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# The Brink Connection

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## Our 2011 Colorado Adventure

*Our destination was:* Fort Collins, CO

*When was it?* Mid-June until Mid-July

*Our mission:* complete 4 weeks of in-depth Bible training in theology, doctrine, bible study, and apologetics

*Our vision:* having never done any bible school before, we were seeking to gain a greater knowledge of the Bible, to enrich our passion for the Word, and to regain fresh vision for evangelism.

### *The Result?*

Our adventure to Fort Collins began with a 5 day, 2500 km driving trip with a full car and a restless toddler. We got to see a few incredible sights along the way including the amazing Arches National Park (in Utah), and Colorado National Monument. We arrived in Fort Collins and moved into an apartment just 5 minutes from the Colorado State University campus. Thankfully, our apartment had a pool and air conditioning as the days were quite hot! Two days after our arrival we began our new daily routine of classes, studying, homework, doing assignments and dropping Silas off at the child care provided.

Silas did incredibly well at child care and got to learn new songs, play outside, meet other children his age, and even learned his first memory verse!

Meanwhile, we were up to our ears in theology and soaking it up eagerly. Two of the four classes we took were an **Introduction to Theology** course and a **Bible Study Methods** course. These courses are offered as part of new staff training for Campus Crusade for Christ staff in the U.S. They are not required for Canadian Power to Change staff but are often taken by campus ministry staff in Canada (where we first heard about it). The best part of these classes is that they are taught by PhD level professors, they are geared for ministry workers (so are incredibly practical) and they can count towards Masters credits at various seminaries in the States!

The classes were full of in-depth insights and were great learning atmospheres to take our first steps in gaining more



*Our family at Arches Natl. Park on the way to Fort Collins*

Biblical training. We were challenged by the readings, engaged by the discussion groups, and challenged by the assignments!

We also got to make friends with other

Canadian Power to Change staff who had come down to take the courses. We had a great time sharing meals together, celebrating Canada Day together, and getting to know what other ministries do.

Another highlight of our time in Colorado was being able to spend more time with Shannon's extended family. We were able to visit with her aunt and uncle, cousins, and her grandmother who lived in a nursing home only 5 minutes away. It was great re-connecting and sharing new memories.

We are so thankful that God would give us this time away to spend reading His word in-depth and getting to know Him better through it. We're thankful that we've been given new skills in how to study the Bible and are excited to put our hands to work leading a Bible study this spring through our Church (Lord willing). We're not sure when or how we'll do further studies, but our aim is to **always take opportunities to be better equipped to serve Him wherever He leads us.** As Shannon begins serving on the Women's leadership team at our Church in the fall, as we both serve together hosting/leading a Bible study, or even as we dream and hope to lead missions trips in the future, we are certain this time will be helpful towards those goals.

**Thank you** to those who prayed for us during this time! **Thank you** to those who increased their financial support, allowing this extra study time to be possible!

And an encouragement to those who continue to support us BOTH financially, and prayerfully, we are excited to be God's servants in ministry and look forward to seeing the fruits of this time in our future ministries.

Yours in Christ,

*Jason, Shannon, and Silas*

### Prayer Requests:

- For Shannon and the new baby's health and for a smooth transition to having a family of 4 in November!
- For an increase in financial and prayer supporters
- Our hunger and passion for God's word to grow and for boldness to be witnesses to our unbelieving neighbors and friends.

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