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ALBERTA ADVENTURES

Praises

- Praise God for such wonderful responses from everyone at the ABA missions conferences.
- Praise God for growing confirmation of what life will be like in Japan.
- Praise God for 130 young people praying about God's will for their lives.

Prayer

- Pray that I would be focused and attentive to my preparation, especially the language.
- Pray for the lasting impact of the ABA conferences, that we would see more people say 'Yes' to missions in whatever way they are able.
- Pray for me as I search for my replacement at church and that I will be able to spend more time preparing for Japan.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

MATTHEW 6:10 (NIV)

Summer feels like it was so long ago. Autumn has a way of being the shortest season here in Canada, with the most going on. Getting back into the regular rhythms of ministry after spending a month in Colorado has been a challenge considering I have a totally new rhythm of missions to learn. It has been a challenging and extremely rewarding couple of months.

My time in Colorado was absolutely incredible! I was participating in Missions Training Institute's pre-field training with 50 other missionaries. We spent our time in classes each day learning language acquisition and common make-or-break issues for new missionaries. It was especially helpful to be surrounded by so many people going through the very same things as me. The camaraderie was nearly instantaneous but obviously lifelong. The training provided me with confidence and realistic expectations for the field in Japan.



Once I arrived home from Colorado, I immediately stepped into the busy fall season of ministry at church. It has been such a joyful blur. Some great news I received in this season is that I have officially been seconded with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM). Part of why I traveled to Japan in June was to introduce myself to heads

of different departments of TEAM. I was able to gather clear information on how my relationship with them would work as a missionary with the NAB. Whether it be prayer support or helping move a couch into my apartment, I now have a massive group of people in my corner. I feel so blessed to partner with them and the NAB.

Some more recent events that have dominated my schedule have been the three missions conferences in Alberta. We had the Southern Alberta Missions Conference (SAM) in Medicine Hat in late October, and the weekend after was the Greater Edmonton Missions Conference (GEM) and the Central Alberta Missions Conference (CAM) in Trochu. All three missions conferences were simply fantastic!

Driving out to Medicine Hat by myself was certainly an adventure. The six-hour drive was done in the rain, with wind reaching 100 km/hr. My little car just barely made it. As I was driving down the highway, part of the front of my car blew up and onto my windshield (due mostly to preexisting damage). By the grace of God, there was a turn off 1 km away where I was able to buy a roll of duct tape and repair my car enough to make it the rest of the way down there. It was truly miraculous it happened when it did and that all the right repair supplies were exactly where I needed them. The good folks at Temple Baptist kindly donated some zip ties to secure my vehicle. That, on top of their already phenomenal hospitality, was an absolute blessing. It was such a joy to be the primary speaker on Friday night and talk to so many people about missions.



Thankfully, the rest of my travels were not as cold or blusterous. From Medicine Hat, I passed through Calgary to speak at beautiful Thornhill Baptist Church on Sunday morning. The next weekend at GEM, I had a great time speaking on Friday night to over 130 young people who had come from the youth service. God was truly at work in the hearts of young people, inviting them to participate in God's plan. Please keep them in your prayers!



Sunday morning, I was at Hillview Baptist Church in Edmonton, finding ever more supporters and encouragers. That evening, I headed down to Trochu with the rest of the ABA missionaries for a very lively event. CAM was an excellent end to such a good month.

It's hard to complain about being tired from doing such wonderful things. To see God so clearly at work, energizing people of all ages for missions, has brought my soul such joy and comfort. And I haven't even left yet!

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