

News from Vern & Holly Dyck

What is Training?

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Our purpose is to help missionary candidates become more effective servants of the church for God's glory. The idea of becoming implies change, becoming someone that you presently are not. We are believing that the students that come our way will become whatever it takes



to be able to live and teach the Gospel in whatever place the Lord leads them. The Apostle Paul said, *"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this all for the sake of the Gospel."* As we think about taking the Gospel to different language and culture groups in other lands, it is going to require the ability to change as we adapt and become a part of that other language/culture group. We want to begin to help our students understand what is involved in that change. We want to begin to help our students become whatever is necessary so that they can effectively communicate the Gospel message in both word and deed. We strive to do this in our training program through teaching, both formally and informally, in both the classroom and in the context of our homes, in work, in sports and through involvement in the local community. Our desire is to do more than simply tell them how it is done but also show them how by the way we live, teach and disciple in the context of our training program. Please continue to pray for us as we invest our lives in these dear students.

Caleb, Kristina & Auroralyn



Auroralyn Jane was born to the proud parents, Caleb and Kristina Dyck on December 29th, 2008. The little cutie took her time as she arrived 8 days after her due date. She was 20.5 inches long and weighed in at 7 lbs 9 oz. We are very thankful for a healthy grandchild and we enjoy every moment that we spend with her.



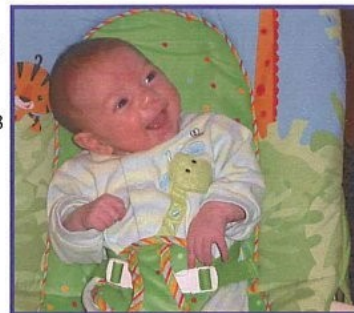
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Special Prayer Requests

- *God's direction for Seth, Zachary and Ruth as they pursue God's plan for their future.*
- *Continued growth of the church and my upcoming visit in March.*
- *For our ministry here at the Training Center.*
- *For Caleb & Kristina as they adjust to parenthood.*



Winter Mayhem!!

It started out to be a wonderful winter day as Holly and Ruth planned to head to a nearby town to do some Christmas shopping. The sun was shining and the girls were eager to start their adventure. Well, it wasn't long before their little excursion came to a screeching halt. An on-coming vehicle made a left turn right in front of Ruth and although she did everything she could to stop and avoid the accident, it was simply impossible. We praise the Lord that the girls were not seriously hurt but our little car was totalled. The man who caused the accident left the scene and even though the nearby Tim Horton's was full of coffee sipping spectators, no one was able to identify the culprit. However, we rejoice that no one was seriously hurt. Thank you Lord for your continued protection and for your provision of another vehicle.



Cooking from "Scratch"

A practical class on cooking the good ol' fashioned way is offered to our students. On

many of our fields of service the conveniences of already prepared foods, mixes, and ready-to-serve products simply are not available. Thankfully we don't have to give up hope of ever eating a decent meal. Our staff ladies are very proficient and knowledgeable in the kitchen and are able to pass some of their experience of "scratch" cooking on to our students. Breads, pies, tortilla shells, cakes, pancakes, dressing mixes, granola and dozens of other helpful recipes are all shared. Along with the theory comes the hands on practice of the "how to" part of the class.

Focus on Training

Discipleship: Doing life together Is it just about the parties, great meals and sitting around sharing a coffee? Well, it is most certainly all of that, but discipleship is also helping our students become a vessel fit for the masters use. Our desire is see them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Friendship opens doors for mutual encouragement and edification. It also allows them to experience discipleship so they can go and disciple others also.



Update



In March I plan to make another trip to connect with our pastors. Please pray for safety and for a great time of mutual edification as we spend time with these dear folks.

Thank-You!!

Thanks for the opportunity to share our lives with you. God's Word continues to go forth in many amazing ways and we have the privilege of partnering together to see this accomplished. Thanks for the many Christmas cards that you sent us and for the many ways you show us your love and support. We are blessed by your friendship and by the many ways you demonstrate the love of Christ. Thanks for journeying together with us.

Building His church together,

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