Dear friends and family,

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of January. We are a bit overdue for an update, so here goes. Please forgive us, it is a little long but it shares our heart!

In December we finished the "Lecture Phase" of our Discipleship Training School (DTS) and we wanted to fill you in on what God has been doing! This year our staff felt that we were to run an All Nations, All Generations DTS. As we began to pray and prepare for the school, we were amazed to watch God bring together 34 students from 12 nations ranging in age from 18 to 58! Each week we had international speakers share on subjects such as the character of God, humility, our identity in Christ, cross cultural ministry, hearing God's voice, the father heart of God, etc. Thru these teachings and times of ministry, the Lord moved on the hearts of the students and staff to bring change in our lives like only HE can. As a family of different nations and ages, we learned firsthand what it means to walk together in humility of heart.

Our DTS is currently three weeks into outreach to three locations here in Canada. We are ministering to and serving the First Nations people of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. God has put a powerful call on the First Nations/ Native Americans that the enemy has tried hard to destroy. Our heart is to serve their practical needs, show them God's love, have fun getting to know them, and speak identity into their lives and culture. As we are building relationship at the reservations that our teams are on, many hearts are opening up to us and the amazing love of Jesus. During part of the month of February, two teams will be heading off to Vancouver to be a part of the many service and evangelistic YWAM outreaches taking place at the Olympics. We are excited to see what God does there. Follow the DTS outreaches on our blog www.ywamenr.wordpress.com.

As a family, God has had the five of us on our own unique journey of trusting and following Him. Most of you know that in the last five years we have lived in four different nations: Fiji, New Zealand, the US and Canada. A couple of years ago John Dawson, the president of YWAM, shared with us that He felt God was taking our family on a journey to give us His heart for the nations. John also felt that it would be very stretching for us, but that through it all God would be with us. What John said to us has helped us to trust God even when many wondered what we were doing and why we were moving so much!

Being here at YWAM Eagles Nest Ranch for the last year and a half has stretched and grown us in new ways. We have opened our hearts once again to those around us and are humbled as we have watched God bless the YWAM base that we are privileged to lead. He has brought together 18 full time staff and several Mission Builders. We have now run two DTS's, served Eagles Nest Ranch youth camps (last summer), and are building relationship with different ministries and churches in Medicine Hat. There is momentum building and we pray that what God has put on our hearts to do blesses Him and brings glory to HIS kingdom.

With all that said, we have to be honest and let you know that right now we are in a challenging situation regarding our finances. (Yea, us and the rest of the world! We know!) When we came to Canada we were in the midst of raising a young family while paying off debt.. That is always a challenging task, but up until 6 months ago it was going well. Recently our support has begun to diminish and we find ourselves in a tough spot! We want to say THANK YOU to all of you who have supported us in prayer and financially. We also want to thank and bless those that have supported us this far, but no longer can do so. You all have been such a blessing to our family and ministry! We are humbly asking that if you aren't already on our supporters team, would you pray about and consider supporting us financially? In partnering with us, you will be touching the lives of many youth be it through the DTS schools or summer youth camps. We wish you could see the change in the lives of those that our base has been discipline. It is truly amazing what God is doing to bring identity and freedom! If you would like to partner with us here is how:

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Vancouver, BC V5K 5G6

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