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We decided to try something a little different for our MC this semester. Instead of going through a book or section of the Bible like we have done in the past, we decided to go through *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan.

At times, going through Scripture can be intimidating for those who are nonbelievers. We decided that for a short season, it would be helpful to use a Christian resource that may provide a different style of accessibility and application. *Crazy Love* is about reclaiming our wonder and worship of God in light of the monotony of our routine, Church culture. We figured that this message would not only spur on our Christian friends to live out the gospel in their context, but it would also clarify and emphasize the radical-ness of the gospel for nonbelievers.

We have been deeply encouraged so far in how God has used this new emphasis, and we pray expectantly that he will use it to convict and encourage believers and nonbelievers alike!



John and Blanca missed the "red" outfit memo during MC!



During the last week of September, we were blessed to have our family from FBC Newcastle in Oklahoma serve

along side of us in Calgary. We were so thankful for the love that came to Calgary ready to serve and love the lost people here.

During the week, the team had the opportunity to visit other church plants throughout the city. This is always a great opportunity for visitors to not only see the work going on here but to see how close together the body of Christ works here in our city. The team also had several opportunities to eat great food from China, Korea, and India along with friends from our community. We always enjoy these times because we get to enjoy amazing food but more importantly we are able to come together in fellowship demonstrating God's love to those who may not know Him.

Towards the end of the week, the team came along side of us as we served the community by hosting a lunch and clean up party for the gardeners in the EV. They were a great help in joining the gardeners in cleaning and getting to know them. They also supported the community by helping the neighbourhood association set up for their town hall meeting. After the Garden Party, we collected all of our left over food and went to the Drop In Centre (the largest secular homeless shelter in North America, located in EV) to pass out food and hot drinks. God was working as we had the opportunity to meet Isaac who had some great questions about God and His plan for us and His Kingdom. We were also blessed with a gentlemen who came out and began to read out loud about faith from Hebrews chapter 11.

On Sunday, we spent the day worshipping together at Tapestry in the morning and at our missional community in the evening. After the team left the following day, we received several comments from friends and those who are a part of our community. They told us how comfortable they felt around the mission team and how they felt loved and accepted. This is a great thing to hear as we live each day looking to allow God to use us to love these people who are lost.

We are so thankful to New Castle and all of the churches who support us in so many ways. It is such a blessing to partner with the body of Christ even when we may be coming together from different parts of the world.







- The Greenwoods recently took a road trip down the North West coast in August! They spent two weeks traveling through Washington and Oregon! It was a time of refreshment and rest! Hanna says: "We are so thankful for the time we had to get a way for a bit. We are natural workaholics and often forget what it means to just BE. We intentionally kept an open schedule, and spontaneously took one day at a time. It was so refreshing to get away and just have FUN together! We are learning the value of REST and are so thankful we serve a God who also values rest!"

- Blanca has recently been promoted to be Assistant Manager for the Gap in the downtown mall! She says: "I've always had a dream of working in the business corporate world and then one day, opening up my own business for the purpose of living life with lost people that are in desperate need of the Gospel. Working at the Gap had never fit it in that dream. I kept asking God, 'Lord, I don't really want to be here, but use me anyways.' It's sweet to see how the Lord has opened my eyes to the impact I can have in this store that I seemed to have resent for the last couple years. I have seen one of my coworkers come to our MC for the first time last month and I just wanted to cry tears of joy. I have prayed with coworkers about hardship and broken relationships. I have been able to encourage coworkers and also repent to coworkers when I've made mistakes at work. Yet, I kept thinking God needed me somewhere else."
- John had the ability to go to Ch:na for a teaching conference with other students from seminary. During this trip, Chinese and Canadians mutually taught, prayed, and encouraged one another in how God is using them. John says: "For me, this meant being able to teach some basic Bible interpretation principles for the Psalms and Wisdom Literature. Additionally, I had the opportunity to share my testimony and how God is using us in the East Village to make disciples, just as he is using believers in that country. In all, it was encouraging to be able to see the intense bond of unity and encouragement that these people had for all people who are committed to taking the gospel to every part of this world. So join me in praying for these believers in their context and for unity and passion for our team here in Calgary!"





1. **Hope Church:** Pray for this brand new church in our network who launched weekly gatherings this month!
2. **Winter:** Pray for the Lord to sustain us this winter! Year 3, we got this!
3. **Permanently staying in Calgary:** We are finishing up our student visas soon! Pray for the team's progress and process towards permanent residency.
4. **Partner churches:** Praise God for great partner churches, like you! Specific praise for New Castle, who

faithfully gave themselves away to us and our community this month!

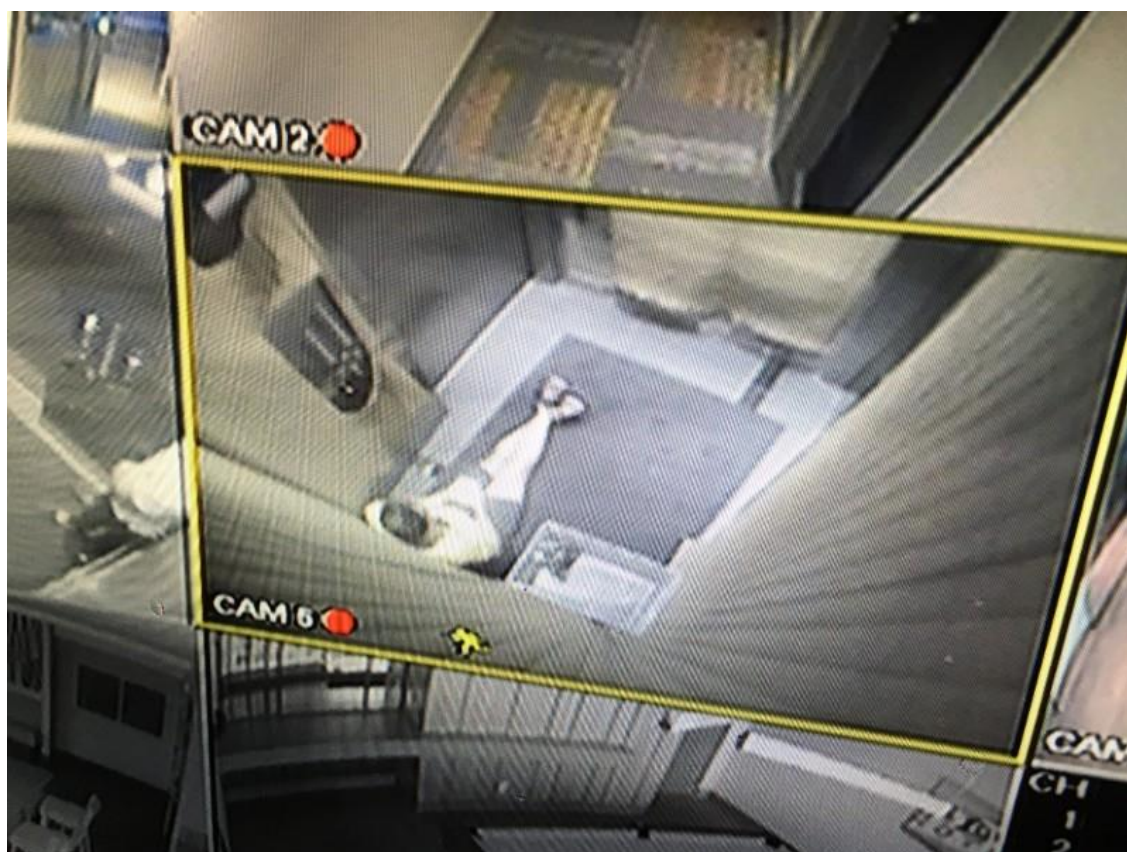
5. **Salvation:** Pray for the salvation of our friends! Many are curious and seriously considering the things of God! Pray we would be diligent to share with them and disciple them!

Thank you for your prayers and support! We are so thankful for your encouragement and commitment to us!



Above: Blanca celebrated her birthday with some friends at the sunflower maze!

Below: John got stuck in his apartment elevator for 2 hours! He was out safe :)





Above: Blanca's cousins came to visit Calgary!  
Below: An ice cream trip to Made By Marcus is always a MUST in Calgary.







If you haven't heard yet, we got hit with a BIG SNOW! Fall feels shorter than normal.



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