

THE BALINGIT FAMILY

Serving in Halifax, Nova Scotia

We have enjoyed some great summer months of ministry here at CityLight Baptist Church and are excited to briefly share with you what God has been doing! As we entered July, we began a busy summer season which began with being involved at the Bible camp here in our province. Every year, at Forest Glen Bible Camp, kids and teenagers from all over the province come together for a week of camp and I have been privileged to be involved in serving at the camp for the last 5 years. I am thankful for the many great decisions made this year amongst the teenagers of Nova Scotia and we pray that much fruit and growth would come of it.

During July we also began our outreach campaign on Saturday with our church family. It was exciting to see our people buy in and involve themselves in reaching our communities. We were able to hand out hundreds of John and Romans in our neighbourhoods surrounding the church meeting space, and have had an older couple find our church and begin attending regularly. We are praying for more fruit as a few others have reached and emailed me back with questions about the church after they received a pamphlet in their mailbox.

Apart from this new couple that had begun attending, we were able to make contact with a young Filipino lady who is studying here and working towards bringing her family to Canada from the Philippines. Being a Filipino ourselves, this allowed us to build a bridge of connection with her from day one. She shared that since moving here, she has battled loneliness away from her family and as well as not finding many Christian friends that she can connect with. My wife has spent many hours with her outside of church services to build a relationship with her, while encouraging her to attend our services faithfully to be able to connect with our other young adults. We have seen her open up and feel more comfortable sharing her story and prayer requests on her heart as the weeks go on. Please pray for Rochelle, that God would work and allow her family to move here and be reunited once again.

For many months, I have prayed for an opportunity to hold services in our major universities nearby as many of our regular attenders are students at these schools. This past week, I was able to sit down with the chaplaincy board of Saint Mary's University here in our city. SMU is one of the biggest schools in Atlantic Canada and has over 11,000 students enrolled from all over Canada. For the first time I was able to present the idea of having monthly services on campus. Those that were there were on board with the idea but still needed to present it to the rest of the committee members which will be voted on by the end of the month. Please pray that God would allow us to minister in university and see many students grow in their faith.

Please also pray for these men by the names of James, Mitch, Micah, and Alex. All of these young men have been coming to church faithfully for months now, and I have had the opportunity to meet with them individually for regular Bible study and time of encouragement outside of church. We have seen growth and a desire to be involved in church, and we praying for the maturing to continue in them. Specifically pray for Mitch as he is not saved but has been asking many questions about the Bible and salvation. Thank you all for your support and prayer that you pray on our behalf.

