

the SMITHS serving Christ in Ottawa



Dear Prayer Partners,

July 29, 2020



Closed—Church Service Venue

The established venue for the Vanier Church Plant remains closed. We have been meeting on the wide covered outdoor porch at the established venue. Most of the folks who were attending the services have returned, but not all have returned. Some cannot attend because of health reasons combined with the setting of outdoor services; the uncertainty of summer weather conditions and no access to washrooms (bathrooms). There is the occasional by-law officer vehicle that enters the parking lot and makes us nervous, but we have not had any trouble meeting this way. Please pray that we can continue going forward by holding services in this way.



Closed—USA/CA Border

Summer is usually our busiest time of ministry. We were looking forward to hosting a missions trip group again this summer. The missions trip was cancelled due to the border being closed to non-essential travel. We know how essential evangelism really is, but, of course, the border would not see it that way! Other ministry related events and missions conferences have been cancelled because of the border closing.



Open—Way of Salvation

John 10:9 “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” We know that your Church and Churches around the world are trying to go forward with the Lord at this time. Please pray for us as we try to adapt to all the changes. At this time of year, we are usually going into public parks, talking to people on the side walks, and going door-to-door, but now these activities in our location have to be done with great caution. We are surrounded by government and government workers here in Ottawa. Most people are completely compliant to all regulations and ready to take action against those who are not compliant. For example, most “places of worship” are still closed in the Ottawa area. Assembling is viewed, by others and most Christians alike, as a bad testimony and as harm to fellow man. Please pray for us as we try to make known the open way of salvation during these times.

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

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