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Dear Friends,

It was a year ago, Sunday when Myrlene and I arrived home from our 50th anniversary vacation and received the invitation to assume this position and lead the Fellowship through the transition to a new leader. It has been a steep learning curve but a great honour to work with the Senior Ministry Team, Regional Directors, Fellowship Pastors as well as people like you who have given so much to our Fellowship and our Lord.

God has been good as we think back over this year and see all that He is doing within our Fellowship. We have had two good meetings of the new "Fellowship Leadership Team", (the Senior Ministry Team and the Regional Directors) working together in collaboration to maximize our resources to assist our churches and regions. As the short version of our Mission statement says, "The Fellowship Serves, Regions Deliver and Churches Thrive". We long to see our churches healthy, growing and thriving in Kingdom business.

We are delighted with the progress being made in so many other areas:

- 92 churches across Canada involved in our 24/7 prayer initiative
- FEBMID and FEBCAST joining forces in a new region.
- Fellowship International and the Regions partnering in a new Urban Multicultural Church Planting initiative using the resources of our quality missionaries when home on furlough or in retirement to us their ability to help reach the millions God is bringing to Canada.
- The development of a new model of Servant Leadership for our Senior Ministry Team
- The successful progress of "Operation KickStart" the planting of 12 new churches this year.
- The progress towards bringing our operating budget to a balanced situation.
- The way our missionaries are becoming the arms of Jesus on the ground as they use our FAIR support to minister to people in the midst of crises. (In Japan our missionaries are ministering in "God Ways" to the people in their communities – In Pakistan, after the floods, more Muslim people attended the church than Christians as a result of the humanitarian aid we supplied)

Please continue to pray for the Lord to give us the godly servant leader of His choice to lead our Fellowship in the years ahead. We do prayerfully trust that we will have the privilege of welcoming our new president at our convention (Fellowship 48) in November.

Thank you also for your faithful financial support for me during this year. It has been wonderful to see the financial support coming in and to sense the prayer support our Fellowship

In Christ and for His Kingdom,

Ernest Kennedy, Interim President

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