



September 21, 2019

A Call to Prayer

“Our ministry team is under attack right now and I am feeling very scared, heavy, sick, and wondering what more we can withstand... please be holding us in urgent prayer.”

~ A Missionary Under Attack

My heart hurt for this group of missionaries as I read the above plea for help. Our Avant family supports each other, and we act quickly when we hear this kind of news. Prayer is our most powerful weapon and the moment I received this email, I gathered our staff in my office and we exercised this weapon.

We shouldn't be surprised by Satan's attacks on our front line servants' health, personal security, team unity and encouragement. By the very nature of their work, they have taken their positions against Satan's strongholds. The Apostle Paul was well aware of a missionary's battle when he wrote, "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds." II Corinthians 10:3-4.

There are those who fall in battle and our five Regional Member Care Facilitators work hard to encourage and care for the wounded. Thankfully, Kevin and Maria Martens were on this front line to offer help to Tim & Chantelle Plant as they struggle to process their likely return to Canada to care for their daughter who is struggling with seizures.



In the midst of this chaotic “battle” a beautiful scene emerged. God displayed His power and replaced fear with faith, turmoil with tranquility. The local ministry team ceased their normal activities and retreated for a day to pray. I assisted the Regional Director and VP of Field Ministries as they formed an action plan, and I was able to offer the family ticket reimbursement from our Missionary Emergency Fund. Our Director of Mobilization (who comes from the same church as these missionaries) began working with the church and family to provide housing and other necessities in Canada. A beautiful team effort!

Your prayers and support mean so much to us and allow us to facilitate our missionaries work and be there in times of crisis.

From Justin:

"A lot of you have hosted my family over the years on different trips, and now it is my turn to visit people out West. The purpose of my trip is to encourage people and build relationships with people I have not seen in a long time. If you are in Alberta, BC, or in the Northwestern States, then I would love to connect with you in the coming weeks. I am currently applying to Avant Ministries to go to Uruguay as a Short-Term Volunteer to work with the kids we ministered to at La Roca and with the Core group. I hope to go at some point in the next year and would love to tell you about that."

You can contact Justin at: justinreimer7@gmail.com or (431) 336-7197

Praise the Lord...

- that these three children prayed to accept the Lord with us as we took them to our church during our Bible Day Camp.
- for the 40 kids and youth, representing five continents, that heard the gospel at our farm during the Day Camp.
- that Kaitlyn Reimer (no relation to us) who we wrote about in our last RED was able to deploy on Sept. 11th to East Asia.



Pray with us...

- for Tim and Chantelle Plant as they return to Canada and try to get some answers for the seizures their daughter is experiencing. Pray that they will be able to return to Bolivia soon.
- for Justin as he has just applied with Avant to return to Uruguay for a year of service in Maldonado where we still have many contacts.
- for Miles & Lu (and family pictured above) in Uruguay. Miles wrote this week saying that he had been listening to his usual country music radio station and the hymn "O Happy Day" came on. He liked the song, thought of us, and sent us the YouTube link! Praise God that He can use even a secular station to remind Miles of what we talked about many times. Pray that Miles will soon experience that "Happy Day", when he realizes that "Jesus washed his sins away."
- for Devan (above) as he finishes his growing (pumpkin and chicken) season and applies with Avant to return and work with El Jordan in Bolivia.
- for Derek and Kirsten as they become Community Ministers with **Youth For Christ** in the South Osborne neighbourhood but based out of our church. (You can contact them for more information: derekandkirsten@gmail.com). Pray that all of our kids can get the support they need for their ministries.



- that God will draw our neighbors to himself and that they will accept our invitation to study the Bible together.

Walking by faith,

Mike & Carolyn Reimer

Devan, Derek & Kirsten, Justin, Carlton, Katrina