

## Reflection of the LAAMB

In the last few days I have seen more and more rabbits on my early morning walk. I remember when I first came to the Bruce walking in the early morning with my dog Sandy. I saw a rabbit fifty feet ahead of me. I thought, no worry, it will dart away into the bush before we get to it, especially since it would see my dog. As we got closer to the rabbit, I thought sooner or later my dog is going to smell the rabbit then try to go after it. But as we got closer to the rabbit, it just sat there with its head down looking at us on the right hand side of the road. As we came even closer I pulled my dog's leash to the left so she wouldn't see the rabbit. Both the dog and I walked by with the rabbit being eight or nine feet from us. I couldn't believe it! Nor did I believe that my dog didn't smell the rabbit.

When I got home, I googled rabbits on my computer and learned much more about them. I discovered that rabbits do not smell. Apparently, rabbits do not smell at all. It is because they are self-grooming animals as well as nature has gifted them in such a way to keep themselves safe from their predators. Being odorless, predators cannot detect rabbits quickly. Attacking animals cannot only rely on a rabbit's smell to find the location of rabbits.



As I read some more, I discovered that by freezing and blending in the environment, a rabbit can hide from the predators. "The predator with lost signs of a potential meal will forget about the target and look for new prey."



As I thought about the rabbit freezing, I thought about our situation during this pandemic. In a sense we have all been forced to freeze our lives, to get away from the predictor. That is what is what is saving us. We go about slowly, often stopping to notice more in our surroundings and learning a lot more about our environment. All in all, it has been a good thing for us. We have become more

aware of our own behaviour, aware of others and have found ourselves relating to others, even so called "strangers". When we look out or go out into God's garden there is always something new to discover! Enjoy your day!



Pastor Perry



Easter is coming! Ha!