



# The Lesters

Missionaries to Canada

Fall 2011

Dear Supporting Churches,

Now that the beautiful sunshine is faded here in Vancouver we all know what that means. RAIN and lots of it! Vancouver gets an average of just under four feet of rain every year, so it is not surprising that people here do not like to say good-bye to summer.

As we say good-bye to summer, we see how the Lord has blessed. August was our yearly VBS and with the biggest day yet. We were able to see the growth make a need for more classes this year, as well as, thousands of flyers with the gospel being distributed in our area.

We also have had the privilege of continued discipleship of three of our people. Pray as new work schedules have caused some of them to have to cancel.

Coming into fall has brought along with it all the fall ministries. Our Bible Institute got off the ground with a group of four students. All of them have truly enjoyed learning about the New Testament through the New Testament Survey class. It excites me, as I see God use what He has taught me, to teach others. Their enthusiasm to grow and learn more of God's Word is what God can use in their lives to spiritually mature them.

The public school ministry is also back in full swing. This last week I found it interesting as we talked about "What is Christianity?" Even though some of the kids are already Christians, I was surprised to see that no one really had an answer to my question. Oh what a need we have for even the true Christians to be able to know what they believe, so that they can "give an answer to everyone that asketh a reason of the hope that lieth within us."

Our Missions Conference is later this month. We put a lot of hard work and prayer into this part of our year. Starting just last year, we decided to have a game night during the Missions Conference. Last year we played Missions "Jeopardy"—all categories and answers related to our missionaries and their particular fields. This year, we are planning on playing another missionary game. Please pray that God will use these special meetings to burden the hearts of our church family in the area of Missions.

The deaf ministry is slowly growing—as deaf ministries do. Sherrie has finished teaching her second sign language class and has now been able to start to see some of her first students learning how to interpret for parts of the service. Please pray for this ministry as it needs God's hand. Please pray especially for a young married deaf lady named Ami who is saved and is praying for her husband to come to Christ.

Another ministry that we have found ourselves in has been one of "helps" to a lady in our church who has been saved for about seven years now. She is elderly and is estranged from her family. She is one that many people would see as being "too high maintenance." With her personality being one that requires a lot of patience, we have seen God work in our lives and teach us about truly loving another person in the body of Christ (especially the ones that may not be so easy to love). We are often humbled by Christ's words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." In an age when everyone is looking out for "number one," Christians truly need to get a hold of this truth.

As we end this letter, we also would like to ask special prayer for some specific health needs of our family. Liette, as many of you know, is our oldest daughter who is studying at university in Australia. She has been sick for about two months. Please pray as the doctors look for the cause of her illness. Also, Sherrie has recently been having some of her past health problems, causing her a lot of pain and some trips to the ER. Please pray that these problems can be healed, as she has not been able to keep up the way she would like to do.

To the praise of His Glory,

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