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The fall ministry season is well under way and it is an exciting time. We are in a season of seeing an incredible amount of change as the MBMSI ministry grows under the Lord's hand. Let me share a few highlights.

### **Growing Ministry**

- God has called a new member to our leadership team, Larry Neufeld. Larry is moving from Kitchener (yes, another person from Ontario moving to BC), and will provide oversight to Mobilization & Media. I am excited about Larry's arrival as he takes over the interim communications role I have filled for several years.
- This fall we invited 18 new missionary candidates to join us. Praise God! This is an exciting time of growth in missions. With so many new missionaries comes new challenges, but they are good challenges.
- We are investigating a new facility for MBMSI which will help us with our growing staff team. We have put desks in hallways and converted store rooms to offices as we squeeze people into our current facility. An opportunity to have a larger space would be a great gift to our ministry and staff team.

### **God's Hand Upon Us**

- Ezra 8:22 talks about the gracious hand of God being upon those who look to him. In these last years, MBMSI has been looking to the Lord to lead us in His mission. In risk taking obedience, we are called to follow. Without "soldiers and horsemen to protect us on the road", we fast and we pray as we seek to follow Him on this journey. Again and again, we have seen and celebrate God's faithfulness. The gospel is being shared and new churches are being planted among the least reached.
- As the MBMSI ministry grows, we see and expect that our ministry costs will grow. God was, is, and always will be our provider. We are thankful for those who have been called by the Lord to support this ministry.
- It all begins with lives being transformed by the love of Jesus. One heart at a time, people are responding to God's call upon their lives. Record numbers of people are joining short term missions to discover the great commission. New long term missionaries are being trained and sent to make disciples among the nations. My joy is being able to serve as part of this ministry team, bringing my gifts to build the Kingdom.



### **Sabbath Rest**

- Many people have asked me about my time off during the summer. It was a wonderful time of resting. No computer. No email. I had 40 days off work to spend time together with my family. The Lord blessed us with peace and rest. It was an incredible blessing to our whole family. I am very thankful for MBMSI's desire to invest into the health of our staff teams.
- As I have returned to work, my goal has been to maintain a healthy pace and to stay focused on the tasks that I specifically need to do. With people like Larry joining the team, this will be a blessing to the overall work loads.

### **Prayer Requests**

Each day I like to claim the promise of Romans 8:28 that says in all things God works for the good of those who love Him and who are called according to His purposes. So as we love our Lord and seek to be obedient in response to the call upon our lives in this ministry, we know He is working for us. We also know that your prayers are the fuel of our ministry. As you pray for our family and ministry would you ask the Lord:

- that He will grant us wisdom in the many critical decisions about the future growth of MBMSI
- that we will stay close to the Lord and be protected from the world's ways of thinking
- that our family will stay strong in our faith as we serve the Lord.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support of this ministry. **WE SERVE THE LORD TOGETHER!** You are part of the Kingdom and you play a very important role in this ministry. Together, let us celebrate and praise the Lord God Almighty!

In closing, let us all claim the promise of Romans 8:39 that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Until all have heard,  
J.P.