



Pennings Family Update

UP COMING DATES

Oct 5- Ride for Refuge
Oct 6- Speaking at Freedom in Christ
Oct 19-23 Speaking at Calvary Baptist

PRAYER and PRAISE

Continued healing for Barbara -concussion read more below
Programming season
Settling into the house and new routines

SUMMER UP'S and DOWNS

September 2019

As many of you realize summer is over, it has been a challenging one for Barbara so you get to hear from me. In early July Barbara was helping an elder when she hit her head. She is still in recovery from the concussion it has been a long road. And since she normally writes the updates is why you haven't heard from us in a while. As a computer screen and formulating organized thoughts on a page are still challenging for her.

It was a different summer for us, I was still traveling doing training and being a resource for our summer camp teams. Since we were not responsible for the interns Barbara and the kids had some opportunities to come along with me on my travels. All in all the camps were great with 23 week long programs happening over the 7 weeks of the summer. There were some hiccups as at the last minute one of our teams was not able to fulfill their commitment and with 3 days notice Barbara and 4 other staff as well as our summer interns pulled together a camp program for the community of Sheguiandah.

HOUSE UPDATE

We finally moved in on June 27! The upstairs is almost finished! The main floor still needs an overhaul but we're saving that for another day!! As time and finances are low and winter temperatures are almost on us.

We are really close to having a heat source for the house, the wood is split and stacked, the stove is here and now we just need the contractor to return to finish the chimney (we pray he does before the temp drops even more).

It was really great working with the guys from M'Chigeeng and Wiky on the house and being able to invest conversation and new skills into them in the process. We were also blessed by many from the Oshawa area by financial help and material. We were also blessed by a group from Woodland Christian High School who helped with some of the work needed. There were many others who also blessed us with time, prayer and finance to help us along as we seek to settle into this new ministry life in M'Chigeeng. Miigwetch!

FALL UPDATE

Fall is upon us and we are getting ready to start up a new season in Ministry. I have been preaching in 3 Churches this summer and fall along with restarting a house church in M'Chigeeng. I am still in a leadership position with the Wiky Fellowship and aiding in the leadership at the AOK Church.

We hope to renew the programming season with Barbara plugging in at the School in M'Chigeeng as well as establishing new connections with women in the community. I along with different community members will be working on some new programs and bolstering existing ones. On top of carrying on with one on one mentoring and discipleship. Aside from the Church in Wiky our involvement in the community center is now almost done and our focus is solely on M'Chigeeng FN. which is exciting and we look forward to what God has in store for this year.

Lydia has started Grade 9 opening a new chapter in her life. Samuel is now in Grade 6. I too will be carrying on my Bible school courses through the fall as soon as I am able to get a desk setup somewhere in the house.

WHAT'S NEXT

Hot off the press and with only days left DayStar is partnering with Ride for Refuge on October 5 to help raise dollars of the programming funds. We are trying to mobilize teams to help with this fundraising. The money that Barbara and I raise goes directly to M'Chigeeng! Its super easy if you are interested in a family friendly walk or bike ride to help just let us know and we can get you started.

We will also be down south in October twice once to share at Freedom in Christ in Kitchener on October 6. And again in Oshawa to share at their Missions Conference from October 19 – 22