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Recently I shared with our staff a verse that has been instrumental for Faith Mission since its inception: *"Have Faith in God"* (Mark 11:22). There is so much around us that can fail us and we wonder who we can trust! But this simple, yet profound verse reminds us that it is in God we trust and our faith is in an unchanging, never failing, never forsaking God! As the words of this powerful hymn by Edith G. Cherry remind us: *'We go in Faith, our own great weakness feeling, And needing more each day Thy grace to know. Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing; We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go.'*

We continue to go forward in the work of the Mission and appreciate the faithful prayers of God's people standing with us in this battle. Since we last wrote to you we were able to host an Online Men's Retreat which approx. 100 men took part in and viewed. It was also encouraging to see the weekly viewers on our Friday Fellowship LIVE (Facebook & YouTube) which continues each week at 12 noon. We have people from Canada, US, UK, S. Africa and even parts of Europe that are tuning in. Please pray that many lives will be touched through this means and brought closer to the Lord! It has also been encouraging to meet some needy people recently from many different religious or non-Christian

backgrounds. They have been open to talk about the Gospel and their need of Christ. Even with the restrictions etc. that are upon us these days, we praise God that the Word is going forward and people are hunger to hear the truth. May the Lord make us faithful and fruitful in the work He has called us to!

We trust you will be encouraged as you read how our workers are continuing to serve across Canada and the new opportunities that God is giving to them. Many of you are remembering the Hoover's as Myron walks through his battle with Cancer. It has been a hard road they will continue to covet your prayers for the days ahead. The Board of the Mission will also value prayer as they seek replacements for the Campbellville location and we hope you will make this a matter of prayer also. Emma is looking forward to hosting a Ladies Retreat at the end of May/June, which it looks like it will now be online at the time of going to print. We are however looking forward to hosting 4 Drive-In Services at the Camp (June – Sept.) which we trust you will be able to join us and invite others for this outreach. Also for our Summer Day Camps which we have planned for July. Please make this a matter of prayer for: 1. For it to happen; 2. For a Program Director and staff to be in place; 3. For youth and kids to come and meet the Saviour!

Thank you dear friends for taking the time to read this and for your support both financially and in prayer. We walk by faith and not sight!

*\*We would like to express our sincere Thanks to Carol Herd who has assisted with the PIP for a number of years now. She has made a valuable contribution to this ministry and we could not have got this far without her. Thanks Carol!*

### **FUTURE EVENTS AT CAMPBELLVILLE**

*(check website or Facebook for further details)*

#### **Drive in Services (6:00pm):**

June 20 / July 18 / Aug 15 / Sept 19

#### **Summer Day Camps:**

July 12-16 / 19-23 / 26/30

Would you like to help volunteer at our Campbellville Camp Centre? There is always a job to do! Contact Tim Condy for details: [director@faithmissioncanada.org](mailto:director@faithmissioncanada.org).





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*"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured... May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ."*

*2 Thess. 3:1,5*

It's not a new thing to say that "our work continues to look different" than it did a year ago, but that still remains true. We continue to seek creative ways to allow people to interact with the living and active word of God. Our prayers continue to echo that of the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3, that the word of God would speed ahead and be honoured, and that in doing so He would direct people into the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ. And so in that sense, nothing has changed for us in regards to this goal, simply the methods used to further it. Mark's partnership with Riverside Community Church has been modified slightly, as Pastor Pete Naylor has returned to take over the weekly Sunday Preaching but has asked Mark to do a mid-week preaching \ teaching service online each Wednesday morning, as well as the Thursday night online prayer meetings. After preaching through a series on "suffering" Mark is now leading this second series through the book of Galatians.

April participates in two mid-week local women's prayer and bible study online meetings, as well as a third meeting for personal growth.

We are pleased to see how God has been working in one local family, in particular, that has been reaching out to us regularly to discuss Christianity and spiritual growth and we would ask you to join us in praying for them. Pray specifically that the enemy would not swoop in and "steal" the seed that has been planted, that their faith would not be "choked out by the weeds" or cares of this world. And that the roots of their faith in Christ would truly go deep allowing them to grow and flourish both in and for Christ. We also are greatly rejoicing at the Lord's miraculous provision and clear divine intervention in rescuing the local Pentecostal Pastor's daughter from drowning. Our prayer is that this would open the eyes of our small community to the brevity of life and to the love of God through Christ. Several local conversations have already come out of this situation, and we pray for more. Please pray for open doors and open hearts.





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*Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*  
*1 Chronicles 29:11*

We continue to press on in these strange times which have been uncertain for so many, but we find such comfort and hope in the sovereignty of our God. Despite the restrictions, we praise God that we have been able to meet most Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for prayer since Covid began, due to the small size of our church. We count this as a huge privilege and blessing from the Lord as we recognize that most have not been able to enjoy the fellowship we have had.

We continue to teach Sunday school once a month at our church and we now have a new young family that started to attend with 3 children. It is so encouraging to have some younger kids attending regularly even though they are slightly older than ours. We each continue to disciple former youth and Rob is also meeting with an elder at our church on a monthly basis for mutual edification through studying God's Word. Another blessing is that God has provided Rob with several of preaching engagements in

the next few months at various churches. He will have an opportunity to preach in French at some local churches but also in English with churches that we worked with in the past. Rob would definitely appreciate prayer as he prepares these messages since he finds this quite a challenge with three children under the age of five at home! Rob's brother got engaged over Christmas and he and his fiancée asked him if he would marry them. Please pray that God would use this opportunity and the message He will lay on Rob's heart to draw the many unsaved family members who will be there to Himself.

This summer we will be at Camp des Îles to teach two weeks of English day camps. We are excited about this opportunity since many summer Vacation Bible Camps have been canceled due to Covid and this is one part of ministry that we miss the most. The young woman that Debra has been discipling has made herself available to help us during those weeks since we will need an extra set of hands to help with our children while we are teaching. Please pray that God would direct us as we seek His wisdom as to what we should teach and that hearts would be prepared in advance to receive His Word.



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*Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your  
heart take courage; wait for the Lord!  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Waiting on the LORD is gratifying, satisfying and challenging. These last few months have brought indescribable joy as we watch children desire to know more about the Lord! They have also brought many times of hardship and struggle in understanding God's plan for ministry. We moved youth group out to the camp as COVID guidelines restricted us from hosting it in the small church building in Falkland. We are sad that we have not had all of the same faces as normal for a few months now! Please pray for the kids in Falkland that they would come to know Jesus! These things being said, we have had some of our most gratifying times with the youth out here in God's creation. Kids Club has been a blessing and has brought many amazing questions and comments from these kids about the Bible! Kids Club and Youth Group have now wrapped up for the season and we will be back to it in the Fall!

We are very excited about the possibilities of a church plant in Falkland and ask that you would pray for this matter as things get sorted. We are

very blessed to have some of our amazing camp staff here for the spring working hard to make sure that we are ready for Day Camps again this summer! Day Camps this year will be bigger and better in comparison to last year's camps (though they were still great)! We will be able to have twice as many kids attend each camp and will be going for more days and longer days! We have all of our staff lined up and will be continuing our Junior Cabin Leader program throughout the summer. We are praying that restrictions would lift enough that the program would not be hindered, though we believe firmly that no amount of restrictions or fear can stop that goodness and overwhelming hope that is the gospel of Jesus Christ! And so, we will continue to wait on the Lord in prayer. We will continue to bring these matters and that souls of these children before God, knowing that only He is able save them and make them clean. Only He can break down walls and barriers put up by sin and wipe them out completely through His death and resurrection. We ask that you would commit to praying with us for camps, Falkland ministries and for us as we desire to serve God with humility and love for all people! Please pray above all things that God would be glorified through the ministry here in Falkland.



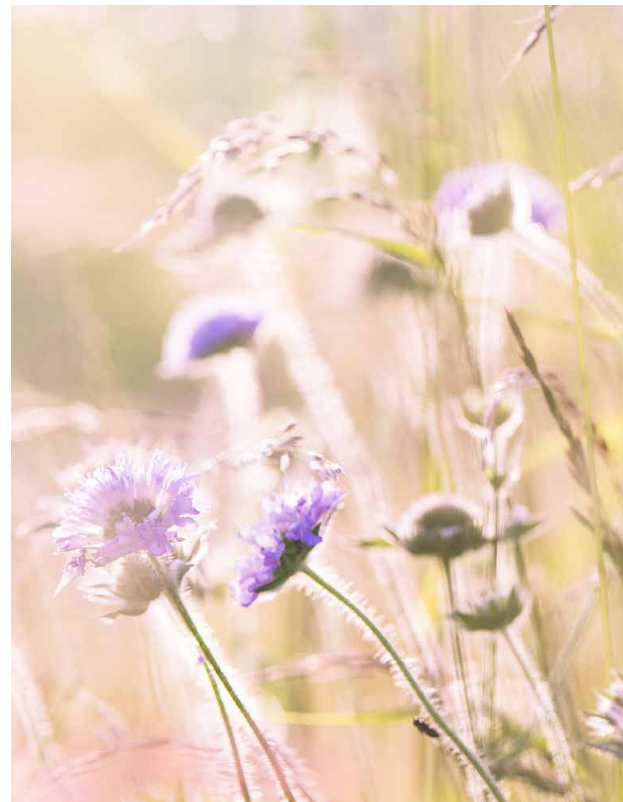
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*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and  
my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."  
Psalm 91:1-2*

Spring is in bloom at the Campbellville Camp Centre and as the seasons change I am reminded of 2 things...God never changes....and our lives are constantly changing. I (Janet) am a person who likes minimal change...I am happy to dig a 'rut' and stay in it but our present circumstances are requiring me and us to adjust to constant change. In the midst of this "off-kilter" season, I am so thankful to hold tightly to the hand of the One who sees what is ahead and who firmly holds on to me. Right now our day to day focus revolves around hospital visits and test outcomes. Myron has now gone through 6 chemo treatments and 2 weeks of radiation.... and this shows no end in sight. We are so thankful for every one of you who pray for us faithfully. We have felt the strength of God, we are seeing His provision in so many ways and even when things are difficult, we have been able to rest in the peace of Jesus. In the words of an old Hymn: 'Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand, but I

know Who holds tomorrow, and I know Who holds my hand'. We may not know who you are....but thank you for caring enough to pray!



## EVEN IF HE NEVER TELLS ME WHY!

*by Roger Carswell*

Charles Simeon, the eighteenth Anglican clergyman, based in Cambridge, urged his students not to be “System Christians” but “Bible Christians”. I know what he meant. It strikes me as smug, and even arrogant, to think we can pigeon-hole Almighty God into neat packages that explain His character and workings. He is infinite, eternal, and altogether wise. He is beyond the complete understanding of we who are finite, limited by time, and fallen, so that we often act foolishly. What we know about God, is what He in His grace has chosen to tell us. We dare not impose on Him anything that is beyond what He has revealed to us. So, that leaves us often puzzled and wondering why.

Deuteronomy 29:29 gives us an insight as to what should be our reaction to this: “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” The verse speaks of mystery and certainty.

### MYSTERY – THE SECRET THINGS

There are things we will never be able to understand, or explain. There are concepts and incidents that are beyond us. Things that concern God, or are permitted by God; are His affair, and may be left with Him. I do not know any more powerful piece of English prose than those written by Jewish writer Elie Wiesel. He was born in Sighet, Transylvania in 1928. Aged only 14 he was sent to

Auschwitz and later to Buchenwald. Years later, he reflected on the first night in a concentration camp:

“Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, which has turned my life into one long night, seven times cursed and seven times sealed. Never shall I forget that smoke. Never shall I forget the little faces of the children, whose bodies I saw turned into wreaths of smoke beneath a silent blue sky. “Never shall I forget those flames which consumed my faith forever. “Never shall I forget that nocturnal silence which deprived me, for all eternity, of the desire to live. Never shall I forget those moments, which murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to dust. Never shall I forget these things, even if I am condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never.”

How many of us, in times when despair and darkness overrides all the joys of living, and worst of all, when God seems distant, have felt similar feelings to Elie Wiesel?

“Why did the illness come?” “Why did the relationship fail?” “Why do I feel so alone?” “How long will all this last, because I can’t take any more?” “God, where are you when I need you?” All these mysteries teach us:

- **To be humble** - we need to accept our limitations. We are tiny, though deeply significant, creatures in a vast universe. The God who spoke and out of nothing framed the worlds, is well able to bring order out of chaos. He is altogether loving and knows what He is doing.



- **To be trusting** – we need to accept God’s will. It may be that “darkness is my closest friend” (Psalm 88:18). In fact in all the psalms, some of which express deep heaviness, never once do we read the psalmist saying that he no longer trusts in God.
- **To be thankful** – we need to accept that God knows best. If God is allowing us to be hurt, He will not waste the time or the tears. He will redeem each, and use them for our good and His purpose.

### CERTAINTY – THE REVEALED THINGS

Despite all the unanswered questions and bewildering issues of life, we have the promises of God, which are totally reliable. Scripture says, “We know in part”, but at least we do know! We know that there is a God. We know that He is infinitely loving. We know, too, that He is our Guide for faith and life. His love for us is demonstrated by the death of His Son Jesus, who carried our sins on the cross (Romans 8:32). We know that Jesus has conquered death by rising again, and has ascended and is exalted in heaven. We know that one day Christ will return to his rightful inheritance. We know that we are safe in His care... eternally. Over and above all that God is and has done, “He has granted to us His precious and very great promises”. Just think on this one: “He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.” (Isaiah 25:8)

The things revealed enable us to cope with the things we don’t know! And the things revealed are told to us, not to gratify our curiosity, but that we may trust and obey God. I have heard a handful of sermons,

which to me etched an indelible impression on my mind. They are unforgettable. One such was from Steve Brady who speaking on John 13:7 had three straightforward points: 1. Be glad for what you do know, 2. Be humble for what you do not know, 3. Be patient for what you do not know. When my good friend, Prof. Verna Wright was himself dying of cancer, he quoted to his daughter, who also had cancer, the words of the hymn:

“I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed; what God has planned;  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Saviour.”

There is certainty here – God is our Saviour; but there is mystery, too – He sometimes hides Himself from us, but we can trust God in the darkness. Though God may be distant, He is never absent. He promises His presence and will never, no never, forsake us. This we do know!



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*And day by day, attending the temple together  
and breaking bread in their homes, they received  
their food with glad and generous hearts...*

*Acts 2:46*

Being in the community a bit over a year now, we have a greater sense that this is our community, our people and therefore our responsibility to make God known to them. In light of that, Nicholette and the children continue to make it a priority to deepen the relationship with a few more neighbours who were given tracts. These frequent conversations have boosted a sense of trust that a few parents frequently allow their children to come over for play dates, have picnic lunches, and join them for walks. Nicholette and the children have also been branching out to farther communities, in walking distance, to meet more families, both believing and unbelieving. As you may already know, our daughter, Juliette, has a flawless knack for introducing us as Christians; so within a few minutes of the introduction, it is made clear who we are, which makes talking about God all the easier. Nicholette still has some growing pains in that area but she is willing to embrace it. As more homes are being built with

a school underway, she hopes that gradually our home will become a hub for genuine community relationships and gospel conversations. Until then, she is talking with a neighbour about possible ways to make God more known in the community as well as praying online regularly with our church for God to work.

Currently, we are preparing a lesson for online VBS for this summer and we have connected with 4 local churches thus far who are interested in using it. Also, Nicholette will be looking forward to seeing you ladies at the upcoming Women's one day retreat online on Saturday, May 29th. Sam continues gospel labour in Caledonia, the team had made great headway before the stay-at-home orders, in spite of them they faithfully conduct weekly prayer walks through the communities for the seeds to grow. Since January 2020 Sam has been engaged in preaching and teaching weekly. It has been sanctifying. He completed a series on the Beatitudes in April and continues teaching a 9 week series on the Doctrine of Scripture. He is beginning (May) a new sermon series on The Church and the Gifts of Grace. As he says, "the church has its origin in God and it is glorious," that has sadly been forgotten. He continues to meet and pray weekly with the Key Bible Club group, and with local pastors too.

With summer around the corner the hope is for Faith Mission Campbellville summer day camps, and evangelism and open-air preaching events in some new areas. These days have been strange, but the Lord has used them to ignite a renewed sense of love for and utter dependence upon Him and love for the gathered church and means of grace. We pray He is doing likewise in you. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.





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*Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires...*  
*Is. 24:15a*

*Herein is my Father glorified,  
that ye bear much fruit;...*  
*John. 15:8a*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
meekness, temperance...*  
*Gal. 5:22,23a.*

The Lord is at work in Red Deer and Central Alberta! In these last few months many believers in this area have come under conviction, humbled themselves and asked God and others to forgive them for bitterness and unforgiveness. As they have confessed to others and made things right, God has used their humility and brokenness to touch others and it's been wonderful to see how this is affecting individuals, families and churches. There is repentance, restitution and the fruits of repentance. Hearts are being revived and God is being glorified.

We are thankful for the many opportunities that we are having to share the gospel and would appreciate your prayers that God would bring in a great harvest of souls. The prayer meetings are growing

and multiplying. So many things have been shut down or prohibited but prayer is going strong and more and more people are gathering where they can in small groups to intercede together. God has been raising up leaders with a passion for prayer and we are so grateful to see how He is working all things out. Revival is on the hearts of many as well as a desire to reach the lost. Believers are fasting. The Word of God and the God of the Word have become so precious to people in these difficult months. We are thankful for the faithful pastors and their wives and families who serve so diligently and with so much love and compassion. Pray for these men (and families) and the ministries that they are called to across Canada. It hasn't been an easy season but it has been a fruitful one. We love the local church and feel privileged to work with and alongside so many. We continue to pray, teach/disciple, counsel, preach and share the Gospel as God gives opportunity. Our weeks are full and we feel blessed to be able to encourage others to the Lord and in the Lord. This summer we do not know what the restrictions for COVID will look like in our area, but we are trusting fully in Him and hope to have some summer day camps for kids again and some other special events as well. Pray with us for clear direction and that we will be sensitive to how the Holy Spirit is leading in the days and months ahead.





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*Be still in the presence of the Lord  
and wait patiently for him to act...  
Psalm 37:7a*

Thank you all for your thoughtful, faithful prayers. With the re-opening of the province in February I was able to resume Wilton Youth again. Numbers have been down, but it has gone well and I look forward to starting again as soon as the government allows us to. Verona Youth started off in March and we have had two different groups: a personal fitness for grades 7-12 and creative projects for grades 5-6. Personal fitness sees 5-8 teens each week and creative Projects has an average of two in attendance. Most of these teens are from unchurched background. Please pray for the Church as they continue to respond to the ever-changing rules and guidelines. Pray for the teens that each one would have a desire to know who Jesus is for themselves.

With everything constantly in flux and this constant uncertainty, we have decided to put together another 'Virtual Vacation Bible School' for churches and families to make use of. We are using the Go Fish Resources VBS kit called 'Victory'. We will be exploring the victory we can have in Jesus

Christ. The video content will include daily intros and recaps of things learned including special guests. There will be music with actions and words to follow along with and Bible stories. During the 'Word Workouts with Wanda' segment, Workout Wanda will teach us our daily memory verses with a program guaranteed to work your mind and your body! The video content will be available on our YouTube page in early July. If you or your church are interested, please feel free to contact me directly or your area worker. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates! \*If you would like to view last year's Bible teaching and music content, you can find it on our YouTube Channel "Faith Mission Canada" under the Playlist tab 'VBS 2020'. Thank you for your prayers for me.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**July 12-16:** Faith Mission Tweens camp  
**July 19-23:** Bay Park Baptist, Kingston VBS  
**Date TBD:** Westdale Park Free Methodist Church VBS



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*Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.  
Psalm 34:8*

We have had the wonderful joy of watching kids and youth in Falkland “taste and see” the goodness of God, as we’ve been able to carry on Kids Klub and Youth ministries during much of the winter/spring. Most had never heard a Bible story prior to these outreach ministries. It was thrilling to watch their faces as they came to a realization that God actually can be their Refuge and Good Shepherd. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit’s work in their lives, and the impact they can have on their families.

It was wonderful to switch our regular Spring Banquets to Drive-Thru Banquets in May. Guests were able to drive around the entire Camp property, watching staff in action, shooting pellet guns at targets, archery, etc, and stop to pray through our prayer requests, as well as enjoy a Roast Beef dinner while listening to a short outdoor program of music and updates. Many had never seen entire sections of the property, as they normally come just for Dining Hall events, so it was cool to offer something new in these days of other restrictions. We are so thrilled to plan for 4-day, long day, Day Camps this summer, and church family camps on

weekends. We are learning to be very creative, which is a lot of work!! We regularly read and re-read the orders and restrictions to do everything possible while operating within the parameters, but we are extremely grateful that God provides unique ways to share the Gospel, especially when it’s on the camp property. Thank you for praying for us in these challenging and stressful days. God is in control. He is stretching us. He is guiding us. And He is working in the lives of children, youth, and adults. What a blessing!!

Looking ahead, we are planning four One-Day Ladies Retreats again, as they were such a success last Fall. Our plan is to focus on God’s Word as our DELIGHT, as we eat, fellowship, and listen to the teaching of Scripture together. The dates will be Sept. 24, 25, Oct 1, 2.

During these Covid days, we have had numerous requests for marriage counseling and marriage retreats. Restrictions caused us to cancel our April retreat, but we are looking forward to our next Marriage Enrichment Retreat, October 15-17. We’re trying different dates for both Marriage and Ladies Retreats this year, so we’ll see how that works for people. We cannot thank you enough for your faithful prayers, and your sacrificial giving. God continues to bless and encourage us through you.



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*But those who wait on the Lord  
shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.*  
*Isaiah 40:31*

I have been reflecting on this verse as it seems that the past year has been a season of waiting in many aspects. With restrictions making things uncertain in planning ahead and having a vision for future ministry events I have been challenged to ponder this season. I have realized that waiting is not passive, it is meant to be a season of renewing strength. This past year has given time to renew strength in the Lord by studying deeper into scripture, memorizing and meditating on scripture as well as a much-needed increase in time spent with the Lord in prayer. God has been showing me the great ministry prayer is! I have been going through a study on "The Lords Prayer" and have had my eyes opened further to see the importance of a fervent prayer life and the promise that when you "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you" James 4:8a.

Over the past couple of months, I have been blessed to be part of a small ladies prayer group in my local area. I have been so encouraged by seeing how God has been working in all our lives. He has answered many of our prayers over the past couple months! It was a joy to join with others in prayer during the Mission's "Day of Prayer & Fasting" in April, praying together that the Gospel would go forth as well as prayer for our country! I have also been blessed to be able to meet with several girls one on one. We have encouraged each other with testimonies of how the Lord is answering prayer as well as discussing burdens the Lord has placed on our hearts and areas in which the Lord is growing us! "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Prov. 27:17

With some of the current restrictions I have been working more from home and have been able to spend time on web-based projects. Also, I have been working on re-typing different documents that needed to be updated. It has been an opportunity to do some housekeeping things that I would not have time for in a busier season. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! Please join me in praying that our area would open restrictions for upcoming summer events.



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