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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

July/August 2024

Thank you so much for your faithful support. You've been with us for a long time, and I cannot thank you enough. July and August are always a special couple of months for us because of our wedding anniversary (our 17th) in July and the anniversary of our arrival in Canada (our 6th) in August. We have much for which to thank the Lord.

One special event in July was the First Baptist Church of Hammond's Youth Conference. As has been our custom since the COVID years, most of our teens who are unable to get visas into the States participated in a Youth Conference "Watch Party." We usually do some sort of activity beforehand (this year it was laser tag), eat, and then watch the conference together. The focus of the final message we watched was on the will of God, and our teens were challenged to seek God's will and submit to it. Since that meeting, two of the young men have started coming faithfully to our midweek Teen Impact Bible Study. I encouraged them to take the next step in their faith, and it seems that they took it to heart. We've seen growth in their desire to study the Bible too. In July and August, we challenged the teens to start doing devotions faithfully. Our focus was on steady growth instead of perfection, and they absolutely met that challenge. On the whole, the entire

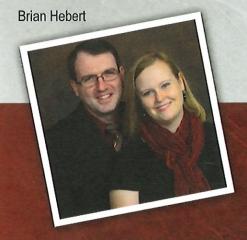
youth group stepped up and did better each week. By the end, many were reading their Bibles each day, answering questions, and writing down their thoughts about the passages. I'm greatly encouraged by this summer's work. The challenge to continue doing their devotions is ongoing, so please pray that God would work in their hearts to take further steps toward His perfect will for their lives.

In July, I met a Chinese man named Byrd while soul winning. He was very interested in coming to church. Since that time, he and his family have come pretty faithfully, with only a couple of weeks missed. Byrd and I started meeting weekly to slowly go through an evangelistic Bible study called, "The God I Love Loves You," which took us about a month to complete due to a slight language barrier and a need to carefully explain the Gospel story verse by verse. Praise God, Byrd got saved on August 6, 2024! Pray for us now as we continue to meet for discipleship, and also pray for his wife Zoey and their children—Henry, Helena, and Harvey— to be saved too!

My studies in Biblical counseling are going well, and the opportunities to serve God have grown as God has helped me to prepare. Please pray that God would fill me and use me to help others to the glory of God. Pray that my own relationship with God would grow in faith and love for Him.

Pray for labourers. We have an ever-increasing need for pastors as the pulpits of Canada are vacated by pastors who are aging out of the ability to pastor and communities without an adequate Gospel witness, which are growing by leaps and bounds, are in great need of someone to care for their souls. Pray for us as we seek to prepare the next generation. We need wisdom.





PICTURES (top to bottom):

- Young men working for the Lord
- GLBC Youth Group 2024
- Happy 17th Anniversary!

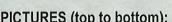
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