

Life **STORIES**



Growing is good but not easy...

My dear friends and saints, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Lindi and I hope that your spring is going well. We pray that you are finding rest and by that I mean a legitimate “Jesus, you got this” kind of rest.

I address this in all of my update letters but **every new Antioch chapter brings a flurry of tension and confusion**. I know what He wants me to do but how to get there? But this is the way for a follower of Christ, isn't it? A constant state of maturing that rails against our desire to simplify God, His purposes and His timing. Throughout scripture we see this time and again - people of faith swimming in uncertainty and so it should be no surprise that we find ourselves here. If we analyze ourselves and confess what needs to be, perhaps we can adjust our perspective enough to embrace that this process is in fact His care for us. **Comfort does not save our souls. Growing is good not easy.**

In all honesty, due to past successes and the enormity of this project, I feel that unless I'm reporting a massive move of God - I will let you down but that is not what took place in this last chapter. It has been **a season of secret work**, contemplation, prayer, subtle developments and steady but slow progress. As my mind is set straight by prayer, I come back to the truth and recognize this ministry and this project are not mine to accomplish. It is His Kingdom and He will advance it as He so chooses. **He cares about the souls I'm burdened to help more than I do.** We are stewards and have been entrusted to walk with Him. Our sole duty is to be in step and listen. Pray we continue in this.

THANK YOU!

For all of your support and generosity! My prayer is that all who are involved with Antioch in any capacity would take ownership in what is happening. WE are on mission together, bringing hope to those who need it. I cannot stress this enough - You are essential! I would love to catch up and chat about all the ways God is at work in your life as well.

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In Christ,
Ryan & Lindi



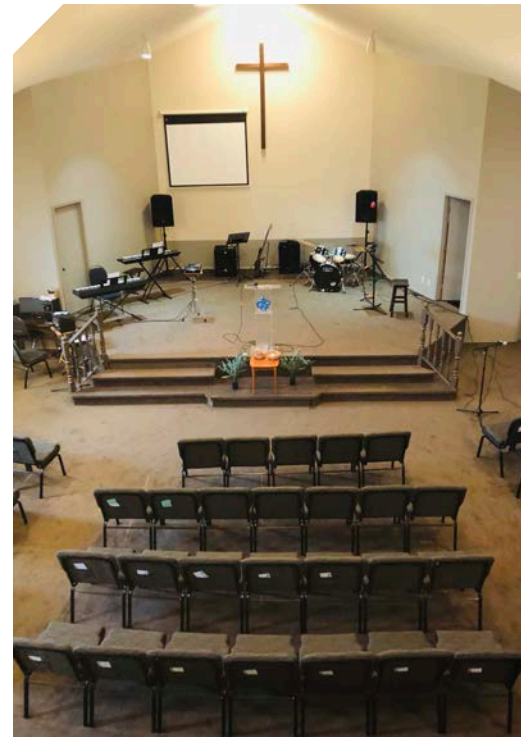
Beautiful results, beautiful opportunities

Skate Church and our weekly Warman drop-in wrapped up in March and yielded **beautiful results**. Folks who only knew of each other become good friends. The older took the younger under their wings and **good news spread**. As this chapter was ending, it was clear that we were entering a time of renovation, planning and fundraising.

To look at the top floor of the community centre right now **you may not notice much** but that is precisely the point. It was outdated, mismatched and altogether distracting and so we painstakingly went to work creating **a space that feels safe, focused and still**. I was at a retreat centre a few months back and the moment I walked in, it felt as if there was more oxygen in the room. I want Antioch to feel like this and **by God's guidance** and with every item changed or removed - **It is happening**. The biggest job was dismantling the 27 large church benches in the sanctuary. Thanks to Mark Wurtz at the Rosthern Youth Farm who took the bulk of the frames. Thanks to our crew of friends that came and unloaded the new chairs as well!

Lately I have been busy planning and scheduling my summer. I'm at **Camp Kadesh** in July as their **guest speaker/** pastor. This is a slightly new avenue for me but one I feel called to explore.

Like the past few summers, I will put on a couple skateboard **contests**, have **lessons** as well as host a **BBQ** hangout with Derek Epp at the Lions Skatepark on Thursdays. Many of the youth from Skate Church have been waiting impatiently and it will be a good time to chat, skate, connect and feed folks in need.



New chairs - new sanctuary

Much needed space

Fundraising continues for the indoor skatepark and youth centre. As I have been interacting with youth in and around the skate park - there are particular needs arising that I believe can only be addressed by the space we hope to create. There is this general disdain for formalized programming or supervised spaces, so **we face an uphill battle**. That is why I am convinced more than ever that although it is an expensive way to reach youth - it will attract and gather people like not much else can. **The second building will be a bridge to Christ.**

We are also planning **several** exciting **fundraisers** that will happen in late summer and early fall. Keep your ears to the ground for more information. Oh my goodness! I didn't even mention all the things Lindi is doing. She is just as busy as I am. Putting her gifts into practice. She is directing and

counselling many ladies and is nearing the end of her practicum for school. We also need to give special thanks to HGC for their **immense** support!! Please pray for the youth in Warman, Martensville and Saskatoon. **Pray for the skateparks. Pray for the indoor space and the finances required to make it happen!**

From the bottom of our hearts Lindi and I want to again thank you for your love and support!

Thank you and God bless.
Sincerely,
The Davidsons.



Mock up of the indoor and youth centre