

The Harpers to Toronto, Ontario Canada

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Luke 1:37 “For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

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Most of December and January were spent with a focus on the family. For the past four years we have been told by immigration and all sources that our oldest children would have to leave the field due to their age when our visa expired on February 5th of this year. Actually, most of the past year was filled with the statement: “This is the last time we will do this in Canada.” The Lord has blessed us with a close family, so it has been quite an emotional strain especially on our children. One of the things that I have told people often is that: “No direction is direction.” Our children are still the most faithful people in our ministry and although they would not say that they are called to Canada none of them has felt led to go anywhere else or has even has expressed a desire to leave here. They are all significantly gifted and talented and have had several opportunities to leave and work elsewhere. They have received invitations from family and friends as well as sports scholarships and my sons could even be playing basketball overseas if they wanted to.

We went to immigration on January 27th with the family expecting to receive a deadline to have the children depart from the country. However, God has done the impossible and extended the visas of our entire family for another year and we were told by immigration that if my wife and apply for permanent residency again within the year they will extend them. God is amazing! He continues to show that impossible is not a word in His vocabulary.

Amid all the immigration and family concerns the Lord has brought back a lady named Lisa that used to come faithfully last year that had stopped coming due to a misunderstanding and the Lord has also brought us a new faithful visitor named Joy.

I have spent quite a bit of time in the psychiatric hospital making visits the past few months. Apparently, my number is listed somewhere, and I seem to get calls from there. I have a real burden for the bondage of these people and I believe that Jesus can save them and help them. In my last visit I met a woman named Marlene that had been there 3 ½ years and she asked me desperation: “Do you believe, I will ever get better. I would like to see my family again. “I, of course replied affirmatively: “Yes, absolutely!” She asked for prayer. Whenever, I go in it reminds me of my faith in the gospel. Most people in there have deserted and given up on by family and friends and written off as hopeless. Canada is viewed the same way by many. I have served here 16 years and not seen the fruit that I would like to but every year I believe this year is the year.

My heart is more burdened than it ever has been. I was praying for souls this week and the Lord brought to mind the statement that Rachel said to Jacob when she could not bare children: “Give me children, or else I die.” This is truly my heart as I wept before the Lord. Please pray for me to walk in obedience to God like never before with faith and power to be used that children might be born for His name sake. Thank you all for sacrificing so that we can have the privilege to serve the Lord in Toronto.

Because Jesus has the words of eternal life,

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