



Join the Journey: Our Alliance Family Hits the Road!

General Assembly 2010, March 15-20th

In just two weeks 762 members of our Alliance family will be arriving in Antalya, Turkey to attend General Assembly. Our own Western Canadian “branch” of the family is sending 257 people. Once our Assembly ends, many will leave from Turkey on missions trips to fields where our International Workers live out their faith in Jesus. Our family is renewing its purpose ...to reach the least reached peoples—those who have not heard the Gospel of Christ.

Should you find yourself home in Canada this March, you play a vital role in the success of Assembly. The renewal of our vision won't happen just because a mass of people take a trip. The Holy Spirit needs to move on us. That can only happen when His people pray. It's the prayers of those joined together by Jesus that bring about change in our families, our churches, our communities and in the nations of the world.

Sometimes, it's hard to capture a vision without names and faces! Let me introduce you to four ministry spouses from our “branch” of the family. I've asked these ladies to tell us a bit about their upcoming travels. These four stories are only a small sample from our District - each of you are connected to other members of our family and will know their stories. Let's pray for our Alliance family as our denomination prepares for General Assembly 2010.



Britton Cowman, with daughters Alix (left) and Emma (right).

Kirk and Britton Cowman live in Calgary. Kirk is the Multi-Site Developer at RockPointe Church. Britton works on the administrative staff at our District Office...you can all thank *her* for making our newsletter look so wonderful each month and getting it to your inbox!

Britton says: *I've heard that if you want to make God laugh, make a plan. My expectations for General Assembly have been wrapped up in one word: “arrangements”. Childcare, road trips, music lessons, school activities, work projects. Pick any one of these and I would need double-digits to tell you the*

number of times they've been changed and rearranged. With the seemingly extraordinary effort it is taking to simply 'get to Turkey and

back', I wonder how many conflicts in arrangements can be chalked up to life, to spiritual warfare or to God's divine plan? I'm going with God's laughter until I hear otherwise... I am hoping that I can become a Mary once I arrive in Turkey, instead of the Martha I feel like now.

Kirk will be travelling to a closed country after Assembly on his road trip. We can be in prayer for their two children, and especially their daughter, Alix, who has been recently given the opportunity to audition for Fine Arts at a University in Toronto on March 25th. It's going to be a significant month for the Cowman family!



Scott & Lyn Buck with sons Elijah (left) and Benjamin (right) in tow.

Scott and Lyn Buck are from Spruce Grove Alliance Church. Scott is the Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach.

Lyn says: I'm excited and challenged about all the different aspects of this trip. I want my prayer life to change for the better. I'm the mom of two children under 3 and find it very difficult to have a meaningful prayer time where I can pray for our church, our nation, our denomination, our leaders and International Workers. Being the wife of an

Evangelist (who always wants to reach the lost) I can't help but wonder how our gathering in the name of Christ will look in an Islamic culture. As we represent Christ in Turkey it is my hope that as people see our lives, they will notice something different in us and desire to know the One who has changed us. My husband and I are going to Uganda after we leave Turkey with a group from Spruce Grove. We have been invited by the Parliamentary Prayer Fellowship to support and teach on prayer in Kampala, Uganda. I am both nervous and excited about how the Lord will stretch me and use me.

Lyn has asked that we pray for her family as she and Scott will be away from home for a significant length of time. Pray for Ben and Elijah's grandparents who are coming from Ontario to care for the children. Pray for God to protect this trip and work through Lyn and Scott.



Tom & Connie Peachey
Beaverlodge Alliance

Tom and Connie Peachey reside in Beaverlodge where Tom is the senior Pastor of Beaverlodge Alliance.

Connie says: *I am totally excited about this trip. I am expecting God to work in my heart. It seems that every time we get together with the Alliance Family God uses the speaker and events to touch my heart just in the way necessary. Tom and I have begun to really enjoy cross-cultural experiences. After Assembly we are going to Guinea to visit Collette. I have*

dreamed of going there since the birth of the Guinea Infant Rescue Centre, which provides care for unwanted infants and then tries to place them for adoption with their own kin, if possible. I have always been drawn to the African people. I am expecting to leave part of my heart there.

Connie would appreciate prayer for her family during this time. The Peachey's have never been away from home for as long as this. Currently, their younger daughter Bethany is in Australia with YWAM, she will soon be heading to India on her mission trip. Communications across time zones while traveling can be complicated. Pray that God will work out ways for this family to stay in touch as need be. Their other daughter Corissa will be home in Beaverlodge, taking care of the home front. By the way, Tom and Connie are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this year. They have always hoped they might be able to go to Greece to mark the occasion; once they say good bye to our Workers in Guinea, the Peachey's are planning a Greek Island "Hopping" Tour! How wonderful! Congratulations you two!



Dave & Jenn Dolsky
Devon Alliance

Dave and Jenn Dolsky serve at Devon Alliance Church where Dave is the Assistant Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship. Together with Grace and Myron Siemens (Senior Pastor), Devon Alliance is taking of a team of twelve to Turkey.

Jenn says: *I'm absolutely excited about this trip. Our church has sent very few short term missions teams in the past and I am expecting that God is going to do great things in our church through this team. It's an exploration in how to BE the church outside the four walls of our church. I pray that Turkey and the following Road Trips will renew the vision and emphasis on cross cultural and international missions within Canadian Christian and Missionary Alliance*

churches as a whole. In doing so, may we also be able to better understand and support our International Workers and encourage those in

our churches who have a desire to minister cross culturally both in Canada and overseas. I will not return from this trip unchanged.

The Devon team will travel to the Arabian Peninsula to visit two of our International Workers. Jenn says that she's "really looking forward to seeing what life is like for them and being able to see first hand how we can support and pray for them." It's clear that the Dolskys have a real heart for cross-cultural missions. They have two young daughters who will be home with grandma for sixteen days. Let's pray for the Devon Church as they travel and for protection for all the children and parents who will be separated during the month of March.



We are joined together by our vision. Ephesians 4:16 says it best: "Under His direction the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." We can't wait to get back and share our stories with you!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Chotka

*P.S. Spring is coming! Keep an eye out for your invitation to our **April Ministry Spouse Retreat!** Mark April 24th on your calendar and watch for your invitation to arrive soon.*