun of a tennis match between two Czechoslovakians he never heard of. A tiny voice in the far recesses of his mind tells him that something major was going on back there in the car, but he is pretty sure there is no way he would ever understand what, and so he figures it's better if he doesn't think about it.

The next day Elaine will call her closest friend, or perhaps two of them, and they will talk about this situation for six straight hours. In painstaking detail, they will analyze everything she said and everything he said, going over it time and time again, exploring every word, expression, and gesture for nuances of meaning, considering every possible ramification. They will continue to discuss this subject, off and on, for weeks, maybe months, never reaching any definite conclusions, but never getting bored with it, either.

Meanwhile, Roger, while playing racquetball one day with a mutual friend of his and Elaine's, will pause just before serving, frown, and say: "Norm, did Elaine ever own a horse?"





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# HARVEST HOME GROUPS... GET CONNECTED!

#### <u>DOWNTOWN</u> THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leaders/Hosts: Larry & Holly PENNER When: Every Thursday Time: 6:30-8:30pm Contact: 778-363-4700



#### YOUNG ADULTS WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leader/Host: Florian RAHN When: Every Wednesday Address: 961 Calona Street Time: 6:30pm Contact: 250-300-0156



#### LOWER MISSION WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00PM

Leaders: Carol TURKO & Louise GRIM Host: Anna Retzlaff When: Every Wednesday Address: Aberdeen Estates Clubhouse 1120 Guisachan Road (*near #29*) Time: 6:30-9:00pm Contact: 250-469-2444

# VERNON/ARMSTRONG THURSDAYS 6:00PM Leaders/Hosts: Barry & Barbara

Leaders/Hosts: Barry & Barbara BRAITHWAITE When: Every Thursday Time: 6:00-8:00pm Contact: 403-688-4623



#### <u>PENTICTON</u> WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leaders/Hosts: Abe & Cathy HARDER When: Every Wednesday Address: 270 White Lake Rd. Kaleden Time: 7:00-9:00pm Contact:778-559-3067

#### <u>RUTLAND</u> <u>THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM</u>

Leaders: Jakob & Lilly RAHN Hosts: Alain & Jane Tremblay When: Every Thursday Address: 185 Dell Rd., Kelowna

IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF A HOME GROUP, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TIMES AND LOCATIONS, YOU CAN REACH OUT TO *KURT WITT* AT

KUFT@THEHAFVEST.CA OF HOLLY PENNEF AT FFEEDOMTOSOAF@ME.COM

#### QUAIL RIDGE WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leaders/Hosts: Steve & Karen HORTON When: Every Wednesday Address: 2142 Capistrano Crescent Time: 7:00-9:00pm Contact: 250-826-3438



KURT & TRISHA WITT Pastoral care



#### <u>BLACK MOUNTAIN</u> WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leaders/Hosts: Dan & Juanita GOSHULAK When: Every Wednesday Time: 6:30-8:30pm Contact: 250-765-8501



#### <u>WEST KELOWNA</u> THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leaders: Glen & Nina MERCHANT Host: Rene McKee When: Every Wednesday Address: 2580 Tuscany Dr. West Time: 6:30-8:30pm Contact: 249-878-9225

#### LOWER MISSION THURSDAYS @ 6:30PM

Leaders/Hosts: Shane & Cynthia CASAVANT When: Every Thursday Time: 6:30-8:30pm Contact: 250-765-1671

#### LAKE COUNTRY TUESDAYS @ 7:00PM

Leaders & Hosts: Duane & June ALEXANDER When: Every Tuesday Address: 2897 Robinson Road Time: 7:00-9:00pm Contact: 778-583-5863





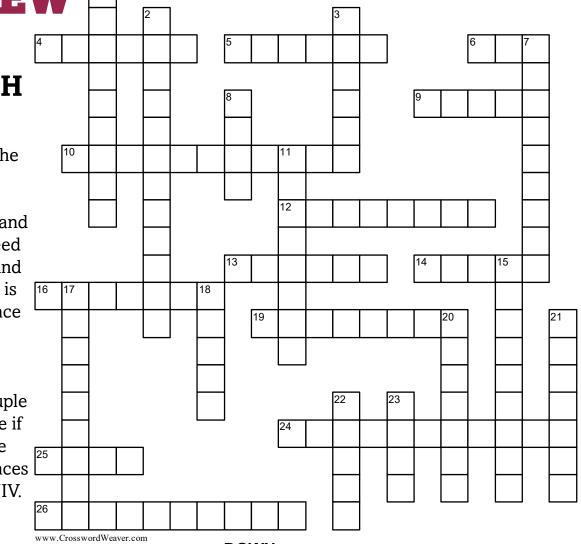


# BOOK OF THE MONTH

For this month of February, lets read the book of Matthew.

It helps us to understand who Jesus is. We need to know Him more and understand who He is and what His influence was on the world around him.

Read it through a couple of times and then see if you can answer the questions. All references are taken from the NIV.



#### ACROSS

- **4** They had 5 of these and 2 fish to feed many (Matt 14)
- 5 Jesus said be shrewd as these (Matt 10)
- 6 All things are possible with Him.
- 9 The one who betrayed Jesus.
- **10** The road is broad that leads here (Matt 7)
- 12 These will be shown mercy (Matt 5)
- **13** Jesus entered Jerusalem riding this. (Matt 21)
- 14 We must pick this up to follow Jesus (Matt 16)
- **16** This is plentiful but workers are few (Matt 9)
- **19** She requested the head of John (Matt 13)
- 24 These will be called the children of God (Matt 5)
- 25 The demons wanted to go in here (Matt 8)
- 26 Do not pray like these people (Matt 6)

DOWN

- **1** This against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matt 12)
- 2 We must forgive this many times (Matt 18)
- 3 Store up your treasures here (Matt 6)
- 7 We are to make these of all nations (Matt 28)
- 8 A wise man builds his house on this (Matt 7)
- **11** His name means "God with us" (Matt 1)
- **15** John called them a Brood of Vipers (Matt 3)
- **17** Jesus gave his disciples this (Matt 10)
- **18** Peter denied Jesus this many times.
- 20 The Son of Man is Lord of this (Matt 11)
- 21 This was John's main protien source (Matt 3)
- 22 The centurion had a great amount of this. (Matt 8)
- 23 These are to bury the dead (Matt 8)

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