

NEWS RELEASE

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TORONTO, ON. (September 28, 2016) - It is with unspeakable sadness that Open Doors Canada announces that our dear friend and colleague, Rev. Paul Johnson, Executive Director of Open Doors Canada, succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday, September 28, at 9:09 pm at Calgary's Foothills Medical Centre. Paul was involved in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, October 24, 2016 near Calgary, AB, Canada.

Paul was on a motorcycle ride on a beautiful day with four friends from a partner ministry, the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Canada, when the accident occurred. Paul was airlifted to Calgary's Foothills Medical Centre where he received emergency treatment to stabilize him, but he was unresponsive.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Paul's wife Carol and his two sons, Joseph and Jeremy. Paul passed to his eternal home in glory surrounded by his family on Wednesday, September 28, at 9:09 pm after four days on life support.

Paul Johnson served faithfully as Executive Director of Open Doors Canada for 24 years after ministry with Open Doors-Latin America for four years. Paul was untiring in leading Open Doors Canada to meet the growing needs of Christians who are persecuted for their faith around the world. Paul's heart was always to champion their faith and share their story nationwide to both encourage and excite Christians in Canada to understand that many believers around the world wake up facing the threat of persecution every day.

Paul leaves behind his wife Carol (married for 39 years), Joseph and Sarah, Jeremy and Jacqueline and two granddaughters. A video recording of the memorial service is available on the Open Doors Canada website: www.opendoorsca.org

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