



Esther's Update

An update of Esther Mueller serving with Youth With A Mission in Canada

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Day by Day

What comes to mind when you think of becoming more like Christ? Excitement, hope, struggles? I am learning to cherish each day in the journey of life that transforms me into Christ's likeness. Living one day does not seem too significant especially when I consider eternity. Yet if I do not become 80 without living the 79 years before hand. This can seem super frustrating. Why can't I be 100% like Christ tomorrow? Maybe there's a three year plan?

Perhaps life is not about the arrival at 100% Christ-likeness but about the journey along the way. As I live life I begin to see the importance of each day. With each step I experience God in new and familiar ways. Along the journey I hit rough patches that challenge me, mentally, spiritually, emotionally, physically, and these times are not wasted. They are part of the journey that I can learn from and experience God, the transformer of our lives.

I am learning to cherish each day in my walk with God, and to trust the God who is with me everyday.

Jesus: a servant

This past month I delved into the books of Galatians and Mark for my School of Biblical Studies (SBS) course.

In Mark I learned about the original audience to which Mark wrote his gospel. He wrote to the believers in Rome who observed the extravagance of the Roman Emperors and the power they lorded over the people.

Consequently Mark emphasizes the suffering servant hood of Christ in his Gospel.

We see Christ healing the sick, casting out demons and performing miracles out of his compassion for people. Mark's original audience needed a reminder that Christ was not like the Emperor's who served themselves but that Christ served and suffered for his people.

May we trust in Christ who is unlike any earthly leader!

Check out this link to learn more about the online SBS: <http://info.ywamlearning.com/fbs/s/>

Joys:

-**ministering** with my dance team on Valentine's Day

-**studying** God's word through the School of Biblical Studies

-**facilitating prayer** times for my team

-**forming deeper relationships** with my teammates and people in the community

-welcoming **new people** onto my team

Prayer requests:

-**wisdom** for how to spend time outside of my studies and serving as Administrative Co-ordinator

-**unity and grace** to abound as my team grows

-**DTS field assignment:** safe travels, meaningful debriefing and closure as the teams return to Canada on Feb. 21

Upcoming Events

-**facilitating debrief for Discipleship Training School (DTS)** students and staff who return from their field assignment on Feb. 21

-beginning the **next three month section of my School of Biblical Studies**

-continuing to respond to e-mails and phone calls in the **front office** and to create procedures as we pioneer this office



Above: Our DTS team in western Thailand that taught English and served the Thai people.



Above: A DTS student from second team interacting with children in Singapore.

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