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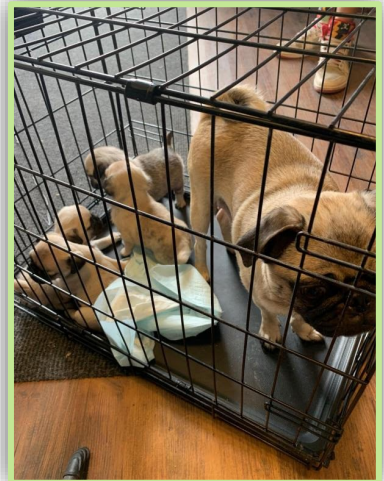
Since our last newsletter we've moved back to Camrose temporarily. The move has been nothing but challenging and while we have Isaac's family and some friends back here in Camrose, it's been tough in other areas. Some of the difficulties have been when Isaac is gone for longer periods of time because of the extra time it takes to drive. We live with Isaac's mom, and stepdad, and his sister. There have been advantages to having more helping hands with the boys. There have also been disadvantages that come with sharing a space with family. We are grateful for a place to be while we figure out another option for housing.

Since our last newsletter NAIM had women's and men's retreat. At the women's retreat it was the first time I was away from Otto and Owen longer than a few days. While it felt weird being away, it was quite refreshing being gone for as long as I was. The message at women's retreat was to bloom where you're planted. I found it to be a much needed reminder before we moved back to Camrose. While we don't know what the future holds for housing, we do know God will provide.

As for ministry, we've taken more of a step back while we've been in Camrose (more so on my end with



having to be with the boys). Summer holds a lot of unknowns for me to figure out how to pass the time as I will be more on my own with the boys while Isaac does camps and different ministry endeavours. Sometimes it's quite lonely and discouraging. Many of the programs that run through the year such as Moms' Groups and Ladies Bible Study pause in the summer. If I were to find something it would have to be close by, and near a washroom facility. (We've decided to potty train both the boys in the last few weeks!)



Dene

As my wife has said this season comes with challenges. Though as we are met with difficulties, it's nothing compared to what most of our youth in Maskwacis go through. Even so, God provides and is doing His work.

I have been blessed this spring to see many young men in our youth groups grow exponentially in their faith. On one account I have seen one particular youth come to a genuine and transformative understanding of God, and as he grows he is sharing his faith with his siblings/cousins. I have been blessed to walk with him as he has reached out to me and other leaders to mentor him. As the spring blooms so do many of our young men who have started their own Bible study as neighbors. Honestly it has been a blessed spring.

Aside from the growth in our youth group, the community has experienced some healing in the form of a small animal and horse clinic run by the Christian Veterinary Mission of Canada. I have been blessed in the capacity that I was able to help coordinate and help. Which definitely is good news, but that same weekend has a bitter taste to it as well.

That weekend also had the largest fire Maskwacis has seen in almost 50 years. A grass fire grew out of control and burned down between 7-11 homes most of them occupied. We are thankful to God that nobody was hurt. This fire was only 2km away from where we used to live and I feel a deep sadness to some of our neighbors who lost their homes, and also praise for the homes who weren't destroyed.

Isaac

The following prayer requests would be appreciated as we enter into the summer:

- Increased support so we can secure housing. NAIM has a matching grant for any donors that increase support, or are new to donating to our ministry. We hope to find some more connections in the coming year as our housing situation changes.
- We would like to find housing before July and August
- For Dene to have some community in the summer while Isaac is away
- Spiritual protection, God's strength to persevere, and having His wisdom in our choices for the future over our family as we navigate this season.

In His hands,

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