

The Mustard Seed

APRIL 2016

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise Lima **Initiative Progress!**
- **Praise Ongoing Spiritual Growth!**
- Praise Karen **LOVES** her job!
- **Pray for the Mobilization Team** at World Team Canada in finding more workers
- Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His fields of LIMA. (Matthew 9.38)
- **Pray for new** workers to adjust well in their areas of service.

Reaching the Chinese in Lima

- An Update -

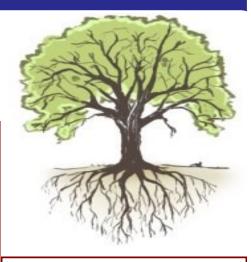
Lima Peru is home to some 150,000+ First Generation Chinese immigrants. Less than 500 of these people enjoy a relationship with Jesus.

> "How can they believe in the ONE of whom they have not heard?"

There are currently two churches that exist to serve the Chinese of Lima. Recently the ONLY OTHER mission agency involved in reaching these people pulled out!

> "And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

In 2015, World Team led two groups of church leaders on vision trips into Lima. GO International also led one team. As a result, two couples are considering this ministry for the long term. One couple has begun the application process and will be joining Jacob in a disciple-making journey - to grow personally and to prepare to disciple others. ->



There are two trips in the works for fall 2016. A third trip is being offered to Canadian Chinese church leaders. Do you know anyone that Jacob should be contacting to see this initiative move forward? Please join us in praying...

"LORD of the Harvest, send forth (Mandarin or Cantonese speaking) laborers to the Chinese of Lima!"

family news

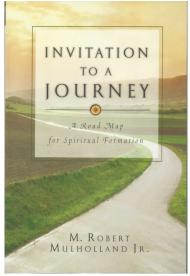
Karen currently works at a home-based Daycare Centre. She LOVES the children, and they LOVE her!!! This is such a rewarding job for Karen!

Megan entered the final push to complete her 3rd year of University studies (now at U of Guelph). This week and next she'll be writing exams. Megan also began working towards getting her Ontario drivers licence - in order to increase her work availability over the summer months.

Carly made her study choice for the fall! She is registered to attend Sheridan College, entering their one-year Performing Arts Preparation track. Her involvement in last year's "Sound of Music" production and this year's music program at GCVI have been great! Carly also works part-time at HMV.



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Growing as a disciple of Jesus...

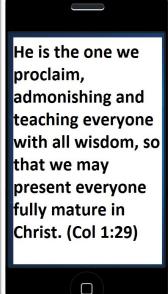
One of the great benefits of serving in World Team is the opportunity for ongoing spiritual development.

Through my connections in the Chinese Church community in Toronto, I meet monthly with a group of English speaking Chinese pastors. This year's topic of discussion centres around M. Robert Mulholland's book, "Invitation to a Journey."

Mulholland approaches our development as disciples with a strong challenge to accepting the "process" and "journey" of being conformed to the image of Christ. He points out that many in our culture see "discipleship" as something to be possessed, instead of a process that integrates into the life of the believer over their life-span. As such, he also addresses

our tendency to seek to control the process, instead of yielding to God's control in all areas of life - including our development as disciples.

My greatest insight so far revolves around the numerous passages in the New Testament epistles that set our sights on growing to full maturity in Christ, to becoming truly "Christ-like." Spiritual infancy is not an option for anyone claiming identity in Christ! As 2 Peter 1:3 notes, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness."



Mobilization - Celebrating!

Mobilization usually entails a long-term process. Assisting individuals and couples from the point of first contact to landing on the field includes a number of stages, and obstacles, to overcome at each stage. As with most of life, anything worthwhile pursuing tends to be fraught with difficult challenges and calls out resiliency, a strong sense of "calling" and a growing dependence on God.

In the past year, World Team (Canada) celebrated the transition of 4 individuals to their fields of service.

Lisa Belau, along with Winona Bowman and her daughter Rachel, landed in Cameroon for an initial commitment of two years, with a view to serving long-term amongst the Fulbe people.

Pamela Walford recently arrived in Suriname. Her desire is to serve amongst

the Hindustani women for the initial stages, with a possibility of assisting in the development of several tribal groups as they cultivate a "missions" mindset!

While the journey into missions can be long and arduous, there's a deep joy in seeing people released to serving in their areas of calling!

I invite you to celebrate with me as I relish the fruit of hours of coaching, miles of traveling, and persistent prayer and effort. Jesus is the ONE who calls us to "pray the Lord of the Harvest to send out laborers into His fields of harvest." And Jesus is faithful to answer our prayers, allowing us to join Him in "building His church" for the glory of God and the joy of the nations! He is worthy of all glory, honour and praise!

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