

Ministry Moments with Temera & Wylie

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Dear Trusted Supporter,

Wylie's Update

Time has been flying. Things have changed for many, and for us in many ways as well. There has been no work for me to drive truck, and all the programs I was volunteering at have been shut down. My initial response was that I never wanted to be that busy again. It has been difficult fitting everything into one week. Recovery homes have also been locked down, and face to face ministry is suspended. So it has been good timing to be able to catch up on necessary things at this time. We have been seeing a counselor to brush up on personal, marriage, and parenting issues. This has been profound in subtle ways. We have had time to pack things up to move, and had time to encourage and be encouraged by friends and family as we say goodbyes. My previous employer gave me an old semi-trailer. We are able to move with and store belongings in it, so we built shelving into it. I anticipate having time to read Temera's grad essay from seminary and other cross-cultural materials in preparation for this new immersion.

The biggest shift is yet to come. We move in just a week. I am hoping the rat race will become a distant memory. It will be the culture shock, the "fish out of water" syndrome that I cannot prepare for, the adjustment phase, and I need to anticipate that it may take some time. I will be shifting the focus to new relationships, learning a new culture, learning the Lil'wat language, the pace of life, the perspectives and cultural norms. I used to think that the glazed look that city folk had when they looked past you was cool. Now in this small setting I know I will have to relearn to see people even at times when I don't feel like being interrupted. It is Jesus in me that drives me to care, to look deep, to be interested in the person.

I have been working through finding grace for myself at this time. I only have so much time, and there is only so much I can do. I easily feel a weight of condemnation. A person once said. "Christians are the most guilt-ridden people I know." The law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace." -John 1:17,16. A thorough understanding of the gift of grace brings freedom, not for abuse, but liberation to live by the spirit with purpose, passion, creativity, peace and joy. This is what I aspire to. At the moment I still lean too far toward being ungracious towards self and those near me. I want instead to always "let gentleness that is within be evident to all."

We will rent a suite from friends in the Pemberton Community Church, in what used to be their hostel. It is a quiet place outside of town, and we will be there until we have a home ready of our own. Shaun may come to Mt. Currie as well for some time after we get adjusted. Bible college may be out of his reach, but growing in the grace and knowledge of God is not. This could be a good next step for him. As a family we would like to support him in finding opportunities for growth.



Temera hammering shelves in the semi trailer.



Our new rental location.

Temera's Update

By the time you are reading this we will be in our new rental. Life for the past two months has been drastically different for our family. I am sure the same is true for you as well. We decided to take Ashling out of Daycare right at the beginning of all the Covid self- isolation. She misses her school days and has been playing "teacher."



She misses playing with other children at the playground, pool and trampoline park. We have been packing up our belongings slowly and Ashling notices each thing that changes or is no longer in our home. She is excited about the baby goats that will be at our new home but she does not fully grasp all the changes she is about to face. Neither do I.

Literally, over night, my work schedule completely opened up, as most things were cancelled. It was especially hard to cancel SMI (Summer Missions Initiative) and tell the family coming from Switzerland to not get on the airplane. I put off cancelling MDP (Missions Development Program) for a long time because I really wanted it to happen. Hopefully, we will be able to run MDP in the Fall.

The first couple weeks of adjusting to the change in the pace of life was difficult but as time went on I realized how good it was for us as a family to be together every day for extended periods of time. We have become much better at working together, talking things through and understanding one another. Juggling NAIM's expectations, Ashling home full time, planning our home build, packing and cleaning the condo has kept us very busy but we are getting it done. The other week we drove a load of things to Mt. Currie and I realized that the drive would no longer be a trip to visit family but it is now our drive home. Every now and then I stop and make myself think about some of the changes we will face hoping this will help me adjust. There will be many moments when I will miss my friends, family and life in Abbotsford but overall I know it will be good.



A view towards where our home will go.

Prayer requests:

That a source for cost effective material would be provided for the substantial "island" that needs to be built under our future home. This is necessary for future flooding.

That a spot in a Daycare will open up in Mt. Currie for Ashling and that we will meet friends that she can connect with.

That the required quotes will come together for the mortgage application. That our home will come together before winter.

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