



Esther's Update

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

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Freedom!!

My past month revolved around building relationships with others. Here are some of my times building relationships: A good friend from my Discipleship Training School (DTS) visited from Switzerland and she stayed at my home for a few days. I was overjoyed to spend quality time with her in person! I have hosted leadership school students at my home where we enjoyed delicious treats and each others company. I also helped facilitate a time for a leadership school student to process aspects of her DTS that needed closure. I was encouraged by how God helped this student gain a new perspective on her DTS.

I am amazed by the complexity and beauty of building relationships with others. I have noticed that as God removes my fears of being rejected and worries about people's opinions of me I experience more freedom to give generously of my personality to others. As God reminds me who I am- his child, dearly loved, never forgotten- I am free to be who he created me to be. This freedom literally feels like a burden lifts from my body and it makes me want to jump for joy! In what areas of your life does God want to bring more freedom?

Upcoming Events

-beginning the **next section of my School of Biblical Studies** (fbSBS). I will study 2nd Corinthians, Romans, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians, 1st and 2nd Timothy and James.

-working as **Administrative Coordinator** for YWAM Vancouver

-**facilitating prayer** for my team



Above: Spending time with leadership school students (two from Switzerland and one from Holland). Soon they will leave on mission trips. I have enjoyed getting to know them and watching them grow!

Pursue Love

I have had the pleasure of studying First Corinthians for the past few weeks for my online Bible course.

Let me take you to Corinth in Paul's day...as the capital of Achaia under Roman rule Corinth exudes great wealth and excess. The goddess Aphrodite receives worship as over 1,000 women work as ritual prostitutes. The people's Greek heritage infused the value of obtaining *knowledge* and debating with prowess. Corinthian believers struggle with issues of fornication, idolatry and *boasting* in their own knowledge. They believed themselves to have reached spiritual maturity as they exercised all *spiritual gifts*. In the midst of addressing these critical issues what does Paul say?

Pursue love which is not *boastful*. Love never ends, unlike *knowledge*. Using *spiritual gifts* with out love amounts to nothing. May we also pursue love, investing in what never ends!



Above: Celebrating Norway Day with my Australian, Norwegian and Canadian suitemates. Hurray for Norway!

Joys:

-my Canadian **Visa** was **renewed** for 2 more years!

-**reconnecting with a YWAM friend** who visited from Switzerland

-**studying God's word**

Prayer requests:

-that our seven **leadership school students** will continue to grow as Christian leaders and for wisdom to prepare for their upcoming mission trips

-wisdom and direction for **finding a new roommate**

-**guidance and wisdom** about whether to continue as Administrative Coordinator or move into a different role in YWAM

-**sufficient funds** will come in order to attend a wedding and staff conference in July and August

Please prayerfully consider partnering with me through financial support

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