




Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no wrong to anyone, so love satisfies all of God's requirements. Another reason for right living is that you know how late it is. Time is running out. Wake up, for the coming of our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed...

Romans 13:9b-11 NLT

Dear Friends:

Last week I had an opportunity to visit **Tara Tilroe**. Tara and her husband Corey had recently returned from a 3 week mission's trip to West Africa. She graciously offered to share her experiences with us. The timing of our visit couldn't have been better! That is because **Missions** is the focus of this year's District Conference on May 12 and 13th. You might want to consider attending this year's conference 



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Tara and Corey serve Heartland Alliance in Sherwood Park. The purpose of the trip was to begin a long term connection with a specific unreached people group in West Africa.



The church is hopeful this will be the first of many short term missions to this area. They wish to build meaningful relationships between members of their congregation with two groups: the international workers in the area and the unreached people these workers support. Providing a variety of practical services to this group of predominantly Muslim people will open avenues to share the gospel and lead these people to faith in

Jesus. On this particular trip, the team conducted 2 eye glass clinics. They also participated in local church services and built relationships with area international

workers. Heartland Alliance had been collecting glasses for several months in anticipation of this trip. The people who attended the eye clinics were offered a Scripture pamphlet as well. Participants were given a choice of either Old or New Testament pamphlets. The team was surprised that the majority of people chose to take the pamphlet



with Scriptures from the book of Matthew. They actually ran out of them! There is great in the rest in the Bible: New Testament Scripture is not available in that area—only the Koran and the first 5 books of the Old Testament. The team consisting of the Tilroes, Roger and Marjorie Charest and Jack and Donna Law, were blessed to watch this predominantly Muslim group request New Testament Scripture with such obvious interest.

As Tara reflected on her time “on the ground” two highlights stood out. Firstly a pastor who received glasses stood in front of his church and was able to see clearly for the first time (it would have cost him at least two months wages to be fitted with eye-glasses there). He became very emotional and was extremely grateful. Participating in the eye-glass clinic was a humbling experience for the whole team. Secondly, Tara found herself drawn into a close bond with one International Worker who serves unreached people in a remote area. She found it surprising that a primary highlight of her trip was one single new friendship. Yet, just prior to leaving, as they prayed together, her husband Corey wondered aloud whether the main purpose of her going might be a personal one. That proved to be true.



Our speaker at District Conference, **Alan Hirsch**, believes that a primary key to expanding the gospel’s reach, especially in urban centers, is relationships built on meeting practical needs of people. This brings us back to the essence of the gospel, which is summed up in the command to “love our neighbour as ourselves”. This is something that we all do. When we choose to be intentional about relationships every day, the Lord can use them to break down barriers between people. Once the walls begin to come down, meaningful opportunities for sharing Jesus with each other multiply. Sharing the love of Christ *is* our mission. It always produces opportunity to share our faith. Be encouraged today as you live out your mission.

Blessings in Christ,

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- Check out our online web site, Come Walk with Me on www.myfamily.com. Thank you to those of you who have logged on, we have just begun to share a bit about ourselves. It's great to chat together and learn more about each others' lives. We would love to have you join. Just contact our site

administrator, Sharlene Schotte at sjschotte@hotmail.com. She can answer any of your questions.

- **Pray for our Drumheller Retreat May 2nd. If you are still thinking about coming, it's not too late! Just email or call me by Thursday, April 30th! We are looking forward to enjoying a day to recharge our batteries and get to know each other!**