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NEWS FROM THE NORTH ISLAND

Hello friends & family,

I would just like to start off by saying how grateful we are for each one of you. We are so grateful for how the Lord has brought the body of Christ together, building one another up in all that we do, all for His glory and His glory alone!

This spring has been quite busy to say the least, we have been travelling to the Ehattesaht First Nation Reserve every week doing home visits, one-on-one Bible studies and discipleship. We have been seeing God work in the lives of the people we are doing Bible studies with. It has been so awesome to see how the Holy Spirit and God's Word can penetrate someone's heart and speak to each individual so personally. His Holy Spirit has been guiding these studies so well, it gets us so excited with each Bible study! Praise God for His faithfulness in not only our lives, but also the people around us who are choosing to follow and be transformed by Him. In Ezekiel 34:11-12 the verse says, "For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.'" This Word is so powerful - the fact that it is God alone who searches for His sheep and God alone who brings restoration. He just calls us to be obedient to Him and His Holy Spirit does the rest.

At the end of April we began our 3 weeks of NCEM Candidate Training. It was such an incredible time of learning and growing. Each week we had classes on different topics which were so valuable for the ministry we are doing and have helped us in understanding how to best serve the people around us. We are still learning and growing in all these areas, but we now feel even more equipped! We had lots of time for fellowship with other NCEM candidates and staff. It was so great getting to know all of the individuals and families joining the mission. NCEM is growing so much, and there are so many missionaries passionate about seeing the Lord's Kingdom grow larger and larger! Praise God!

And now, to bring you all in on a big change for us this summer. Through lots of prayer and consideration, we have accepted a leadership role in being a part of an intensive Discipleship Training Program in Southern California. This program is geared toward training disciples to go anywhere and do anything for the sake of the Gospel, essentially it is a program for missionary training. Discipleship has been a huge passion and calling of ours and we are so excited, to say the least, to be a part of the work the Lord is going to do in this six week program. In Galatians 2:20 the verse says, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." This is the call for all believers to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel, and it is also the vision for the students in this discipleship program. It is our vision to see the students taking steps of faith toward putting our flesh to death, and allowing Christ to be the One who lives in and through us. We are so ready to see what God is going to do through this ministry!



Thank you so much for all of your prayers in this journey, we are so blessed by each one of you and the various ways you have come alongside us. We are looking forward to what the Lord is going to do through us, and we ask that you would pray for us as we continue to abide in Christ and seek His will for our lives.

Please be praying specifically for:

- **The Discipleship Training Program, for the leaders and students to all follow the will of God and to grow immensely in Him, having a lasting effect on their lives.**
- **Pray for our marriage, that we would be growing in submitting to the Lord and that our marriage would flourish by putting Him in the centre of our lives daily.**
- **Pray for God's guidance for our future. We strongly believe that the Lord opened the door for us to take part in this discipleship program, but as for now we don't have a clear understanding of what comes after that and how it fits with the Lord's plan for our lives. Our desire is to be completely submitted and devoted to Him.**
- **One of our primary roles as NCEM candidates is to be growing our prayer and financial support teams. We currently are at 36% of our financial support goal. Our desire is to grow both this and our team of prayer warriors. We would love for you to pray for us in this, and if you know of anyone who would want to receive our newsletter and keep updated on our ministry, please let us know so we can be in touch and include them in our updates.**



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