

Hey Prayer Team!

We wanted to thank you, again, for your constant and fervent prayers for Samantha and I over the last year as we have been getting to know our neighborhood, studying what a church plant would look like here, and preparing a team who would help plant this new church in our neighborhood. We have loved partnering with many of you as you have come on mission trips to see and serve our neighborhood and help us share the Gospel and our lives well. It is truly a joy to know that you are with us in prayer and on mission – so please keep on praying and letting us know that you are thinking and praying for us (we LOVE knowing that you are and it is such an encouragement to our faith) ☺

We also wanted to let you all know about some things that are going on with us here in Montreal in the upcoming days so that you can be praying with and for us.

Launch Team. Please pray along with us for many more to come and participate as part of our launch team. Currently, we have 4 people on our launch team (including Samantha and I) and will be meeting with 2 more people this week to talk about joining with us. A launch team is a group of Christians with a designated church planter that give a portion of their lives to help start a new church in an under-reached or unreached area of the city. And so we are calling these individuals to a 6 month partnership commitment as they strive to help us launch our church, see many saved, and help disciple new comers. Please be praying that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up many more to join our Launch Team.

Also, thanks to your generosity, our launch team members will receive “Church Membership” by 9 Marks and this will be the first book that we read through together as a team. We are starting the introduction this week and then will cover two chapters a week and finish it up, hopefully, before Baby Boz arrives ☺

Come and Join our Launch Team. Also, please let us know if there is anyone that you know that would like to give 3-6 months of their lives to helping launch our church. We would love young adults, newly married, married with kids, empty-nesters, and senior adults to pray about whether our gracious God could utilize a portion of their year to come to Montreal, rent a furnished apartment for a few months, and see what God could do through their faithfulness. This could be an amazing way for you to participate in the work of God in helping a new church plant get started. So please pray along with us and see if our gracious God may be calling you to do that ☺

Worship Gatherings. Speaking of which, we had our monthly worship gathering this past Sunday and it went really well. You can check out our website (renaissancemtl.com) to find a link to our podcast of our time together in Genesis 4 as we talked about God’s amazing grace. This next Sunday, we will be attending Initiative 22 and being officially “sent out” as a new church launch team and then will be starting to have



once a week Sunday services!! We are so EXCITED for this and to see what our gracious God will do through a weekly worship gathering together.

NonChristian friends. I would also love for you to be praying with us for my friend Pete. As many of you know, I have been sharing my life and the Gospel with Pete for the last year and quite recently, we started going through the Gospel of Matthew together and discussing it. We have had many great conversations and I am constantly praying that God the Spirit would give him eyes to see and ears to hear and a heart that has been transformed by grace, through faith. Please pray along with me for his salvation 😊 I also have been striving to hang out with a guy named Jaime that we met a few months ago – please pray for his salvation and that we would have a chance in his busy schedule to get together and read through the Bible together (and that this would be a desire in his heart).

Partner Churches. We are also talking with many partner churches about Mission Trips in 2015 within the next week or two. Please pray for us as there are many new churches that are considering partnering with us on mission trips (and we couldn't be more excited!!). We know from firsthand knowledge that missions teams are an incredible benefit to what we are doing to love and serve our neighborhood well and we LOVE the constant encouragement that our missions teams are to our hearts and souls, as a tangible expression of your love for us is here with us.

Aaron's Birthday. We are also having a big birthday party on Saturday night for Aaron's birthday (although his actual birthday isn't until January 14). Please pray for many Gospel conversations during this event and that we would leverage this opportunity to share our lives and the Gospel with our friends.

THANK YOU! We would also love to give a big THANK YOU to all of our supporting churches that have just gone above and beyond in showing your affections for us and your support of us in this season of life where we are awaiting Baby Boz. He will be here anytime in the next 4-5 weeks and so we are on constant alert and receiving the cards, the presents, and the emails means so much to us in revealing your hearts of loving and caring for our family. Oh how I wish words could express how loved and cherished and honored we feel by our supporting churches. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

We love you all so very much and are delighted to serve here in Little Burgundy because of your generosity and support.

- Aaron and Samantha



"On Sunday, June 25th, 1865, unable to bear the sight of a congregation of a thousand or more Christian people rejoicing in their own security, while millions were perishing for lack of knowledge, I wandered out on the sands alone, in great spiritual agony; and there the LORD conquered my unbelief, and I surrendered myself to GOD for this service. I told Him that all the responsibility as to issues and consequences must rest with Him; that as His servant, it was mine to obey and to follow Him — His, to direct, to care for, and to guide me and those who might labour with me. Need I say that peace at once flowed into my burdened heart?"

- Hudson Taylor