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## March Prayer Letter

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Dear Praying Friends,

February was an exciting and busy month for us. There are several things that we wanted to share with you, and could hardly wait to write this newsletter to inform you for the goodness of God.

### “You Have Been Invited!”

The biggest news, from a human standpoint, is that we received our ITA (Invitation to Apply). This is the next step in the process of obtain Permanent Resident status (not citizenship; that is a different process that will come later) in Canada. With the ITA comes more paperwork and the gathering of information to submit to Immigration as we seek approval of PR status for the family. The ITA also has a deadline of 90 days from the day that the ITA is sent from the government. At the end of those 90 days, all information must be submitted and all fees paid.

Immigration is not free, in case you were wondering! In the past 2.5 weeks we have paid out C\$2,260 for medical exams, police clearance, and photos. The actual fees that must be paid along with our completed application is just over C\$3,500! We are thankful for a large love offering we received last year from a supporting church. We needed to use part of that offering, but saved back the majority of it to pay for some of these expenses. We have also received love offerings from a couple of individuals to help cover these expenses. We are thankful for God’s provision as we continue to step out by faith.

Please pray that the process to receive our PR will be quick and smooth.

### “You Are Needed!”

One of the Independent Baptist churches in our area is now without a Pastor. This church helped us to immigrate to Canada, and so are very special to us. They are about 45-60 minutes away from us, depending on traffic and road conditions. I was able to preach for them two Sunday mornings in February, and am already scheduled for another two Sunday mornings in March.

Another great joy was to have two of our sons preach for them two Sunday evenings. James, our oldest, is scheduled to speak for them one Sunday evening in March. We are

seeing some of the reward from our college-level Bible Institute in this situation, which causes us to rejoice in the Lord.

Please pray for Vision Baptist Church as they begin the process of finding a Pastor. There is a serious shortage of labourers here in Canada, and we must petition the Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest.

### “You Have Fruit!”

We continue to meet together, but the current provincial restrictions have scared many people from attending church. We are actively praying and seeking for the lost, and know that God’s Word will not return void.

One great blessing is watching our newest members grow in the Lord. They have many questions, but these questions show a heart that wants to know more about our Lord. This is so encouraging to see! Please pray for the continued growth of these precious people.

### “You Can’t Go!”

It is exciting to hear about different states in the US opening up after months of restrictions. Our situation here is not that exciting. Alberta is much more open than other provinces, but the restrictions are chafing when we know that the Lord will return soon. There are even calls for a third lockdown being bandied about. The Federal government has instituted an enforced quarantine on international travellers, at the expense of the traveller (\$2,000 per traveller). This is being done to put a stop to international travel by Canadians. I was scheduled to preach a Missions Conference in April for one of our supporting churches in Washington State, but had to cancel due to these new travel restrictions. Please pray for the municipal, provincial, and national restrictions to be lifted so that we can faithfully serve the Saviour without hindrance.

We cannot say how grateful we are to have your prayers behind us! We know that God will continue to bless and open door of opportunity for us as a direct result of your prayers.

The Night Cometh!