

## Sending Church:

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Dear Praying Friends,

Serving the Lord is always an "adventure!" You never know what will pop up next, but as servants of Christ, we always have the assurance that He is in control and that we will be moulded in His likeness at the end of the road. These are uplifting thoughts as we are jostled by the world, the devil, and our flesh.

### Immigration Update

We were so excited to submit our applications for Permanent Residence in Canada. According to their website, processing time from PR applications is running at about 121 days, meaning that we should have a decision by September 3rd. We are praying that Immigration will move quicker than anticipated, and we know that they have already begun to process our applications, which is encouraging to us. As of now, we plan to begin the process of sponsoring James' application for Permanent Residence as soon as our status is approved. Please pray that the Lord will prosper and speed along each step of this process.

### COVID Restrictions

COVID restrictions remain in place all across Canada. Alberta is not as strict as other provinces, for which we are grateful, yet these restrictions do feel like a "thorn in the flesh" at times. We just went through two weeks where we were allowed no more than 15 in a church service. To accommodate our members and visitors, we doubled our services so that no one was left out of in-person services. This was physically draining, but we are thankful that we were able to make that accommodation. We are also thankful that we are now allowed 15% of our facility capacity, which has allowed us to return to our regular service schedule. According to the current plan, this limit should be increased to 33% of facility capacity on June 10, and back to 100% by the end of June or early July. It is hard to get excited about the current plan because previous "re-opening" plans have been scrapped before getting off the ground, but we try to remain cautiously optimistic.

Once the province reopens, we anticipate the Canada-US border will reopen without restrictions shortly afterward. This will be a blessing since we have been waiting to drive down and pick up 10,000 John and Romans booklets and several thousand Gospel tracts since early last year. The border closed last year just as I was making plans for the trip to pick up these things. If we can get these materials in the next few months, we may be able to do a mailing of John and Romans later this year.

### Advancement and Attack

Please continue to pray for Vision Baptist Church in Leduc. They had a candidate visit them between May 30 and June 6. Pray that they will discern God's leadership regarding this young man. The boys and I are scheduled to preach for them later this month, as we continue to help them fill the pulpit during this time.

We are thrilled with the spiritual growth that we are seeing among many of our members. It is exciting to watch as the "light goes on" regarding spiritual truth. With this growth, we have seen several members show an interest in attending our Bible Institute when we start back this Fall. Obviously, this means more work, but it is worthwhile work!

Of course, whenever the Lord is blessing, the devil will attack God's work. We have seen a critical, complaining spirit moving around behind the scenes, and we are praying that the Lord will give us wisdom to deal with this issue, and spiritual victory for each one involved.

We know that we are in the Last Days and that our time is short. We want to do all we can for the Saviour before His return so that we might hear Him say, "Well done!" We appreciate your prayers for our family and our ministry here in Edmonton.

God bless!

The Night Cometh!