



~ Dear Family and Friends ~



Psalms in Modesto

Happy Canada Day! We are back home after 12 days in very sunny and hot (40c / 104f) Modesto, California. Our family was there visiting our friends Chris and Amie Whitler. This is our fifth year of ministering and serving alongside them with YWAM Modesto (www.ywammodesto.org). John performed "Psalms - Inspiration for Life" at various events including churches; a community kids club; a Christian Business Meeting held at a frozen yogurt shop; and a drop-in center for addicts and the homeless (located across the street from the scene of a fatal drive by shooting a few days earlier). It's been a while since performing "Psalms" and it has been great rediscovering the treasures therein.



"I'll be the poet who sings your glory, and live what I sing everyday" Ps 61_{MSG}. We also helped out at a BBQ for the homeless on 9th street and cleaned up garbage and weeds in the downtown area as part of a Love Modesto event.



Ruth in Victoria

~ The Story of Ruth ~

In our last newsletter we mentioned that John launched his newest work "Ruth - Loss to Redemption". It is the story of God's redeeming love and provision as discovered in the Book of Ruth. John tells the tale in a simple and effective way which gently invites the audience into the story. The 40 min piece ends with the words of Psalm 91:

- 14 "Because she loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue her;
I will protect her, for she acknowledges my name.
15 She will call upon me, and I will answer her;
I will be with her in trouble, I will deliver her and honor her.
16 With long life will I satisfy her and show her my salvation."



Street Ministry in Modesto

~ Daniel's Doings ~

Daniel celebrated his 16th birthday while we were in Modesto and the Whitlers joined us for a fun filled day of hiking & swimming, enjoying a movie and consuming Chinese food. As it turned out it would be the last Chinese food Dan will eat for a while. The day after we got back from Modesto the boys were at a youth gathering playing a wide game when Timothy collided with Daniel and Daniel cracked his jaw in two places.

His jaw is now wired shut for two weeks to allow the bones to heal. He is doing well with only minor pain and swelling. We were blessed with a Vitamix blender recently so lots of smoothies and energy drinks are now on his menu. Daniel was also accepted into a 7 month welding program at Camosun College, starting Monday. This will qualify him for his level "C" in welding as well as give him high school and college credits. In Feb he will be back at high school completing grade 11.



Daniel Wired for NO Sound

~ Jeffrey's Journal ~

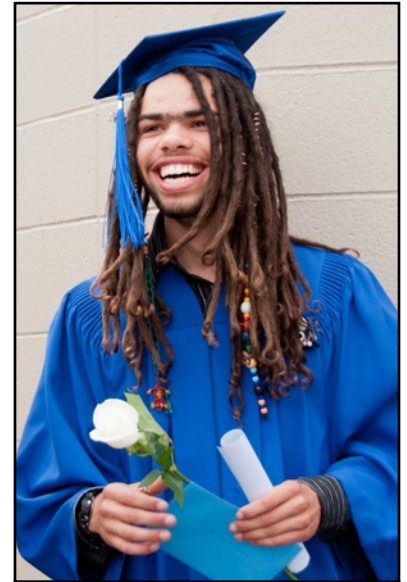


Jeffrey High Flying

Jeffrey (13) completed his grade 7 at home with Shelly and will continue at home in the fall. He is delivering newspapers twice a week, watching old Dr Who episodes and is most often spotted listening to his iPod. This year he was a junior leader with Extreme Outreach's SuperKids program and will be volunteering at the SuperKid's camp for a week this summer. Next week he is at a Trades Awareness Camp at Camosun College learning about different trades and hands-on skills.

~ Timothy's Tales ~

Timothy (17) graduated from high school in June after a successful year of classes and playing Rugby. He also got his drivers license so has been driving himself and his brothers to their various youth groups and events. This summer he is volunteering with SuperKids, writing poetry and contributing to a creative writers blog. He is also interested in the welding program Daniel is taking and praying about what he will do in the fall. Eventually he is hoping to do a bilingual English / Spanish YWAM discipleship school (DTS).



Timothy's Graduation

~ Shelly's Story ~



Shelly at Work

Shelly's niece Renae was married in May and it was wonderful to be in Langley, BC for that joyful family gathering. Shelly's parents flew out from Ontario to be there, and then came over to the Island for a couple days to visit us. It had been 4 years since we last saw them. Our YWAM friends Laurel & Robert Thody from Ontario also came for a short visit and we enjoyed going with them and Joan &

David Evans to Butchart Gardens, familiar territory for Shelly and her camera. Shelly has started photoblogging to keep her creative juices flowing. Be sure to check it out via the blog link on her website: www.shellywasonphotography.com. You can also subscribe and stay notified of the new photo she posts once a week. John will be volunteering at SuperKids camp again this summer, is working on some new stories, and continues to prepare for his January outreach to Uganda, for which he is looking for some financial partners.

Thank you for journeying with us in our adventures as a family in ministry. We appreciate all your love, prayer and support!

John, Shelly, Timothy, Daniel & Jeffrey

