

Each week we look back and marvel at God's blessing in calling us to minister, and in the peace that He will guide through the unknowns. Here are some of the highlights of the week, as well as some of the praise and prayer requests that are on our hearts.

1. Thanks for praying for EBBI. It is a blessing to be involved in a ministry so vital to church planting and development. It is also a blessing to have a great team of pastors and deacons who support the school. Thursday we met as an Advisory Board to review school news, and to consider various decisions. What a pleasure to have each one share our enthusiasm for what God is doing. The school year is going well, there is an increase in the number of students, our publicity campaign is beginning to generate some good feedback, and we continue to operate in the black. We still pray that the Government will give EBBI degree granting authority soon, but understand that this is in the Lord's hands too.
2. Thanks for praying for our health and strength. We are so pleased that the Lord has given us good health. We try to exercise regularly (John likes to run, and Paula goes walking), and try to be careful in what we eat. After our dental check-ups, we both had cavities filled. Paula got word that she needs a crown replaced, and possibly root canal work under it. The estimated cost was a minimum of \$1,200. so she began investigating the possibility of dental insurance.
3. Thanks for praying for our families and friends. We praise the Lord that our home church rallied around John's nephew and niece during this time of grief over the death of their baby. There was a very good funeral service on Saturday, which was a testimony to His grace. John's dad also continues to have problems following his back surgery. We would like to see him recover strength more quickly, but trust the Lord for this too. Other friends have needs, but we pray especially for the salvation of Stephen, John's friend that he runs with.
4. Thanks for praying for Emmanuel Baptist Church, and our outreach. Paula regularly plays organ in the morning services, we both sing in choir, and John is now playing guitar in the orchestra in the evening services. Paula enjoys the ladies fellowship gatherings at church. Not only is she part of a ladies calling team, but we continue to use hospitality to reach out to people around us. Sunday noon, for example, we had four EBBI students over for Sunday dinner so that we could work on semester activities together. We have also spoken with our new neighbours about taking them out to eat.
5. Thanks for praying for the Central African Republic, and for our missionary and African friends there. We hear distressing news of turmoil in northern areas of the country where we have ministered and where our former students are ministering. We are also concerned with the load that our few BMM missionaries are carrying. We pray the Lord of the Harvest to sustain them, and to send out new laborers. We are certainly willing to go ourselves, but the Lord has given us a task to do here in Canada for now.

Thank you for taking the time to pray each week. We appreciate your interest in us and our ministry. We are grateful that the Lord continues to give us positive things to report each week. Keep up your good work behind the scenes! God will bless you for it!.

Thankfully His,
John & Paula