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# Nick & Vivian Helliwell

Fall 2020

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for the RPCC Chaplaincy Office and Nick's prison ministry
- Vivian's surgery to be scheduled soon
- Nick's MRI is scheduled
- The kid's online learning classes
- Renewal and revitalization for Nick and Vivian

## Praises

- The Brothers in the Hood bible study group restarting.
- Publication of Nick's Journey Through the Bible Discipleship Course
- T.J. getting a new home
- God's faithful provision for our ministry
- completion of a beautiful new deck this summer as well as other projects completed during Covid-19

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## The More Things change:

How is it that God takes a guy like me and puts him in a place and position such as I find myself in?

The year 2020 will be known as a year of change. Global changes, changes in society and social norms, changes in governments, economies, health, education and lifestyles. Regardless of where you live and work things have changed. With all the changes, there have been enormous challenges.

Yet as I look at my life, my work, family, home, I am as amazed at the miracles as I am confounded by the challenges ahead.

One of the biggest miracles in my life and ministry is the continued, faithful support we have received both financially and prayerfully. I am humbled as I look at the financial position we are in. God has been very good to us and kept all His promises to us.

When we entered into ministry in 2005 and took the step to become faith missionaries, life was good. Work was on the upswing, plentiful and rewarding. My renovation business was growing and was gaining a good reputation. We bought our first house late in 2004 and just to give you a glimpse of what an enormous blessing that was, Vivian and I were the first in both our families to EVER buy a house. No one, on both sides of our families had ever qualified for a mortgage. We signed in September, moved in in October, and *then* God tells me to quit my business and enter full time faith missions work.

He promised to be our provider. And so He is to this day.

It has not been without its challenges, to be sure. I have to admit, most of our biggest challenges have come as a result of my own missteps, trying to take matters into my own hands and striking out in directions that were not in line with His plans.

As this year has unfolded, the temptations to try and make changes in direction and deviate from what I have been called to do in life, home, and ministry have at times been overwhelming. Admittedly, there have been times when I have been afraid, even angry at God. I have questioned my callings, investigated options and even prayerfully pleaded with God to allow me to change directions. He has stubbornly refused.

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WITH LOVE IN CHRIST,  
UPON WHOM ALL OUR HOPES ARE SET,  
Nick & Vivian Helliwell

*Bringing the Healing touch of Jesus Christ to wounded hearts.*

The More Things Change... (Continued):

Allow me to share with you a recent time of prayer and devotion. It went something like this:

Me: "God, I am tired. I want out. I want something different, I don't see how I can keep going..."

God: "I want you to read Isaiah." (This was before Pastor Bob announced that we would be preaching through the book of Isaiah at Healing Hearts.)

Over the next few days, weeks, I continued my whining, while God waited.

I even took my whining to a couple of pastor friends who also patiently listened and prayed with me.

Then, last week, having once again brought my complaints to the Lord, I got to Chapter 30:

"Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord... - (not exactly a comforting opening!)

"Who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin." – (ooh, boy, that's pretty heavy.)

It goes on from there, and what am I supposed to say?

When I think about the jail, and the dysfunctional lives... the devastation everywhere, the despair, the mocking and rebellion, the anger and hurt I see everyday,... the spiritual warfare, the wrestling and reasoning required to take the gospel to just one more person, just one more day, one more step...

To share my story yet again, and feel the sting of old wounds. To have to dredge up the mire again and again... Why can't I be done with it? Why can't I find a relief? Why can't I just leave it behind and move on to something easier? Why can't I say I have done my time?

To which I hear a small still voice reply – "because your life is not your own."

My brother is in jail. My nephew needs help to put his family back together. My daughter and her husband need a place of peace and refuge. So many have said that my home is a sanctuary, that there is a peace in our home that is strong, abiding and comforting.

These are my people. They are hurting. They are lost – "like sheep without a shepherd." says Jesus.

And 2 Corinthians 5:12-21 comes into full focus for me. It's not what I say or do. It is simply that God is in me and that I abide in Him, that He is able to make his plea for reconciliation and healing through me, just because I am there. All I have to be is present. All I have to do is abide in Him.

So while the world changes all around me and everything in the world is uncertain, God continues to make Himself known to the people around me by the peace that is so evident in my life.

This is what I have been so blind to as I was whining and complaining.

Returning to my devotions in Isaiah, in the next few chapters, Hezekiah pleads to God, God answers, adds to his life, and chapter 40 opens:

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people", says your God.

And once again, I am broken.

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*A very special thank you to all our faithful prayer and ministry partners.*

*We would not be where we are without you!*

*All glory and praise and honour to our God and King for these past 15 years that we have been reaching out to First Nations across southern Saskatchewan with the healing touch of Jesus Christ!*