

pray for the
CREVAR FAMILY

Church Planting in Ottawa



Greetings from the Crevar Family, your missionaries serving the Lord in Ottawa, Canada.

We are just getting through our first winter here in Ottawa. Just now, in the month of March, the grass has appeared for the first time this year! When the snow comes, it stays here for months on end! Despite the snow and cold, there is still much to do here in this city. Activities like ice skating on the Rideau Canal Skateway, the world's largest naturally frozen skating path, which stretches nearly 8 km (5 miles) long; or the Winterlude - a winter festival showcasing ice sculptures, a tobogganing hill, and games for the kids, are popular winter activities. I see these as great opportunities in the future to reach people with the Gospel, even when the months are cold.

It has been such a blessing to be able to attend Crosspoint Baptist Church... getting to know the wonderful people of this church as well as getting involved in some of the ministries! My commute to Crosspoint Baptist church of 30 minutes is short compared to some. There are families in this church that travel 45, 60 and one family travels 1 hour and 45 minutes (just one way) to get to church! It just goes to show you how great the need is for more Gospel-preaching churches to be established in this area!

In the meantime, I am preparing to start a new work for the Lord in the season to follow. We have been able to secure a meeting location in a community center to conduct church services. The location is in the south end of the city in a densely populated community of 20,000 souls. To my knowledge, there is only one other church in this area. Just down the road from the community center sits the largest mosque in Ottawa, which can accommodate 2,000 people! This area is predominately Islamic, and the light of the Gospel is needed like never before!

My ministry plan is a "soft launch" approach with a weekly Bible study from **May** to **September** and then to officially launch the church **September 13th** of this year. Please be in prayer for us as we seek to reach this needy community, to establish a launch team, and for protection for me and my family as we follow the Lord.

On a more personal note, please pray for my mother and family during this time. My mother is currently in the hospital, and it looks like she is in the last days of her life. I am grateful to have spent some good time alongside of my mother's hospital bed and to be able to reconnect with family. My mother prayed for my salvation for many years and shed many tears before the throne of God on my behalf. It never ceases to amaze me how the Holy Spirit ministers to those that are saved! My mother has the peace of God and is ready to go home to be with the Lord. Please pray for my father and extended family which are not saved. The Lord has given me some great opportunities to share the Gospel with them, and we are praying that the Lord can use this situation with my mother for His glory!

Also, please pray how you can get involved financially in the launch of this new church! We have three main categories of financial need, which are as follows: **sound equipment**, **outreach materials**, and **advertising** (both physical and online). We have a church launch fund-raising goal of **\$11,000** to meet this need.

Cost as follows:

Sound equipment: \$3,000 ~ **Outreach material:** \$3,900 ~ **Advertising:** \$4,100

Much love from the Crevar Family: Cody & Amy, Myla, Jethro, and Oliver



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