

# The Johnstone's Journey

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## Dear Friends and Family,

We want to let you know what is happening in our lives and in the ministry of GoodSeed. We are so encouraged to see so many lives being changed by the simple Gospel message.

## Across the Pond

This year Troy has a number of opportunities to help teach in seminars using GoodSeed resources. Along with others, he will be teaching church leaders and lay people both the Gospel as presented in GoodSeed resources, and how to use these resources to reach others. GoodSeed's goal is to clearly communicate a biblical worldview using a chronological approach to Scripture. Troy will be involved in four such seminars this year: Olds, Alberta (Apr. 17-19); London, England (May 6-8); Owen Sound, Ontario (Sept. 22-26 at Word of Life); and Sackville, New Brunswick (Oct. 2-4).

If you would like more information about any of these seminars, visit [www.goodseed.com](http://www.goodseed.com). The London seminar will be Troy's first trip to Europe (he's just a little excited), and while there, he will also be starting into one of his primary roles as videographer. He will be conducting and recording some interviews of people who have used GoodSeed's resources very effectively in their ministries. Troy will then compile the interviews and the video will eventually be put on the GoodSeed website. Troy will be gone to the United Kingdom from April 29-May 10.

## One in Sixty

*"For every missionary couple, you need sixty who will partner with them in prayer and giving. Some will do much; others only a little, but all will have a part."*

— a veteran missionary on support raising

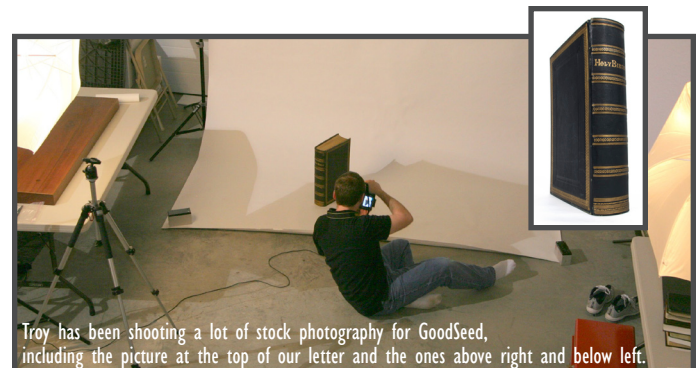
As missionaries, we have been very encouraged by the number of individuals and churches who have expressed a desire to partner

with us in our ministry with GoodSeed. We are currently at 30 of the 60 partners we have as a goal. We are trusting the Lord for 30 more individuals and churches who will partner with us. To assist us in developing these partnerships, GoodSeed recently created a new website with informative videos to further explain this program. Please visit [www.oneinsixty.com](http://www.oneinsixty.com) if you would like to be One in Sixty.



## Responsibilities

GoodSeed has also defined some more roles for Troy. In addition to creating teaching videos and using his skills as a photographer, he will be serving as Canadian Marketing Coordinator and Conference Coordinator. As such, he is working on developing and implementing a marketing plan for the Canadian branch of the ministry. In this role, his goal is to increase awareness of the need for clearly communicating the Gospel, as well as showing some of GoodSeed's tools that can help to accomplish this. Please pray for continued wisdom as we try to share GoodSeed's ministry with people across Canada and around the world.



Troy has been shooting a lot of stock photography for GoodSeed, including the picture at the top of our letter and the ones above right and below left.



Troy helped video and edit several segments for the One in Sixty website.

## Housing

Since we first felt God's call to join GoodSeed, one of the major things we have been praying about is housing. We knew at the time that the housing market in Alberta was very tight. We heard stories from co-workers about the challenges of just finding a place to rent, yet alone affordable places to buy. However, the housing market in Alberta has been changing even since our arrival. More houses are coming on the market, but prices are still very high and mostly out of our reach. We are praying that conditions will change and that we may be able to purchase our first home within the next year or two. The Lord has been very good to us in providing money towards a down payment, but we still have quite a ways to go in saving for this huge purchase. In the meantime, we're still searching for a suitable and affordable place to rent. Please pray for wisdom and the finances required for such a purchase, and that an affordable place to rent would become available in the meantime.

## Story Time

Through the years, GoodSeed has received countless stories of how God has used our various resources to impact lives. We want to include one such story here for your encouragement.

*"My name is Cheri Turner and I am 16 years olds. I got the book "The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus" from a volunteer at the Illinois Juvenile Home in Chicago. The Illinois Juvenile Home is a state training school for girls in some cases and a Juvenile home in other cases with boys and girls. This*

*is the last place I have got before jail. In my struggle I have learned a lot from your book. I would like to learn more. So any information or anything you can tell me would be greatly appreciated. And if you could possibly give me more information about the author John R. Cross. From reading this book I have become a true believer and I hope it will make a great difference in my life. Just let John R. Cross know that I thank him so much for the truth in this book. It may have saved me from ruining my life for good. Thankyou."*

## Prayer Requests

- ❑ Finding a suitable home to rent, as well as wisdom in knowing when and what to buy when the time comes.
- ❑ New individuals and churches to partner with us in this ministry, not just financially, but also in prayer. We value so highly all those who already partner with us and know we could not be effective by any stretch if not for the faithfulness of our partners in prayer and giving.
- ❑ Troy has at least two major trips coming up, as well as one or two additional ministry trips we hope to make as a family. We'd appreciate your prayers as we plan these trips, for safety, and for comfort as we are separated from each other.
- ❑ For those whose lives have been impacted by our materials (such as Cheri's), that they would continue to grow. And that many more would come to understand and believe the life-changing truths of the Gospel.

## Sweet Sisters

Of course, everyone wants to know how Ellie (3 in March) and Adelaine (1 yr) are doing. They certainly keep us busy, entertained and challenged. Adelaine turned 1 in December and keeps reminding us of how quickly she's growing up with all the new things she's learning. Her first word was a friendly "Hi!" and she is slowly adding to her vocabulary. She has taken a few steps on her own and loves to be in the middle of things. Ellie loves her little sister and has done quite well with being a caring older sister. Ellie keeps us amused with the funny things she says and her silly antics. She loves to make us laugh. We are always thrilled to hear her talk about God and Jesus. Even as this letter was being written, Ellie asked, "Who made the sky?" Naomi asked back, "Who do you think made the sky?" Ellie replied, "God." Naomi: "You're right! Didn't He make a beautiful sky?" Ellie: "Yes, He did. He must be very smart!" What joy we have in watching her gain an understanding of our loving Creator. We continue to pray each day for the salvation of their precious souls.

