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## Hello from Canada!

I realize we've actually been in Canada for TWO months today! How has time gone by that fast? So, there is much to tell, but I'll keep it "short and sweet."

### **Final Departure:**

- We finally got our van out of the shop on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, it went straight to the tire shop with a nail in the tire, but after getting that fixed Denver started loading.
- We got all the last-minute details in place and left our house at 6am on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Our first day was easy, only to Tucson, but our second day was a little more "exciting" as we had more tire trouble.
- We're thankful we were able to stop and get the tire replaced. We also found out that our tires were 11 years old! Day 3 was even more exciting, let me tell you, I prefer less excitement. The battery light came on while driving on the highway and we thought it was odd, but given the tires were old, we figured the battery might be too! We pulled off at the next exit to a small town called Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

Unfortunately, the battery was fine. We needed a new alternator. We're so very thankful a shop was able to do the work for us that day. We cancelled a tire appointment we made for later that day, as we weren't going to make it. After 8 ½ hours we pulled out of the town of Santa Rosa and settled in for a long night of driving.... we're thankful nothing else happened and we arrived at our next destination at 2am. (Let me just say, I sure don't recover from those late nights like I used to!)

- First thing the next morning we got new tires put on the van and yay, no more car trouble! We made it to the Canadian border on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, so that puts our earliest departure for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. We have not yet decided what we'll be doing, we will see.
- We spent the better part of 2 weeks travelling across Canada visiting friends and family, as we headed west-bound towards Salmon Arm, BC.
- Our time spent with family and friends was nothing short of God's goodness poured out on us. So thankful for all the people God has placed in our lives for His glory.

## Trip Stats:

It's always fun to add up the miles and so on to see how far you went on your trip. (At least for me it is!) Here are some fun facts from our trip:

- We stayed in 13 different places (Slept in 13 different beds)
- We met up with 17 groups people (family, friends, and/or get together)
- Denver loaded and unloaded the van 28 times
- We drove through 8 States and 4 Provinces
- We drove 4,515 miles/ 7,266 kilometers.
- We got 5 new tires, an alternator, and an oil change on the trip! (Delaying us around 12 hours due to car issues/repairs)
- We spent 25 days on the road.

## Vacation:

Well, we've been asked how our vacation is going.... well, when it starts, I'll let you know! Somehow the days have gotten away from us and we're gearing up for a busy fall with speaking engagements and a bit more traveling. I'm thankful that though things have been steady with settling in and all kinds of other happenings, we have been able to rest a bit and be together as a family.

## Family:

- We have been thankful to be able to see family and reconnect on this trip.
- We were in a hurry to make it to visit Denver's grandparents on his dad's side, as his grampa hasn't been doing well and was in and out of the hospital before we arrived. We're grateful he was home for the whole duration of our visit and our girls were able to get some amazing time in with their great grandparents and get to know them better.
- Unfortunately, since we've left, Bopi (Denver's grandpa), hasn't been doing well. He's in the hospital and might soon go to be with Jesus, which he is ready and exited for.
- Please pray for Denver's Grandma and the rest of his family as they prepare to say goodbye for now.... until we all meet again in heaven. What hope we have! We're so incredibly thankful for the hope of eternity we have with Jesus.
- We are very excited for Denver's sister and her husband, who welcomed baby Timothy David McMaster into the world August 15<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to meeting this precious nephew later in September when we head up north to visit them all!
- Susan Dyck flew into Kelowna July 13<sup>th</sup> and will be in our area until September 13<sup>th</sup>. It has been so good to have her close again and to spend time together as a family.

## Next:

We have been planning a number of speaking engagements and fundraisers for CEC while we're here in Canada. We have already had the opportunity to do some sharing as Denver preached in Salmon Arm two weeks ago. We are excited to do some more as the Lord directs.

Here is a look at what September looks like....

- **September 1<sup>st</sup>** - Salmon Arm + Enderby, BC - speaking at Grace Church
- **September 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>** - Oakbank, MB - visiting Denver's family
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Winkler, MB - fundraiser for CEC
- **September 16-22<sup>nd</sup>** - Chetwynd, BC - visiting Denver's family/ speaking at Chetwynd Fellowship Baptist Church
- **September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Vernon, BC - Speaking at Emmanuel Baptist Church

## Coffee:

If we're in your area and you would like to get together for coffee, please send us an email! We're thankful to be able to connect with different people and have more time in Canada this time around! Email us and we would love to make it work if we can.

This is already long, so I'll leave it at that! We hope that wherever you are reading this, you're encouraged. Life sure has its ups and downs, but we have HOPE! We can have joy in the midst of every circumstance, as there is always so much to be thankful for.

We will be sending out an update on what's been going on in San



























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