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# The Brink Connection

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## “What exactly do you do?”

The short answer: “I do ‘computer work’ at the headquarters for Power to Change in Langley.” But how does my job impact the organization at large? Does what I do really matter?

Well, this past year I’ve been the project manager in charge of setting up a new financial system for all of Power to Change. (Huh?) On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we reached the important milestone of changing over our entire organization’s financial software system. This was a significant endeavour and took months of programming, training, and collaboration. Our IT department helps equip frontlines ministry workers to do their job better by providing useful tools like this financial system. The less administrative work that ministry workers do, the more time they can spend on sharing the gospel on campuses, with athletes, through dramas and abroad.

This new software system is a perfect example of the kind of work that brings me great joy and reminds me



of my calling: I love making other people’s job’s easier.

This project has been a huge challenge, but a good one, and has forced me to depend on God for His strength and wisdom, and to depend on the great co-workers I have to work on the project with me. Now that the system is up and running, I’ll be working a lot on building other tools on top of it to help our 500 staff across the country manage their money better. That was one of the main goals of this project. As a Christian non-profit organization, we at Power to Change want to make sure that we are the best stewards possible of the funds God has entrusted to us, and that we use them effectively to help reach the maximum number of people for Christ. I come alive when I am able to serve in a way that will maximize ministry workers’ effectiveness!

## Student Mission Trips

One of the exciting ministries of Power to Change that is close to our hearts is the Student ministry. During University, both Shannon and I participated in and were changed by student mission trips we went on. The aim of these trips is to train up students in evangelism and discipleship and to impact the nations for Christ. Our own experiences were profound and we were stretched in so many ways through them, so we love hearing about these projects. As a student, I stayed in Toronto for a summer and went to Mexico for a week, and Shannon went to Montreal and Tanzania. This year teams of students are currently in the UK, south east Asia, Uganda, Peru, and more. Over 140 students are participating! One staff member lead-

ing the team in Uganda recently sent back this story:

*At a prayer meeting this week, a local student named Derrick got up to say he had just started seeking God right before the Canadians arrived, and our students have helped him in his faith. Another got up and said, "If you only came to help me, your trip was worth it."*

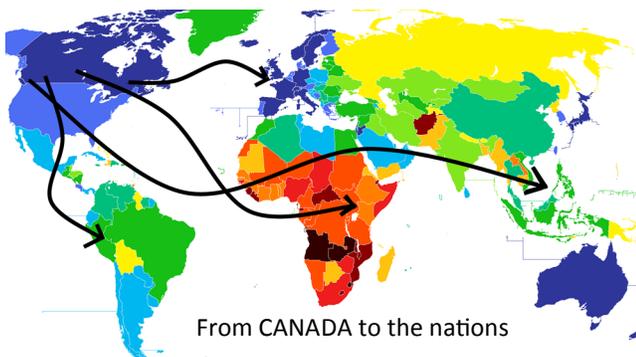
We love how strategic the vision of the students ministry is - he also shared:

*“Seeing so much poverty around makes all of us want to do more directly, but when we see how much aid, infrastructure and help is hindered or blocked by corruption, we are reminded of the strategic-ness of sharing the transforming power of Jesus with future leaders on campus.”*

In Peru:

*“God is clearly at work among students here in Peru. In two weeks we have seen 58 university students pray to receive Christ. We also met a girl named Gloria. Gloria was a Christian and while we were speaking she said “I have a lot to reflect on from our conversation. No one talks to people about Jesus like you are doing. I need to be doing more of this.” And she did. Every friend that joined our conversation was asked by Gloria, “What do you think about Jesus?”*

We love hearing students get excited about sharing Jesus with their world!



## Family Update

### We've been busy, how about you?

First, our 2 growing boys are full of life and energy, and keep us on our toes! Silas is now 3 and Toby is



1.5. Silas enjoys baking, is very capable on his strider bike (going for almost 2 hours with us the other day), has an incredible imagination and a vocabulary to go with it. He has started playing street hockey with big-



ger kids in our townhouse complex and is more than able to keep up.

Toby is our stubborn, curious, mobile boy. He loves exploring in the

great outdoors and often puts his shoes on and sits by the front door – waiting to go out. He loves trains (which he calls “woo-woos!”), balls, dogs, snacks (he wanders in the pantry and finds ways to get cheerios and raisins off the shelves) and



Looks like Daddy!!



wants to walk, balance, and climb without any help. Our two boys are very different & keep us laughing and praying all the time!

Next, as you may remember from our Christmas letter, Shannon went back to work part-time after Toby turned 1, and she stepped into TWO new jobs! One was on a different floor at Vancouver General Hospital, and the other was endeavouring into the teaching world: she taught first level nursing students in the undergraduate program at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). She taught one class a week, which was a great way to get started in an educational role. It was a huge learning curve, and required lots of late nights marking papers and preparing for classes. She would love to teach at BCIT again in the future, although we decided that the fall would be too busy for her to teach this next semester.

Shannon and I have also continued to be involved in various ways at our church. One new thing for Jason as part of his role with the GO (Global Outreach) team was to connect with and support the leaders of our church's missions trip to Mexico in March. It was a lot of fun to sit in on the team's preparation meetings, to pray for them as they went, and to help talk through ways to improve missions at our church after they came back. We continued to lead a small group in our home and Shannon continued to serve on the Women's Leadership Team. Shannon led her 4<sup>th</sup> Kidswap event at our church (60 or 70 “vendors” set up tables to sell their used kids clothing, toys, etc). This is a huge event that draws about 500 people from the community. From the survey forms they collect, at least half of the people who come don't regularly go to any church. This is a great way for our church to engage in a positive way with our neighborhood, and to help people get connected with the ministries we have available. Shannon has been working hard to make this a real outreach to the families in our community.



## Prayer Requests

- Praise God for all He's taught me through my now **10 years of service at P2C!**
- We have Sabbatical time in May – please pray for us as we pray and consider where God is leading us and what our next faith steps will be.
- For July & August we will be seeking to develop a stronger prayer and financial support base as we believe God is directing us to press in deeper into ministry. Pray for renewed vision & provision.

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Yours in Christ,

*Jason, Shannon, Silas, and Toby*