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The Missionary Newsletter of the Sieler Family Church Planting in Toronto, Canada

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Prayer and Matters of the Heart

The Lord has bringing prayer to my heart lately. We want to pray more. In Acts 6, the apostles gave themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word. In Acts 2, the church continued steadfastly in, among other things, prayer. Am I continuing steadfastly and giving myself continually to prayer? One Bible commentator writes:

If I have any sense of where the Christian culture is today, I would say our Number One sin is not sensuality or materialism (though they are close behind), but *prayerlessness*. So often when busy, caring Christians get together and "let their hair down," they talk about the trouble with their prayer lives....

No matter how busy, we should regularly be exposing our souls to God in adoring worship, that he might be glorified and his life burned into ours. If we are not doing this, we are sinning.

We should be praying for our inner life: that our character will have grace to match our profession; that we will walk our talk.

We should be praying *in detail* for every member of our family.

We should regularly pray for our neighbors.

We should have a list of missionaries and systematically pray for them.

We should be praying daily for our churches—going beyond generalization—naming names, programs, and needs.

Prayerlessness is the fundamental sin of the busy Christian. Because of it, much of today's Christian work accomplishes little for the Kingdom. All of us are busy. If we pause for even a tenth of a second at a traffic light turned green, the whole world honks at us. But we always manage time for the things we really want to do.¹

Lord, help us to pray.

We have produced a video entitled, *Pray for Toronto*. It can be viewed at:

<http://home.cogeco.ca/~calvarytoronto/prayfortoronto-high.wmv>. A low-bandwidth version can be viewed at:

<http://home.cogeco.ca/~calvarytoronto/prayfortoronto-low.wmv>



News and Matters for Prayer

- We are expecting a baby, due the first part of August. We love being parents and are excited about another child. So far, it's been somewhat of a tough pregnancy. Genesis can't wait to meet her younger sibling. She'll love playing, talking, running, eating, learning, and laughing together with the newest member of our family!
- The summer will be busy. Not only are we expecting a baby, but we are also in the preliminary stages of planning to host some missions teams that will come and do evangelism this summer. We are scouting out locations for ministry and brainstorming creative ways to outreach to the city.
- If that wasn't enough, we also hope to move closer to Toronto before the baby comes. While the idea of packing up our possessions, renting a truck, loading and unloading one more time doesn't exactly thrill us, it will be good to live in the area where we believe the Lord is calling us to plant the church.
- Our Sunday night Bible study in Toronto is going great! The Lord has blessed us with a beautiful place to meet. It is an auditorium style classroom on the campus of the University of Toronto. Pat is leading worship and teaching, while Janet takes care of any children that come. We are currently going through the Gospel of Mark. We are praying that the Lord would raise up a web servant to help us get the teaching online!
- Plans are being made for a Men's Conference this September. We seem to have the location set. This will be a great opportunity for making disciples and forging friendships.



Thanks for your friendship and your prayers!

Pat, Janet, Genesis, and Baby Sieler

¹Hughes, R. K. (1989). *Mark: Jesus, servant and savior*. Preaching the Word. Westchester, Ill.: Crossway Books.