



Esther Mueller's Update from serving with Youth With A Mission in Canada  
April 1, 2015

Hello,

Happy Easter! I hope you have a wonderful time with family reflecting on the amazing gift of knowing God through his son Jesus Christ. Right now I have one week of spring break before I begin my third and final quarter of my Bible course. Below is an update for the past month and a half.

**Completing the second quarter of my Bible training course!**

Over the past three months I have studied about half of the Old Testament in the Bible and will study the second half during third quarter. I am very proud of myself for persevering in this course. To give you perspective on our work load we use eight to twelve hours per day to study independently six days a week as well as three to six hours of lecture each week along with other community activities like prayer, worship and work duties.

When I considered attending this course I was concerned about my ability to manage the work load but looking back over second quarter I see how God has been equipping me to complete this course. For example a staff member volunteered to give me a few tutoring sessions which gave me skills and more confidence to study. Another staff member made time to pray and converse with me which gave me support and encouragement to keep studying. My classmates offer encouragement and support as we share joys, woes and fun times together as we study.

Ultimately I see God equipping me to do what he has called me to do through relationships in community. How has God blessed you with community? What ways has community encouraged you to grow, challenged you to take risks or supported you in difficult times? How might God be encouraging you to support others in community?

**Biblical Studies: Ruth – people who are faithful to God**

I enjoyed studying Ruth which is a small but impactful book of the Bible. The story in the book takes place during a time when God's people chose to follow other gods which had negative consequences. The book of Ruth reflects how some of God's people remain faithful to him during this time. Ruth, a woman in the story, did not grow up among God's people but she decides to believe in God after learning about him from her mother-in-law Naomi. When Ruth and Naomi move back into the land of God's people a godly man named Boaz has compassion on Ruth and obeys God's command to allow poor people to glean from his field. As Boaz remains faithful to obeying God it allows him to provide for and bless others.

I was amazed to discover the godly character Boaz consistently portrays especially when considering that many people around Boaz were not following God. In response to learning about Boaz I have begun to be intentional about acknowledging the godly character of men around me so I can thank God for these men and express my appreciation to them. I would encourage you to read Ruth and see what you discover about living with godly character.

**Canadian Fun Fact:**

9.5 million of Canada's 34.9 million people speak French (<http://o.canada.com/entertainment/50-insane-facts-about-canada-we-bet-you-didnt-know>).

**Praises:**

- Successfully completing second quarter of my Bible training course!
- Continued financial provision through monthly support
- Being active and spending time outside over spring break
- Significant conversations with family and friends over the break

**Prayer Requests:**

- continued wisdom for taking breaks and resting while studying third quarter
- for more revelations of God's character as I study the Bible and insights into practical ways to apply what I am learning
- ideas about practical ways to love, serve and invest in my classmates and the YWAM Turner Valley team

Thank you for your support, partnership and friendship. I really appreciate you!

Please let me know if there is any way I can pray for you. My address and e-mail address are on the bottom of this page.

Blessings,  
Esther

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(Having a weekly small group gathering of female students and staff to discuss the Bible)



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