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*Your Missionary in Kelowna
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Dear Pastor & Prayer Partners,

Greetings once again from beautiful Kelowna, British Columbia! We pray that all is well for you and the ministry in which God has you serving as we begin another new year.

The final months of 2013 were fairly normal: just serving in the routine things of ministry and trying to prepare for the year ahead that was quickly approaching. November was Stewardship Month at our church. We had been going through the book of Hebrews, but I took a break from that and preached primarily on matters dealing with our stewardship. December is always an exciting month with fellowships and Christmas activities. When I first came to Kelowna we started having what we call Christmas Family Style. Basically each family puts together songs, skits and holiday readings. It is always a fun time and way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour!

At the close of the year we took a week to go down to Lancaster, CA, to visit our children. We were able to spend a couple of days at Disneyland together. This picture was taken on a day that we had some adopted extras. Beth's friend from school, Megan, came with her. Andrew brought DayDay, a young man that he came to know through the bus ministry. He has sort of become a cross between a big brother and a foster father. He spends much time mentoring DayDay and is helping to pay for him to go to the Christian school at LBC. And, of course, Sam and Juliana, who just celebrated their one-year anniversary. We had a great visit, and were very grateful for the time together!



*In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;
if God peradventure will give them repentance
to the acknowledging of the truth;*
II Timothy 2:25

Prayer Requests

- For the salvation of souls and discipleship of new believers.
- For our children as they serve where God has placed them.
- Holy Spirit's power and wisdom in reaching the lost of Kelowna!
- God's continued leading in the transition to our new meeting location.

23 *They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;*
24 *These see **the works of the LORD**, and his wonders in the deep.*
Psalm 107:23-24

As we return to Kelowna to begin the new year there are some things for which we need your prayers. Our church's theme for this year is Loving God. My prayer for myself and our people is to finish this year of 2014 more in love with God than ever before and that it would become obvious to those around us. Also, I have been asking you to pray about a change in our meeting place. The current facility is adequate but is in a part of town that makes ministry difficult, and safety (especially at night) questionable at times. A few weeks back we found a private school facility that will rent us full access to the building all day on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We can use the school auditorium for services, as many classrooms as we need, and they are giving us an office to use as storage and office space. The location is in the middle of several hundred residences and is a much closer drive for most of our members and regular attenders. We held a "trial service" in the facility on December 29th and it suits our needs very well. An added blessing is that we would get all this for only about \$100.00 more per month than we currently pay. Shortly after we returned from CA, God brought about some events to confirm His leading in this move. We are now planning toward having our first service in this new facility on April 6th. Then after a month of adjustment we will conduct a series of special meetings aimed at getting acquainted with the folks in the new area. We are looking forward to seeing "*the works of the Lord*." Please make this transition a matter of prayer

You may have noticed the new picture on the front page. We are planning to get new prayer cards printed up in the next month or so and will send them out as soon as we have them. Also, on our family web site, hutchensfamily.ca, we will post some high-resolution portraits, which you can download for your missionary boards if you would like. If you need us to mail you one already printed we can do that too if you let us know. Just drop me an email with what size print you need and the address where you would like to have it sent.

Thank you once again for your faithful prayer and financial support!

Saved to Serve,

Wes & Susan Hutchens