

CAMEROON

THE KUHN FAMILY



Dear Praying Partners;

How many things are truly constant in life? Jokesters like to say, "Death and taxes," and if you think about it, they are right! We could also consider the 24-hour day, lunar cycle, and yearly seasons to be pretty steady, but even these vary and change from day to day and year to year. So, what else is there? How about this one? Change!

Change - both good and bad - is constant for us all and a lot has changed for us this year! We have swapped countries, vehicles, houses, seasons, and routines. We have been able to see doctors and dentists who have recommended treatments and procedures to improve our health and wellbeing. We are even gearing up for different (albeit familiar) work to what we had been accustomed to in Cameroon.

Connection

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FALL TOUR

One of the biggest new tasks on our regular to-do list is the joyous one of touring around Canada to visit you, our dear partners in mission! We were already able to connect with many of you in Southern Ontario during and after LBTC's 50th anniversary celebration events in May. Now, starting this fall, we are visiting congregations in the Pacific, Mountain, and Central time zones. Here are some upcoming visits that we have already scheduled:

- September 22 – Foothills, Calgary, AB
- September 29 - St Matthew, Stony Plain, AB
- October 4-6 – Okanagan Circuit, BC
- October 13 – Immanuel, Lethbridge, AB
- November 3 – Zion, Wetaskiwin, AB
- December 1 – Victory, Medicine Hat, AB
- December 15 – Grace, Calgary, AB

As you can see, there are still some gaps in our schedule. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact me at (403) 373-2523 or mkuhn@lbtc.ca.



SURAM learning

Another happy change in our work concerns the SURAM project that has been featured in a number of our recent prayer letters. We are in the final stages of report writing and preparing for publication. That means that our research findings are already known and I can start sharing some with you all!

One of our biggest findings is that more people report regular use of mother tongue Scriptures than those who report owning mother tongue Scriptures. This is interesting for two reasons. First, it shows that Cameroonian believers use their mother tongue Scriptures in group settings (like in-home devotions, church groups, and Bible listening groups). Second, could you imagine if four out of five Canadian Lutherans were reading Scripture at least a few times per week? That would be exciting! And that is what people report is happening in the communities where we did our research. **Praise God for that, and may His Word produce growth and fruit as it is being used!**

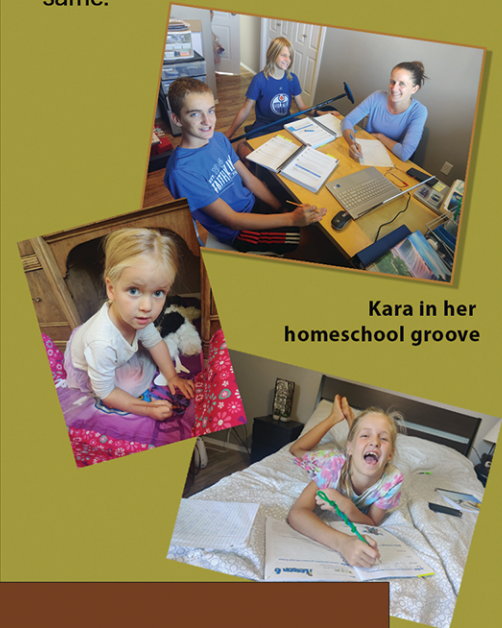
Big changes, same God!

The theme of this letter has been “things that are constant and things that change.” One constant that I failed to mention off the top is the most important of them all; *our God, His enduring presence, His abundant love and grace, and His abiding Word are an ever-present reality for all of us.* In fact, even death’s days are numbered (1 Cor 15:54-55) and the tax man won’t come calling after the Last Day. More than that, Scripture teaches us that heaven and earth will pass away, but that His word will never pass away. (Mt 24:35) Never! Isn’t that a wonderful truth to stand on? In a world of constant change, please pray with us that the bedrock of God’s Word would give us all (including those we work among!) a firm foundation on which to stand.



Home Front

Another big change for us is that we no longer have a volunteer teacher for our homeschool. So, Kara has been getting back into her homeschool groove as we now have four homeschoolers from kindergarten to 9th grade. Plans have been made, materials purchased, and kids orientated to new topics and schedules... is it exciting or daunting? Both! We are excited to see how our kids will learn and grow this year but welcome your prayers for our homeschool all the same.



Kara in her homeschool groove

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God to be the steady foundation under us all in the midst of life’s big changes.
- For our fall tour: good connections, increased support, and safe travels.
- For a successful conclusion to the SURAM report writeup and publication, and for God to use its findings to improve our work.
- For Kara and the kids as they embark on another homeschool year: learning and growth for the kids, and grace and stamina for Kara.

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