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*Caring for children around the world*

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## SUNDAY LINE FELLOWSHIP "Church In The Park"

*White Rock/South Surrey, BC*



"We have too much fun and we hope it goes into the envelope and they will feel the joy," said Emma as she folded and placed yet another letter into its envelope. "Getting stuffed never felt so good!" added her husband, Paul.

We love the Lord and we love each other, we are family, merry hearts, disciples and servants of the Lord were other descriptive phrases that passed around the table during the morning as the Sunday Line Fellowship volunteers prepared mail to be sent to hundreds of people across Canada.

The Fellowship arm of Sunday Line began in a home just over a year ago. We now meet in the

Sunnyside Community Hall in the beautiful Bakerview Park of South Surrey calling the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning gathering "Church in the Park". Please worship with us when in the area at **1845 154 Street.**

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# HAS THE GOSPEL FAILED?

Key Scripture: Romans 1:16

*“The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”*

After nearly 2000 years of having the gospel preached are the churches throughout the world multiplying with great rapidity? Are the churches more crowded and more influential than ever? Are professed Christians more consecrated, spiritual, and benevolent than ever before? Are Christian men and women taking their beliefs into their work place and social lives as never before?

Are more young men and women giving themselves to ministry and missionary work? Are missionary societies overflowing with great surpluses of cash? Have our churches no problem in meeting their financial needs?

Have the cities become thoroughly Christianized, so that today worldliness and sin is largely unknown in them? Is Christianity growing as rapidly as the birthrate?

Are the nations beating their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks? Are the prisons, penitentiaries and houses of correction empty? Do cities no longer have need for police and courts of justice? Are the governments free from corruption and political abuse? Are there fewer divorces than in previous generations?

To ask these questions is to answer them. The question we must then ask: Is the Gospel a failure?

In Matthew 13:1-52 Jesus uses parables to describe the times we are living in today.

In the parable of “*The Sower*” we find that only ¼ of the seed sown fell into good soil, grew up, and brought forth good fruit.

In the parable of the “*Wheat and Tares*” we find that the wheat and the tares grow side by side until the harvest time when the angel reapers will gather out the tares and burn them after the wheat has been safely fathered into the heavenly barn.

In the parable of the “*Mustard Tree*” we see how the visible church is sought as a roosting place by the birds of the air, and the emissaries of Satan (Matt. 13:4, 19) lodge in its branches, not for shelter but rather to pollute and infiltrate the tree.

In the parable of the “*Leaven*” we see the spread of “*Evil Doctrine*” in the Christian Church. Leaven in scripture is always a symbol of evil. It is not a type of the gospel because the gospel does not spread itself, while leaven does. It is clear that false doctrine will prevail in the Church in the last days.

In the parable of the “*Dragnet*” we see that at the close of the age instead of the whole sea of humanity being in the gospel net, only a small proportion will be caught, and not all will be good.

From these parables we see that it is not the intention of the Gospel to convert the whole world before Jesus returns.

So the question is: Has the Gospel failed? And the answer is: **NO!!!** The Gospel has not failed because it was never God’s intention to convert the whole world.

So what was God’s intention? The answer is simply this: to gather out an Elect Bride for His Son “Jesus”.

While we cannot know the exact date of the Lord's return we can know when it is near, by the signs of the times.

In 2nd Peter 3:3-4 we read: **"That there shall come in the Last Days scoffers, walking after their own lusts."**

In 2nd Thess. 2:3 we are told that **"...the Day of the Lord shall not come except there comes a falling away first."**

In 2nd Peter 2:1-2 we are warned against False Teachers who shall come and even deny Jesus as Lord.

In 2nd Timothy 4: 3-4 the apostle Paul warns that **"the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."**

In 1st Timothy 4:1 we are warned of the departure of faith.

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Paul writes that **"People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God - having a form of godliness but denying its power."**

In James 5:1-6 we are told that in the last days there will be a class of rich men who shall have heaped treasure who shall use their ill-gotten gain in the pursuit of pleasure.

In Rev. 3:14-22 we have a description of the last stage of the professing Church which is neither hot nor cold, and claim to be rich with increased goods and have need of nothing... and even Jesus will be standing outside the church door knocking and asking whether He can come in.

In Luke 17:26-30 Jesus compared this time to the days of Noah where they ate, drank,

married, bought, sold, planted and built houses. The sin was not in doing them but rather that they were doing nothing else.

Jesus also compared these days to the days of Lot. The church is a type of Lot living alongside the wicked before God sends down his wrath to remove the true Church in the rapture.

Once the Church is caught out, the world will finally realize that the gospel had not failed and by its very own actions has brought condemnation upon itself for all eternity. Be encouraged dearly beloved, ***the gospel will never fail!!!!***

**Let us therefore keep praying for our loved ones, keep asking, keep seeking, and keep knocking!**

*Thank you for your giving.*

*Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Roman*



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As a fellowship of like-minded believers we want to have a heart and passion to make a difference in our world and community by displaying the love of Jesus Christ, we want to develop a new generation of donors for the ongoing support of the mission outreaches of Sunday Line, we want to teach, train and equip a new generation of leaders who will continue the ministry and mission of Sunday Line and who will make new disciples for Jesus Christ both locally and internationally.



## MISSIONS FEST VANCOUVER JANUARY 2014

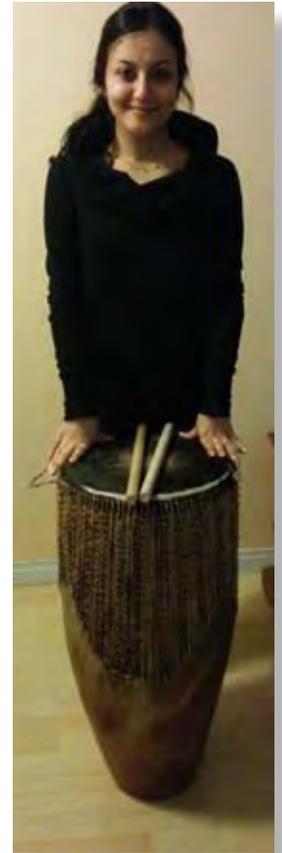
The Sunday Line booth during Missions Fest weekend is always a great place to highlight our mission's partners as we talk and connect with hundreds of youth and adults who walk through the Hall.



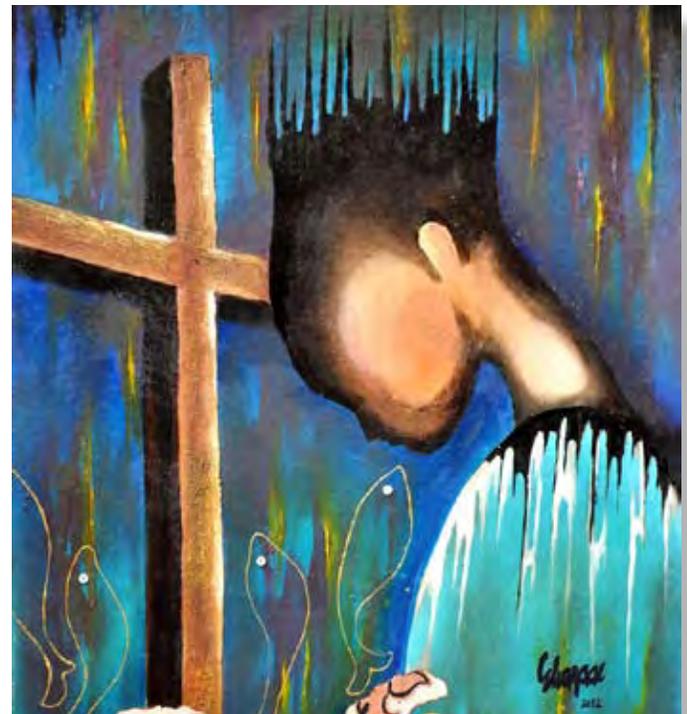
**Note: March 11-22 Dan and Mardell, Sunday Line Administration, and Jamie and Linda, Sunday Line bookkeeper, will visit and experience the life and scope of ministry of our Watoto mission partners in Uganda.**

## A Birthday Gift from God: UGANDAN DRUM

"I think this is my birthday gift from God," said Marziye when she won the draw for the Ugandan Watoto drum from the Sunday Line booth. "I am from Iran. Though the name in my passport is Marziye everybody calls me Ghazal which means 'deer'. I was born in a Muslim family. I became a Christian 13 years ago. I came to Canada 4 months ago because it was very difficult to worship or to go to church in my country. I am a painter and architect. I am 31 years old. I am excited to receive this gift. I went to Missions Fest two days ago on my birthday. I think it is my birthday gift from God to welcome me to my new country.



Thank you for praying for me. Life in Canada is difficult for me but I know God is with me."



*Ghazal's painting, entitled "Jesus"*