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# home base

*A newsletter update among friends of Pathfinders ...*

## **our mission:**

To experience Christ through simple churching and to pass it on.

## **our vision:**

To develop simple expressions of church in the community and marketplace.

## **our work:**

- Ordinary people leading
- Scripture-rooted open fellowship and sharing
- Nurturing relationships
- Reach out to seekers
- Disciplemaking
- Spiritual generations
- Intentional yet informal

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## **One Neighbourhood In Victoria, Canada**

10 years ago Jane Hamm leased two vacant classrooms in her neighbourhood elementary school in Victoria, obtained a preschool license, and opened a private Junior Kindergarten (these are not yet publicly funded in BC). In the context of building early literacy and social skills, Jane teaches Bible stories to the children (and indirectly to their parents who rotate through as "helpers"!). The children learn songs about God and creation and present a Christmas program each year. Jane has also enjoyed teaching her own grandchildren at the JK. The preschool has provided opportunities to get to know local families, keeping in touch as their children grow, and inviting those interested to social events and bible discussions at Doug and Jane's place. Jane's neighbourhood JK has provided a unique connection to the community and an opportunity to share Christian values in an early childhood education setting. The JK is (usually) self-funding although Doug claims that their own financial bottom line would be better off if they just gave each JK family a handful of money each year! As an entrepreneurial project the JK brings in a minimal income but as a kingdom venture Jane says it's been well worth the investment!



## 'rebooting' our approach to leadership

Whether it is the recent crisis in the Ukraine or the recent revelations concerning former pastor of largest church in South Korea, there is no doubt that our world and the Body of Christ is desperately in need of more organic approaches to leadership.

Even the relational architecture of much of the church today is built on hierarchical powerbase assumptions or the cult of personality which the teachings of the New Testament cannot support.

Into this void, Neil Cole comes with personal passion, broad grassroots experience and above all, biblical clarity, to unpack the nature of the leadership gifting which Christ left behind for his church to be built on. *Primal Fire*, just released, will be the backdrop for this important training event.



### april 24-25, 2014 toronto

April 24 10 am  
to April 25<sup>th</sup> noon

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*What is Pathfinders about?* We are an association of people who are finding new paths forward for God's kingdom where people live and where they work. This involves a more organic approach to church, by affirming the headship of Jesus, focus on making disciples, active labouring among others and the dynamic functioning of Ephesians 4:11-12 in leadership. Our dream is to find new trails so that more unreached can discover the new life Jesus offers all.

Welcome to the path!

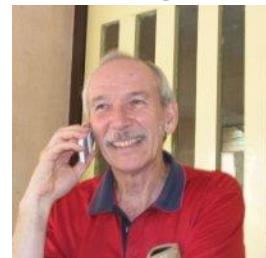


The Bible speaks about the good news of God's Kingdom. But it also has so much to say about *how* God's people are to move out in ministry to others. This year, we are pleased to host two exceptional global leaders in the Body who have given their lives to framing a more biblical architecture for church and mission. Neil Cole joins us in April and John Ridgway in October. Mission leaders, kingdom business owners, home-makers and students will find these sessions a powerful investment in their personal development.



Circle Your Calendar!

### **engaging your subculture with the gospel**



John Ridgway is a missional pioneer to the Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Shinto-Buddhist cultural/religious contexts as well as to the secular contexts of various countries in the West.

He brings a passion for biblical missiology which connects with everyday people and leaders alike. He will walk us through 1 Corinthians in a powerful workshop and interactive style. He has a PhD in Solid State Physics, and functioned for 30 years as an Industrial Consultant when he and his family lived in India, Singapore and Malaysia.

He has been associated with The Navigators since 1971. John and Ruth are from Australia and their two adult children were born in India. Their daughter Ranjini works in Denver and their son Raja and his wife Jessica also work in Denver where John and his family make their home in Colorado.

**October 17-18, 2014  
Toronto, Canada**