

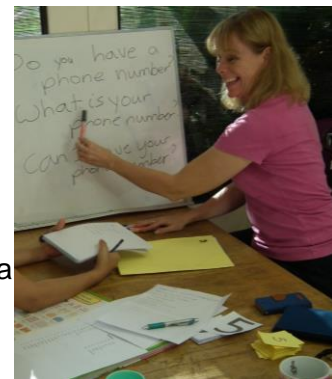
Ginny Eby serving with SIM

Dear Family and Friends,

The past couple of months have been extremely busy. Besides ministry, I have restarted my Masters Degree. I have been relearning how to balance work, school and leisure time which has proved to be a bit of a challenge! Don't get me wrong. I have loved every bit of it, but after a year and a half hiatus from my studies, it took me a little bit to adjust again. The course I took was a required course on Intercultural Communication and Leadership and was quite helpful as we looked at different worldviews and ways of communicating across different cultures. I found it very helpful to better understand the culture that I live and serve in. Next semester, I will be taking a class specifically related to working with children and youth at risk. I am thrilled that I have been able to get into this class as it applies directly to what I am doing.

Ministry and teaching continues to be a source of joy as I continue to teach and build relationships with the young women. My teaching role has expanded. This semester, I have worked individually with three university students and it has been so encouraging to see them grow. I continue to also teach two "beginner" classes.

We also had a young woman return after a year away. She has returned with her two month old son from an abusive situation. Having never been to school, she learned to read and write while in the juvenile center. I am meeting with her one-on-one to teach her English. She is an energetic young woman and eager to learn. We pray that her beautiful baby boy will grow to love Jesus. His mom is a young believer and so our hope is that as she grows, she will learn how to teach and disciple her son.



Thank you for your prayers. I am seeing more and more progress as I continue to meet weekly with my tutor, attend church and engage in conversation within the community.

In the new year, my tutor and I are going to make some changes in what we study. She is going to begin working with me on Biblical language, reading Scripture as well as discuss topics that I may want to be able to teach. I am excited about this but there are times when I wonder if I am ready for this next step! One of the first things we are going to do is translate my testimony so that I am able to share my faith journey. This really excites me!

It is hard to believe that I have now been teaching for a year! It has been quite a learning curve as I have seen another side of life. There is sadness and heartbreak as we see the realities of what they have experienced as a result of circumstances and choices they have made. They have been through so much. Yet, there is joy and hope as they see growth in their work,

education, making better choices and learning about Jesus. Please continue to pray with us for those that know Jesus to continue to grow in Him and for those who don't, to come to see how much He loves them and wants a relationship with them.

In the midst of the busyness of the past number of months, I have had a couple of opportunities to pull away for a break. Back in August, I spent the weekend with some friends at some houseboats on a lake about an hour out of town. To get to the "hotel" on the water, we had to take a half hour longboat ride. What a fun time it was to spend the time together in this unique place!

I also was able to get away to the beach for a week with a friend. Jill is serving in the south. She is also from Canada and attended the same church that I did in Waterloo. We actually didn't know each other before coming here but a mutual friend made the connection when Jill arrived a couple of years ago.

Each year, Jill has spent some of her vacation at a guesthouse on the beach. This year I joined her. I am thankful for the wonderful blessings that God gives to pull away and get refreshed.

Praise:

Thank you for praying for the pain that I had been experiencing for three months. Just before my beach holiday, it became quite extreme, but I am thankful that with new medication from the ENT doctor, it began to subside. Upon my return from vacation, it was discovered through a third visit to the dentist that the source of the nerve pain was a tooth problem. After five more visits, including three to do a root canal, I can say that I am now pain free! I am thankful that they were able to find the source of the nerve pain and deal with it!

Pray:

- * For the next steps of my language study as we begin to study deeper topics.
- * spiritual growth in the lives of those I work with
- * endurance for them to keep moving forward with healthy choices for their futures
- * parenting skills for the young moms
- * balance in my work, life and studies