
Praying for Harvest

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Happy Spring! This is Ottawa last year, but our snow is not yet gone from here. Kids from left: Elijah, Zachary, Joseph, Isaak.

March of Time...

March 2025 already?? Where does the time go? Since our last update I have been working on raising support for our ministry and I'm thankful for the new supporters God has brought to our team.

Staff and volunteers have been working with a local church to host Alpha for interested students as well and the seeming difficulty is for them to come

consistently, but we are seeing some curious students attending. Other activities this semester: A valentine's meal, joint gym night with IVCF to meet with students who went to winter camp, games socials.

Since I'm not on campus as much due to support raising this semester I feel the burn for the need for our consistent presence on campus. When we are walking on campus it becomes easier to be in a student's life, to check back with them if they don't come out to something they said they would, to have a coffee, a casual conversation, to just be a friendly, encouraging face in an often stressful environment.

I am helping with some things on campus though: This week there is a panel of Christian professionals for students to ask life questions of and then I'm helping with our semester end and future planning. Please pray for student leaders, to help Christians on campus see God's vision for this world and for the message they have that others need.

Please pray that the rest of our financial support will come in by the end of April. I hope to be a part of summer activities that invite students into more faith exploration. I am eager to be more consistently in the lives of the students.

Some people I've mentioned in past letters: 4 people from Iran who came to faith last year have been growing and are now part of baptism classes, so praise God with me for how God is working through Persians and pray that they will grow in genuine love for their savior.

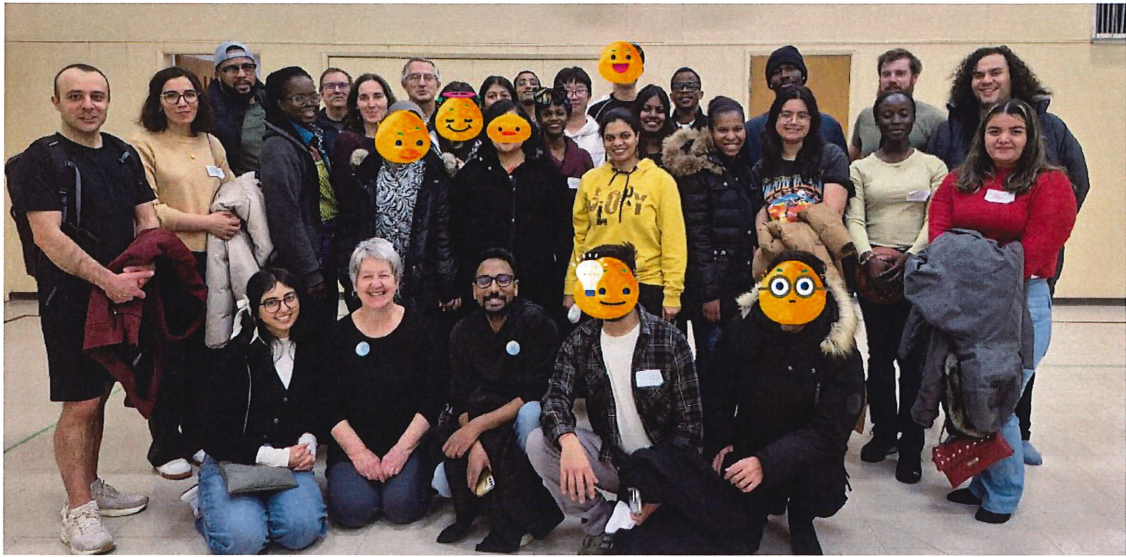
Also, one student on campus from Iran had her husband come over. He had made friends with a group of Armenian Christians in Iran and has been coming to a Sunday Bible Study and to church here. Pray for him to understand the God of the Bible as distinct from Islam. This past Sunday we went through the fall in Genesis and I explained to him the curse against the Serpent, the devil, and related how Jesus was the offspring or seed that was being prophesied and his eyes grew wide and it clicked with him how Jesus was being foretold from that point for the salvation of the world. So please continue to pray for him and his wife. His wife is fairly indifferent to these things, so pray she becomes curious.



Staff, volunteers and students at Alpha. Please pray that God will draw Qi to himself. Qi has been coming to things for years now (Front Left with the sticker face). Pray that he will be able to believe. (some faces are covered to protect them)



Students who came together for a social. We hosted a couple of socials for snacks and games to build relationships. 5 of these are Christians and the rest are not. Pray for all, but especially Qi who is in the front. Pray for the Christians to be emboldened and strengthened in their faith.



Joint gym event with IVCF for students including those who came to great canadian adventure camp with us.



Valentine's Day meal. Fun, and talk about real love.



Serving Food at Valentine's Event, left. Missional Community Group on Right. Saying farewell to David returning to the UK, sitting next to me. He's going to

continue studies there and he is returning desiring to build up his faith. I've connected him with a student group there, so pray that each of these grows vibrantly in their walk and faith.

Family Update

We have had two birthdays so far in 2025. Our youngest, Joseph has turned 8 years old in January and Elijah has turned 16. He says he is too busy with Bible Quizzing and schoolwork to study for his written driving test. His trumpet playing is improving, but our house seems pretty small for it. The boys are registered for baseball later this spring. The challenge in the winter is getting them out of the house for good exercise. Fewer barriers though as the ice and snow disappears. Karen is busy planning and teaching home school. Viruses have been moving through the house with various members of the house sick at different times. Hoping for a clear month ahead!! Elijah and Isaak are in Bible Quizzing and are memorizing most of the gospel of Luke. Zachary and Joseph are in Awana, and Elijah and Isaak and Mom and Dad are also helping there. They all want to make a car for the Awana Grand Prix event and received the blanks to design this week, so they'll be busy with that as well.



Boys enjoying sledding



Joseph on his 8th Birthday and Elijah on his 16th!



Remembering last summer in Edmonton as we look forward to warmer weather soon!

Thank you for your support!!

Your prayers, the giving of your finances to God's work, and your heart to see and be a part of others hearing the gospel, entering the kingdom and growing in a relationship with God that has no end are precious to us.

It is amazing that we can journey with you, even as many are afar right now, but in the future we will celebrate together all that God has done.

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