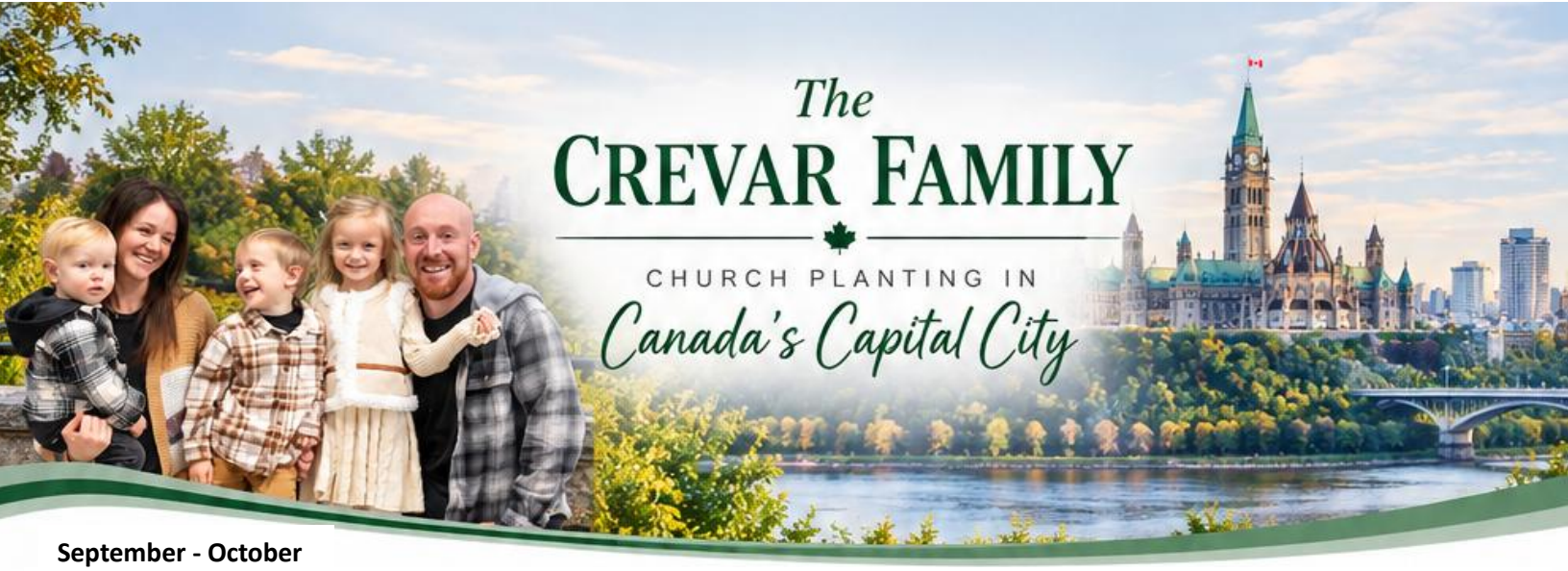

September - October

Church Launch Update

Greetings from the Crevar family - your missionaries to Canada's Capital City, Ottawa! On September 13th, we held the Grand Opening Service of New Life Baptist Church! We had an amazing day in the house of the Lord as many joined with us from near and far. We had a group come up from my sending church, Bethel Baptist Church in Simcoe, ON. We had a sweet time of fellowship together as it has been a while since we have seen these dear folks.

We are now six weeks into the launch of New Life Baptist Church and, so far, we have had first-time visitors every Sunday and returning visitors as well! A few weeks before the church launch, we held a Community Fair (as mentioned in our previous prayer letter). The Lord used this fair to reach our community, and we have had multiple visitors out as a result. Others have come because they received a church invitation in their mailbox, while others came out because our church ad came up on their Facebook newsfeed, as we have invested in some online advertising. Regardless of our means of outreach, we recognize that the Lord is doing the work here and that He is still working in hearts today!

On October 4th, I had the opportunity to baptize our daughter, Myla. Because of our set up here, I had to run the water the morning of the baptism which made the water very cold! We even boiled a big pot of water in hopes that it would make the water warmer, but it didn't make much of a difference. Although both the air and the water were cold, Myla still wanted to be baptized, and what a privilege it was for her to be the first person baptized at New Life Baptist Church!

Even though we are just starting out, we have been praying for a while now that the Lord would send more labourers to Canada, and specifically Ottawa, and we are greatly encouraged that the Lord has answered that prayer! Mason and Brianna Hillger are leaving their home in Texas and have just begun raising support to come to Ottawa, Canada, as church planters. Their plan is to work with us for a season and afterwards plant a church in the west side of the city of Ottawa. Please pray for Mason, Brianna, and the newest addition to their family, Lincoln, for safety on the road and that they can raise their support in a timely manner. If you would consider having them in to present their ministry, please contact me directly.

During our grand opening Service, we saw 25 first-time visitors from the community attend. Since we launched the church, we have seen an average of 5-10 first time visitors on any given Sunday. As well, we are seeing some of these visitors come back, which is encouraging! Including the launch team from Crosspoint Baptist Church, we are averaging 40 to 50 people on Sunday. We know a lot of people were praying for our grand opening service and are continuing to pray! It is much appreciated. Thank you!

Please pray for…. →The continued growth of NLBC →The salvation of souls →The growth of new believers → Outreach opportunities (especially during the winter months)

We can't thank you all enough for your involvement in our ministry, whether through prayer, financial support, or to those that gave over and above to our church launch fund raiser - we thank you so much!

Much love from the Crevar family - Cody, Amy, Myla, Jethro, and Oliver

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