



“Praise God for His leading!”

OUR NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Board of Fairhaven Ministries, Canada is pleased to announce that after nearly a year of searching for an Executive Director to replace Len Frank we have had our prayers answered and have extended a call to Tony Schnare to fill the position. We are so thankful for all of you that have prayed with us as we sought the person God has to lead our ministry to the next stage.

Tony and his wife, Gwen, currently live in Caronport, Saskatchewan where he has been serving at Briercrest College and Seminary for 20 years. Tony brings with him a passion for Christian leaders expressed in his roles as Associate Dean of Seminary Students, Director of Counselling and Health Services, and faculty teaching in the area of Marriage and Family Counselling. Refined through their own challenging pastoral experiences, Tony and Gwen share a ministry of hospitality on campus to seminary students preparing for ministry and those returning to ministry following further education. He also carries a private counselling practice and facilitates the Saskatchewan Prostitution Offender Intervention Program as part of his calling to live out the gospel in our contemporary society.



GWEN & TONY SCHNARE

Tony comes to us with a wealth of relevant knowledge and vocational experience which we believe will serve our Fairhaven guests very, very well. He has been to Fairhaven numerous times and shares a deep passion for the ministry we have been delivering for many years. It has been wonderful to see how God has prepared him for this calling. We have sensed God's leading throughout the entire process.

Tony will begin in June 2015 once he has completed his responsibilities at Briercrest. We are thankful that Len has been so flexible when he started this process and he will, of course, be continuing to provide leadership until that time. With Tony, the Board is anticipating that Len will continue to be involved at Fairhaven thereafter and we are working to define that new role through this transitional year.

Praise God for His leading! We are excited about the future of Fairhaven and ask you to continue to pray for wisdom through this next year as we move forward and work out details. Pray for Tony and Gwen as they prepare to make the move and also that they “finish well” at Briercrest which is their heart's desire. Continue to pray for Len and Fay as they provide valued wisdom and direction for the future as well.

Ron Born, Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Directors

A RESPONSE FROM LEN & FAY FRANK

With full, thankful hearts, Fay and I welcome Tony & Gwen Schnare to the Fairhaven family. We are thrilled with the selection of Tony Schnare as Fairhaven's next Executive Director.

It is obvious to us that this will not be just a “job” for Tony who has been, for the past 20 years, happily serving in the great community of Briercrest. Fairhaven is a ministry that Tony has felt called to and it represents a passion that was stirred in his heart years ago. His vision for Fairhaven resonates with the course being laid out over the years.

We have appreciated the lengthy process of discernment that both Tony and our board have taken to come to the unanimous conclusion that Tony was God's choice. Our heartfelt thanks to the Board of Directors for their capable work in this discernment and selection process.

Though Tony will not be able to assume the leadership until June 2015, we will be keeping him “in the loop” over the next months.

We would ask that you join us in praying for Tony and Gwen as they prepare to separate from their Briercrest “family” and make the move to engage with Fairhaven. This change will also be an adjustment for their sons Jonathan (29) and Michael (22).

We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Tony and Gwen. We love and respect them so much already. One of our most delightful privileges will be to fully support Tony's leadership in every aspect.

Gwen will have an integral part to play in supporting Tony and using her giftedness in hospitality. She plans to continue her career as a nurse in the operating room. We are confident you will come to love and support Tony & Gwen as you have us over the years.

DEPARTURES:

After 21 months of service in the office as executive assistant, Jodi McKenzie completed her duties at Fairhaven on June 30. Jodi will be going back to school this fall to prepare for a rewarding career in a helping profession.

Also moving on after 9 months in housekeeping will be Robyn Howes. Robyn had the awesome responsibility to prepare the cottages for incoming guests.

We are grateful for the time and energy each of these ladies has offered in the respective fields.



HELEN BAERG

ARRIVAL:

We are pleased to welcome Helen Baerg to our Fairhaven team. Helen just recently moved to Vernon from Calgary and had purchased a home only seven minutes from Fairhaven.

Helen is an RN with experience in nursing and management. She has also worked at Kingsfold Retreat Centre with varied responsibilities. Helen will be assisting Fay with housekeeping as well as some of the guest services office work.

Welcome Helen!

HERMITAGE COTTAGE COMPLETED

It has been exciting to see our newest cottage receiving its first guests in June. Those who have experienced this unit have given it high commendation. It is a very comfortable and cozy cottage located in a peaceful corner of the development.



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

It is evident that God's hand is upon Fairhaven. This was seen so clearly in the process of succession which led to the selection of Tony Schnare who has a genuine heart for God and a clear vision and passion for Fairhaven. I would encourage each of us to continue in our prayers and financial support for this ministry.

I believe that God has a great future for Fairhaven.

One of the critical challenges will be to increase the size of our budget that we may be able to extend our sphere of influence and fulfill our mission more effectively.



HERMITAGE COTTAGE

So many people are a vital part of Fairhaven at various levels of involvement. Year by year, our Board of Directors has skillfully and faithfully provided the wisdom and oversight necessary to ensure this ministry operates with effectiveness and integrity.

After 14 years of dedicated service on the board, Peter Dubbeldam felt it necessary to resign because of his many other growing obligations. We have greatly appreciated the outstanding contributions Peter has made and will dearly miss his input.

Thank you Peter and Thelma for enriching our lives and ministry.

Let me take some liberty with Philippians 1:6

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in Fairhaven will carry it on to completion..."

Expectantly,

Len Frank

Executive Director