



# LIFELINE



## MAY - JULY UPDATE

Hey Ministry Family!

A whole lot has happened these last months, both in my family and in LifeLine. Krysten and I celebrated 10 years of marriage together, and I can honestly say I love her more now than ever before. I'm so thankful I get to share Jesus with students alongside her! We had an honest to goodness miracle happen that opened the door for us to buy our first house. God blew us away with radical generosity, that enabled this to happen when it couldn't have happened any other way. He truly made a way where there was no way. So we were on the search for the right house, and God moved mountains to find us a wonderful place that we now call home! We moved in June, and it's about 10 minutes away from where we lived before. God is so good!

For LifeLine, we've done two bible journeys with our students reading and listening first through the book of Romans, and now we're doing one into the letters of Paul looking at Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians. Each morning one of our leaders shares a devotional from the day's chapter to begin a discussion with the others. We love seeing the scriptures through their eyes, and hearing what God is saying to them!

One of the people doing these journeys through scripture with us is a LifeLine family member who is an atheist. Before we started the Journey through Romans, I felt like I needed to invite her to be a part of it and so I did. She immediately said yes, and I was shocked. I explained to her twice more that we would be reading / listening to a chapter per day and talking about to make sure she understood



and she said yes! One of our leaders is her roommate, and she told us that she reads the daily devotionals every day! She is receiving God's Word on the daily and hearing what our leaders are saying about it! God's Word never goes forward void, so Holy Spirit is doing something in her life. Now we wait to see what happens next.

We've continued our Alumni Life Group, and began a new book together called "The Deeply Formed Life" by Rich Villodas. We finished the last book entitled "Garden City" and they wanted to continue, and so we meet with them every other week to connect, pray, and talk about what God is speaking into our lives through the chapter of the book.

I've been discipling a student for a number of months now who was looking for freedom from some struggles and he is doing so well and has made such progress! We meet twice a week to pray, share and read. We're reading through the gospel of John, and a book called "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry". God is doing a new thing in his life, and I'm so thankful to get to watch that happen.

We recently met with a student who's been a part of LifeLine for some time now, to celebrate her recent baptism. She got baptized at her local church but didn't have anyone there with her at the time. As she shared about that day, she told us what LifeLine has meant to her. She shared how LifeLine has played an integral role in her spiritual growth, to get her to the point of being baptized. When we met her years ago at a Red Frogs event, she had moved to the city, didn't have christian community, and her faith was shaky. Now, all these years later she loves Jesus passionately and knows that He loves her irrevocably. We're thankful that we get to play a role in the lives of students like this.

I also went to the General Conference for the PAOC (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada) under which LifeLine operates. Following this I went to a Campus ministry Summit in the same location. These two events were so life-giving to be able to listen, learn and connect with other pastors, leaders and specifically other campus pastors. It was a great time of reflection and dreaming for me as I plan and prepare for what God wants to do on campus this Fall.

Krysten and the kids and I went away on a vacation for two weeks, that we had been planning for quite some time and had gotten rescheduled a couple times due to the pandemic. Following that, I tested positive for Covid-19 but have recovered well and am doing great.

We are really excited for this Fall, and being able to again engage in fully in-person ministry on a weekly basis. We're going to be doing our weekly worship gatherings and bible studies and discipleship in the city again and that is such a breath of fresh air. It presents some challenges as well, in that we're currently having difficulty booking space on campus. The venue we use had to lay off all of it's workforce during the pandemic and are still trying to rehire and rebuild so they're not taking bookings yet. We've got another plan we're putting into motion so we can still have our gatherings downtown, but the point being we need your prayer. Please pray with us that God will open the right doors for us to be in the right location. And please pray that God will lead us to new students this year so that we can share the good news with them and disciple them to be passionate followers of Jesus.

You as our partners in prayer and finances make all of this possible. We're going into our 9th year on campus and we feel like God is just getting started. There is so much more to do, and so many prodigals who need to hear how desperately God loves them. So this year we're praying and believing for greater things. Thank you for your continued giving and prayer, because you're making it possible for us to make Christ known to TMU (formerly Ryerson).

We're in this Together,

David + Krysten Burke

