



THE MUSTARD SEED

Lord of the harvest, send forth laborers!

FEBRUARY 2019

Praise n' Prayer

- **Praise - God continues to grow and strengthen us**
- **Praise - Megan & Carly enjoy meaningful employment**
- **Praise - God has provided us with an amazing support network**
- **Pray for Jacob as he re-engages with work at World Team**
- **Pray that we would be able to meet with those God would have us meet with in Spain**
- **Pray for March R.A.C.E. outcomes**

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank YOU - for your ongoing prayer, encouragement and financial support!

I am humbled and encouraged by the staunch support Karen and I have received as I've worked through my burnout. Our financial supporters have stood with us. People have indicated daily prayer. Those we've had the privilege of interacting with have been supportive in taking this time to rest, reflect and develop resiliency. We've had the privilege of walking more closely with four couples who live in our area. I've received counsel from people in other organizations and professions. I've engaged in learning through a ministry called Celebrate Recovery. We've been blessed and loved.

Thank YOU!

Re-engagement in Ministry

Last week was the beginning of re-engagement in WT ministry efforts for me. I've been given the freedom to start with reduced hours, with a view to serving full-time in the approaching months.

During my absence, some mobilization efforts continued forward unabated, while others necessarily took a back seat. It's encouraging to see that one couple (Chinese-Canadians) signed up for the March R.A.C.E. - World Team's assessment centre - in the USA Sending Centre. This bodes well for the couple already serving in Lima, with a view to seeing that team develop to work more effectively at establishing churches amongst the Chinese of Lima. I'm very grateful.

While it's comfortable to return to familiar patterns of work and interaction, I have to admit that there's trepidation and some anxiety as well. I've never been good at "pacing myself" - I tend to go FULL SPEED. However, re-entering work responsibilities gradually allows me to pace myself, engage wisely, and receive feedback.

Family Update

Karen served at [MissionPrep](#) in early February, caring for the small children of workers returning from cross-cultural ministry. She is also serving as a private support worker for a friend.

Megan continues in Spain, teaching ESL. She has been asked to return for a third year in Fall - something she's deliberating now.

Carly continues her work at EB Games, in her new position as Assistant Store Manager in a store in Markham. She seems to do well at this!

Our family anticipates time in Spain in April with Megan: visiting friends, former team-mates and familiar places. We are SO EXCITED!

Serenity Prayer

Through Celebrate Recovery, I've learned the FULL "Serenity Prayer" - I LOVE it! There's so much Gospel content here, and it challenges me to seek HIM in all things.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen (Reinhold Niebuhr)