

**The  
Davenports**

# Moving Forward

**December, 2019**

**Thunder Bay, ON  
Canada**

## What's God Saying?

Working with Youth With A Mission means embracing YWAM's values. Throughout the years both in my own Discipleship Training School and in ones I've led, we've done creative exercises to remember and understand what those values are. The one value that stands above the rest and has been permanently burned into my brain has been the value of Hearing God's voice. In fact our church here just finished up a teaching series with that as the central theme. My desire to hear God's voice in this season has never been more prominent. It so happens that we have been undergoing some significant challenges with one of our kids which has put us on our knees. Combined with some other potentially life changing news emanating from my work at the church, has created a need for clarity in what God is up to in our lives.

I know that newsletters, especially the ones at Christmas time are geared toward season's greetings and photos from the past year, but this time, I'm reaching out to you for your prayer for us as we walk through an incredibly challenging season. Our desire to hear and follow God has never been stronger. That being said, integrity calls me to say that it's because we are desperate to know what next steps need to be both on the home front and at the church. You are receiving this newsletter because at some point along the way, you wanted to be kept in the loop with our family. I'm hoping that you will hear my request for prayer for direction and also for us to have the sense of God's nearness to us right now.

Over the years, I can point to critical times where God spoke and big changes in our lives came from that. It's my sense right now that we could be approaching a similar point. I'm sorry I can't be more specific for you. There will be some of you who read this that will know more precisely what is going on. For those who aren't, I am asking for prayer for Karen and I to hear God's voice in the midst of the chaos.

Regardless, PLEASE receive our families warmest wishes for you to experience an amazing Christmas. We are thankful this year for the name of Jesus that is Emmanuel, God With Us. We are grateful that His promises remain true and that it is God's desire to not only be FOR us but WITH us as we celebrate the birth of our king. Much love and Blessing to you this year.

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hope unswervingly,  
love extravagantly”*

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# 2019

We actually got to do some cool stuff this year that included going to New Zealand to visit our good friends AND head over to Australia to visit Alex at YWAM Perth. Here's a few photos of our big trip that we took in January and February.



We also got to spend some time in Texas this year on two different occasions. First was to have a few days with a group of old friends in Austin and then a visit back to Texas to attend our niece Jessie's wedding. That was also an amazing time to be with family and friends.



From the Davenport's, we wish you a most wonderful

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR 2019!,**