

The Gospel Sign Report

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"For we are labourers together with God..." I Corinthians 3:9

Gospel Text Mission overseers are busy checking and calling the people who have signs on their property. Already new signs have been placed and others repainted. Contracts for two rental signs, Warton highway 6 and Woodstock highway 2 have been renewed. God has provided new workers who are helping to place these signs. Continue to pray for our volunteers who give of their time and finances, who witness and give out the Word of God, who love the Lord and pray daily for the lost souls. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Florence Junop

"Nothing shall be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

NEW SIGNS PLACED 2018



Oneida Reservation



Oneida Fellowship Church



Massey, ON along highway 17

"Looking for the blessed hope "Titus 2:13
This sign 10'x20' has been at this location for many years. This winter our volunteers waited until the Beaver dam was frozen and then did the necessary repair. The railway that runs in front was closed for many years but has been reopened. As the men were finishing a man stopped and shared the following. "When I was a little boy I saw the sign and later met Brother and Sister Brubacher. After years I accepted Christ as my Saviour. The verse on the sign when I was young was "God wants you" and a picture of a finger pointing at me."

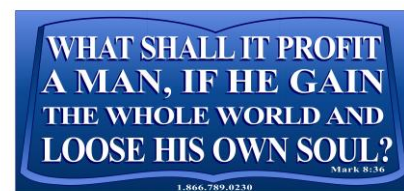
NEW DISTRIBUTORS – NEW BRUNSWICK



Jerry and Maria Osborne

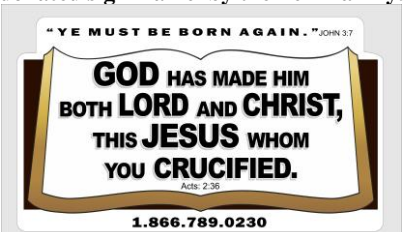
Jerry's testimony – I was miserable, angry, hated being with people, and going to church. I tried reading the Bible but it didn't mean anything. While it didn't bother me to hear the name Jesus Christ in prayers, hymns, sermons, etc. I felt uncomfortable hearing Jesus Christ in everyday life. I would break out in cold sweat. Then one Sunday in 2002 I went to church. A guest speaker spoke about accepting Jesus Christ into our life. Christ died for our sin. He asked if anyone would be willing to make Him their Lord and Saviour. I raised my hand. Then we were asked to come forward for prayer. I did. Together we prayed, repenting of my sin and confessing that I believed Jesus died for my sin. Everything changed. I was forgiven. Bible study and sharing Jesus was now a big part of my life. When we moved to New Brunswick, I desired to give up my engineer career and serve our Lord full time through our church and other ministries. One ministry was Gospel Text. We have had signs on our front yard for several years and heard some interesting testimonies. When we became aware of the opening to serve Gospel Text Mission as distributor in New Brunswick we knew God opened up the door for us to expand our ministry of evangelism. Many people believe that God's word has faded and is a thing of the past, but it is as relevant today as when the Holy Spirit inspired the 40 authors to write it. Welcome to GTM.

NEW SIGNS BEING PLACED - 2018

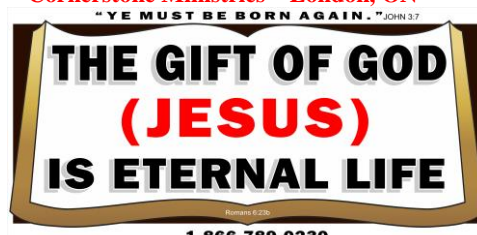


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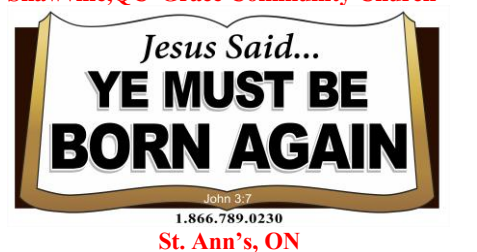
A 8'x12' alumaplast sign is going on a donated sign frame by the Fehr family.



Cornerstone Ministries – London, ON



Shawville, QC–Grace Community Church



St. Ann's, ON

Gospel Text Bookstore (1953-2018)

In 1953 Gospel Text Mission opened the Gospel Text Bookstore in Chatham to provide financial support for placing gospel signs. For sixty five years, the bookstore has been managed by the Schwandt family. However, sales began decreasing when Bibles and Christian literature became available by Internet. This spring the Board of Directors decided to close the store. The 65 year journey has been a blessing to many people. Each of the staff over the years worked as unto the cause of serving Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Gospel Text Mission Board of Directors we thank both the Schwandt family and staff who have worked in the bookstore. We want to express our appreciation for all the hours and extra labour of love they have provided. God bless you.



Wayne & Helen Schwandt 2018



Staff present & past 2018



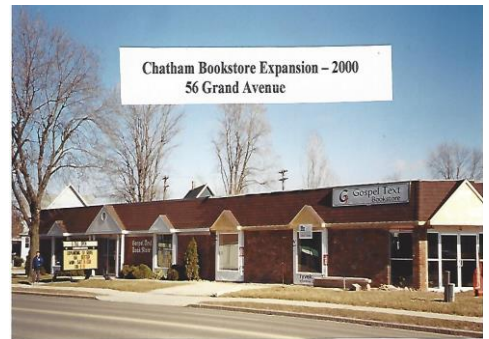
**Alice Schwandt
1954 - 2002**



**Wayne & Helen Schwandt
2002 – 2018**



**29 King Street
1st location**



**56 Grand Avenue
2nd location**

Gospel Text Mission was organized as a non-profit mission in 1950 and directed by Enos Brubacher. In 1946 the Brubachers owned Light and Life Bookstore in Elmira, Ontario which was the first of five bookstores established between 1946 and 1954. These stores provided the financial base for Gospel Text Mission to make Bible text signs for church buildings, buses, homes and along highways across Canada and later United States. In 1953 the Brubacher family moved to Chatham and donated the Elmira bookstore to Gospel Text Mission. The store opened first on 29 King Street and later moved to 56 Grand Avenue. The Brubachers met the Schwandt family at Emmanuel Baptist Church which grew into a life time friendship. Since the Chatham bookstore showed the greatest potential the Mission decided to close the other four bookstores. In 1954 the Mission hired Alice Schwandt to manage the Chatham bookstore. In 2002 Alice Schwandt retired and her son Wayne and wife Helen were hired as managers. In 1989, due to government regulations, the store became an independent non-profit. We give God the honour and glory for the many years the store revenue provided the funds to put up gospel signs. When all the financial transactions are complete, Gospel Text Bookstore has designated the remaining revenue to go to Gospel Text Mission. We know that God has a perfect plan for the bookstore staff and the ministry of Gospel Text.



It has been a delight working together

TIP: If you wish to enlarge a picture, click 2x on photo go to format and then to size and enlarge.

RENTAL SIGNS

NEW Rental Sign contracts - Wiarton and Woodstock - 2018 to 2020

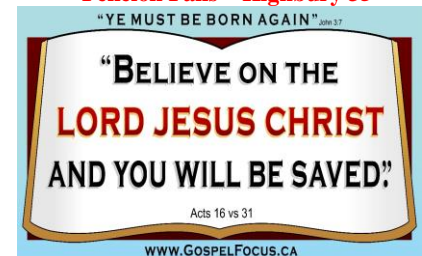
Warton – Highway 6



Woodstock – Highway 2



Fenelon Falls – Highbury 35



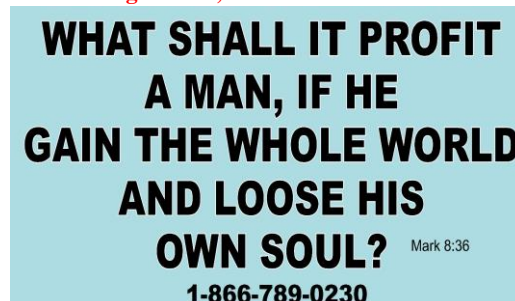
Highbury, between London & St. Thomas



Wellington Ave, between London & St. Thomas



Exeter, ON (highway 4)



London North (Highbury Ave -100 Mile Rd)

God is working behind each sign and witness. Those that pass by and read the Word of God are now without excuse.

IN MEMORIAL

We extend our sympathy to family and friends of Arnold Martin, Cambridge, ON nephew of Gospel Text Mission founder, Enos Brubacher. A faithful servant.

Remember Gospel Text Mission In your will

Let your legacy continue to "HOLD FORTH the WORD of Life"

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Our motto is "Holding forth the Word of Life" Philippians 2:16

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