

the SMITHS serving Christ in Ottawa



Dear Praying Friends,

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Serving with CBC

We have daily opportunities and responsibilities in the ministries of our sponsor Church. We are richly blessed to have such a great Church to start our church planting endeavors with. Please pray that our family will serve well, and be a vital part of seeing Carleton Baptist established in Ottawa. CBC is starting their building project this Spring. They have been meeting in rented space for many years. The Church family is very excited about this new step. I will be volunteering in the construction in the months ahead. Praise the Lord for giving me a background in construction and for placing me here for "such a time as this".

Lots of Door Hangers

Our door-to-door for months was hindered (but not stopped) by cold and snow. Now we are having unusual amounts of rain showers. Last week the heavier rain held off just long enough for us to cover the maps we had printed for the day. Some days we knock on every door, on other days, we just hang the bags. Here in the suburbs, all types of soliciting and marketing go door to door. We find that only about one in ten people will actually come to the door if you knock. Because of the amount of door-to-door in the suburbs, every other mailbox (it is legal to put things in the mailbox here) has some form of the following "no soliciting, no trespassing, no religion, no fundraising, no flyers, no exceptions". The door hangers have a John and Romans and a church invite card. Both the John and Romans and the card have a presentation of the Gospel. Please pray that these will be looked at in the homes of people who are living the "good life", but do not have Eternal Life.



Assembly of door hangers!

Family Notes

Kim and the kids are counting the remaining days of school. We will all be glad for the summer break! We had to move at the end of March. Our ten month house lease arrangement since our arrival in Canada expired at the end of March. April was a month of getting out of boxes again. April was also a month of injuries. First, during the moving activity, a step stool collapsed on Kyle and sent him to the hospital for seven stitches in his left hand fingers. He is fully recovered now. Next, Emily was doing flips on the trampoline and hyper-extended her left knee. After sliding around on the floor at home for a day, we knew it was time for her to get an x-ray. Thankfully she only had damaged tissue. She is doing fine now also. Please pray this does not come in "three's".

Conference Opportunities

I went with a group of men from CBC to a two day men's conference. We had a great time of fellowship and heard great messages for men! A few weekends later, Kim and I (and other leaders) went with twenty three teens to a three day youth conference. Many of the teenagers responded to the messages. One of the teens that went with our Church made a profession of faith! Both of the conferences were a five hour drive one way. We do not get to participate with other Churches very often because of the distance between churches of like faith. Praise the Lord for these conference opportunities and growth and decisions of those who went!



CBC guys that went to men's conference



youth conference Fun!

Prayer Requests:

1. For our ministry responsibilities at CBC.
2. For people to be saved, baptized, and added to the Church. We are working with some in each of these steps of the Great Commission.
3. For ongoing paperwork and details for us to get settled here. July will complete our one-year temporary residence status.
4. For CBC's Church building project. Finances, laborers, and timing. The Church plans to be having services in the new auditorium in the Spring of 2018. CBC wants to have a vital role in our future church plant.

Serving in the Capital of Canada,

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