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## *May the Ink Never Run Dry*

In 1994, as she was about to leave on her first assignment in China, Jeanette Hanson received a pen from Women in Mission (now Mennonite Women Canada). "Over the years, it's been a pen that's always been in my purse or in my computer bag," she says.

She marvels that the pen was never lost – though she did lose many other pens – and it never ran out of ink. Each time she used the pen it reminded her about the faithfulness of the women who gave it to her. "It still accompanies me wherever I go, just like the prayers of the women that gave it to me."



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## *New Assignment Increases Thirst for God*

Multiple services have multiple overflow spaces. Stools line stairwells. Worship singing is hearty. "In a sermon on salt and light from the Sermon on the Mount, one pastor notes that one of the things that salt does is to make one thirsty," Tobia Veith reports. "Gathering with these brothers and sisters is increasing our thirst for God." Tobia Veith and her husband George are connecting and experiencing two exuberant, local churches in China.

The couple are long-time Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers who served for 23 years in Macau and Hong Kong. That work resulted in an invitation from a Chinese pastors' group for their new assignment: helping to share Anabaptist teachings.





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## *eBay Auction supports FCP*

A new Epiphone DR-100N guitar autographed by more than a dozen well-known Canadian musicians at the 2014 Juno Awards in Winnipeg, Man. was auctioned off raising \$750.00. The profits of the sale will help support Coffee for Peace (CFP), a fair trade business designed to enhance community relationships and peace and security in the Philippines.

CFP was Warner Music's charity of choice at the 2014 Juno Awards. The event not only drew attention to the fair trade, environmentally friendly coffee, but signatures on the guitar from a wide variety of Warner recording artists including Matt Epp and astronaut Chris Hadfield.



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## *Welcoming Refugees*

Foothills Mennonite Church in Alberta is just one of a growing number of Mennonite Church Canada congregations who are sponsoring refugees forced to leave their homes by violence and war in Syria. More than 12 million people are reportedly affected.

Lead pastor Doug Klassen says sponsoring refugees has been part of his congregation's ministry for years. "Every year we designate \$6000 from our budget to go into a refugee sponsorship fund."

If your congregation is responding to the refugee crisis, please let us know by contacting Deborah Froese, Director, News Services at [dfroese@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:dfroese@mennonitechurch.ca)