

## Family Update

Sorry it has been so long since you've heard from me! Our family has been experiencing a fair bit of transition in the last few months. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we sold the townhouse we had lived in since before Silas was born 5 years ago, and needed to be out July 4th. After a long search, God opened the door for a house for us to buy. However, we didn't get possession till Aug 1st, so had a month of being "home-less". God again provided, though, this time with a friend's basement suite we could stay in for the month. It was cool in the heat of summer, had a nice little back yard for the kids to play in, and so was almost like a mini-vacation for us! We needed the rest, because as soon as we got possession Aug 1st, the hammers started swinging in an extensive renovation project. The top priority was building a suite in the house for Shannon's



*We had a number of guys from church help us with the demolition work in the new house—they did a great job!*

mom to live in, which was just completed last weekend (Oct 24th). The kids keep asking now, "Can I go down and see grandma?"

## Prayer Requests

- For us to be great neighbors in our new neighborhood, and show God's love to the people around us.
- For Shannon and the new baby she is carrying. She is pretty tired this pregnancy (I can't imagine why with 3 little kids around...)
- For the students on university campuses who are seeking to introduce classmates to Jesus

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Another major transition during this time period was Silas starting part-time kindergarten. He's done really well with it! He still loves drawing and building, and is having fun playing soccer this fall. Toby is doing preschool again this year, and one highlight for him was a recent

field trip to a farm where he got to ride a horse. He loves playing with cars and monster trucks, and running around in our new back yard with his siblings. Fiona is now 19 months, and is full of energy. She tags along with her



brothers (which is sometimes welcome, and other times not so much...), and loves running or pushing her little baby stroller on walks.



And, we have more transition coming for our family in April. We are

expecting another baby! We are so thankful for the ways God has blessed our family, and know we will need to rely on His strength even more than ever.



*Our family had fun participating in the DRIME "Run for the Nations" this summer. Silas biked the 5km route beside Jason as he ran, while Toby rode next to Shannon pushing Fiona.*

## Ministry “Statistics”

This summer, we had a few programmers join us as interns. I had the privilege of leading these young men as they gave their technical skills to make an impact for Christ. One of the projects I worked on with them was building some reports for our student ministry that show information about ministry activities taking place on each campus across the country.

Now, I’ll admit that I may be a bit of a report junkie. I love charts and graphs, and the ability to communicate important trends and information through a well-organized presentation of numbers. When leaders have access to accurate, relevant information, I think it helps them make better decisions. However, most of the reports I’ve built in the past have been related to financial data. This was one of the first times I was working on reports where the numbers on the page represented actual *people*. In some cases, they represented people making a life-altering decision to step from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, and begin a personal relationship with their Creator. It almost seems wrong to condense something so significant, so amazing that it causes rejoicing in heaven, to a number on a page!

And yet, having this information available to staff throughout the ministry is powerful, not only for the way it helps leaders make better decisions, but also in the way it can help us to pray for and celebrate specific things God is doing. Thankfully, I’ve also been able to hear some of the stories behind the numbers. Here’s one that I wanted to share with you:

Kevin Huska is a long-time staff member with P2C Students who leads the team in Winnipeg. Last year, they tried to launch a Power to Change movement on the downtown campus of Red River College. It didn’t really go anywhere, but they continued to pray. A few

weeks ago, Kevin felt led to have lunch at the campus.

While microwaving his lunch, he ran into Andre, a man he knew was planning a church near a campus in a completely different part of the city. Andre asked, “What are you doing here?” Kevin replied, “I think God told me to come here and to come microwave my lunch. What are you doing here?” Andre replied, “I think God told me to come here and get a coffee. Do you have a group here?” “Not yet,” Kevin answered. “But I am asking God to give me one student who wants to change the world by helping students discover Jesus.” Andre got excited, “I know a student from here. Maybe he is the one. Let’s exchange info and I will try to connect with him in the next month or so.”



About 30 minutes later Kevin got a text from Andre. The Lord had led him to skip his coffee and go for a walk in a different direction. He met the student he had in mind—we’ll call him Mark. They set up a meeting, and the next day Kevin met up with Mark. As Kevin shared the vision,

Mark’s eyes lit up. Kevin was about 10 minutes into his vision speech and Mark said, “Ok, I am all in! Let’s get started. How do I launch a Power to Change movement on my campus?”

Mark has been hungry to learn how to talk to people about Jesus. He introduced Kevin to 4 of his friends who he thinks should get involved. And earlier this month, he and Kevin got to lead a student in praying to receive Christ! Mark says, “Time is short and there is an urgency to help students discover Jesus now.”

*Thank you so much for partnering with me, and with Power to Change, as we seek to train and disciple students like Mark. Your prayers and support play a key part in what God is doing!*

*Jason, Shannon, Silas, Toby, and Fiona*