

the SMITHS serving Christ in Ottawa



Dear Prayer Partners,

April 10, 2020

Thanking the Lord for His promise “I will build my Church” (Matthew 16:18). I have been thinking a lot about this promise recently while there is not much that we can “do”. I am reminded that Christ’s promise is still true even when Church planters cannot hold services, go door-to-door, or even meet in coffee shops. The Ottawa Public Health “COVID-19 Epidemiology Update” says that as of 11:00 a.m. April 10, 2020, the city of Ottawa has 9 deaths and 494 laboratory-confirmed cases. There continues to be new closures and restrictions being put in place almost everyday. The community centre that we meet in for Church services is operated by the city of Ottawa. The city public places were some of the first spaces to close and, therefore, could be some of the last spaces to re-open.

We have been doing video Church services now for three weeks. I am thankful for the resources and talents of our mother Church here in Ottawa who have been a big help in editing and posting videos. Our service videos are getting about 15 views, so by that count, most of our Vanier congregation is watching. Please pray that the small group that was faithful will stay connected and spiritually fed through this insufficient method of “Church”.

We just finished a discipleship course on Sunday mornings in the Vanier Church Plant. I used the course to teach and preach topical Bible doctrines to our regular people. Each week, everyone in attendance was given a handout to go in their binder and we would provide handouts if a week was missed. We are looking forward to giving a certificate to those who have every handout/doctrine completed in their binder.

Praise and Prayer

- 1) Praise the Lord that our family is home schooling at this time and our four children’s education will not be out of sorts for a semester.
- 2) Praise the Lord for visitors in the Vanier Services that give us opportunity to preach the Gospel and grow the work.
- 3) Please pray that the Easter Video Service and Sermon will reach many people in the Vanier community. We were previously not online with our services and these new circumstances allow us to potentially preach to more people.
- 4) Please pray that God will do something big through the pandemic and that the Church will have great opportunities during and after.

Thank you for your continued care, support, and prayers!

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