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Here we are already in the latter half of summer and even now, back to school advertisements are cropping up. With time seemingly marching on for all of us so quickly, it becomes imperative that we redeem the time we have left. No where is this made more clearly than for those that, because of circumstances and life choices, find themselves living out a portion of their existence behind bars. Time becomes very valuable and an increasing desire to redeem what time is left, quickly presses upon the individual.

Through our myriad of discipleship training resources, we have garnered a bit of traction within the prison system across Canada. Whether the inmate is still searching for hope, or has already found it in Christ but is needing help in their journey with Him, on several occasions we've been able to come alongside and walk with them in the process of getting to know Jesus better.

One inmate recently wrote to us stating, *"I grew up in a dysfunctional home. Violence, drinking and poverty were the norm for me. I became very rebellious and started to get into trouble. I was neglected, abused in different ways and started using drugs and alcohol."*

In his letter he goes on to share how his "trips" to jail began when he was only 15 yrs old. Now, being in his mid 30's, he testifies how, having come to faith in Christ (while in prison), he recognises his need to surrender even more to the Lord. Listen to the longing in his words, *"I want to be taught God's Word and share the message in prison here, to reach people for God. I want to make my life count for God. I want to be trained and developed. My prayer is that God's will be done in my life."*

Clearly, this dear brother has a strong passion and desire to "redeem the time".

Jesus illustrated this very principle in Luke 19, when he told the story about the ten servants who were each given a certain amount of money (about 4 months of wages). The King James version describes their responsibility as, *"Occupy until I come"* (verse 13). It was an instruction pointing to the need of applying faithful service to that which we have been given—to not squander what we have received.

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded" (Luke 12:48 NIV). We have been given so much with the Word of God and so our desire here at ABA is to help, *occupy until He comes*. To assist in the *redeeming of time* by assisting those who have a passion to be used of God to be effectual ministers of the Gospel—wherever they might be.

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What's Happened

The months leading up to summer have been quite busy and exciting days! Way back in early April our Director had the privilege of speaking at the Quebec Native Council meetings in Val d'Or, QC addressing the need for intentional engagement in bible study. On the return trip it decided to snow!

Early May saw a trip to Montreal for the PAOC General Conference as well as an occasion to address pastors and leaders at a missions emphasis ministerial in Napanee, ON



June afforded the wonderful opportunity to travel to Cape Dorset, NU (located on the southwestern end of Baffin Island, at the mouth of Hudson Bay Straight, which opens up to the Arctic Ocean) to take part in the Arctic Hope Project initiative that is focused on equipping and developing Inuit youth leadership through mentorship with community elders. It was very encouraging to see the potential that lies within our youth of the north, but much continued prayer and attention is needed to be directed towards Nunavut should we want to see lasting results.



July came with travels to a couple of southern Ontario summer camps for Missions Sunday emphasis, as well as, an invitation to be one of the camp meeting speakers in Waskaganish (northern Quebec). Excellent opportunities presented themselves while up on the east coast of James Bay and we look forward to return trips in the near future.



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Living Waters Camp Tabernacle



Sometimes it snows in
April up north



Dan Collado with some
of the elders & youth in
Cape Dorset, NU



Camp Meeting time in
Waskaganish, QC!



Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

Your New Life

When you asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior, a wonderful event took place. You were brought out of darkness into light. Your sins were forgiven, and you were born into the family of God. You received a new life. This book is about the new life you now have because of what Jesus did for you.

Your new life is a gift directly from your heavenly Father. It will last forever! Though it comes from God in heaven, you begin to live it now on earth. Day by day, you will be changed by God's power until you become more like Him. Your old desires and habits will fall away as you obey Him. New, beautiful patterns will form.

Just how does all this happen? What can you expect now that you belong to God? What differences

will there be? How does your heavenly Father want you to live? How does He tell you what He wants you to do? What kind of help does He give you? This course was written to answer these questions. You will discover important truths about the life God has given to you.



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