



Prayer & Praise

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Dear friends,

Fall is here, with evening temperatures dropping low and school back in full swing. This was a busy summer, with many opportunities to scatter the seeds of the gospel. We are thankful for all the doors God opened. There were definitely ups and downs, things that didn't go as we hoped, but none the less people heard about JESUS, and that's what we want! Through the summer we experienced the following:



- Continued church services in Binche and Yekooche. This fall we are looking to add an evening service in Tache. Some Sundays in Yekooche we have a great turnout. Sometimes no one comes. But we got to add children's lessons to our Yekooche services because there is often a child or two. We are so glad for this opportunity!
- Binche hosted a Native couple that writes and sings gospel music. They blessed our community with a wonderful evening of music and God's truth. Although the turnout was small, they were able to share Jesus with a few people we've never had opportunity with, and our church was so encouraged and blessed by their presence here.
- We hosted a special church service & dinner on the beach for the Binche fishing derby. Sadly, not one extra person joined us.
- We canned over 100 pounds of donated fish from the derby for Binche elders. Delivering fish was a great opportunity for conversation and connection with community members.
- We spent hours planning a retreat for Native believers across northern BC, only to have it cancelled at the last minute. 😞
- Kate spent a lot of time with a girl struggling with suicidal thought. Kate is planning a women's study this fall for a couple of women in difficult places.
- Tyrell had opportunity to do a funeral for a woman who loved Jesus and wanted the rich truth of the gospel shared at her funeral. Most of her family was very opposed to this, which made for a challenging service. When the family matriarch closed the service in prayer, Tyrell was unnerved to realize she was praying to her ancestors, not God! But Tyrell got to share with the whole family that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We wish we could have you join us for a church service or a walk through town, so you could SEE the world we write about. When someone interrupts Tyrell's sermon with questions completely unrelated, about the animals he's hearing talk to him. When a drunk man is threatening to shoot people. Ministry here is so diverse and unique: sometimes it's walking through a man's garden, admiring his hard work; it is often driving more miles on rough logging roads; it's always to hearts desperately in need of help, hope, and salvation.

On a rather surprising note, we have a new church building being built in Binche! The concrete is poured, the walls are up, and the roof is sheeted. We are thankful to the Binche community leadership for their kindness in prioritizing and making possible something that our small church could not have done.



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Another delight for us this summer was a baptism that took place in the non-Native community. Nine adults and one teen expressed their commitment to Christ in a public declaration of faith. While we haven't worked closely with most of these people, seven of the ten were people dear to us that we had prayed a lot for over the past five years. We are so thankful to see God at work in lives!!

In Acts 18 Paul is in Corinth and God appears to him at night in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city." We sense that God, too, has many people here. He is in the process of searching out and finding them. And we are partnering with Him in that. And you are too! Thank you for loving, giving, and praying with us.

Because of Jesus,

Theresa + *Kate Gehner*

