

SOWER, Canada East NEWSLETTER

- ✓ Purpose: to stay in contact with & to encourage fellow members & alumni within the SOWER Canada East division
- ✓ Submissions, Suggestions & Comments are welcomed (subject to editing) at:

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written word

Once again, we're hearing from our "pool" of Canada East members. Last time we were challenged by our Alumni. Now, we're receiving responses from a couple of non-alumni members to "tell us about your experience(s) with Sower".

As you read the submissions, a passion for Christian Camps is evident. You will also see a "true case experience" regarding the benefits of "word of mouth" promotion, because this couple were introduced to the Sower Ministry by the same retiring couple that my wife and I were. Also, the fact that SOWERS reaches out to such a diversity of project opportunities; in that we as members are offered a "smorgasbord" of selections when reviewing the PLS, as we make our choice(s) of where the Lord is leading us to serve.

"Since 2002 we have always enjoyed Sower projects because we have never worked with anyone, nor met anyone who didn't think that Sower was a God given opportunity to serve God and man.

We are so very thankful knowing and hearing, time and again that our involvement is so much appreciated. We have been GL's many times, experiencing such

wonderful cooperation and togetherness amongst the Sower project groups.

As Sower volunteers, it's been our privilege to volunteer at a number of camps over the years, where the Christian message given to many of the children, was the first time they had ever heard of the Gospel of Jesus.

During our 12 years serving with the Mennonite Central Committee in foreign lands, we saw churches opening up. It was encouraging to see that the first things they did was to start a Children's camp. Unfortunately, those camps soon faced persecution and some were forced to close.

Our personal goals through Sower project participation have always been to assist in whatever way possible; be it through physical work, financial support, strong encouragement, or innovative ideas given to assist the camp in their ministry.

The impact of the Sower ministry on our lives has been wonderful. It has challenged us and opened our minds to the tremendous needs and challenges in our society these days.

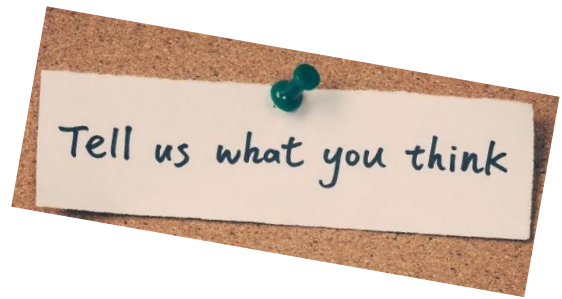
During the time yet available, we must support, encourage, and assist, whenever and wherever we can to help Christian Camps."

"We were first introduced to SOWERS by word of mouth by Henry and Stella. They had literature and a video for us to watch. We were hooked, but it took a few months to get organized and register as SOWERS. We have only served at 2 projects due to pandemic restrictions placed on travels, and then we dealt with health restrictions.

We considered the needs of the camps, the locations, whether their needs matched our skills. We chose to volunteer in the winter months because we have a home and yard requiring summer attention.

We went with the goal of being helpful wherever and however God led. This involved painting, concrete work, cleaning, carpentry work, yard work, preparing for and serving a multicultural meal and presentation of the Jesus Film. These tasks sometimes stretched us beyond our usual roles, and it was satisfying to see how our little contribution blended with what other volunteers brought. Working with other volunteers (Roamers) at Lake Placid was also a good experience where we all worshipped and worked shoulder to shoulder."





SOWER: CANADA EAST

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- Statistics
 1. Active Members = 8 (ON) 2 (NB)
 2. Alumni Members = 4 (ON) 1 (NB)
 3. Projects =
 - Active = zero
 - Applications in Process = 4
 4. Project Sponsors = 4 (backups required)
- Canada East newsletter is changing from a bi-monthly publication to “periodic”, and is going digital. Printed copies available on request.
- 57 promotional packets recently mailed to Southern Ontario churches and businesses.
- The new Canada East promotional banners received their inaugural use during presentations on three separate occasions to volunteers at Niagara Christian Gleaners. The response received was more than favorable.
- A new stock of promotional brochures has arrived from SOWER office; available to our Canada East members upon your request.

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 14th)

Membership Application Portal

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

Phase 1 of Canada East SOWER is progressing, with recruitment of new members now remaining our prime activity. However, the time will soon be upon us to prepare for the future and establish a Phase 2.

Question: “what would you like to see implemented for Canada East”?

To start with, can you please respond to these two questions:

- 1) Considering the dramatic rise in travel expenses, what is the furthest distance that you would currently travel to a SOWER project?
- 2) Are you more prone to support a Canadian SOWER project **and/or** a northern state American project that is closer to home, as compared to project(s) that you’ve volunteer at before?

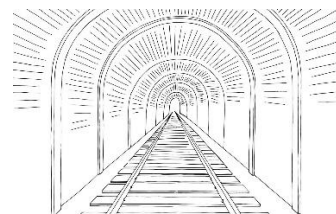
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The Facebook membership group serves to keep our SOWER family connected, and to share the blessings that we both see and receive as we serve the LORD at our various ministry partners.

When a train goes through a dark tunnel,



You don’t throw away the ticket and get off.
You sit still and trust the Engineer. Corrie Ten Boom

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‘til later:

BLESSINGS