



# The Byrer Family

Missionaries to Alberta, Canada



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October landed us back in Alberta for a family conference in Lacombe and a mission's conference in Calgary. Unfortunately, our hopes of the weather staying warm until we could get a little farther south didn't work out, with temperatures dropping into the 20's and while in Calgary we even had two consecutive days of snow, getting about 3"-4" each day. Miraculously, the day that we had to travel back to the USA, the weather warmed up just enough to melt all of the snow on the roads and we made it safely to Kalispell, MT.

While in Lacombe, I needed to find some repair parts for the RV so I visited a few local dealers, when I met Chris, an RV salesman. After we talked about an RV in question the Lord opened the door for a conversation of eternal matters to ensue. After about 30 minutes of Q&A's and Chris getting a chance for the first time in his life to actually read what the Bible said about his questions and salvation, he said, "I wish that more Americans would come to Canada to tell me about these things." That sure sounds like what you might hear in the bush of Africa or South America doesn't it? The bottom line is that all men want to hear about God, the Bible, salvation and Heaven and Hell, they just don't know it yet. Chris didn't get saved that day but his heart is pointed in the right direction. Pray that he would, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, take the Gift before it is too late.

Our journey from Canada lead us to churches in Kalispell, Dillon and Billings, Montana; Boise, Idaho; Bismarck, North Dakota, and then a short stay in Lowell, Indiana. From there I jumped a plane to Bangor, Maine for meetings both there and up in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Upon my return to Indiana we headed to New Paris, Indiana and Beallsville, Ohio for meetings. Finally, we wrapped up the month of November back in our home town area, Southern Maryland.

On a family note, Cindy has been watching her blood sugar count since earlier this year and it has been hanging around the 130-145 range while still taking care of watching what she ate. Not having health insurance we had been praying that the Lord would give us some direction and He did. The Lord put us in the path of some friends in Canada and a water machine they have been using to treat Lyme's disease. We were able to get a machine for ourselves and I am glad to say that since using it, her blood sugar count has held steady between 100-115. Also, with all of the flu sicknesses going around, the Lord has kept us with no more than occasional runny noses and Benjamin with his usual bangs, bumps and bruises. The kids have also grown in their music ministry, with Holly leading the whole group with new songs she is learning on the piano.

Amidst the economic hardships worldwide the Lord has saw it fit to provide for us along the way, getting our present support level to just shy of 53%! Based on the reports I have been hearing from preachers and other missionaries this is nothing short of a miracle straight from God and we give Him ALL of the credit. Considering our present support level, I am still projecting to start the moving process to Canada by Fall of 2010, Lord willing. And, if He is not willing, that the doors would stay closed until He is.

Deputation is far more than just a journey raising prayer and financial support. So far the Lord has used it to knit our family closer together by showing us our weaknesses and strengths. He has put us in the presence of real people with real needs that our experiences have been able to help and encourage. He has put me with pastors that, just like myself, needed a boost of encouragement and God pleasing fellowship. He has increased our faith 1000% in trusting Him for our every need. He has put us in front of Hell bound sinners looking for answers. Most of all, He has burned in my heart that we are not doing all of this because of the need, **we are doing it because of Him.**

In His Service,  
Brother John Byrer

*... whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31*

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