



The Mustard Seed

JUNE 2014

PRAYER POINTS

- **Good family connection time with Megan back**
- **Hearts prepared for the Oasis Ministry**
- **Sufficient work hours for Megan (saving up!)**
- **Wisdom for Jacob as he seeks to grow the Mobilization Team at World Team Canada**
- **Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His fields of harvest. (Matthew 9.38)**

The STORY of Faithfulness

Faithful - Our God is FAITHFUL!

17 years ago, Karen and I began making plans to visit Spain. We went seeking God's direction regarding the possibility of serving in the role of church planting - sharing God's message of love, encouraging and discipling believers in their relationship with God, and assisting small communities of believers in their formation. We returned in September, 1997 with a conviction of HIS calling to go and serve! Since then we've seen His faithfulness: raising up a faithful support team, providing ministry opportunities, growing us to love and obey Him more, granting us joy in raising Megan and Carly, giving us a great team to serve alongside of, and in everything, providing for all our needs according to HIS riches in Glory!

While I'm the first to admit that we have not always served as faithfully as He deserves: our God is SO faithful! To serve Him is a privilege!

**His mercy is great,
and His love endures forever!**



Thank you!

Thanks to supporters, volunteers, family and friends, the Manitoba World Team Canada Fund-Raising Dessert Night in Steinbach was a great success!

A total of **over \$2,000.00** was raised (after costs) through this event. Through this event, a number of individuals who previously had not known much about the World Team mobilization ministry were informed and encouraged by what's involved.

Thank you!

family news

Karen continues working part-time for Service Master, cleaning in an office complex in Guelph. She also enjoys teaching Sunday School on a rotational basis. Kids have always had a special place in her heart!

Megan rejoined our family after a successful first year at University of Ottawa. It's fun to have her back with us! Megan is now working part-time at Wendy's (Thanks Carly, for the "shoe-in!") in preparation for her return to Ottawa in September.

Carly completed a semester focused on the Arts. As part of a pilot project, her school offered M.A.D.E. (Music/Arts/Drama/English) at the Guelph Youth Music Centre. A high-light for Carly was her role as Mercutio in Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet."

We all look forward to Guelph Bible Chapel's Oasis Day Camp!



**Our Beautiful Back Yard!
God's Faithful Supply!**



Time with my parents = God's Faithfulness!

God - faithful in transitions...

When we first considered the idea of transitioning from Spain back to Canada, I was hesitant. Strangely, just as I'd felt fear about a launch into the unknown when we first moved to Spain, I experienced the same feelings about returning to Canada! Sure, God's been faithful to this point... but what's all entailed in this transition?

I had a lot of questions running through my mind. How well would we adjust? Would I be qualified to fulfill my new responsibilities? Would we continue to receive enough support to go forward? Where should we live? Would we find a home we all enjoyed? Would our girls find friends in school and church? What should Karen be doing? There were a LOT of things on my mind!

Looking back, we can clearly see the faithfulness of God in each area. We LOVE the home He had waiting for us, and ministry at Guelph Bible Chapel continues to stretch us. Karen found a place to serve in the Sunday School, I've been involved with Awana, and the Oasis ministry has been great for all four of us! It's been SO good to connect with family again, both here in Ontario, and back in Manitoba. And our girls have done well in school. Sure, we've had difficult time and things aren't always "easy" - but that's life! And one area I found surprisingly beneficial - I've grown in my love for Jesus in ways I hadn't imagined possible! **How GREAT and FAITHFUL is our God!**

Mobilization - God is Faithful!

WHENEVER I enter a new phase of ministry, I enter with both trepidation and anticipation. Is this a good fit for me? Will I bring value to the situation? What are some of the difficulties ahead of me? What are some of the joys I've yet to experience? How will I fit into the team? How will this ministry opportunity develop my love for God and others?

GOD surprised me with a number of benefits I'd not expected. I truly enjoy working in an office environment! It's good to interact with other staff members informally, and to pray with each other as issues arise. Seeking to leverage our differences has brought about some innovative ideas that we've really enjoyed putting into place.

MEETING NEW PEOPLE has also been a true joy for me. As I connect at churches,

missions events, and bible colleges across Canada, I enjoy meeting new people, learning and teaching as I go.

WHILE RESULTS continue to trickle in, I have to say - the momentum seems to be building! Each year we have a growing number of individuals participating in a variety of ways - all with a goal to bringing the Gospel of Christ to the unreached peoples of the world! I have to be careful in this area. At times I think only about how much there is yet to be done, and I can grow discouraged. However, when I see how far we've come, and how God's faithfulness has carried us over the past 3 years, I have to say, **"Bless the Lord O my soul! Worship His holy name!"**

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