



There has never been a time in our lives where the road ahead has been as clear as it is now.

Last month we wrote that we have been approved for appointment by the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada as Fully Funded International Workers in Church Ministry to Caracas Venezuela. What this means is that simply we are going to be Missionaries sent by our denomination to bring the Gospel to the Caribbean Sun* region.

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The Caribbean Sun ministry consists mainly of church planting and developing leaders

in the mega cities of Mexico - Mexico City, Guadalajara, Tijuana; and Venezuela - Caracas.
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We also wrote that we could not begin language study this August if we did not pay off our student loans by May 21st.

We asked you to pray. We wanted to trust God's timing and needed your help.

When we began walking this road in September 2009, we owed close to \$11,000 on this loan. In January, we were asked to seriously consider putting our application process on hold for at least a year so that we could take time to pay down the loan. We sensed that we needed to carry on with the process and trust God's timing. We were allowed to continue even though we owed \$10,000 at that time. Doing all we could, we rolled loose change found around the house, collected bottles to take to the recycling depot, increased our personal monthly payments, and Chris sold his motorcycle. This merely put a dent in the loan. In April and about the time you read our last newsletter, we still owed \$7000. We continued moving forward, still trusting God's timing, but wondering how we would have this loan paid off by our May 21st deadline. . .

We have been overwhelmed in the last four weeks with God's extravagance in the form of people's generosity. Almost daily we saw our student loan shrink as

we received numerous gifts - small and large. A benefit event was planned for us for the purpose of enabling us to go. One day before the benefit and seven days before the May 21st deadline, with tremendous gratitude and awe, we completely paid off our student loan!

WE ARE DEBT FREE!

There are no restrictions to our appointment for international ministry!

What this means is: we have 12 days of Pre-Field Orientation (PFO) at Ambrose University in Calgary, AB starting on June 6th. Following PFO, we come back home to Summerland where Chris is officiating at his sister Angela's wedding - June 26. We have July to give away, sell or pack all we have then spend some time with our families in Saskatchewan. After our last two weeks in Summerland, we fly to San Jose, Costa Rica on August 17th to begin a year of language studies at the Spanish Institute where the boys will be attending Sojourn Academy on the same campus. During this next year, we want to

flesh out more of what we will be doing for future ministry. The team may not be ready to go into Caracas, Venezuela after language study in which case we will likely join in on what God is doing through the C&MA in Mexico City. Wherever we end up, we are committing to at least 4 years of service.

We are in the process of leaving. We are so thankful to be leaving Summerland at a time where relationships are strong and rich but there is a surrendering and grief in the many 'unknowns' and changes ahead. Yet in the grief there is a deep sense of gratitude for the wonderful family and friends that we have supporting us - and most of all for a God who is faithful and trustworthy and good.

Please continue to pray for the boys in these days of transition, that we will be able to soak up the wisdom and experiences shared with us at PFO, that we would be able to soak in the 'every day' moments while working through the lists of things to do before we leave, and for wisdom as we make decisions about so many things related to moving overseas.



On May 15th, our friends put on a special benefit for us. All the details were amazing from the Latin American decor to the decadent desserts and specialty coffees, live and silent auctions, and live music.

● We are so grateful.



Holding to truth, we read in scripture: "You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear

that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies."

2 Corinthians 4:5-10

If you would consider supporting us financially:

Donations are tax deductible. Designate your gift: Chris & Angela Hiebert Outfit Fund, Chris & Angela Hiebert Work Fund, or Chris & Angela Hiebert Vehicle Fund. The **Outfit fund** will help us purchase things for our home

like furniture, household needs and general living expenses. The **Work fund** will assist us in covering day-to-day ministry needs and also provide publications to keep you informed. The **Vehicle fund** will enable us to purchase and maintain a vehicle for future ministry.

Funds can be donated to Summerland Alliance Church or any other C&MA Church or mailed to:

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