



## MBC Update re: *Coronavirus Impact Plan*

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It is becoming more apparent that this unprecedented global pandemic event will have broader and longer lasting impact than anyone could have anticipated. We are also beginning to get a sense of the extensive impact that the social distancing mandates will have on the economics of our world – both on a personal and corporate level.

The leadership of MBC recognizes that these are times of uncertainty for all. We seek with all of our heart to live by our core value of being centred on Christ, trusting in the sovereignty and provision of God. We also know we need to be faithful to our value of stewardship with regards to the care of our team members, our resources and also the mission God has entrusted to us over the long term.

Recognizing that this pandemic will have far reaching financial implications for MBC as well as our constituency, the Leadership Team has initiated an aggressive cost cutting plan that will take effect immediately.

***The underlying objective of the plan is to prepare MBC for a strong future of fulfilling our mission of growing resilient, biblically rooted families. We intend to be ready and financially able to act quickly once the social distancing mandates are lifted.*** We believe that this approach best honours our team members and constituency. We also believe that delaying the hard decisions for too long during our existing shutdown may only sabotage our recovery time.

To comply with the Ontario government's mandate for business closures as well as honour our commitment to ensure the safety of our team members we have shutdown our facility effective March 24<sup>th</sup>. A streamlined 'crisis management team' will keep our essential services such as basic facility maintenance, water and sewage systems going. We will also continue to provide basic front and back office services. **The phone and emails will be answered so please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions or reservation requests.**

At this point our shutdown will remain scheduled to April 24<sup>th</sup>. This may shift as we continue to assess the ongoing government mandates for social distancing. **We will provide updates on our website and also on the MBC Facebook page.** We will also provide updates on student staff recruitment, MBC Retreats, Summer@MBC programming as well as Camp Widjitiwin as decisions are made affecting these aspects of our ministry. We plan to be prepared to press hard into our ministry schedule and facility service offerings as the social distancing mandates are lifted. We are anticipating a great year of ministry!

I do sincerely ask for your prayers for our team members as we are all sharing in the cost reducing measures. In spite of our timely action, there will be a significant financial impact on MBC. With all sensitivity to what we are all going through, any consideration you can give in support of our ministry is appreciated. You can donate online at [www.muskokabiblefoundation.com](http://www.muskokabiblefoundation.com) or call the office at 705.789.0089.

**2020 is MBC's 90<sup>th</sup> year of ministry.** This is a testament to God's faithful provision in the good and the challenging times. We remain unwavering in our trust that God is sovereign, loving and just. We entrust the ministry of MBC, our families and ourselves to Him, for His glory both now and forevermore.

In Christ,

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