

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As some of you are aware Betty, the kids and I (Ryan) have answered a call to ministry in Manitoba.

First, we want to thank everyone that has prayed for us to discern the will of God in the matter of the ministry posting offered to us. We have been greatly comforted by those prayers and given assurance and peace about the decision that we made to go to meet the people at Living Word Bible College in Swan River, Manitoba.

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind as we left Ontario and drove to Swan River. Through our own prayer the Lord motivated us to travel here. Through God's provision and the Holy Spirit moving in some of you brothers and sisters in loving support, it all happened very quickly and we knew that this was the right decision. We had our vehicle safety checked on Monday, September 18th, packed our belongings and left immediately following my (Ryan) seminary lectures on Tuesday. We drove to Sault Ste. Marie on Tuesday, Thunder Bay on Wednesday, Winnipeg on Thursday and into Swan River on Friday.

It was a long trip and had it just been mom and dad (Elizabeth and Ryan), we probably would have driven nearly straight through. However, we were blessed by the generosity of a beloved brother and sister with the opportunity to make the trip out more enjoyable for the children (Maarek and Ciara) and comfortable for all of us. We thank you all very much for your love and support. We were able to stop each night and were rested for the next days' journey. I was able to continue taking my lecture classes each morning and we travelled through the afternoon and into the evenings. Maarek and Ciara were absolute troopers while travelling. As you already know, knowing them, they are both a blessing. They watched the scenery and we played our version of family car bingo, while enjoying the fantastic weather and God's creation along the way.

Maarek and Ciara both extend a "hello and we miss your company" to everyone.

The brothers and sisters here in Swan River welcomed us with great warmth, affection and a humbling appreciation for our obedience to God in faith and trust to travel the distance. That first night, we met many people and, needless to say, by the time we were shown our temporary lodgings we were one very tired family.

Saturday morning was filled with meetings and prayer and on Sunday the college had arranged a special dedication service for their new prayer chapel with a banquet following. Most of the founders have gone on to be with the Lord but their families were in attendance, so we were able to meet and greet many of them and find out more about the institution's history and its vision for the future.

As with most missionary postings there is always urgent need and one is immediately pressed into service and asked to wear many hats. We are currently filling positions, whether temporary or permanent we are not yet certain. I am teaching and have been asked to take the pulpit on a few occasions already and again this Sunday, October 8th. In addition, there is a radio broadcast dedicated to sharing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to an audience that reaches Manitoba and

Saskatchewan that I have been asked to assume and minister on. Betty (Elizabeth as she is known here) continues to homeschool the children in the morning and has been very much needed to support the staff here at the ministry in multiple functions. Her earlier career in colleges has made her a fantastic fit and I believe she is a blessing to the ministry here. We are all doing whatever we can to help out in the short-term. This past week Elizabeth, Maarek and Ciara have been helping out and it has been a great way to get to know the students and staff.

We have visited the town and without exception have found the people warm and receptive. “The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers *are* few” (Matthew 9:37). The Lord continues to prompt us to share his “unspeakable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15) of salvation and our reason for even being in Swan River.

We are able to continue our work with Repent and Believe Ministries Canada (RBMC) here in Swan River during our stay and we thank all of you who support us in the ministry. We appreciate your continued prayer as we observe, work and wait for the Lord God to confirm the length of our stay here for missionary ministry.

We trust in God and are confident that the Lord, having brought us here in such a miraculous way, has a plan and purpose and have already been blessed by seeing His work and seed sown. We continue to hold you in the highest esteem as our beloved, praying for each of you. We are so grateful to God that he has blessed us with each of you and for your love and encouragement. We thank you for your prayers that bring us before the throne of grace as often as the Lord brings us to your thoughts

We look forward to seeing you again. Please feel free to reach out to us as we would love to hear from you.

With Love to our brothers and sisters
as we serve His Majesty and Saviour Jesus Christ,

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