

# Care & Share

---

## Refueling Tip – SERVING

Serving God is not often thought of as a spiritual discipline but every Christian is expected to serve. Hebrews 9:14 tells us that the blood of Christ cleanses our consciences so that we may “*serve the living God*”. Ephesians 2:10 says, “*For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*” That we should serve is not the question. The question most of us have is ‘what?’ We want to know what we should be doing. You may also be thinking, ‘how is my service a spiritual discipline and how will expending all the energy needed to do this thing going to refuel me?’

If you recall these words from Jesus, “*No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.*”, from Luke 9:62 then maybe you will feel reluctant to question serving God. Even harder words are those recorded in Luke 14 “*If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*” And again Jesus says, “*whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*” Serving is expected. Those who are disallowed entrance to heaven at the judgement are those who failed to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned and heal the sick. They were apparently too busy to serve others. (see Matt 25)

Most leadership experts today will tell you that when you ask someone to volunteer for something that you should always be able to tell that person what it is you want done and when you want to have it done by. The reasoning is that it is only polite to give a volunteer as much information as possible so that they can properly assess whether or not they can do this thing for you. But when it comes to saying ‘yes’ to God most of us – humans – would not go to God the almighty of the universe and ask, “exactly what is it you want me to do and when will I be done.

A former slave trader who became a pastor, John Newton, author of Amazing Grace, once wrote, “if two angels were to receive at the same moment a commission from God, one to go down and rule earth’s grandest empire, and the other to sweep the streets of its meanest village, it would be a matter of indifference to each which service fell to his lot.”

The reason for this is of course, ‘the view of God’. What we need to keep in mind is a picture of a glorious all powerful being coming to us to ask us personally to take up a challenge. Its not about our ability or timing or energy or anything else other than **GOD**. And of course if God provides us with the talents and energy and empowers us through his Holy Spirit we can then properly say that that work would refuel us or at least trust Him that He would somehow refuel us at the right time and in the right place.

Scripture teaches us that service should be **motivated by gratitude**. Samuel exhorts Israel saying, “...serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you”. Imagine serving a King in the palace with a long sad or grumpy face. That would be the face of a person unaware of just how great our KING is. Remember .... For God so loved the world that he came for \_\_\_\_\_ (write you name in the blank space). Galations 5 says, “*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”.*

While Paul tells us of the various spiritual gifts that are given to believers Peter tells us that we should, “*use whatever gift we have been given to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms*”. (1 Cor.12 and 1 Pet.4) So if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you have a gift and you are expected to serve. You may serve more publicly as in worship leading or teaching or preaching or as an elder or deacon or you can be behind the scenes in the nursery or sound booth or Sunday School or doing dishes or cleaning or set up or any number of things. You can also babysit for neighbors, bring meals away to families in need, run errands for others, transport some to appointments, feed pets, water plants, vacuum, dust and the list goes on.

God gives the gift. God gives the power. God gives the results. Its why Jesus said, “*I am the vine. You are the branches. Remain in me and you will bear much fruit*”. (Jn.14). This was his promise through Isaiah ,  
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

Basic concepts for Serving as a discipline are from Donald Whitney – Spiritual Disciplines from the Christian Life

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In the book of “*Sermons by Peter Marshall*”, is a message titled, “Keeper of the Springs”, beginning with the story of a strange and quiet forest dweller who lived up high on the hills. At the foot of these hills was a certain town sheltered by its protecting height. The forest dweller had taken on the task of cleaning the springs on this mountain range which supplied the town below with water. This message may have been preached on a Mother’s Day more than 60 years ago as it seems to be directed to mothers and all women. Dr. Marshall, in this message, seems to consider women to be keepers of the springs as being their God given tasks and the impact a godly woman can have in this world. He says, “if the keepers of the springs desert their posts or are unfaithful to their responsibilities, the future outlook for this country is bleak indeed. This generation needs keepers of the springs who will be courageous enough to cleanse the springs that have been polluted which is not an easy or popular task and the young women of today must do it.” May we always remember to pray for all women in their motherhood roles and wish them a Happy Mother’s Day this month.

We are thankful with Larry & Dove Stahn whose daughter-in-law, Kathy, had successful heart surgery and we pray for continual improvement.

Richard and Geneva would like to announce the birth of a new granddaughter. Teagan Grace was born April 16th to Jolene and Jake Holtrop. Teagan is sister to Elsa and Sophie. We praise God for the gift of new life. We would also like to thank you for your cards and prayers after the passing of my mom, Betty Wielinga. We plan to have an small open house to celebrate mom’s life in the evening of June 14th, at the church. We have been reminded that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Congratulations to Jack & Ann Wielinga, who were blessed with another granddaughter, Grace (Gracie) Anna born to Colin & Vicki Wielinga who live in the Goderich area.

Also congratulations to Richard and Geneva Veldhuisen with their new granddaughter, Teagan Grace.

Jace Liam Kaemink was born on April the 19th, making Timon & Tina first time parents which is always quite special. Congratulations and best wishes.

Colin and Emma Kaemingh were blessed with a baby girl, Myra Jane, born this past Tuesday, the 23rd of April. Another grandchild for Arnold & Carol. Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

We extend our condolences to Holly & James Kaemingh and all who mourn the death of Holly’s dad, Michael Strain. May they know God’s comfort and peace in this loss.

Though I was not able to attend our Good Friday church service or the early Sunrise Community Easter service or our own Easter church service, I was told they all were very well planned and meaningful. May it have been a real blessing to all who were able to attend.

The Dorcas ladies would like to thank all those who helped with the Pancake Breakfast during the Spring Fever weekend!

Thank you to Helen and Elmer for organizing and buying all the food—that is a big job!!

Thank you to the guys in the kitchen who mixed and made all those delicious pancakes - also a job well done!

Last, but perhaps the best were the G.E.M. girls and their counsellors and the Cadet boys and their counsellors who helped with serving and clean up!! It was all much appreciated—the breakfast was enjoyed and well attended by our community!!

Congratulations and best wishes to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May. We pray for a special blessing on these days.

Ynske Kaemingh is the only one who will be celebrating a birthday surpassing the 65th mark. She and Ted will be celebrating it in a special way as they are touring Europe for a couple of weeks.

# EASTER GREETINGS!

## HE IS RISEN!

This Easter is very special to me as it is my first Easter season in Canada for 11 years!

After a very cold winter it is so nice to see Spring weather arrive. The snow is melting away, sidewalks are bare and there is (I think) a hint of green grass. No flowers yet but they will come. Each season is a special gift from God.

How wonderful to reflect on God's love and great sacrifice for us and the LIFE He gives to those who believe on Him.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> I leave from Melfort heading east to Fort Frances, Ontario. I expect to be in the area where I grew up for approximately three weeks. I will then head South for around two weeks before heading back home to Saskatchewan. I will visit a church and see friends and relatives in Michigan and perhaps in a couple other places in the US. Some arrangements are still being made. I do look forward to connecting with many of you in those areas.

Back in Uganda there has been some renovating and other changes at the office but the work continues as AIM Central Region focuses on reaching Unreached People Groups with the Good News of Jesus. The boys I have told about are continuing with their lives, schooling and plans. They seem to be well and busy.

Have a joyful Easter knowing that we serve a Victorious Risen Saviour who is always with us.

Matthew 28:20b "I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

Thanks for your prayers and all that you do. Praying for you too!!

*Laura*

**Addresses to note:**

Email address: [laura.hickey@aimint.org](mailto:laura.hickey@aimint.org)

Telephone in Canada: 1-306-921 3573 (Cell phone)  
WhatsApp: 1-306-921 3573

Mailing address: PO Box 3717 Melfort SK S0E 1A0

**Mission Addresses:**

Africa Inland Mission International Canada: 1641 Victoria Park Avenue Scarborough ON M1R 1P8 (416) 751-6077;

AIM US: P.O. Box 3611 Peachtree City, GA 30269-7611

### "Winter Highlights"

It has been another exciting and eventful winter of ministry! Here a few high-lights: Tina and Rachel have been conducting a weekly discipleship program for 23 girls called **Apple Blossoms**. We spent 2 weeks ministering in **Pikangikum** (January 14-25). Mark has taken 2 teams of people to **Guatemala** (February 11-19, April 7-13) to build a school for impoverished children, preach the Gospel and teach Bible Schools. Rachel does a weekly after school club in Fort Frances called **Sunflowers**. We conducted an outreach for the children of Big Grassy and Big Island First Nation called **Northern Lights**. Mark **preaches** in area churches each Sunday. As well, we are coordinating and planning for many summer ministry endeavors. God is working in countless ways and it is awesome to see people living for Jesus and growing in their faith!!

**Please pray that Jesus is lifted high!**

### Bible Camp at Sunny Cove and the Wilderness Canoe Trip

Summer is almost here and it is "All Systems GO!" Applications for **Bible Camp** and the **Wilderness Canoe Trip** have been mailed (and returned to us). Our camps are filling up fast! We will also conduct 5 weeks of **Vacation Bible School**. Please pray for all those who will be attending and deepening their faith in Christ.

### Summer Ministry Schedule

#### SCAP High School Trip:

June 2-8 - Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, Chicago, IL

#### Northern Lights Bible FUN (Vacation Bible School):

June 10-13 - Williams Community Church - Williams, MN

June 17-20 - Pitt Community Church - Pitt, MN

July 1-4 - Morson Community Bible Fellowship - Morson, ON

July 9-12 - Barwick Community Church - Barwick, ON

July 22-25 - Bethel Baptist Church - Fort Frances, ON

#### One Hope Bible Camp at Sunny Cove:

July 14-19 - Junior Camp

#### One Hope Wilderness Canoe Trip:

August 17-24 - Nestor Falls, ON



Thank YOU for joining us in advancing the Gospel to the "otherwise unreached" in Canada!  
Your partnership in ministry is so vital to everything we do as we make Jesus known!

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

All for JESUS, Mark & Tina Mast

#### Canadian Correspondence:

Mark & Tina Mast  
PO Box #100  
Rainy River ON POW-1L0

#### USA Correspondence:

Mark & Tina Mast  
PO Box #706  
Baudette MN 56623-0706

#### Phone, FAX or email us at:

Phone: (807) 852-3202  
Email address: [masts@bell.net](mailto:masts@bell.net)  
Web site: [www.onehoperainyriver.ca](http://www.onehoperainyriver.ca)

MINISTERING WITH

**one hope**  
CANADA



#### Canadian Financial Support:

One Hope Canada  
#6 - 875 Gateway Rd  
Winnipeg MB R2K-3L1

#### USA Financial Support:

One Hope International  
PO Box #1223  
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783-7223

\*\*\*Gifts are tax-deductible. Please designate to: "Mark & Tina Mast"  
\*\*\*If from Canada, please make cheques payable to: "One Hope Canada"  
\*\*\*If from the USA, please make checks payable to: "One Hope International"

**Donate Online with a Credit Card using the following link:**

[www.onehopecanada.ca](http://www.onehopecanada.ca)

Click the "Donate Now" tab on the upper right hand corner. Choose to donate from the "USA" or "Canada".  
Please be sure to indicate that your gift is for "Mark & Tina Mast" in the designation box.

### Ben - Summer Missionary Assistance Program (SMAP)

For the entire summer, Ben will once again be serving with us in ministry endeavors. He will be participating with the Summer Missionary Assistance Program (SMAP) of One Hope Canada. Thank you for considering our family's monetary needs as we serve with **One Hope Canada**. We are so grateful to the LORD for you! Above all, please PRAY for us. Your partnership in ministry is vital to everything we do for the sake of the Gospel!



## Coffee with Dona Myra: A Conversation About A Community's Investment

On a hot, dusty afternoon in the community of La Pita, Dona Myra invited me into her kitchen for a cup of coffee. There is nothing better than a *campesino* coffee brewed over a wood fire.

I met Dona Myra about five years ago when World Renew and our local partner, the San Lucas Foundation, helped her community organize a seed bank after losing all their crops to a prolonged drought. This visit was my chance to get a local perspective on the following five years of relationship between La Pita and World Renew—and what better way to do that than in Dona Myra's kitchen.

Reaching La Pita requires an hour-long ride in a 4x4 vehicle over a rocky, single-lane road that traverses a river bed. Most of the 80 families in the community eke out a livelihood by growing corn, beans, and sorghum. Some own pigs or chickens; a few own a cow. Everything is done by hand; La Pita has never seen a tractor.

San Lucas had worked with the community of La Pita to identify issues of concern and possible solutions.

One of the biggest issues facing La Pita was the deforestation of the last couple of generations that had led to hotter summers and decreased and irregular rainfall patterns. Current crop yields were much less than Dona Myra remembered growing up; three out of the last four cropping cycles were failures.



San Lucas encouraged the farmers of La Pita to adopt conservation agriculture practices, like using crop residue as mulch to retain soil moisture and small scale irrigation for growing crops during the six-month dry season.



(Continued on page 2)



(Continued from page 1)

When La Pita articulated a community need to diversify their income streams and lower their dependence on traditional crops like corn, beans, and sorghum, San Lucas helped Dona Myra get a line of credit to purchase 50 broiler chicks. Coffee cup in hand, Dona Myra took me to her backyard where she showed me her chicken coop: she now has 400 chickens and slaughters 30 each week to sell. Her neighbor grows hibiscus, a drought-tolerant plant that produces a leaf used in making a specialty tea sought after in the city.



A doting grandmother of 6, Dona Myra was glad that San Lucas was also working with caregivers in La Pita, teaching them to pay special attention to clean water, nutritious



food, and exclusive breastfeeding in the critical first six months of child development.

Back in her kitchen, Dona Myra refilled my cup and continued.

Access to clean water has also been an issue in La Pita. In the last few years, wells were drying up in the dry season and people were forced to walk long distances for water. When Dona Myra learned that San Lucas selects one community each year to help design and build a community water system, Dona Myra and a

core group of neighbors tried to rally the community to apply, but the idea was met with skepticism. Dona Myra readily notes that change here has often been met with resistance and this time it almost cost them dearly. Many objected to the fact that they would have to contribute \$75 per household to be part of the water network—for many an unimaginable sum—and the community never submitted their application.



But a hepatitis outbreak a year later galvanized the community around the necessity of clean water and La Pita petitioned to San Lucas for a water system in 2017, this time meeting all the criteria. San Lucas began working with them to design a water system that would include a 200-foot well that could reach an underground aquifer and the digging of 7 kilometers of ditches for pipes. But World Renew put the word out and five North American Christian Reformed church teams stepped up to support the project. Everything was coming together!



A hydrology study identified the best place to access the aquifer—a piece of land owned by a large landowner in the city who agreed to donate the land. But one week before signing a legal document to that effect, the landowner backed out, insisting the land was worth \$1000. The project was in danger of derailment.

The San Lucas Foundation requires that the communities provide the land for these projects, but, for La Pita, an additional \$1000 was insurmountable. With North

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

American church teams arriving within weeks, I asked if team funds might cover the \$1000 price. The director was firm: "If we solve this for La Pita now, they will always come to us when there is a problem. They need to own the project."

Dona Myra recounted the events of the next few days. A small group from La Pita met with the mayor to plead their case. The mayor discovered that the landowner owed a little more than \$1000 in property taxes. After a conversation (and likely some arm twisting), the mayor and the landowner struck a deal to forgive the taxes owed in return for donating the land to La Pita. Within two days, La Pita had a legal document to show that they were owners of the land. And all this was done without any intervention from San Lucas.



Dona Myra became more animated as she recalled the day before the schedule well digging. Despite a political crisis that was paralyzing most of the country, the La Pita project moved forward. The well was producing 200 gallons a minute. The holding tank was built and ditch digging began. Through rock and rivers, pipes



were installed. When I visited, a few houses had been connected and others were not far behind.

Dona Myra says La Pita learned how to dream together and work together through this process. I learned some things too. I had to practice being patient—one of the greatest community development principles—as I watched La Pita deal with setbacks and overcome them, remembering that my North American tendency to look for instant solutions (like suggesting that we pay for the land), would have sidetracked a chance for La Pita to advocate for themselves.



Dona Myra and I agreed that life is about learning. Then I handed her my empty coffee cup and thanked her. She rinsed it out and we headed to the day's service of thanksgiving for the new well.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, our family will be leaving Nicaragua in June. In my conversation with Dona Myra, I was reminded of some of the things I appreciate so much about this country; the servant leadership style of the likes of Dona Myra, the dedication and willingness of a community working together doing a back-breaking task, advocating for justice, and of course, the coffee brewed over an open fire.



Mark Vanderwees  
Country Consultant  
Nicaragua Team

Mark Vanderwees • Country Consultant • [m Vanderwees@worldrenew.net](mailto:m Vanderwees@worldrenew.net)

1700 28th Street SE • Grand Rapids MI 49508-1407 • 800-552-7972

3475 Mainway • PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1 • Burlington ON L7R 3Y8 • 800-730-3490

[worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net)    

 **World  
Renew**  
LIVING JUSTICE • LOVING MERCY • SERVING CHRIST

*Did you know that you can receive this letter directly to your own e-mail and that by doing so you are helping World Renew be a good steward of your gifts? To sign up, contact Carrie Elzinga at [celzinga@worldrenew.net](mailto:celzinga@worldrenew.net).*

April 25, 2019

Dear friends,

Here's what's going on in the Hettinga household and how you can uphold us in prayer right now.

### **Ministry Update**

Justin & I are currently in Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend the [Wycliffe Americas](#) staff meeting. [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) (FCBH), a wonderful partner of both [SIL](#) and Wycliffe, is hosting the meeting. FCBH does the audio recordings of the Bible for most of the translations we, [SIL](#), are involved in. They are a very strategic partner for us in terms of getting the Word of God out and listened to around the world. We worked with them when we were in Peru to help get various New Testaments recorded and onto various products that could be used by different groups and churches to listen to the Word. They are also developing an innovative tool for doing oral Bible translation, called [Render](#). It's so exciting being a part of what God is doing in and through these various partnerships.

Tomorrow we'll make our way to Tucson, Arizona for the SIL Mexico Branch executive committee meetings, before heading home on May 2. Pray for wisdom and insight and for Justin to be able to listen well and also speak into various issues. We are thankful for the 1 ½ weeks of vacation we were able to take in Arizona before these two sets of meetings.

Following Tucson, Justin will be in Mexico for two weeks. He'll be leading an intense week with his SIL Americas Area team, and the wider grouping of leaders under him, for their annual planning meeting. Pray that they will be able to listen well to one another, listen to how God is leading them, and have the faith to move forward with the plans God has for them. After that, he will meet with a number of SIL's principal organizational partners in Mexico City. Pray for good relationships. Pray that they will demonstrate unity in Christ in all they do.

### **Family Update**

Caleb and Jesse are breathing a sigh of relief that another university school year is behind them and they can take a break from papers and final exams for a few months. For the summer break, they are both working for family friends in the rubber paving business. This summer, Jesse also hopes to complete his basic training (boot camp) for the Canadian army. (He is serving in the reserve force.) Caleb and Alixx are busy with preparations for their upcoming June 10th wedding. We love Alixx and we share in their excitement. We look forward to celebrating with them the beginning of their new life together.



### **Stories of Hope**

In March, Caleb was asked to share his story (re the bobsled track accident at Canada Olympic Park in 2016) on *Stories of Hope* radio show on [AM 700 The Light](#). And a couple of weeks later, Justin and I were asked to share our story, from the parents' perspective. The mini versions (see below) are still being aired from time to time on two Christian radio stations in our area. It's not been an easy journey these last three years for all involved, but we are grateful for the "gifts

of joy” that God has given us in the journey, and we pray that our stories will bring encouragement and hope to others.

If you would like to listen to them, here are the links. Feel free to share them with others.

[90 Second Promo of Caleb's Story of Hope \(mini version\)](#)

[Caleb's Story of Hope \(full interview\)](#)

[90 Second Promo of Justin & Tammy's Story of Hope \(mini version\)](#)

[Justin & Tammy's Story of Hope \(full interview\)](#)



As we continue in this ministry, we trust God to supply our financial needs through churches and individuals who wish to partner with us. **We are currently lacking about \$485/month to reach 100% of the ministry budget that Wycliffe Canada has set for us.** If you would like to help meet this need, please see the donation information below.

**April & May Comings & Goings:**

- April 24-May 2 - Justin & Tammy in Albuquerque, New Mexico for Wycliffe Americas staff meetings and then on to Tucson, Arizona for SIL Mexico Branch executive committee meetings
- May 4-17 - Justin in Mexico for SIL Americas Area leadership team meetings and then in Mexico City to meet with a few of SIL's major organizational partners.

As always, thanks for the important part you play in our lives and ministry.

Serving together,

Justin & Tammy Hettinga

---

Justin & Tammy Hettinga  
[justin\\_hettinga@wycliffe.ca](mailto:justin_hettinga@wycliffe.ca)  
[tammy\\_hettinga@wycliffe.ca](mailto:tammy_hettinga@wycliffe.ca)  
[Hettinga.ca](http://Hettinga.ca)



**Wycliffe Bible Translators of  
Canada**

4316 - 10 St NE, Calgary AB T2E  
6K3  
[800-463-1143](tel:800-463-1143) / [403-250-5411](tel:403-250-5411)  
[wycliffe.ca](http://wycliffe.ca)

If you would like to make a **one-time donation** or **recurring monthly donations**, visit [Hettinga.ca](http://Hettinga.ca), type in the amount and click "Give Now." For **pre-authorized giving from your bank account**, simply fill out and submit this "[Pre-authorized Monthly Debit Agreement](#)" form. **To donate by credit card over the phone**, please call 1-800-463-1143 (9am-4pm Mountain time) and ask for the Receipts Department. **To donate by mail**, please make cheque(s) payable to Wycliffe Canada and mail to the Wycliffe address above. (Please include a separate note that states "for the work of Justin & Tammy Hettinga." If you have any issues with this, please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance.



# MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 COFFEE BREAK	2 7:00 G.E.M.S.	3	4 Jenna Mack
5 Ynske Kaemingh  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISM	6 Dale Kaemingh  9:45 DORCAS	7 *Arnold & Cindy Kaemingh (36th)  7:00 COUNCIL	8  CADETS PINE CAR DERBY	9 *Dan & Elaine Mack (32nd)	10	11
12 Laura Dykstra   10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISM	13 Lori Wilson	14  7:00 CONSISTORY	15 Kacia Veldhuisen	16 Albert Strydhorst	17	18 Arnold H Kaemingh
19 Carolyn Stang Gerald Wielinga  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISM	20 Kate Agombar	21 Harold Kelly Joel Veldhuisen	22 Taylor Hettinga Maddysan Redford Diane Veldhuisen Eric Veldhuisen	23 Tammy Wielinga	24 Patrick deGroot Brooks Kaemingh Colin Kaemingh	25 Bethany Sinninghe
26 Sydney Beck Chantel Kelly *Joel & Kaity Veldhuisen (7th)  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CATECHISM	27 Camryn Veldhuisen Peter Veldhuisen	28 Bev Arpin	29 Ethan Esselink *John & Kay Redford (26th)	30	31 Nova Kaemingh *Ryan & Sarah McInerney (11th) *Gerald & Diane Veldhuisen (33rd)	