



# The Mustard Seed

DECEMBER 2013

## PRAYER POINTS

- **Quality family time during this season of life**
- **Energy for Karen in her joint roles - mom and cleaner!**
- **Diligence and joy for Megan at U of Ottawa**
- **Wisdom as Jacob receives a number of calls for mentoring and discipleship**
- **Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His fields of harvest. (Matthew 9.38)**

## 2013 in review...

Looking back on the year, it's clear to see how God has blessed the mobilization efforts made in 2013!

1. **ONE** young man participated in our 7 week internship in France and Spain
2. **ONE** young lady went to Spain for 3 months (back in Canada Dec 17)
3. **ONE** young lady left for France in November, with plans to return in August, 2014. Her role there consists of beginning a youth group in a new church plant
4. **FOUR** Toronto Baptist Seminary (TBS) students took part in our SPARK program
5. **TWO** individuals attended RACE in July. **LISA** plans to serve in Cameroon for several months in 2014, in preparation for career service, and **CARMENN** (TBS student) desires to engage in the New York City "Equip" program in 2014 or 2015

**GOD IS SENDING OUT WORKERS!!**



## Thank you!

Thanks to supporters, volunteers, family and friends, the Ontario World Team Canada Fund-Raising Banquet in Guelph was a great success!

A total of **over \$5000.00** was raised (after costs) through this event. Additionally, a number of individuals joined in supporting the World Team mobilization ministry regularly—which directly affects my salary and ministry funds.

## Thank you!

## family news

Karen is now working part-time for Service Master, cleaning in an office complex in Guelph. This has created some challenges - I often arrive from work at 5.30pm, and she begins work at 5.30pm! So, our weekends are precious!!

Megan communicates that University of Ottawa is a GREAT place to study! Her studies lead to a degree in English (Rhetoric and Professional Writing) with a minor in Communications. She hopes to apply this learning to editing books.

Carly's summer was filled with work (Wendy's), and the fall saw her rehearse frequently in preparation for the "Footloose" performance at her high school.

These activities, along with the regular church and family events fill our calendars! We're all looking forward to a break at Christmas!



# World Team Values...



**FOCUS Workshop**  
**People's Church in Toronto**

## training and releasing leaders

One of the areas I've appreciated about my involvement with World Team over the years is the emphasis on continuous learning. This value affects each field worker, and spills over to effect those we work to reach, and later disciple.

I've been blessed in the past year to grow in a variety of ways.

Albert Ehmann, former International Director for World Team, agreed to mentor and disciple me via Skype. We interact regularly, and then, in the period between sessions, I dig into the areas of growth he's challenged me in. What a joy to repent of habits that betray my hope in Christ, experience new victories in Christ, and develop new skills for the ministry!

This fall I was also privileged to take in a FOCUS Workshop. This enhances my "toolbox" of resources, allowing for more effective service in the churches I seek to assist. The beauty of this revolves around the reproductive element of the material. I learned this material and now am equipped to teach it to others, with a view to seeing churches in Canada maximize their potential for global impact! So, I can receive training, be released to train others, and in turn release these to train even more! All of this moves us towards reaching the unreached for Jesus, beginning a whole new cycle of training and releasing!

## mobilization = leading

**WHEN** I first considered my role in mobilization for World Team Canada, I asked, "What does this have to do with the leadership preparation God has given me?" There was no clear thread of continuity between the ministry in Spain and the new responsibilities in Canada.

**AS GOD** opened doors of influence with churches and individuals across Canada, a pattern began to emerge. Frankly, leadership included areas that I'd not previously considered!

**IN THE FALL** of 2012, Bill Allan asked me to provide leadership for the overall WTC mobilization team. This creates opportunities to challenge, train, encourage, and evaluate the efforts of others on the team. Through their feedback and a year of experience, I've grown into this leadership role.

**OVER THE PAST** years, another door for leadership opened at Emmanuel Bible College (EBC). EBC students are required to serve in "Field Ed" (a ministry that integrates their learning). As a "Field Ed Supervisor" I receive the chance to speak into students' lives, encourage them in their learning, and influence them to consider cross-cultural ministry.

**A MORE RECENT** responsibility at World Team created a window of unique leadership opportunity. As World Team plans into the future, a number of people are dedicating time to consider innovative ways to get more people to reaching the unreached with the Gospel. My role? Group leader!

**ONCE AGAIN**, God made a way!

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