

The Johnstone's Ministry Update

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...for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the heart knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:26-28

DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

The verse above has held very deep meaning for us these last few months. As we have sought to trust the Lord in our circumstances, we have gained a deeper appreciation for the Comforter and Interceder the Lord has given us.

BASEMENT PROJECT

As we shared in our last prayer letter, we are hoping to finish a part of our basement to make room for the newest little Johnstone. You responded with great generosity. We are happy to tell you that we've had enough funds come in to enable us to complete the first phase (enclosing the basement for an office/guest room) of this project. Thank you so much for enabling us in this area. We are hoping to have it completed by the end of November, when a work team from Olds, AB plans to come to assist us.



Our lovely basement. Hopefully it will look a lot different in a few weeks.

NAOMI'S PREGNANCY

We also shared with you some serious complications Naomi had encountered in her pregnancy. Considering the risks associated with the pregnancy, we are amazed and excited to tell you that it's progressing well. Our moms have been such a help, taking turns staying with us to help out with Ellie and around the house. Naomi is now 7 months along, due December 25. When Naomi first had the placental abruption, the haematoma covered an area of 15 cm. This was a *huge* abruption according to our doctor



Ellie's Comer: Ellie continues to grow and learn new things daily. We talk to her often about the coming baby and how she'll be a big sister, however she's a bit young to understand. Ellie is still a very laid-back, cheerful girl. She loves to find a cloth and "clean" around the house. Mommy hopes this trend continues. She also enjoys having her grandmas around. She has loved being around the students, though she is a bit shy. They seem to enjoy her too—we've had many offers to babysit.

and the odds of the pregnancy continuing to where it is now were not good. According to the latest ultrasound, the area of the haematoma has shrunk to 2 cm! What a huge answer to prayer! In fact, Naomi was told at her most recent appointment that she can feel free to resume normal levels of activity as she's able. We are very thankful to the Lord for this and grateful to you who have prayed so faithfully with us.

TEACHING FAITHFUL MEN & WOMEN TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO

The Lord has also certainly answered our prayers regarding a good class for this year. We currently have 46 students and they seem eager to learn, grow and minister.

Troy had the opportunity once again to help teach a week of classes to prepare them to clearly share their faith. He and John Cross (Naomi's dad) taught through *By This Name*, a book GoodSeed is developing to communicate the Gospel in our post-modern era.



Troy teaches the students.

The group just completed their week of Open Air Evangelism in Toronto and Hamilton. They returned with many stories of what they learned and how the Lord enabled them to speak with so many about their faith. More than 35 adults and children expressed a desire to trust Christ as their Savior, for which we thank the Lord.

Last weekend, our students attended our annual Youth Missions Extravaganza, a day dedicated to challenging young people to consider what their role may be in reaching others for Christ. Seventeen of our students expressed a desire to be involved in missions in some capacity. We look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in their lives over the coming year!



Thank you for your prayers & support.

Troy & Naomi, Ellie & ??? Johnstone