

Dear Prayer Partners,

August 9, 2016



Our First Prayer Letter from Ottawa!

God has answered many prayers and given much grace for our family to arrive in Ottawa. Thank you for your prayers and support to help us reach the city that God has sent us to!

Commissioning Service

On July 3rd, our sending church had a wonderful commissioning service for our family. Pastor Henry brought a challenging message from Acts 13. It was a humbling and sobering service to replicate the example given in Acts 13 by way of prayer, laying on of hands, and sending away. One of Pastor Henry's points in his message was from the phrase in verse 3, "they sent them away". It was a bitter, sweet time as we faced the reality of the phrase! Some local family and friends turned out for the service and that made it extra special on a personal note. Now we have entered the phase of the next few verses (4-5) and desire to follow the example there as well ... enter the city and preach the Word of God!

The Move

We crossed the border on July 7th as planned. THANK YOU to those of you who made the border crossing a matter of prayer from our June 6 prayer letter. We had many details to wrap up and a lot of work to do in order to go International with a family of six. Other than a two hour wait in the customs office, the crossing went smoothly. We were blessed to have my parents, David and Lori Smith, and sending church friend, Dann Vessell, make the trip with us and help us unpack in Ottawa. We also had a warm welcome from Carleton Baptist Church. CBC had stocked our new kitchen with groceries. Nothing like food in the kitchen when you are tired and hungry!

Please Pray:

- That we will find our place in the ministry here and serve in the capacity that the Lord has for us. We have been able to serve in VBS, ordination council and service, and now the mid-week adult Bible study (Jeff).
- We have learned that both of our vehicles cannot be imported to Canada for mechanical reasons. Please pray about our vehicle situation as we "re-tread".
- Please pray for opportunities for our family to witness as we meet neighbors and continue in the outreach opportunities of CBC.

Commissioning Service on July 3rd.
"...and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:3



Our family joining the associate membership role at our sponsor church, Carleton Baptist Church.

