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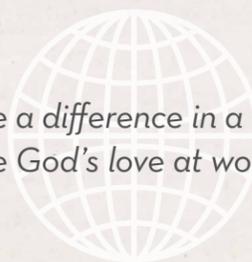
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100 YEARS OF CARING FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD: 1919-2019

By Jodey Hutchings

It's hard to believe that 2018 is over and a new year has begun! As I think about 2019, I am filled with a sense of awe, appreciation and excitement. This year marks our 100th anniversary in missions as a Fellowship. What an incredible testimony of God's faithfulness! What a cause for celebration!

Anniversaries are a big deal - they are a time to celebrate, a time of reflection, a time to see where life has taken you and the growth, joys, trials and experiences that have shaped you along the way. If you pour over the records of time, you'll see that there is much to be thankful for, a lot of lessons learned and just how amazing our God is.

As Canadian Pentecostals, we've answered the call of God by serving overseas and reaching countless thousands through the century. Can you just imagine how many children are in

that number?! Can you just imagine how many of those children encountered the life-transforming love of God that changed the trajectory of their lives for eternity? Those children, through the obedience of faithful missionary ambassadors of the gospel became the recipients of love, of care, of empowerment and so much more. Each of those children has a story. If we were to record the impact of each transformed life, it might take yet another century!

Jesus was very intentional in connecting with children. He loved to gather them up in His arms. He embraced them, empowered them, and elevated their significance. He said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). Hundreds of missionaries over the years have done the same and in turn have fulfilled the great commission to 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15). A century later, hundreds still currently serve to do the same. God's call and legacy lives on to reach yet thousands upon thousands more until He returns.

Where does MAK fit into the picture? Glad you asked! While MAK might not have been officially around for 100 years, our Fellowship has been supporting global workers and their families for that long. When funding was needed to help support missionary kids to go to school, churches gave. When families needed support in other ways, they not only gave, but they prayed! Canadian Pentecostals are missional people - it is at the core of our DNA.

Today we continue to champion the cause. MAK continues to place a high priority in inspiring Canadian children to do all that they can do to serve God by connecting with global workers and their children, assisting them financially, praying for their needs and supporting projects that care for children all

around the world. So as a supporter of MAK, you are very instrumental in what God has been doing in the lives of children both globally and in our own nation. With every global worker feature we share, with every Mission Canada and ERDO Corner we write, you are invited to not only learn of the great global work being done but to engage with what God is doing. God is using YOU as you pray, as you give, as you write letters, send emails, and engage with global workers and the children they reach. Our story is God's story - you are part of that story!

Let's take the time to celebrate and to honour those that have served and continue to heed the call to go. Let us give praise to our great and faithful God for all that He has done and continues to do in the lives of children around the world. Thank You, Lord, for Your great faithfulness!



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GLOBAL WORKER FAMILY FEATURES

THE DEWEERD FAMILY

Ryan & Heather, Liberty and Eddison in the Dominican Republic

WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE LIVE



We are the DeWeerd family, global workers in the Dominican Republic (DR), a Spanish-speaking country of 10 million people that shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Ryan has been serving God in the DR for 11 years, Heather for 6, and Liberty (age 4) and Eddison (age 2) for most of their lives. We live and work on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic, in a city called Nagua, a city of many motorcycles, busy streets, delicious fruit, rice and beans and kind people. Nagua has about 35,000 people and is right on the Atlantic Ocean, with warm temperatures all year round. We love living and serving Jesus here as a family!

Our ministry's name is Every Day Ministries Canada. We serve the national church pastors and leaders, teaching, encouraging and training them to be stronger in their ministries, more passionate for Jesus, and more effective in their calling to see the lost found. Even though the DR was founded on Christian principles, most do not follow Jesus. Our job is to help put tools in the hands of believers so they can see many more people come to faith in Christ. We work with almost 500 evangelical churches in the DR, and over 50 churches in the area of Cap Haitian, Haiti.

Ryan is the academic director and teaches at their ministry's Spanish-speaking Bible College, among many other tasks like hosting teams, fixing computers, preaching, and translating. Heather does the coordination for all

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of our short-term teams (10-12 yearly) and is now directing the Girls of Destiny program, which trains girls with basic life skills and biblical principles to help them make wise, godly choices and ensure they have a hope and a future. Ryan and Heather also help host teams, organize conferences and other ministry events. Liberty and Eddison join us in many ministry events, and as you will read below are also used by God in amazing ways!

WHEN CHILDREN HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Recently I (Ryan) took Liberty and Eddison out for a morning in town, and they stopped at an ice cream shop on the way home. While eating some ice cream, a man with crutches appeared outside the window, and stopped, hoping to receive a donation of money. Ryan wasn't turned to the window, but Liberty immediately noticed the man, and piped up, "We should pray for the man!" I asked her more about this, and she responded, "Because he has crutches." The man continued on down the sidewalk and we finished our ice cream a minute later. Liberty again insisted, "We should pray for the man



right now." Not wanting to miss out on this opportunity where God was telling us to do this through His speaking to my little girl's heart, we popped out of the store and saw that he was hobbling along at an incredibly quick pace and was way down the street. I grabbed both kids and we took off after him, crossed the street, and finally caught up with him. I explained that God spoke to Liberty's heart to pray for him, and we all sat down in a tiny 6' square mini-restaurant, held hands and prayed for healing, salvation, and blessing for this man. At the end we blessed him with some pesos and we believe that God touched that man that day. What an encouragement to us as parents to see Liberty responding to the Holy Spirit's voice and desiring to pray for others! Children of any age can be used by God!

A DAY IN THE LIFE

What do we do every day? This is something many people ask us, so we will try and answer this for you. Every day is different and exciting. During the week, Liberty attends a half-day at a Spanish school in town, and Eddison stays at home. Ryan works at the ministry offices and also teaches a class in their bible seminary. Heather, while taking care of the kids, works from home to coordinate teams and other areas. We make trips to visit pastors in rural villages, have regular staff meetings, and do evening events throughout the month. When a short-term team is here, our week gets packed from morning to night, for a full week of visiting churches, doing kids/youth ministry, construction of churches or homes, working on our passion fruit farm, and doing evangelism in different towns/neighbourhoods. Sometimes, whenever a problem arises, whether power outage, or internet or car trouble, we need to spend a full day problem solving so we can continue to function as a family or ministry. Needless to say,

life is never boring, and God always gives us strength to live out every day for Him!

One of the areas of our work is in the Transformations project, a small village of 77 homes called Los Rincones, where our ministry has built 9 new houses for needy families, done evangelism and outreach activities with the local churches, and worked alongside the community to help create more jobs. Many times, Liberty and Eddison have come along with us to share Jesus' love in practical ways, whether playing with the children, gardening, or just smiling! Many have come to know Jesus in a deeper way through this practical community work!

Thank-you so much for your prayers for us as we encourage the Dominican and Haitian churches, and continue to see people decide to follow Jesus for the first time!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for our family for protection, good health, and wisdom.
- Pray for the pastors and leaders we minister to, for the girls that we are training and the young people we are preparing for ministry.
- Pray for our whole ministry team as we welcome a new Canadian family this Fall 2019 to our team.

May God bless you richly as you serve Jesus wherever you are!

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THE H. FAMILY

LEARNING ABOUT JESUS THROUGH CHRISTMAS AND SMALL GROUPS

J. & C., Abby and Lucas in Thailand



Saa waa dee khrap! (hello in Thai). My name is Lucas and I am 6 years old. My sister, Abby, who is 4 and my Mom and Dad and I live in Thailand's deep south (almost in Malaysia). My Dad works with Imagine Thailand and teaches English at the University and my Mom helps other global workers in Southeast Asia, mostly on her computer. We live in Thailand because there are many people in our city and country who have never heard about Jesus and we want them to have the opportunity to hear about the hope we have in Christ.

December is always one of our favourite months of the year. The university students love to have fun and many of

them have never been to a Christmas party before so we have a lot of Christmas parties for them. This year we had six parties in one week with almost 100 students. At the parties, we do lots of fun activities, like decorating cookies, making Christmas cards, singing Christmas carols. I like singing the Christmas carols the best and my sister likes decorating and eating cookies. We also have a lot of delicious food!

Our friend, P. Oh also shares with the students the reason why we celebrate Christmas and why Jesus came as a baby. For many of the students this is the first time that they have heard about the real meaning of Christmas.

The students are also given the opportunity to join a small group to learn more about Jesus. We pray that many students would be interested in joining throughout 2019.

I also love December because even though the rest of our friends go to Thai school on December 25th, we take the day off to celebrate Christmas with our family. Christmas isn't a holiday in Thailand so everyone else at our school goes to school like any other day of the year. I don't know of any other kids at my school who are Christian, but we are praying for our friends that they might come to know Jesus as well.

Throughout the rest of the year, our home is a busy place. My Mom teaches baking classes and we also have games night one time per week. Abby loves to help with baking and I love to play games. Some of my favourite games to play are Uno and Runicube. We like that the students come to our house so then we can play with them and spend time with them before we have to go to bed. The students are very kind to us and many of them will even buy us small gifts on our birthdays! We get a lot of presents!

When the students are at our house, our Mom and Dad have the opportunity to talk to them about how they can rely on God when they are facing challenges and suggest ways to work out problems with friends and family. Thai students are very kind to us, but it seems like they have a lot of problems in their lives. We pray that they can come to know God so that they may receive peace from Him and wisdom to deal with all situations.

One of the most exciting things that has happened over this past year is the start of Alpha small groups. In 2018, our Thai partner, Oh, started two groups. These groups allow students to eat and have fun together but also discuss some of the problems that they face and learn about what the Bible says about those problems. We pray for these students that as they learn about Jesus that their lives and hearts would be changed and after the course is over they will want to keep studying about Jesus together!

One of the hardest parts of living in Thailand for us is living far away from our family and friends in Canada. Abby misses my Grandma's dog a lot too! This year, my parents let us get two pet fish, but they said we couldn't have a dog because we don't have a yard and we travel too much. We also have never seen snow before and we really want to see snow. One year, we went to Canada

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in the Spring and saw a bit of ice but we want to play in the snow! I know this might seem funny to people who get to see snow every year. Someday we will see snow and I can't wait!

The other hard part is learning the Thai language. My sister and I both go to a Thai school, but we still don't understand everything that is said by our teachers or our friends. It is also really hard for us to say what we want to say in Thai. Our friend Oh is helping me be more confident in speaking Thai but it is still something that we are trying to work on. It's very confusing being in a place when you don't understand what is being said around you. That's why we are trying our best to learn Thai and English!

There are also many things that we love to do in Thailand. I get to play football (soccer) on a team every week, we have a playground at a park in our city now and we love swimming and going to our local zoo. Our favourite animals at the zoo are the monkeys. They are so crazy swinging from the trees!

Prayer Requests:

- For Lucas and Abby as they study in Thai school; that they would continue to learn more language and make good friends.
- For the students at the university; that they would be interested in hearing more about Jesus and choose to follow Him.
- For Oh as she is away from home; that God would be her comfort and that she would continue to be brave to share her story with others.

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*The H. family live and minister in a sensitive region. Their last name has been withheld for this reason. ◦



THE CHIRISERI FAMILY

CELEBRATING THE GOOD THINGS GOD IS DOING

Felix & Cecelia and Hannah in South Africa



HI. I am Hannah, and with my mom and dad, we are the Chiriseri family. We live in a country called South Africa. South Africa is at the very bottom of the continent of Africa. It is a very large country, though much smaller than Canada. We live in the middle of the country and it takes about 7 hours to drive to the east coast and about 18 hours to drive to the west coast.

We have been living in South Africa for three years now and we all enjoy it very much. I am almost five years old. I was born in Canada but have spent most of my life here in South Africa. They speak many languages here. The two that are spoken the most are Zulu and Afrikaans, and English of course. I only know English but sometimes I like to pretend I know another language!

My mom and dad came here to work together with different communities. A community is kind of like a neighbourhood. It is an area where people live, work, play and go to school and church. They work with pastors to help them to be able to reach out to people and help them to know God better. They have a lot of meetings! I

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also go to the meetings, which I like to do, but sometimes it is boring for me because there is a lot of talking. Mostly though it is fun! And I usually get to play with some new friends. Many of the children don't speak English but we still have fun together. We usually run around and play in the hot sun.

My mom and dad say that it is important for the pastors to be able to help the people so that they can know God and have a better life. Some of the people cannot find work, so they cannot buy food for their families or send their children to school. If the people learn a skill, that means they will be able to make money so that they can take care of their families! That is good news because it means they will be able to eat better, and also the children will be

able to learn better at school if they have good food to eat.

This year we had lots of parties! One of them was a graduation for some of the people who were in some Bible classes. They call them 'discipleship classes'. That word means they learn more about who God is and why Jesus came to die for all of us. There were 24 people who graduated and there was a big party! Everyone was so excited, and they even got certificates, which is something that is very important my mom and dad say. The people who graduated now know more about God, they know about why Jesus came and died for them, and they also know that sin is doing something that makes God sad. Jesus can forgive us though and that makes God happy!



We also had another graduation for four ladies who were taking sewing lessons all year. This was very exciting! There was cake, and dancing, and lots of people. The ladies were all excited because now they know how to sew things like sheets and pillowcases, curtains, clothes and fancy dresses. I even got a brand-new apron! Now that the ladies can sew, that means they can sew things for other people and make money that they can use to buy food for



their families and send their children to school. Also, it means they will help the community because they will sell the things they make for cheaper than the people can buy it in the shops, which means people can save money.

There were also over 450 children that came to the party! Wow! There was a lot of noise and a lot of food. We were praying that there would be enough food because the church couldn't buy enough food for everyone. And... there was enough! We were so happy that God answered our prayer so that all the children could have something to eat. Just like in the Bible when the boy had five loaves and two fish and there was enough for everyone!

The ladies also have a vision, which I think means there is something big they wanted to do when they finished school. They had a plan to open up a factory where they can sew school uniforms for the children in the community. Especially the children who are supported by CCP. CCP is called ChildCARE Plus. That means that people in Canada send money every month so that the children can buy things that they wouldn't get otherwise. Sometimes that means new school

uniforms. So now that the ladies can sew, it means they can make the school uniforms for the children and they will be very affordable.

Will you help us help the children and adults in the communities where my mom and dad work? Can you remember to pray for us sometimes?

Prayer Requests:

- For safety when we drive back and forth. We do a lot of driving in the car.
- For health. My dad had a surgery this year and we want God to keep us all healthy so we can do what we need to do and have fun together.
- For God to help us all follow Him and do what He wants us to do.

Please join us in praying for the Chiriseri family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE SEILING FAMILY

DISCIPLING YOUNG MEN IS OUR CALL

Greg & Sarah, Sam, Asher and Anaya in the Philippines



Hi! We are the Seiling family. Greg, Sarah, Samuel (age 6), Asher (age 5) and Anaya (18 months). We are from Elmira, Ontario working as global workers with the PAOC in the Philippines. There are about 100 million people living in this small country and many of them live in poverty. Children in these poor families are often in very difficult situations like not having enough food to eat each day, no access to go to school and even living on the street. Thankfully, there are people that share the love of Jesus with them. Even though they may give their heart to the Lord, there is a need for people to teach them what it means to love Jesus and live in a relationship with Him - this is discipleship.

We work at Honest Hands Discipleship Home with boys aged 15-20 who grew up in difficult life situations and desperately need to know the love of Jesus. During the nine months at Honest Hands, they learn what it is to be a Christian and gain a solid foundation in their faith through Bible classes and mentoring. They also do academic tutorials (Math, Science, English), learn social skills (how to be a good friend, how to be kind and polite) and basic life skills (taking care of their body, laundry, cooking).

In 2018 we went back to Canada for three months for our home assignment. Sam, Asher and Anaya loved playing with their cousins and friends. Because

they had such a good time with everyone, it was hard to say goodbye. God gave us strength and peace as we left, and he also gave us the joy to be back in our own home in the Philippines. It can be hard to be away from our Canadian friends and family but we are thankful for the "family" that we have here. Other global workers become like family and even the guys who attend the Honest Hands program become 'kuya', which means "older brother" to Sam, Asher and Anaya.

While we were in Canada a new group of guys started at Honest Hands. When we got back we wanted to get to know them. So, we decided to have two guys at a time over for dinner each week

until they all got to have a meal with us. Sarah cooked a meal without rice which made some of the guys squirm (they eat rice three times a day). Sam, Asher and even Anaya loved to have the guys over. Sam and Asher would ask several times during the day if the two guys are coming soon because they were so excited to have them over. During the meal, we would ask the guys questions to get to know them more. Some things we would ask were "What do you like about Honest Hands?" "What's hard for you at Honest Hands?" "What were you doing before you came to Honest Hands?" "What do you want to do after Honest Hands?" These questions often lead them to share many things about their life. Sam and Asher loved sitting and listening to their life stories. After brownies and ice cream (no squirming there... who doesn't like brownies and ice-cream?), the two guys played nerf guns with Sam and Asher. Sam and Asher each teamed up with one of the guys. This was probably the favourite part of the evening for everyone. The house would be filled with joy and laughter!

Unfortunately, when some of the guys go home for the weekend, sometimes there isn't much joy and laughter. Take R.A. for example. He has never met his dad and his mom struggles with drug abuse among other things. On returning home from Honest Hands one Friday, he was reprimanded for not bringing any snacks home for his young siblings. His mother was so upset she kicked him out of their small shack. He had nowhere to go that night, so he slept outside of a 7-Eleven. When he shared this during our community sharing the following Monday evening he was upset and in tears. Greg, the staff and other students were shaken by his story when he shared it, and they prayed for him as a group. Despite R.A.'s family struggles he continues to pursue his dream to be a pastor.

There are also two other guys who want to be pastors after graduating

...since joining Honest Hands they aren't just hanging out with their friends but taking the opportunity to share about Jesus and invite them to church!



from Honest Hands. These guys have been maturing in their faith and showing potential to be involved in ministry. Then there are the two brothers, J.B and G.B. Their hobby is skateboarding. They enjoy spending weekends hanging out with their skateboarding friends. But since joining Honest Hands they aren't just hanging out with their friends but taking the opportunity to share about Jesus and invite them to church! These are just a few stories of how we see God working in the lives of the students. Praise God for the opportunity to be part of God's plan to bring these guys into right relationship with Him and show his will for their lives!

Prayer Requests:

- *That our children will grow to love the Lord.*

- *That our children will embrace our host country and build good friendships here.*
- *For our family's spiritual and physical protection.*
- *For wisdom for Greg as he leads Honest Hands and wisdom for Sarah as she homeschools the kids and is also involved in our community.*
- *Please pray that our current students will surrender fully to the Holy Spirit and not turn away from the work that God is doing in their lives.*

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THE FELLER FAMILY

OUR LIFE IN ETHIOPIA

Jeremy & Teresa, Zoe, Timothy and Bethany in Ethiopia

Hello from the Feller family in the land of 13 months of sunshine: Ethiopia. This nation uses a different calendar that has 13 months. This means we get to celebrate many different holidays and sometimes the holidays are at different times of the year. We have enjoyed calling Ethiopia home for the last 15 years.

Jeremy and Teresa serve in a variety of ministries in their local church, Addis Christian Life Assembly and around the nation of Ethiopia. Jeremy also serves as the Regional Director (RD) for the PAOC in Africa.

Timothy and Bethany are currently homeschooling this year. They enjoy reading and playing together. Bethany likes dressing up and playing with beads. Tim loves Lego and building things. They have enjoyed using some recycled

materials to build some school projects. It has been fun to see Bethany's personality in focusing on the big picture, whereas Tim enjoys focusing on the small details. They worked together to build a house on stilts and Bethany worked on the structure and stilts while Tim worked on the roof and a water spout. They also enjoy planting seeds and seeing them grow. They each are responsible for their own pot where the shoots have started to break through the soil.

Zoe attends Bingham Academy. Her teacher is great and has helped her to develop her Math and English skills. Zoe enjoys dressing up and playing with balloons. She is very particular and loves things to be done 'right'.

Jeremy's role as the Africa RD means that he travels a fair amount. This has

given us the privilege of seeing what God is doing all over the continent. On top of the travel and teaching in Ethiopia we have been blessed to see where God is at work in other nations. God is at work drawing those who previously have not known Him. Many across this continent are finding the hope and joy that only Jesus can bring. There are many new opportunities throughout the continent, particularly into the west and north of the continent. Training church planters into these unreached areas is a challenge and priority for us.

All across Ethiopia there are stories of the power of Jesus penetrating hard to reach areas. Once one person has been changed by the truth of Jesus Christ they cannot help but tell others, causing the message to spread quickly through regions previously resistant to



the gospel. Bibles are something that is a constant need as new believers seek to know their Lord and Savior better. As the Word of God gets into communities, they are transformed, and the gospel expands even farther and faster. We are privileged to share our ministry gifts alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ who work tirelessly to expand the kingdom of God here on earth.

In one Islamic community the gospel has been advancing as people come to know Jesus Christ. In one area a Muslim leader was very hostile to the church and the presentation of Jesus. After leaving the country for more training he returned to his home community to find a church. He was furious and went

to the community leaders to ask them why they had allowed the Christians to come into the community. He then went and burned down the church and the church planter's home. In the following days he went past a home where the Christians were meeting in secret. They were praying and asking God to forgive the one who burned down their church and the planter's home. He was challenged that they would pray for him. A little while later he decided to give his life to Christ because he was overwhelmed by the love and forgiveness of the disciples. In many other locations around the nation God is at work.

he decided to give his life to Christ because he was overwhelmed by the love and forgiveness of the disciples.

This Christmas season we enjoyed celebrating with our church family. We did a musical that shares the truth of Emmanuel, God with us, in every challenge and situation of life. Bethany agreed to be a part of the drama and did an amazing job. It was a wonderful night of encouragement and remembering that God is always with us, no matter what we face.

We are trusting God for great things in 2019. Thanks for your prayers, support and encouragement. God bless you and your loved ones.

Please join us in praying for the Feller family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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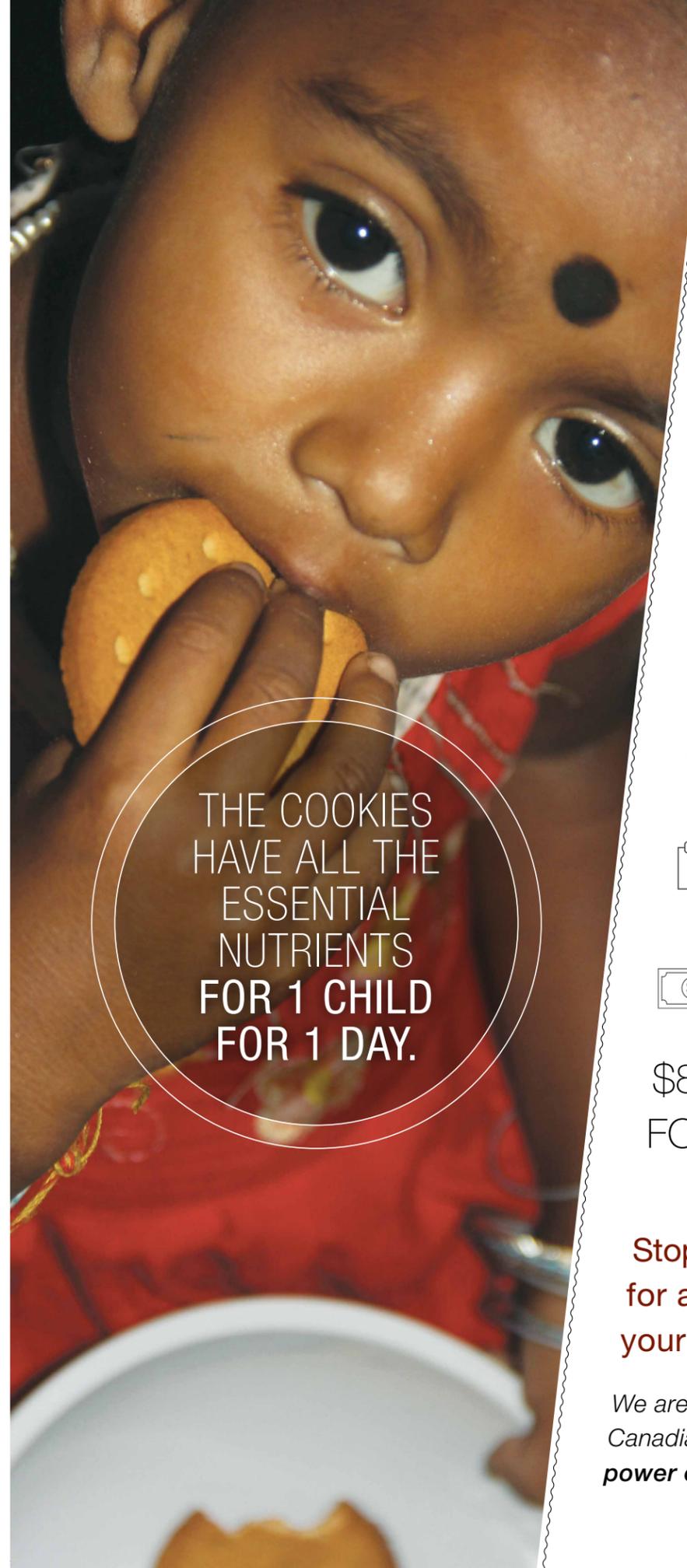
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THE MOHAWK MISSIONARY COMES TO THE NORTH

By Rev. Hailey Armoogan

Do you enjoy long drives? What do you like to do when you are travelling on a long road trip with your family? What's the longest road trip you have ever been on? Hours? Days? Did you get bored? Fall asleep?

Imagine driving all the way from Nashville, Tennessee in the United States of America, to Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada. Fort Smith is in the sub-arctic—that's a long drive! It would take you 45 hours which is almost two full days of driving without stopping. 4,700 kilometers to be exact. This past summer the music group Jumpstart3 made the drive from Nashville to Fort Smith for a wild adventure in Canada's North where they met bears, visited Canada's largest national park, showed us how to find instruments to make music anywhere and everywhere and taught us how to hide God's Word in our hearts, minds and bodies.

Jeff McCullough, his wife Christina and their two children Melina (age 17) and Andrew (age 12) are the group Jumpstart3. They travel around the world teaching children, youth and adults Bible verses that they have put to fun and exciting music, with actions and movements that help us to remember God's Word. They do concerts in stadiums, as well as concerts in tiny churches, schools, prisons - wherever people gather. They love God and the Bible, God's Word, and want to help people to know it, understand it, live it and memorize it. Psalm 119: 11, says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Knowing and understanding God's Word helps us to know how to live lives that are pleasing to God. It directs us to be all that God has created us to be.

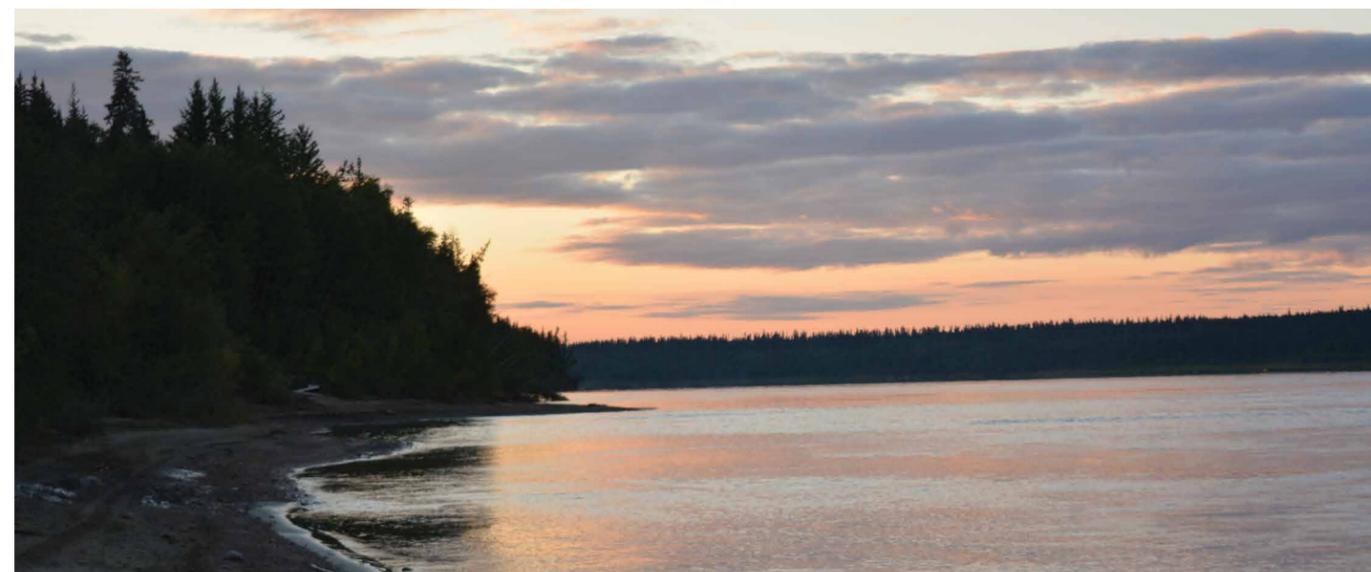
Jumpstart3 uses lots of different types of music to help people hide God's Word in their hearts because music can be found everywhere. At our week-long music camp for kids we learned how to find sound in giant metal bolts and nails from the hardware store that make perfect sounds when struck together. We made a giant instrument like a marimba or xylophone, which are percussion instruments, using giant plastic tubing and flip flops! We learned

how random sounds can be pieced together digitally to create music and how to make simple instruments to take home and play to our families. We sang, danced and discovered that everything around us can be used to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

We really enjoyed introducing Jumpstart3 to our small community. There are 2,500 people in our town - so visitors always stand out, especially a visitor who has a bright red mohawk haircut! Jeff is known as "the Mohawk Missionary" and he has his very own Lego character! Jeff's bright

red mohawk certainly drew a lot of attention, which led to a lot of great conversations around town.

Jeff is a very accomplished musician and he used to work as a music producer in Los Angeles, California in the United States. He has produced the music of many famous artists and can play almost any instrument. But he didn't always know that God loved him and had a purpose and plan for his life. He didn't know that God had given him special gifts and abilities to worship God and make Him known to others. When Jeff was growing up, about your age, he



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didn't feel loved by anyone - not even his parents. He didn't have friends, he preferred to make enemies so nobody would ever know how much he was hurting inside. But then one day, the boy in his class that he was the meanest to started telling him that Jesus loved him. This made Jeff become meaner to the boy, but the boy never gave up. Finally, Jeff believed what his classmate was telling him and discovered that not only did Jesus love him, but he created him, had purpose for him and a plan



for his life. Jeff got to share his story with some of the musicians in our town that were super curious about him. We hosted a musicians' night at our church and Jeff shared about his music career and how God has allowed him to make Jesus known through music.

Summers in Fort Smith are hot, with bright blue skies, green grass and colourful flowers. Our town is located on the Slave River where the sun stays up until almost midnight and then rises again at 3:00 in the morning. Sometimes you can see the Northern lights in the few hours of darkness. Although our summers are hot, not very many buildings have air conditioning. We might like it, but we don't have it in our

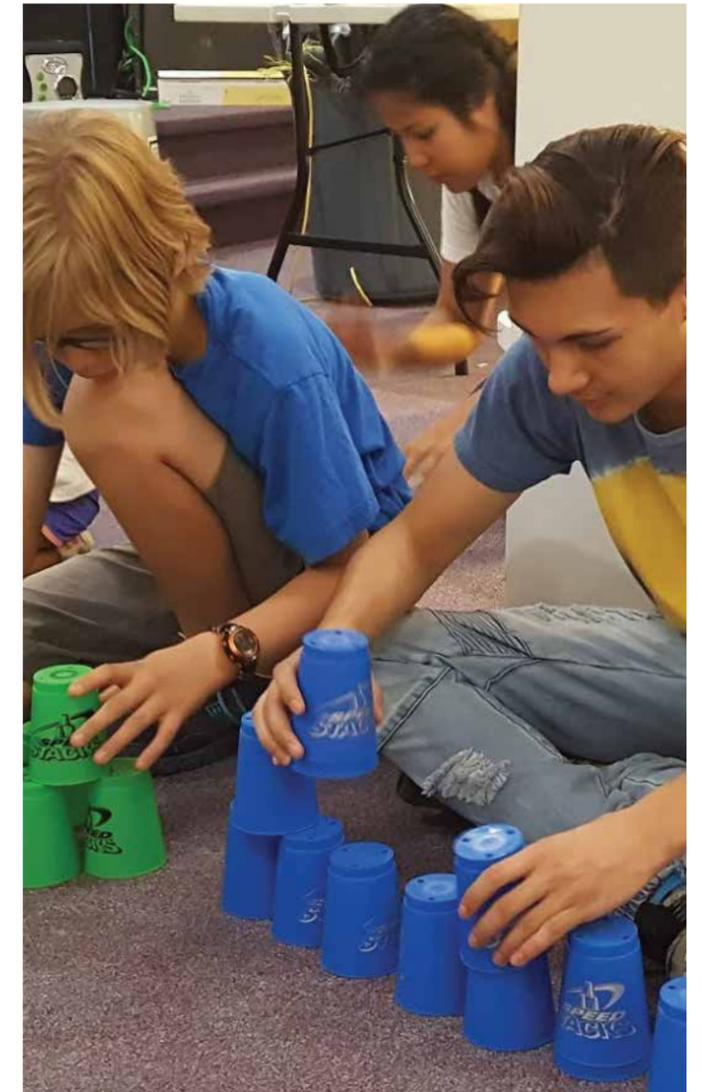
buildings. We wanted our whole town to hear about Jesus and God's Word through Jumpstart3 with a concert for the whole community. We got the use of our Recreation Centre gym and set it up for the concert. But was it ever hot! But did we ever have a great time! Kids, teens, adults and seniors - hiding God's Word in their heart through Jumpstart3 songs.

How do you hide God's Word in your heart so that you can know how to live for Him? You can listen to Jumpstart3 songs by getting your parents, or another adult to help you purchase and download them from online. You can put Bible verses to songs that you make up as well. God's Word teaches us who

God is, who we are and how we can live for Him and lead others to His love and purpose too!

We are thankful to God for what He did in the lives of kids in Fort Smith and the surrounding areas this summer, and we are also thankful to Mission Canada who helped to make this outreach to kids in the North possible. Thank you, Mission Canada!

Rev. Hailey Armoogan serves as the Lead Pastor of Fort Smith Pentecostal Church, a multi-generational, multi-cultural church in Fort Smith, NT.



ERDO CORNER



TIPS FOR WRITING TO YOUR SPONSOR CHILD

By Marie Lynn

Sometimes it's difficult to know what to write to your sponsor child, especially if you're a kid. You aren't really sure what to make of the new relationship you have with someone who lives so differently from you. So how can you make a real connection if you are limited by time, distance, and culture?

Here are some tips to help you know what to say next time to you pick up the pen to write a letter to your sponsor child.

1. LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE ROOTING FOR THEM

Many of these children face circumstances we can't even imagine. Letting them know that you care is a great way to build their confidence and gives you an opportunity to make a connection. For example, you could ask what their favourite and least favourite subjects are in school. If they say they don't like math, you could respond by saying, "I didn't like math at first either, but now I use it every day. The more you practice, the easier it gets. You are so smart, and I know that it will be easy for you soon!" In future letters, you can continue to ask them how math class is going and offer them some help.

2. TALK ABOUT ORDINARY TOPICS

The recent weather, what your hometown is like, and what your family is up to that month are all great topics of conversation. Not only can that open doors to more interesting discussions, but it also gives your sponsored child the basic information they need to understand what your life is like. Many of the children in our ChildCARE Plus programs have strong relationships with nature because of their location. They will be interested to learn about what your seasons are like, how your garden is doing, and what your city is like.

3. REMIND YOUR SPONSOR CHILD THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM

Do this by saying it outright and bringing up topics discussed in previous letters and ask for updates. This will make the child feel listened to and validated.

4. BE SENSITIVE TO THEIR CULTURE

Your sponsored child experiences the world completely differently than you. It is important to keep that in

mind, not only to make your letters more relatable, but also to ensure that you are not offending them or their community. Simple topics like having a household pet can be strange to some children. Try to be mindful of your child's cultural situation.

5. SHARE YOUR WALK WITH THE LORD

Tell them your favourite Bible verses, let them know you're praying for them, or just tell them that God loves them. The simplest things can make the biggest difference in a child's life.

Now that you know what to write. Here are some tips on some of the types of things that you should avoid.

1. REFRAIN FROM USING "POPULAR PHRASES"

Even though we have excellent translators working on your letters, finding alternatives to our popular phrasing can be time consuming. Everything from 'it's raining cats and dogs' to 'be there in no time' can confuse your sponsored child. Use clear, simple phrasing. Overly flowery language is harder to translate and easy to misunderstand. Instead of saying, "math will be easy for you in no time," say "math will be easy for you very soon."

2. TRY NOT TO GET TOO PERSONAL

Never share your personal mailing address, your phone number, any



financial information, or any of your social media pages with your sponsored child. This is not only for your protection, but also for theirs.

3. DON'T MAKE ANY PROMISES YOU CAN'T KEEP

Don't tell them that you might come visit 'sometime' or that you will send them something that you can't send. We encourage sending photographs and postcards, but large gifts are not allowed. Don't worry though, we give sponsors the option to give extra for birthday gifts and at Christmas. Global workers in the area who know your child well will pick out the perfect gift for them!

4. AVOID BRINGING UP UPSETTING TOPICS

The point of these letters is to inspire and uplift the sponsored child. If you know that a tragic or upsetting event happened in their life from their bio you received, avoid bringing it up in a letter. If they mention it, try to keep your response as hopeful and positive as possible. It's also good to keep in mind, if you are experiencing something upsetting in your own life, not to share that information with your sponsored child. Again, we want to keep letters positive and uplifting.

When you write to your sponsored child, it brings so much joy. For more tips, visit: www.erdo.ca/child-letters Happy writing!

MAK PROJECTS

BANGLADESH IN-SCHOOL FEEDING PROJECT

Details: There are 4,200 pre-school aged children in 13 areas of North and South Bangladesh. These 109 pre-schools cater to children from vulnerable families. Most of the parents are illiterate and have not had the opportunity to have formal education. They are day labourers and find it difficult to feed their children. Bangladesh has no pre-primary school for children aged 4-7 years and when children from these vulnerable families are admitted in the primary schools they are unable to cope with the most basic lessons being taught. Due to this, the majority of these children are forced out of the education system every year. Attendance at one of the pre-primary schools prepares these young children to go to primary school.

Hunger is also a big hindrance for these children. While they can attend pre-primary school, it is difficult for them to pay attention and learn due to hunger. The high protein biscuits they will receive at pre-primary school will promote good mental and physical growth.

Once the children are admitted into grade one, they will be involved in the country-wide primary school feeding program provided through Unicef, World Food Program, and the Bangladesh Government. This project supports the Bangladesh Government's focus on child education and helps ensure that vulnerable children have the same opportunities to receive an education as other children.

Before this program started the children were asked over a month whether they had breakfast before coming to school and 98% of them had not, which emphasizes the need for this program.

Along with the children, teachers and volunteers in the program also receive the high protein biscuits.

DONATE TO: "MAK - In-School Feeding"

Donate online: paoc.org/missions/programs/mak/project-details/makbangladeshin-schoolfeedingprogram



BRICKS & MORTAR (BAM)

Location: Dakar, Senegal, West Africa.

Partnership: Jane & Guy Penney, Paul & Paula Bradbury

Cost: Your best MAK offering!

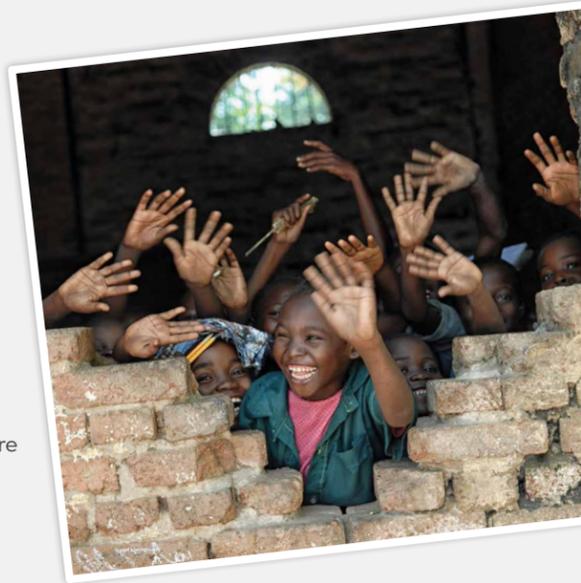
\$2 a brick. Our global workers on the ground in Senegal work tirelessly to reach the boys who live on the streets. Because these boys are known to live on the streets of Dakar, Senegal, they are often undernourished, uncared for and have been abandoned by parents to lead a life of street begging.

They don't attend the traditional schools and have serious health and hygiene needs. We have been able to purchase property just outside the city where we are making plans to build a Centre for spiritual and professional training for these boys. This is where you can help us!

For only \$2 you can buy a brick and participate in this great BRICKS AND MORTAR project through Missions And Kids.

DONATE TO: "MAK - Bricks and Mortar"

Donate online: paoc.org/missions/programs/mak/project-details/BricksAndMortar



NEW HOPE CAMP, HONDURAS

Location: Honduras

Global Workers: Dale and Carolyn Ruttan, Kathy Mizen

Cost: \$75 per student

Hope Camp is an annual camp (the end of January) for the children within our ChildCARE Plus sponsor program of ERDO. We take the children on a 3-day camp (Shalom) where they experience amazing food, activities, horseback riding, a trip to the zoo, a carnival, and many other fun activities. The highlight of camp are the services where we share the message of Jesus and give opportunities for prayer around the altar. The cost is around \$75 a student. This year, we hope to have 80 in attendance.



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*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

—MATTHEW 28:19



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity... —1 Timothy 4:12



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