

The Aulin's



Dear Praying Partners:

The Summer is past: I am very sorry for the delay in this third quarter letter. It seemed like each time I sat to write this praise report I was pulled away—forgive me. We had a wonderful time of summer ministry filled with many blessings. Where to begin?

July found my family, or at least part of my family, in Vancouver on two separate occasions. I had the joy and privilege to take part in the John316Story Summit. It was a tremendously encouraging time filled with teaching, preaching, and practical ways to reach out in a variety of community settings. I was able to visit with some old friends and meet some new ones. Later in July my wife and youngest son Jonathan travel to Camp YES for junior camp. Jonathan came home with so many stories and most importantly was greatly affected through the preaching of Pastor Shawn Belliveau. Thank you Pastor John-Marc Conner and Pastor Gordon Conner for hosting this most needed camp.

Resting in God's grace: August and September were an emotionally trying time for us personally. For the past two years we have been caring for my dad as he battles with Alzheimer's disease. July-September proved to be challenging. In July my dad suffered a minor heart attack which landed him in hospital. He recovered physically but the event proved very difficult for him. Afterwards he began to fall more frequently and his level of care demanded us to be available 24/7. As we were navigating the health concerns with dad, my mother's health (who also battled Alzheimer's disease) began to decline. On September 3rd I woke up to find my dad in very bad condition resulting in us admitting him back into hospital. Then on September 15th I received news that my mother had taken a serious turn for the worse. On September 18 she entered into the presence of her Saviour.

The next few weeks kept us moving. On September 23rd I had the joy of performing a wedding ceremony for a young couple in our church. It was beautiful to see this couple overcome challenges and begin a life together with Christ as their focus. September 25th we held the interment service for mom in Fruitvale, BC (she was in long-term care about 5hrs from us). On September 30th, due to the fragile health of my dad, we held a memorial service in Vernon for my dad and our family living in the Okanagan. Finally, on October 7th I had the joy of performing another wedding a second young couple from our church. After all the events of those past weeks my wife and I paused and thoughtfully reflected and gave thanks for the wonderful grace of God.

Currently, my dad is still in hospital waiting to be placed in long term care as his Alzheimer's is continuing to progress. Please pray that he can be placed in a safe home quickly. The process, I am told, could take up to 5 months.

Soul-winning and visitors: My wife and I recently took another couple of our church through some personal soul-winning training. WOW! It was amazing. We dedicated some extra for soul-winning and God truly blessed. We have seen ten new people starting attending faithfully. One South Korean couple, Sooyhun and Jiyoung Joo, were joyfully baptized and added to the church. We are in discipleship with others and with others still we are in soul-winning Bible Studies with. We also saw two more riders on our Senior Shuttle and a greater consistency in our Bus Ministry (Kidz Club) attendance.

Building Update: There is something about a nice pulpit :) A older gentleman in our church, George Swerdelain, built for us a beautiful new pulpit...praise the Lord. We were also given 80 new chairs for our auditorium from New Life Baptist Church in Houston, TX.

Thank you again for your prayers and faithful support,

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