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2017 - THE TIPPING POINT

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Throughout history there have been crucial events that have changed the course of a nation, a culture and even the entire world. Of course, Adam and Eve's disobedience ushered in the most earth-shaking event of all, as all creation from that point on has felt the consequences of their decision. The Cross was the next world-changing event, as it allowed mankind to be reconciled to God and gave us HOPE for our eternal future.

Over the ensuing centuries, other critical happenings impacted the world so extensively that entire cultures were forever affected; our way of life totally changed, and mindsets were radically altered. Take, for instance, the abolishment of slavery, the introduction of electricity, the invention of motor vehicles, airplanes, and the internet. Each of these events and discoveries changed how we do life.

Far more importantly, spiritual events like the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, the Welsh Revival, the Great Awakening in America and Azusa Street revival all impacted society so greatly that thousands were swept into the Kingdom, and their long-term effects are still being felt today.

I would call each of these significant events *tipping points* in history. I believe we will eventually recognize this decade as a major *tipping point* in time. Not only has a new mindset concerning same-sex marriage, abortion, assisted suicide and gender identity choice become an accepted part of most nations' social and moral codes, but sadly, it has crept into the so-called Christian Church as well. When these subjects were first raised, most churches

took strong stands against them, but eventually less and less opposition was heard. Now many churches have not only become silent, but in many cases are accepting these satanic practices as "normal". God help us!

Thank God that there are still voices "crying in the wilderness" as John the Baptist did, calling sinners to repentance and believers to a renewed passion and purpose in God. Bill Prankard and Steven Carleton are two of those voices. They see the year 2017 as a *tipping point* for Canada. Ungodly social and moral decisions are now being mandated politically, putting pressure on believers to not just become "tolerant" of behavior that blatantly opposes Scripture, but to embrace and celebrate it. In addition, youth suicide has become more than an isolated northern issue in Canada; it is an epidemic among the younger generation. Satan has assaulted young minds, telling them they are worthless and without hope. Bill and Steven are spreading a much different message – a message of Healing and Hope through the love of Jesus Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

In recent interviews Steven and Bill shared their perspectives on the state of the nation and what God has called them to do. Here is a sample of the kinds of things they were asked:

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BILL PRANKARD:

Q. Bill, you've been ministering for fifty years now, primarily in Canada, although you also have a mission focus in Arctic Russia, and occasionally go to other nations. How has ministry changed for you, particularly in this past decade?

A. *From the beginning, my MESSAGE has never changed – "Jesus loves you and wants you to have abundant life – spirit, soul and body." However, as culture has changed drastically, I recognized my METHODS must also change. We must also address the issues that bombard us and we must show people that God's Word is as relevant today as it has always been. It is so encouraging to have Steven Carleton working alongside me, sharing both ministry responsibilities as well as directing our Arctic Hope work in the north. The merging of generations and anointings is powerful! Steven's testimony and message of healing and hope is touching young hearts, especially among Inuit youth, and is demonstrating to them that Jesus is alive and working on their behalf.*

Q. God has obviously called you, since the two passions you carry – healing, and calling the Church back to its roots – are not the most popular subjects today. Does that discourage you, or does it challenge you to keep pressing forward?

A. *In 1972 I had a vision of Canada in total revival, with every province covered in the glory of God. I knew that is what God intends to do and I knew that is what I was to give my life to. I still believe He will do it, and I'm encouraged as I see an army of God's people, young and old, rising up across the nation, carrying His anointing and reaching out with His love.*



Bill & Gwen being recognized for 50 years of full-time ministry

Q. What are the missing ingredients in the Church today, and how do you think that can change?

A. *Two things are missing: Vision and Passion. Both come through a fresh encounter with Holy Spirit. This coming year, in our meetings across the nation, it is our goal to create an atmosphere where people have another*

Upper Room experience, then go out with vision and passion and filled with the Spirit's power, to turn the world upside down!

Q. After fifty years you are still going strong. Will you ever slow down, and what happens if and when you do?

A. *The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada recently honoured Gwen and I for completing 50 years of full-time ministry. In some ways, I feel like we have just begun. I feel fresh fire in my bones and, as long as God gives me strength, I intend to continue to spread this fire throughout our nation. I am loving what I do! And as Steven takes on increasingly more ministry responsibilities, I believe BPEA's impact and effectiveness will just continue growing.*

STEVEN CARLETON:

Q. Steven, God is using you powerfully to not only minister with Bill across Canada, but He has also called you to bring healing and hope to the youth of Nunavut. Many of them, like you, as a young Inuk man, suffered sexual abuse. Most of them have endured other traumas as well. How do you use your testimony to encourage them?

A. *Testimonies are powerful tools to communicate and encourage the hearer to believe that God can do impossible things for them too. My testimony of overcoming sexual abuse has been a lifeline for some, and a seed of hope for other teenagers and parents alike in Nunavut. I share my story at the community's high school first, because that is where most of the youth are, and then invite them to hear me speak at the churches afterward.*



Steven and Becky Carleton with their daughters, Claire and Ada (and one on the way!)

Q. *You and your wife, Becky, introduced the Arctic Hope Project to Nunavut over three years ago. Explain in a nutshell what the Arctic Hope Project is, who your team is, and how it is affecting the young people you've reached so far.*

A. *The Arctic Hope Project is a spiritually-based suicide prevention initiative we developed and introduced to Nunavut. We have a small but highly effective all-Inuit team. Tagak Curley, one of the founding fathers of Nunavut, shares the teaching of the leadership development part of the course with me, and my mother, Reepa Evic-Carleton, who is a qualified counselor, conducts healing workshops with the Inuit young people. Typically, we begin with a youth conference, where many young people encounter Jesus personally, then we transition into the counseling and leadership development courses. We have seen young people who were previously suicidal experience the loving, healing power of Jesus, and witness their lives being completely turned around!*

Q. *This year you expanded the scope of Arctic Hope by introducing the Anaana Project to the Arctic, as*

well as extending the Arctic Hope Project to other communities besides Cape Dorset. You also facilitated a children's program for kids. Where did you do these outreaches, and how did it go?

A. *This summer we conducted a major outreach in my Inuit family's hometown, Pangnirtung, on Baffin Island, and introduced the*

first Anaana Project, which incorporates counselling, ministry and practical help for young Inuit mothers. I was really encouraged to see so many young moms participate and receive from God. In the Arctic, grandmothers often 'adopt' their daughters' newborn babies because the teenagers aren't able to provide for the child, so it was rewarding to see both young mothers and grandmothers coming throughout the week to receive baby supplies and other practical gifts that were so generously provided by women throughout the Eastern Ontario and Nunavut District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Another team conducted children's meetings to reach as many little ones with the Good News as possible, and at the same time, we conducted the Arctic Hope Leadership Development Course for youth, with the blessing of the mayor and MLA of the region. In one of the services, the local leaders welcomed us as we ministered to the youth and helped them see the leadership potential God has placed within them. One AHP student had recently lost both his father and grandfather to suicide, yet night after night he could be seen seeking God, as he drew strength and comfort from the Lord for his loss. Like many of us, he realized that true strength comes from our strong Jesus. He is moving and changing lives in Pangnirtung!

Q. What are your plans for the rest of this year and 2018?

A. *We have groundbreaking and exciting plans for the coming year. I will be visiting every Nunavut community that has a high school, where I will share my testimony at the school, minister at the churches, and believe for hundreds of Inuit youth across Nunavut to receive healing and hope! This is an aggressive undertaking, as there are more than 25 communities spread over two time zones and thousands of kilometres.*



Anaana project and VBS in Pangnirtung



extreme pressure on one hand. The enemy says, "Face it – the world is changing and we have to adapt in order to stay relevant." On the other hand, God

Q. What does it mean to you to know partners are standing with you?

A. *I can't adequately describe how much our partners prayers mean to me. They really are the 'gasoline to our engines', the 'wind under our wings', as they partner with the Holy Spirit and us to see lives transformed by the power of God. Pangnirtung's MLA, who represents the Nunavut government, said I had his attention because the Arctic Hope Project is "a privately funded initiative", designed to stop suicide. That "private funding" – your partnership - rather than government aid, allows us to openly offer Jesus as the solution to suicide. Our partners are God's hands, moving on the youth of Nunavut!*

As believers we MUST awaken to the fact that the Church in Canada is at a *tipping point* this very moment. Suicide is rampant; cultural, social and moral decline, along with spiritual apathy, are causing

has already spoken: ***"Arise, shine for your Light (your fire) has come...for behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and DEEP DARKNESS the people; But the LORD will arise over you and HIS GLORY will be seen upon YOU!"*** (Isaiah 60:1,2). Let's see the *tipping point* fall in favour of Jesus!

The cure for darkness is Light! *You* are the light of the world. Jesus must shine brightly through *you*! We can see the tide change - the pendulum swing back to God - if believers will arise and let their light shine for Jesus. It's time to take your stand for righteousness in your family, your church and in the nation!

As you partner with BPEA you become a part of a movement of dedicated and passionate Christians, determined to see Canada, including the north, saved and set on fire by the power of the Holy Spirit. God bless you as you help us spread the Good News and call our nation back to God. The *tipping point* can be reversed as you pray, give and go!

Canada Shall Be Saved!