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FAITHFULNESS AND FRUIT

By Jodey Hutchings

It should not come as a surprise that God uses chaos to bring about something beautiful and unplanned. He uses everything; nothing gets wasted if we allow the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives.

Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. 3 John 1:5 (NIV).

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through 2021. With COVID-19 consuming our world, many of us imagine a day when things go back to normal- or at least more to what we used to know before a global pandemic hit. While there have been many obstacles to overcome along the way, God has opened the door wide for opportunities at every turn. He has been faithful.

I can't help but think of a recent family devotional time where my husband and I, along with our two adult sons (still living at home), reminisced how COVID has brought us together even closer as a family. Each of us expressed our gratitude for how this season morphed into an incredible opportunity to grow closer to God and each other. I am sure you could share your testimonies of how God has been and continues to be at work. It should not come as a surprise that God uses chaos to bring about something beautiful and unplanned. He uses everything; nothing gets wasted if we allow the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives. I thank God for the fruit that has come out of this season.

When I think about our shared global mission to reach, plant, equip and care for the least reached and the most vulnerable,

I am grateful how God has again opened wide the doors of opportunity. With so many of our PAOC global workers and national partners experiencing critical needs head-on, the PAOC family has faithfully responded with such care, love and generosity. What a blessing! Thank you for your faithful partnership.

If you get a chance, I invite you to check out PAOC International Missions 2020 [Annual Impact Report](#). As a supporter of MAK, you are part of that celebration. You are helping us to be 'His hands' and 'His feet' to those who have yet to know Him! Because of you, we can rejoice that thousands of names are being written in God's book. Your faithfulness in praying, caring, going, and giving is producing fruit - the kind of fruit that will last.

The needs are still so great, and yet we serve an even greater God. He is at work, He will continue to open wide the doors of opportunity, and we, in turn, must remain faithful to trust and obey.

P.S. If you're looking for an opportunity to engage your family, children's ministry, congregation or community on a global cause, I invite you to consider participating in our Ride to Thrive this summer. Led by Rev. Murray Cornelius, our Executive Director for PAOC International Missions, we invite our PAOC family to link arms with us by cycling, walking, running, (rollerblading or skateboarding?) up to 100 km in one of 3 events. Please stay

tuned for more information on our [IM Updates](#) channel, or visit our [website](#) to learn more about this opportunity. All funds raised during Ride to Thrive will assist families around the world who are struggling to put food on their tables during this pandemic season. Together, we hope to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help the global household of faith.

Thank you for your faithful support. We simply could not do what we do without you!

Gratefully,



Jodey Hutchings
Partner Relations & Print Communications
Manager | MAK Editor



Murray's Ride to Thrive is Back!

Once again, our focus will be to assist our international partners in the household of faith who are struggling to provide for their families and their communities due to the pandemic.



To join or learn more about the Ride to Thrive visit give.paoc.org.



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GLOBAL WORKER FAMILY FEATURES

THE STEINFIELD FAMILY

Mark, Kim, Alyssa, Maddy, and Caleb in Spain

A PRAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS



Has God ever led you to talk to someone about Him? What did you do about it? Just before Christmas, I (Alyssa Steinfield, age 16) felt God telling me that I needed to tell my neighbours in Spain about Him. One Sunday morning, I looked out my window at my neighbours as they put up their Christmas decorations. They had huge inflatable snowmen, reindeer statues, and lots of lights. These neighbours were going all-out on their Christmas decorations. As I watched, I started to pray for them.

In Spain, most people think Christmas is just about gifts, spending time with family, eating delicious food, or putting

up lights and decorations. Most Spaniards don't know that Jesus is the real reason for Christmas. In 2020, many Spaniards couldn't even visit their families for Christmas, and some couldn't buy many gifts this year because of COVID-19. So, I started praying that Jesus would show these neighbours that even though this Christmas was different, that He is always at the centre of it. God reminded me of the verses in Isaiah 9:6: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." In a COVID-19-crazy world, Jesus is still the Prince of Peace. God has and always will care for us when

everything is changing because He is our Everlasting Father. I prayed that the neighbours would come to know this.

But how could the neighbours know? "You tell them," Jesus said to me. He gave me the idea that we could write Christmas cards for our neighbours! I talked about the plan with my mum, Kim, and she said it was a great idea. A few days later, we wrote the cards, telling our neighbours that Jesus is our hope and joy! We also wrote the verse on each card. When we had finished, our whole family walked and prayed around the neighbourhood as we delivered the cards.



We are still praying that Jesus will touch the neighbours' hearts through the cards we wrote at Christmas. Sometimes we don't see the results of obeying God right away, but we can still trust and pray that Jesus is working in people's lives. Would you pray with us that Jesus would speak to our neighbours? You can pray that our neighbours' hearts here in Spain would be open to Him. You can also pray that they would have questions about who Jesus is and that they would ask our family.

You can ask Jesus who He would like you to talk to about Him. Jesus has put people around you where you live in Canada, people who don't know Him. Our job is to listen, obey, and trust Jesus with the results.

God has and always will care for us when everything is changing because He is our Everlasting Father. I prayed that the neighbours would come to know this.

Prayer Requests:

- That many Spaniards would come to know Jesus this year.
- For our family - that we would have God's wisdom and for continued good health.

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Please join us in praying for the Steinfield family. We invite you to connect with them



THE WYLIE FAMILY

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAKUA PA

Zach, Megan, Ella, Azaiah and Izra in Thailand



Hi everyone! It's Ella Wylie reporting from Bangkok, Thailand!

My mom and dad are global workers with Imagine Thailand, and they get to work with people from Canada, Thailand and even Myanmar. Some of our Thai friends work in a place called Takua Pa. It's a very nice place. It has beaches and jungles, and lots of friendly people, and yummy roti to eat. Mmmmm! But before I was born, it was a very different place.

On Boxing Day in 2004, there was a HUGE tsunami here. It started with an earthquake way out in the Indian Ocean. That caused a great big wave over 30 metres high. That's higher than a ten-story building. Yikes!

Then that gigantic wave went towards countries like Thailand and Indonesia, and India. It went fast! Over 800 km/hr! That's the same speed as a jet plane! It went so fast that people in those countries did not know it was coming until it was too late. Lots of people died, and towns were all smashed up. It even went as far as Africa. And that's 8000 kilometres away!

The teachers in the schools ask my auntie, "How do you teach those children so well? Can you help us be better teachers?" Auntie Tak always says yes, because she wants to help them just like Jesus has always helped her.

The people of Takua Pa lost their homes, and they lost lots of people in their families. So, Aid Agencies and people from all over the world came to help, but they couldn't stay forever. The people in Takua Pa were still trying to rebuild their homes and lives and asked Imagine Thailand if they would leave, too. But Imagine told them they would stay. Hooray!

Now, after school each day, 60 kids come to the Lighthouse Learning Centre where my Auntie Tak and Uncle Te work. They help those children with their studies to be smart so they can grow and get good jobs or go to university. They especially like to teach them about Jesus and how to be good. They love those children so much that they started Saturday Kids so even more kids can come. Yay!



They have a lot of work to do. So they had to get more people to help, like Pi Ying and Pi Gift. The Lighthouse Learning Centre keeps getting bigger and bigger, and the people of Takua Pa love them more and more.

When teams come from Canada, they help my Auntie Tak and Uncle Te. Sometimes they build things, sometimes they fix things, and sometimes they teach English in the schools.

Those schools have a lot of fun when the teams come and are sad when they go. Most of the schools in the country are Buddhist or Muslim, but now they love to

sing "My Lighthouse" before their classes start each day.

The teachers in the schools ask my auntie, "How do you teach those children so well? Can you help us be better teachers?" Auntie Tak always says yes, because she wants to help them just like Jesus has always helped her.

Can you pray for my Auntie Tak and Uncle Te and Pi Ying and Pi Gift? And can you pray that more and more people in Takua Pa would love Jesus?

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the people of Takua Pa that they would come to know Jesus.
- Please pray for Auntie Tak and Uncle Te as they teach the children and let their light shine.
- Pray for more opportunities to be good neighbours to our Thai friends.

Please join us in praying for the Wylie family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE SEILING FAMILY

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Greg, Sarah, Sam, Asher and Anaya in the Philippines



THE SEILING FAMILY

As I stand at our kitchen window, I realize how good it is to see students playing basketball again. After ten months of not being allowed to have students here at ACTION Second Mile Ministries because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we realized that the presence of students had been missed. They really bring life to our campus. We thought that we would have about 12 students for the first reopening of the program. However, the Lord had other plans. We are amazed that 21 guys have come for the month-long program to be disciplined and learn to weld.

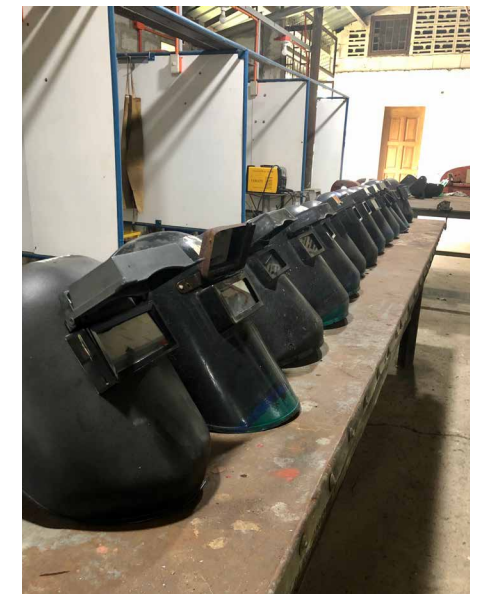
Twenty-one guys from difficult life situations studied together, played together, worked together, ate together, and slept together for a month straight. You can imagine that these close quarters could cause some difficult situations itself. Shortly into the program, a difficult situation did arise. One of the students, let's call him John, was working on a welding project that wasn't going so well for him and he got quite frustrated. Then, another student, let's call him Max, went over to John and teased him about the project that didn't look very good. What would you do in response? Well, John threw his project on the ground, yelled and stormed out of the welding shop and wouldn't go back in. Others, including the

teacher, talked with him and encouraged him to join the class again, but he wouldn't. You might expect that kind of behaviour from young boys, right? But these guys are young adults. John, who grew up in a difficult life situation, learned to defend himself, and he learned revenge. He never learned how to control his emotions or how to forgive. Later that night, John approached one of our staff and told him how at first, he was deciding how to get Max back and how he would hurt him badly. However, the Holy Spirit was at work. At some point that evening, Max came up to John and apologized for making fun of him, and John actually forgave him. John could hardly describe how he felt after forgiving Max. He wasn't even sure how he did it. You see, this is the work of the Holy Spirit. John decided to follow Christ, and the Holy Spirit has been working in him ever since, changing him bit by bit. John could have chosen revenge instead of forgiveness. He could have chosen to live in bitterness instead of freedom.

Forgiveness isn't easy, and it isn't natural. Almost every day, we are in a situation that we can forgive someone. Maybe a friend, a sibling, a parent or even a stranger. Maybe there is someone in your life right now that you need to forgive or ask for

forgiveness from. We know that if you choose to forgive, you will also receive freedom as John did. We are so thankful that the Holy Spirit is at work in John and all of us as believers. We are thankful that he chose to forgive and that he received freedom. Because of this, John continued in the program to receive discipleship and practical training and bit by bit; the Holy Spirit will continue to change him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (NLT)



Prayer Requests:

- For our family's spiritual and physical protection.
- For wisdom for Greg as he leads Second Mile Ministries and coaches and disciples those under him.
- For more Holy Spirit encounters for the guys like John and Max that lead to transformation.

Please join us in praying for the Seiling family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here's how you can stay connected:

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THE PRICE FAMILY

PRIVILEGE

Matthew, Amber, Daxon, Zala, Wren and Izelle in Thailand



Have you learned any new words since all this COVID-19 stuff began? We had never heard words like “pandemic” or “quarantine” before last year. There have been so many talks in our home where we all learn new words and new ideas.

One of the words we have talked about a lot is “privilege.” Have you heard this word before? It is a big idea that connects to a lot, but it means something special for people or groups. Sometimes you work hard to earn a privilege, like staying up later because you did all your homework, and sometimes a privilege is something you did not earn. Not everyone has the same privileges, and this is not always fair.

A big lesson we’ve learned is how privileged we are to be Canadian. It is extra weird

for us because we haven’t really lived in Canada, and there is so much about Canada that we have not experienced and that we do not understand. Even though we do not live in Canada, we still have many good things about being Canadian. Being Canadian anywhere in the world is still a great privilege.

Our parents have talked with us about “passport privilege.” Did you know that as Canadians, we can go to almost every country in the world? Yes, some places want us to have a visa first, but there is almost nowhere we can’t go! This is something incredibly special about being a Canadian - we have powerful passports.

When countries began stopping travel, our family talked a lot about what that would mean for us. Thailand and Canada are far

away from each other. We had to decide if we would stay in Thailand or go back to Canada. People had so many questions about COVID last year, and there was so much we did not know. That’s when we learned about passport privilege. As Canadians, we can travel almost anywhere at any time. We knew that if things got bad here, we could always go somewhere else.

As God’s kids, we also have many special privileges that we did not work for, but God has given to us. God does so many spectacular things for us that sometimes we start to think of them as normal instead of being extra special. The beauty of sunsets, the good feeling from laughing, talking with God - these are all amazing gifts (privileges) that we enjoy. There is so much for us to be grateful for and a big lesson that we’re learning is how to be thankful every day.

Pray with us that we would be so thankful every day in as many ways as we can.

Prayer Requests:

- Safety for our family as we travel.
- Health- that we would remain healthy
- For greater opportunities to minister to those in need- refugees, neighbours in our community.
- For our ChildCARE Plus children and their families.

Please join us in praying for the Price family. We invite you to connect with them by email/mail and social media too. Here’s how you can stay connected:

The beauty of sunsets, the good feeling from laughing, talking with God - these are all amazing gifts that we enjoy. There is so much for us to be grateful for and a big lesson that we’re learning is how to be thankful every day.

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CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITY

Scott, Melissa, Sophia and Hudson in Spain



2021 began with significant changes for Sophia and Hudson. They changed schools AGAIN!

When we first moved to Spain in 2019, we enrolled Sophia and Hudson into our town's local public school. It was a hard transition. They were the only foreigners in their classes, and although they both speak Spanish perfectly, they had a hard time adjusting.

In the province of Catalunya, where we live, the primary language spoken is Catalan. Although everyone can speak Spanish, they rely primarily on Catalan. That means that school is taught in Catalan as well. A complete immersion into Catalan school was very challenging for Sophia and Hudson.

Even though Sophia and Hudson quickly learned the new language, it was still quite challenging to stay updated with school work. The quarantine that COVID-19 caused made things even more difficult. Once schools were back in session, we decided to look for an alternative.

In January, the kids started at a new school in Barcelona called St. George British School. It is a private school with 50% national students (Spaniards) and 50% international students. All classes are in English except for Spanish, Catalan, French, and Social Studies.

It is the first time that Sophia and Hudson have studied in English. It is also the first time that they are not the only foreigners in their school. At St. George, they have classmates from all over the world.

Hudson has many new friends from places like Russia, Bermuda, Mexico and Norway. Sophia has classmates from all over the globe as well. Their new classmates have entirely accepted them, and they feel right at home in their new school.

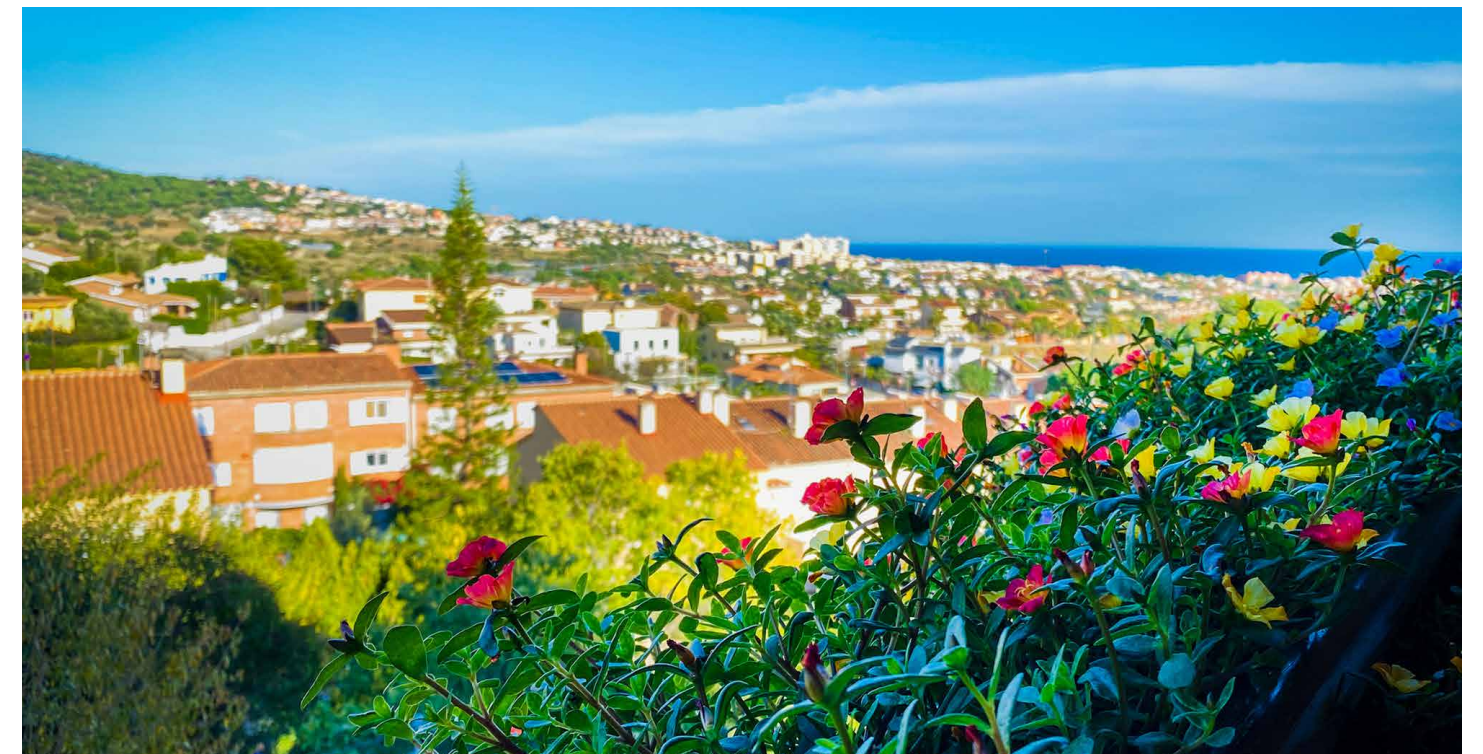
There are some changes that we had to make as a family to make this transition. Sophia and Hudson can no longer walk to school; instead, we have to drive each morning to Barcelona. Their school hours are longer; they now study from 9 am until 4 pm, and they have to wear formal uniforms.

Hudson wears dress pants, a button-up shirt, a v-neck sweater, a tie and a suit jacket. Sophia's uniform is the same, except she wears a skirt instead of pants. They both look forward to Phys-ed day so they can wear the school track pants and sweater. It's more comfortable and warmer on cooler mornings. They both look so smart in their new uniforms.

Both Sophia and Hudson are excelling in their new school. They are enjoying studying in English and are both doing very well in their Spanish and Catalan classes. They have made great new friends, leave school each afternoon with smiles on their faces, and are excited to return each morning. We are thankful for God's guidance as we walked through the school change as a family. God is good.

Prayer Requests:

- Sophia and Hudson- please pray that they make great friends and thrive in their new school studies.
- Scott and Melissa: please pray that they can continue to move



forward in their business plan and church plant expansions regardless of the current world situation.

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ERDO CORNER



GIRLS WILL CHANGE THE WORLD

By Liesl Tozer – Charitable Administrative Professional and Mom of two boys

Kondwani is a girl from Malawi who had many challenges to overcome. She is hearing-impaired. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear. What would it be like to see your teachers' lips move but to hear no sound come out? Through child sponsorship, Kondwani was able to attend a school for deaf children. She recently graduated from Grade 8.

Women and girls face many obstacles, especially in developing countries. Developing countries have lower-paying jobs, fewer people who can read and write and a low average life expectancy. Girls are often valued less than boys in these areas of the world. As girls grow up, they often aren't given the same opportunities as boys.

Life is even more difficult for a child like Kondwani, who has a disability.

At ERDO (Emergency Relief and Development Overseas), we believe every

girl can overcome difficult challenges, just like Kondwani! We believe -YOU can do difficult things! The world during COVID-19 may feel scary right now. Your world might feel a bit upside down, with social distancing, masks, virtual school and adults complaining about the rules the government has made. These changes are even more difficult in developing countries.

Let's ask ourselves a question: If I grew up in a developing country, how would my life be different? Your free time might not be spent on Instagram; it might be spent walking to get water. In some areas

of the world, there are still communities that don't have access to clean water. It is primarily women and children forced to travel long distances to the nearest water supply to get their family's drinking water. Often, the water carries bacteria and disease. Time spent collecting water prevents them, kids, from going to school. They are also not strong enough to do other work. Their families remain impoverished.

We need your help! We have the opportunity to help build mighty girls (and boys too) that are willing to make a difference in our world. It is simply not

By helping women and girls, you are offering hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people.



okay for women and girls to get sick from drinking bad water or experience hunger in any area of the world. By helping women and girls, you are offering hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

What can you do to help?

“Do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Plead for the widow.” Isaiah 1:17

This verse answers our question well, and it is what ERDO seeks to do in every area of our work.

Here are a few specific ways you can help build mighty girls and boys:

- Host a fundraiser and choose an ERDO project to promote. You could help provide clean water to a community, provide emergency food, or sponsor a child. Fundraisers could be a Walk-a-Thon, Skate-a-Thon, Bike-a-Thon, Swim-a-Thon, a bake sale, a car wash, a virtual event or something else you dream up. Feel free to be creative here and do something that works for your friends. You can also contact the ERDO team for other ideas by emailing info@erdo.ca or check out the ERDO website www.erdo.ca.
- Take better care of our earth. Reduce food waste at home, for example, 2.4 million edible potatoes are thrown out, and 555,000 bananas are wasted every year. Reduce your use of plastic and recycle old toys.
- Learn about issues facing women around the world at erdo.ca/365. Talk to your friends and family about how you can support women and girls around the world.
- Pray for ERDO, our program partners, our staff and our sponsored children. We believe prayer changes things! We need your prayers, too.



Water for Water

We turn on a tap and have all the water we could ask for. But in some countries, there are no sinks, or pipes, or water. Students don't have clean water in their schools. Children don't have drinking water in their homes. By connecting your school with a school in the developing world students will learn about global access issues and work together for lasting change!

What You Can Do!

Decide your goal as a school. Raise up to \$5,000 to support water projects like these:

- **\$250** for a household biosand filter in a student's home.
- **\$2,345** for a village tube well.
- **\$3,000** for a school water filter, including an industrial biosand filter system, sanitation training and a handwashing station.
- Partner with another Canadian school to drill a **\$20,000** community well.

Water for Water Activities!

Host a year's worth of exciting Water for Water activities that connect your students to a school in need. Take a look at these fun ideas of activities for your school's Water for Water campaign:

H₂O Day

Host a learning day where students are taught about global poverty issues, specifically surrounding access to water and its effects on community.

Water Works

Book a day where students learn the "weight of water" by simulating a walk to a village well. Students will carry jugs of water, while learning facts about water security.

Pour it Out

Connect with a classroom in the developing world and have students write letters to other students across the world. Set up a zoom call between the classrooms.

Drink

Have students sell reusable water bottles to raise funds for your chosen water project.

To plan a Water for Water event email Jeff.Hackett@erdo.ca for ERDO's list of resources.



MISSION CANADA CORNER

BELIEVING LIKE A CHILD

By Joy Scott

To have complete trust in someone or something is the definition of faith. If a child has faith in an adult, they trust them and believe that the adult has the best in mind for their well-being. For a young child, it is easy to trust and to believe all they are told, especially in their young and formative years. Why would they think otherwise?!

Faith is believing in what you cannot see ... and trusting. Think of how kids' faces light up when they hear the tooth fairy is coming, or the Easter bunny, or Santa with a sack of gifts for those who are good! But more significant than those examples, as people created by God, we need faith like that of a child to believe in our Maker—the One who designed us and has a plan and purpose for our life. It's trusting in a Heavenly Father who will care for all that concerns us. It's also working on increasing our faith to believe in what at times may seem impossible. As we grow and mature, leaving behind our childish ways, there are some child-like features God wants us to keep for all our years.

When Jesus lived on this earth, He made an incredibly important statement as recorded in Matthew 18:3. He said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like the little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." To enter Heaven, faith is required. But God's Word is so specific in this passage. It's not just about having faith—it's having faith like that of a child. We must believe in the One we have not physically seen and trust Him fully. Children have an incredible ability to trust in parents, grandparents and others who may carry leader-like roles in their lives. They don't worry or get concerned about what they might eat or drink the next day or if there will be a roof over their head—they simply trust that those who care for them will also provide for their needs. In Scripture, it is made clear of God's role as Father. Isaiah 63:16 (NIV) tells us, "But you are our Father, you, LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name." Whether we have an earthly father or

not, God is our Father. He is also our Guide, our Protector, our Provider, our Redeemer, and so much more! Children trust parents to protect them and to help them when they struggle. That trust that children can have in an earthly parent is likened to the trust we need to put in the One known as our Heavenly Father. God

gives us what we need. He is there when we stumble to help us get back up again. He directs us in the ways we should go. All we need to do is listen and obey and then trust. Trust Him like a child would trust, without allowing your faith to waver or drift as you age.

Children have wild imaginations, and no one is better at believing the impossible than a child. Recently, I had the opportunity to create a lesson for children based on believing in what we would see as "the impossible." The lesson focused on miracles Jesus did while on the earth. Developing that teaching segment caused me to reflect even more on how possible it is for children to believe in almost anything. As we age, we begin to question things, develop doubt, and make our lists of things outside of the realm of possibility. Life is just like that! As we age, we question someone's ability to get beyond a serious illness, how we can overcome a major obstacle in life or perhaps if there will be food enough for tomorrow. Scripture tells us not to worry about tomorrow because God is already there, and He will provide. With Him, nothing is impossible. He's able to do beyond what we can think, believe or imagine. Consider all the miracles Jesus performed while on earth. His power

has not changed. We are on mission with an all-powerful God! Those 'impossible' things that He did back then, He is still able to do today. We must never lose that child-like faith. We must remind our soul daily of the declaration in Luke 1:37, "For nothing is impossible with God."

All we need to do is listen and obey and then trust. Trust Him like a child would trust, without allowing your faith to waver or drift as you age.

God desires to raise up a faith-filled generation who will carry on His work, believing for the impossible to be seen by those of little faith so that people will believe and commit their lives to Him. Let me leave you with a simple F-A-I-T-H acronym:

F - Forget
A - About
I - Impossible
T - Trust
H - Him

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But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

—LUKE 18:16 NIV



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