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Dear Parkview Church Family,

Recently in my devotions the following verse stood out:

Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy.

Psalm 61:1-3 NKJV

All of us have had that feeling over the past year of being **OVERWHELMED**. If you find yourself overwhelmed today, I want to encourage you. You have already made it this far and in some sense, you have overcome the worst of this pandemic. Keep going, God is with you, He is at work and He will help you. As the scripture says I want to encourage you to call out 'to the rock that is higher than I'. Call out to God, lean into God; He is a refuge and a strong tower in this storm. Many are grieving loss in this time, I want you to know that there is comfort and healing in God. **There are brighter days ahead – there is hope!**

As we walk through this summer season and then into the fall it would seem that we will be able to reopen more and more as a church. We look forward to this next season with excitement. At the same time, we will forever be changed by what we have come through, and this pandemic will continue to impact the world and our church. We must stay close to God. We must continue to fulfill the mission he has given us. We must remain flexible and agile as we navigate the next months and years ahead.

As we reopen there is a need for many to **join a team and serve** within the church to fulfill the vision and mission God has given us to reach our city for Jesus. Would you consider serving at Parkview? Would you lean into the mission of God here in the Guelph area? God wants to use you to touch and serve this community, in Jesus' name. If you would like more information about serving on a team at Parkview, please contact us (info@parkviewchurch.ca).

On behalf of the leadership of the church I want to recognize and commend you for your faithfulness in giving. Because of you, Parkview has been able to continue to meet our missions' partnership commitments. Because of you, Parkview has been able to invest in equipment to allow us to be online and in our community. Because of you, Parkview Church has been able to weather the storm of COVID-19. **Thank you, Church, for your faithfulness in giving to the Lord and His church.** I have asked our administrator to include your giving summary as of June 15, 2021. See also the church giving to date below.

A brief update on Parkview South campus: Pastor Terri continues to build community among the South Campus. We are looking to reopen at the theatre as soon as it is safe, and we have the go ahead from Cineplex and Public Health. Please continue to pray for this part of our city and for the Parkview South Campus. There are great days ahead!

God bless you Church,

Rev. David Slater Lead Pastor Parkview

A NOTE ABOUT MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS:

Please review our missions' partnerships here: www.parkviewchurch.ca/missions. Did you know that Parkview sponsors a partnership to Restricted Access Nations? What does that mean? There are several nations in the world where it is illegal to be a Christian, to own a Bible, or to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We sponsor a missionary family that trains and oversees many workers who minister in these countries, sharing the gospel, equipping national leaders, and building God's church. Your financial partnership is enabling the gospel to go ahead in these closed countries. Would you take time today to pray for this missionary and their family as they bring leadership to the Restricted Access Nation Region (RAN)? Thank you for giving to missions at Parkview.

CHURCH GIVING AS AT JUNE 15, 2021:

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
GENERAL	\$369,198.03	\$331,145.82
MISSIONS	\$20,140.91	\$28,050.00
BUILDING	\$7,853.61	\$25,322.94