

*Dear Friends!*

### Grateful Reflection

Over some weeks in September, I (Marc) offered an archery camp for a small group of children and teenagers at Cheam (Xwchíyò:m) First Nations, an indigenous band near Abbotsford. In particular the older kids and teenagers enjoyed the activity. During the event, I struck up a conversation with an older man from the band who came some times to observe our activities. I asked him for his phone number with the intention to meet for coffee at a later time to get to know each other a bit better. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to meet up yet. On one occasion, I couldn't reach him by phone, and on another time, he was unfortunately sick. **Please pray for the possibility of a future meeting and the opportunity to deepen our relationship.**



At the end of October, Sandra and I were invited to an event as part of the prison ministry. Three former inmates shared their testimonies. Hearing about how this outreach (the prison mentorship and reintegration program) concretely transforms people, plays a crucial role in helping inmates find a positive path back into society, and how faith is a significant support for them, was a very encouraging experience. The positive impacts and fruits of this ministry often becomes apparent at a later time, while I often don't always see or recognize them in the day-to-day routine.

*"The prison mentorship brought me my friend, mentor, helper, cheerleader, and coach. My mentor changed my life and helped me live."*

- from a Prison Mentorship Participant

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*"Being incarcerated has a big effect on your mental health. You have to deal with stress from both, inside and outside. Then you have this one person who comes just to see you and it's like a light at the end of the tunnel."*

- from a Prison Mentorship Participant

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**"I'm back at the 'Halfway House,'" said George\***, who called me for the first time in months. *"I'll be in Chilliwack for the next three months, completing some reintegration courses. After that, I'll be transferred back to Abbotsford."* **Many of you have asked about George's situation and prayed for him. Thank you!** I've again been meeting with him regularly since then, and it seems like he has learned from his mistakes. He's been calmer, more relaxed, and less easily irritated or intense most of the time. **Please continue to pray for him. Pray that God reaches him, that he finds faith, and experiences change!"**



Testimonies of former inmates during the event of the prison ministry

*Those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength. They will rise up*

*on wings like eagles, ...*

*Isaiah 40: 31*

## Joyful Prospect



On December 9th, we'll be flying to Germany for our upcoming furlough. Our holiday season will be centred around quality time with parents, extended family as well as ministry partners surrounding our hometowns. Come early January, Sandra and the kids will make their way back to Canada, leaving Marc to spearhead the rest of the furlough. Marc will be hitting the road for additional visits, church services, and ministry presentations.

*Many thanks to all who have thought of us with a special donation to help cover the additional travel costs for our furlough to Germany. It means a lot and is a great blessing for us!*



**We would greatly appreciate** it if you would also consider us in the last month of the year for your **Christmas donations or year-end gifts**. Perhaps you, your church, your home group, etc., could organize and collect funds through a special Christmas campaign for our ministry? This would further assist us in reaching the indigenous people and those incarcerated, spreading the good news, sharing God's love, and proclaiming that they can find freedom and peace in Jesus. *Thank you so much!*

## Please keep us in your prayers during our furlough

- **From Dec. 11th - 27th** we are traveling and visiting primarily in the **Hannover** area.
- **From Dec. 28th - Jan. 22nd** Marc is traveling and visiting in **South-Germany**.
- **From Jan. 23rd - Febr. 19th** Marc is primarily traveling and visiting in **North-Germany**.

*Thank you very much!*

*Your faithful prayers and giving made you an essential part of God's work among the First Nations people and Communities.*

*Thank you so much for your financial giving throughout this year.  
Thank you for staying connected and interested in our ministry  
and us personally!*

*Thank you for your friendship!*

**Merry Christmas**

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+ Carrie & John*

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