

# VISITING CANADA

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Over the Memorial Day week-end some years ago we took a trip to Niagara Falls with some of the brethren. On Sunday we worshipped with the Jordan church in Canada.

Let me briefly give you some impressions about the church there from our visit.

**A Friendly church.** "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." {Proverbs 18:24} Many of the brethren came up and thanked us for being with them. Some even invited us to go home with them following services - all six of us!

**Thanked God in prayer.** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." {Philippians 4:6} In all four prayers that were offered during the worship services that day, they thanked God for our visit and asked Him to give us a safe journey back home.

**Worship and preaching followed God's pattern.** "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24) The worship service was exactly according to the pattern given in the Scriptures. Yes, some minor changes, according to the way they do things in Canada, but we had singing, praying, giving, the Lord's Supper and preaching. The local preacher had a wonderful lesson that was based on the scriptures and he did a good job presenting the truth.

Why make mention of this to the brethren here? We too are blessed with visitors that come and worship with us from time to time. In a few months we will be moving into our new building. Many folks will come and "check us out" because of the new building. Yes, this is not the right reason to worship but curiosity will send them our way. What kind of impression do they leave with about us? Do they leave thinking we are friendly, thankful and that we followed God's pattern in our worship and practice? Do you take the time to introduce yourself and find out if they are from the local community? We will only get one shot of making a first impression." Make it count! \*\*\*