



## **SOWER, Canada East NEWSLETTER**

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As the temperatures are rising; we step outside and say "Thank You Lord".

As Canada East SOWER volunteers, what else can we be thankful for? How about:

- 1) Ethnos Canada (Durham/Ontario) is now an accepted SOWER project ON-550. Ethnos is a residential training center for missionaries and their families, preparing to serve on the mission field. August (2022) is the only month available for SOWER volunteering. Reason: Ethnos is a residential missionary training center that provides on-site accommodations (including RV pads) for their students and families. The limited number of RV pads are reserved for their students' use months in advance; creating a challenge to accommodate SOWER volunteers this late in the 2022 season. The 2023 season looks more promising.
- 2) Elim Lodge Ministries (near Peterborough) has received its official approval as a SOWER Host ON-556. Elim is a family orientated Christian Retreat and Conference Centre on Pigeon Lake (Trent Water System)
- 3) Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre (Thamesford/ON) is in the beginning stages of their "Request for Assistance" application. FYI, the application process is a detailed procedure for the applicant, which takes time.
- 4) Word of Life (Owen Sound/ON) was compelled to withdraw their SOWER application due to a recent decision to start construction of a much needed 4-plex Student Accommodation Complex; requiring the demolition of their existing RV pads, leaving no option for the placement of SOWER units.
- 5) Thank you to the volunteer couples who committed to being Project Sponsor for our new and potentially upcoming project ministries.
- 6) Thankful for those Christian couples in our Canada East division who are in the Membership process.

- 7) My personal words of appreciation to our SOWER office staff and to our VP for mentoring (so patiently) your new Canada East Area Representatives.
- 8) Thankful to organizations such as One Hope Canada (OHC) who continue to express their appreciation for SOWER volunteer activities at their various facilities, such as MB-490 & MB-534. Since OHC ministries are nationwide, further SOWER expansion with OHC is promising within both the Canada East & West divisions. Check out their web page for the latest quarterly magazine (page 32-33 or 20 depending on which viewer your using) and see the SOWER insert that the OHC graphic department designed for us.

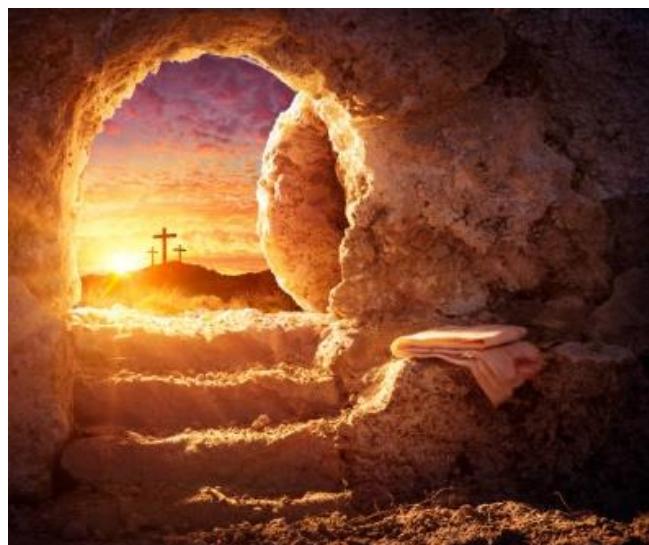
**Most importantly,  
we thank our Lord Jesus Christ  
As we enter this Easter Season,  
our thankfulness may be best expressed in the  
words of the song:**

Refrain:

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul,  
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.



**To which all His people replied, "AMEN"**



***He is Risen, He is Risen indeed***

# *“WORKATION”*

## WHAT IS IT?

It means “encompasses both work time and leisure time”. Isn’t that interesting?

A few days ago, while driving down the busy highway, I heard this term for the first time on a CBC nationwide radio commentary program.

The program started off with references to those in the workforce who have the option to work at home; then they take the liberty to extend their concept of “home” to include a place of relaxation (i.e.: on a sandy beach, soaking up the sun).

I was really surprised when the commentator switched the scenario to apply “workation” to retired individuals like you and I. He acknowledged that there’s many retirees who volunteer their labor & expertise to “worthwhile causes”. He applauded their activities.

It was at this time I realized that the show did **not** involve audience phone-in participation. I would have loved to have called in and presented the coupling of “Christian” to “workation”. It would have been a golden opportunity to promote SOWER on a highly rated, national radio show. But alas, this was not a talk show. My heart sank.

So, I ask, does the word “workation” have any merit? In my opinion, YES. Why can’t we make it a part of our SOWER vocabulary? When promoting SOWER membership to a prospective couple, use “workation” as a *hook* to *catch* their attention as you explain the opportunity for work ... “**SERVICE**” .... when integrated with “vacation”?

If the truth was to be told, many of us, especially Canadian “Snowbirds”, currently prefer to request projects in the southern regions during the times of our sometimes-harsh Canadian winters? Is this not a type of “workation”? On the flipside, what about those 6-7 comfortable months that we DO have in Canada? What are YOU doing during those months?

Now that we have two projects on stream, with the potential of a third, why not support a “home project” first, then make the “sunny south” as your alternate choice?



[www.facebook.com/groups/287961280404](https://www.facebook.com/groups/287961280404)

The Facebook membership group serves to keep our SOWER family connected, and to share the blessings that we both see and receive as we serve the LORD at our various ministry partners.

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### Noteworthy Internet Web Sites:

Ethnos Canada: <https://ethnos.ca>

Elim Lodge Ministries: <https://elimlodge.com/>

Maple Grove Christian Retreat: <https://maplegrovecrc.com>

One Hope Canada: <https://onehopecanada.ca>

**These 4 ministries can also be found on Facebook**

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### SOWER MINISTRY web page

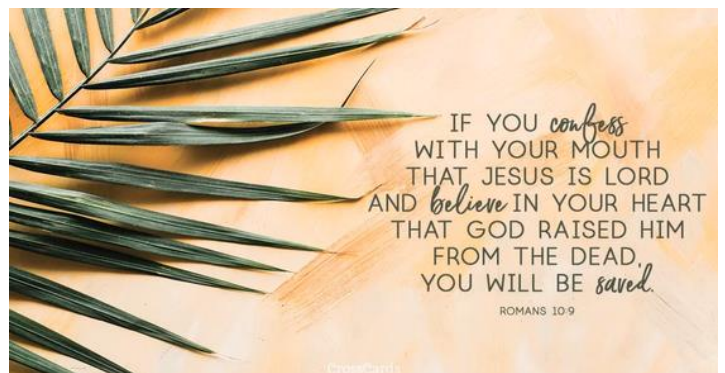
<https://www.sowerministry.org>

#### To view the latest Project Listing Sheet (PLS)

- ✓ SOWER Member Login Tab
- ✓ User Name: member
- ✓ Password: see the bottom of the inside cover of the Dec/Jan SOWERGRAM (current thru June 14<sup>th</sup>)

#### Membership Application Portal

- ✓ Contact Us tab / Membership
- ✓ Fill in the blanks
- ✓ Check “I’m not a robot” box
- ✓ Click SUBMIT



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‘til later:

*BLESSINGS*