

the SMITHS

serving Christ in **Ottawa**

Dear Prayer Partners,

February 28, 2017

Missionary Colleague Gives Us a Contact in Ottawa—We have been picking up a university student at the bus station almost every Sunday for Church. Missionaries in China gave us a contact of a newly saved young Chinese man that is in Ottawa for university. It has been a blessing to see him come faithfully to Church. On the way to Church and during the week he asks simple questions demonstrating his spiritual desire and growth.



The Smith Family
Jeff, Kim, Kyle, Emily, Alayna, Carson

Baptismal Service—Carleton Baptist will be renting a church building for a baptism service. Our Alayna got the assurance of her salvation on October 9th and will be baptized in the service. The Chinese university student also wants to follow the Lord in believers baptism. A few others are scheduled to be baptized as well, praise the Lord!

New Bible Study—At the beginning of the year, we were praying about what goals the Lord would have us lay out for a future Church plant. At that time we learned that a lady that attends our Church in Orleans has been “praying and fasting” for someone to start a Bible study in her apartment complex downtown Ottawa. We believe that we are suppose to follow this opportunity before making any other plans. It would be wonderful if this Bible study produced a group of believers that desired the formation of a new assembly. We currently have permission from the building facilitators and will have free use of the complex’s community room.

Surviving our First Ottawa Winter—Most days we have traveled in slushy, snowy, and icy conditions. I am learning the importance of snow tires! A local newspaper describes the winter here, “Ottawa is only centimeters away from its snowiest winter in nearly a decade, the proof continues to pile up across the city. Massive snow banks, as tall as people, have accumulated throughout the city, turning two-lane streets into near one-ways and making sidewalks nightmares to navigate ... 241 cm: Snow for winter since October.” Harrison, Megan “By the Numbers: Snowfall week of Feb. 12.” *Ottawa Sun*



CBC youth group and special visit from Heritage Baptist, Barrie, ON youth group.



CBC children, Carson, and Alayna singing at church.



Canada is celebrating 150 years of Confederation in 2017. The ice bench says “Canada 150” p.s. A sign requested that people get their picture on the bench. Yes, it was cold!



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