



Esther's Update

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

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Kairos Time

Do you ever think about God's desire and plan for the world and how you can play a part? I asked these questions and many more when I participated in an exciting Christian course called Kairos last year. Recently I helped facilitate this course at a local church in Vancouver.

The Kairos course aims to educate, inspire and challenge Christians to participate in God's mission for the world. While taking the course last year I was amazed by the Biblical theme that God's people are blessed to be a blessing. This realization challenged me to acknowledge God's blessings, such as forgiveness, love, finances, and intentionally give these blessings to others.

During the course this year we had twelve participants that I interacted with while leading a small group, presenting information and devotionals and talking with them during breaks. As I marked worksheets I loved reading the participants discoveries about God's desire for all people to have a relationship with him and how they would apply their discoveries to their lives. Good stuff!!

I am planning to facilitate more Kairos courses this fall and winter. Please pray for more people to be inspired and empowered to live out their role in God's mission through this course.

Upcoming Events

- continuing my **School of Biblical Studies** (fbSBS). I will study Philippians, 1st and 2nd Timothy and James.
- working as **Administrative Coordinator** for YWAM Vancouver
- facilitating prayer** for my team
- teaching** the inductive Bible study method to teenagers
- attending a **YWAM staff conference** in Manitoba



Left: I attended a wedding for a friend, Kendra Gonzalez who was a Discipleship Training School (DTS) student when I was DTS staff. It was a joy to celebrate with her in Vernon, BC!!

Fasting

After facilitating the Kairos course I experienced a renewed sense of awareness about my purpose on this earth. This prompted me to make some changes in my life. I decided to fast from watching TV and movies during my down times for the month of July so I could focus on God and listen to him.

Fasting has given me a new perspective on my schedule and a heightened awareness of how I spend my time.

I am experiencing the tension between desiring to pack my schedule full of activities because there is much I long to experience and be involved with. Yet I am challenged by the idea of living a balanced life style that includes time for rest, and even play!

Slowly I am learning to prioritize and make the tough decision to say...no. Wow, that is hard for me to do! I need God's wisdom to clarify priorities and stay focused on what is most important. What is God encouraging you to focus on in this season of your life?



Above: I am presenting a devotional to Kairos course participants. I was energized by helping others encounter God through the course.

Joys:

- facilitating Kairos** course
- attending a wedding** in Vernon, BC
- attending a bridal shower** for a dance team member
- meaningful conversations** with friends
- ministering with my dance** team at my church
- new YWAM Vancouver staff:** Flavia from Brazil

Prayer requests:

- wisdom** with time management and prioritizing my life
- deeper understanding about God** through my Bible course
- leadership school students** on their mission trips to Cambodia, India, Thailand, Burma and Los Angeles

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