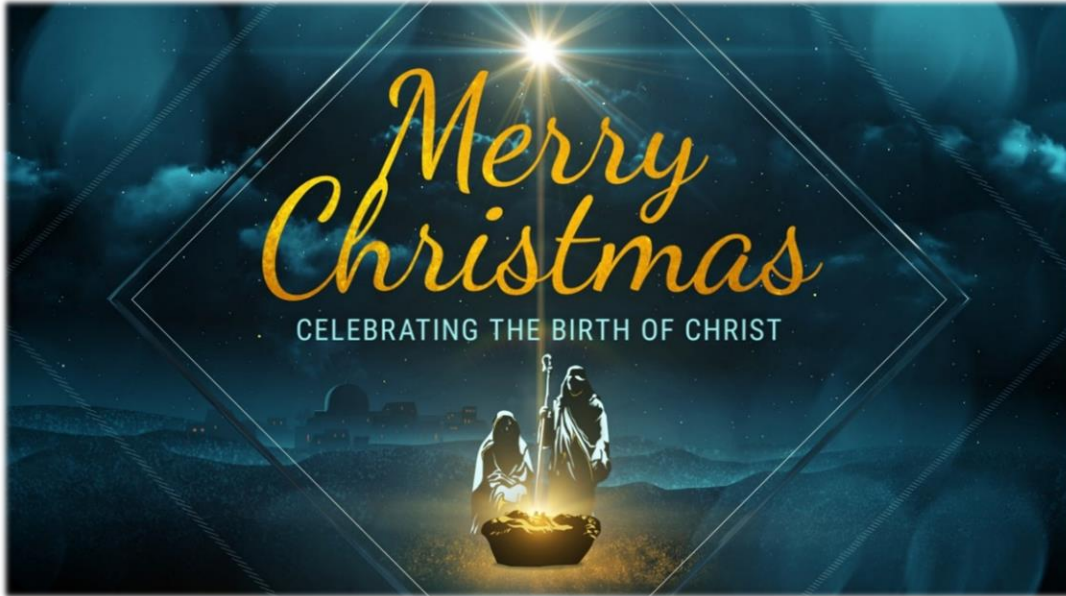




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Soul Winning With The Sealy's Newsletter

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A Twenty-Year-Old Ministry

“Let eloquence be flung to the dogs rather than souls be lost. What we want is to win souls. They are not won by flowery speeches.”

Charles Spurgeon

“Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things I say?”

Luke 6:46

“If the pulpit has no heart for the lost, neither will the pew.”

Frank Chirico

This fall Furtherance Ministries celebrates twenty years of ministry. The ministry is built upon the verse found in Philippians 1:12 *“But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.”*

The word *furtherance* means “pioneer advance”. It has the idea of an army of engineers who go into new territories to make a way for the troops to enter. The apostle dreamed of going to Rome to further the gospel message as a well-seasoned preacher. Instead, he ended up going as a well experienced prisoner.

He writes the book of Philippians from prison to set his readers straight. They no doubt thought that a prison sentence would hamper the gospel thrust, but Paul writes to assure them the time spent in jail was actually helping to spread the gospel.

I recently had the joy of visiting 119 homes and presented the gospel message to them. I had to cancel some meeting this fall because of health, but was able to help two small churches in my area with their outreach. God furthered the gospel despite my circumstances.



The “C’s of Christmas for the Furtherance Team

The first “C” is for Christ who made the second “C” possible. Christmas is about Christ, the promised Messiah, who came to save us from our sins. Why did He come? A creed was formed because of the council of Nicaea. Here is what I think is the Christmas part of that creed: “For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”

The third “C” is what is referred to as the big “C” and that is cancer. I have been officially diagnosed with prostate cancer. I have a scheduled MRI in January followed by another biopsy after which I will face some options as how to proceed. I had not been feeling well and actually had to cancel some meetings, which was very difficult for me. For those of you who know me, I would rather crawl to my meetings than cancel. Now I am going full speed again. The day the doctor broke the news to me she was watching my face to see my reaction. She did not know I had read these words in my Bible that morning **“Be still and know that I am God.”** (Psalm 55:10) At the announcement of cancer, a peace which passes all understanding swept over my entire being and I replied, “I am relieved.” I am relieved of all anxiety. I am relieved to have another opportunity to trust a God who has proven Himself faithful to me for some forty years. I am relieved that my times are in His hands. I was home from the doctor for some time when my wife asked me how the appointment went. I said, I’m sorry, I forgot to tell you I have cancer. I rest in the assurance that “The big “C” of Cancer is really not the big “C” at all. The big “C” is Christ who died my death and rose from the dead and has defeated all enemies including cancer. It is a win, win situation. God may choose to heal this cancer. Even with this cancer I may die a natural death. A trumpet could sound, I could be in heaven in the twinkling of an eye.



Furtherance Ministries began as a ministry in the fall of 1998, but was officially Incorporated as a Charitable Organization the following spring. Ed Sealy remains the director assisted by a board of six Godly men. The board is made up of pastors, lawyers, and professional people who all have a passion for souls.

Furtherance has had a fruitful ministry amongst our aboriginal people in Northern Quebec and Ontario. This has recently expanded across the land with a Canadian tour this past year. A Bible Camp has been established for Cree children, as well. We also minister in local churches across the land through various Outreach Ministries in and through the local church. The gospel is preached on radio, TV, the internet and printed page. We conduct seminars to prepare people to share their faith.

Our Vision Statement

1. To **Exhort** sinners to come to Christ
2. To **Encourage** the saints to manifest Christ likeness
3. To **Equip** the saints to share their faith

Furtherance now has its own office facility, which has become a real blessing. The building was given to Furtherance three years ago. We believe the value of the building to be approximately two hundred thousand dollars.

Only heaven knows how many people have been saved as a result of Furtherance. Many other people have surrendered to Christ and are now in ministry for the Lord. The Lord lead me to share a few daily thoughts on a Facebook video we call **“The Quiet Spot.”** The first 20 days we had 29.3 thousand post

contacts with more than 13 thousand people engaged with the posts. This means people listened, commented, or shared the posts with friends. Praise the Lord!

Not only are the methods of sharing the gospel changing, but our ways of financing this ministry is also changing. Many of our regular faithful givers have been promoted to heaven. There are fewer people filling the gaps than those leaving for glory. Despite this we have always been in the black since we started twenty years ago. Praise the Lord and thank you.

The music still continues to be used of God to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Le Mars, Iowa, this past August I was inducted into the American Hall of Fame. Our last recording "Winter Coat" was voted International CD of the year. We feel humbled by this.



Bob Everheart Presented Awards on the big stage.



International CD of the Year



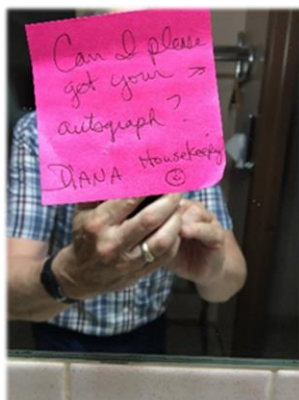
Hall of Fame Induction



On stage 5 times



Terry Smith who wrote Far Side Banks of Jordan



Housekeeping wants autograph



She gets Autograph, CD and the Gospel



Lloyd and Sue Bac. He is an artist to watch from Australia. They have become great friends.



Bathurst NB Project May 2019



I grew up outside this city of approximately 12,000 people many years ago. It harbored and nurtured me during the formative years of my life. Sadly, I was lost and involved in all the wrong things of life. The day after graduation I left this city for a trek into the business world. It was along this journey I found a treasure. It is the good news of how sin can be forgiven, and one can have eternal life now and hope beyond the grave through a personal relationship with Christ. I think it is time to share this message with my hometown.

I have set aside **May of 2019** to look at an Outreach. We are looking at a massive mailing of the message to every single home. In this mailing, will be an announcement to the times of various events to which the people will be invited. In this mailing, there will also be a website where they can get a free book. We have a great bilingual speaker from Quebec coming to join us. He will be coming to share the message in both French and English. The main thrust will be the week of **May 20-26, 2019**. There will be lots of activity on both sides of these dates. Do you hear the Macedonian cry? *“Come over into Macedonia (Bathurst) and help us. (Acts 16:9)*

What is required?

1. **Prayer Support** - Would churches place **“The Bathurst Project”** on your regular prayer list? Would you personally pray for this outreach? Let us know.
2. **Volunteers** - Who might consider setting aside these dates to come and be part of street work, counselling, passing out invitations, putting up signs, etc? You might want to come and take a working vacation in this city by the sea.
3. **Accommodations** - for the team.
4. **Financial support** - The current donations received are at \$4,500.
 - a. A one-time gift to **“The Bathurst Project”** would be much appreciated. You can give on our website through PayPal, E-Transfer, or cheque/money order.
 - b. A special church offering could be taken up for the project.
 - c. Left over money in a mission's fund can be directed to this project.

Gift Giving

A very special “Thank you” to all of you who have given to Furtherance Ministries over the past 20 years, both through support financially and prayerfully. This has enabled Furtherance to continue their ongoing vision of sharing the gospel to a lost world.

Ways you can make a donation to the Ministry:

- **Cheque or Money Orders** – please make out to Furtherance Ministries.
- **Post Dated Cheques** – people have opted to send post dated cheques, if they are planning on making ongoing donations. Cheques are deposited after specified date.
- **E-Transfers** – donations can be transferred directly from your bank account to Furtherance Ministries by using email address furtheranceoff@gmail.com . Please notify us with the answer to your security question you create.
- **PayPal** – You can go to our website furtheranceministries.com and click on 'Make A Donation'. If you are using your own PayPal page, please use furtheranceoff@gmail.com email address to make your PayPal donation.

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On behalf of our family, heartfelt wishes for a Christ filled Christmas to you and yours.

Ed and Theresa Sealy

