PRAY FOR THE HEBERT FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO TORONTO, CANADA

September/October 2026

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

It's schooltime once again, and that means I've once again resumed New Testament distribution at high schools in our region. This year, Lord willing, instead of doing half or a portion of the schools, my plan is to visit every high school in York Region twice. I'll be visiting public, Catholic, and (new to this year) French immersion schools. This will require that I visit schools 3 out of 5 days a week. In the last 2 months, I've gone to 12 different schools and have handed out about 500 New Testaments. A recent encounter has solidified my resolve to continue these efforts.

I recently met Matthew at a Catholic school in Vaughan, Ontario, and had a long talk with him about the Gospel. Without hyperbole, this is the most interesting and engaging conversation I've ever had with a young person. It started out with him asking me a question about what I believe regarding a particular Catholic doctrine. It went on from there to be a 45- to 60-minute cordial yet intense exchange about the nature of the Gospel and how we can be reconciled to God. He actually tried to convert *me* to Catholicism. I'm happy to report that he failed to do so! I believe he is truly looking for the truth because, though misguided and misled about some very important things, he appeared well-versed and well-spoken about what he believed. He was no casual Catholic teenager—did I mention he was only 13, and he was quoting Greek to me to support his points in order to win me to his side?! As of this writing, he has already reached out to our church and has asked many more questions. Please pray for Matthew and for the other teenagers with whom I've had other engaging conversations that were much shorter in length but of no less eternal significance. Pray that this labour of love and faith will soon yield fruit.

Now, I'm not without opposition out there. Satan's detractors love to remind me how "highly inappropriate" it is for me to give out Bibles to teenagers outside of schools. It's amazing how they'll hand out contraceptives for free, counsel them to change their genders, and teach them to hate their own country, but yet people like me are the *real* problem. I'm reminded of this verse as I think of those who hate what we're doing: *"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."* (I Corinthians 1:17-19) Again and again, I meet Christian teenagers who thank me and encourage me to keep doing what I'm doing. One young person even had a brief conversation with me about the Second Coming of Christ. I don't think we're giving this generation enough credit; they are indeed searching for truth and thinking about spiritual things. Joel 2:28 reminds us, *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."* I've started putting the ball back in their court a bit, though, encouraging them to "tell someone about Jesus today," because I think they can have far greater reach among their own peers than I can.

Prayer Requests:

1. Bible distribution at the public schools and John & Romans distribution efforts in our local neighbourhoods
2. Miracle building for our church
3. Wisdom and grace for raising our daughter—she turned one year old on October 21!

His servants and yours,

Brian, Liz, & Abby Hebert



Birthday Girl!



Abby is one year old!



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