

THE DALTONS

October Recap



New Groove!

Hey everyone! We're excited to share how the start of our fall quarter has been. Also though the DTS isn't starting up again till early spring, we've been involved in many new and exciting ministries and initiatives we want to share!

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A Thanks Giving to Remember



Wild turkey we saw at a small zoo

Car Troubles and Literal Salvation

The past while we've had some trouble with our car, but we've been blessed to have friends who can help out with repairs and find parts for cheap. What's amazing is that God used this car as open door to share the gospel!

Our car broke down on our way to Ottawa, but, as luck would have it, we had dinner scheduled with a close friend who is a mechanic. He'd recently gotten engaged, and though he is a believer, his fiancée grew up in a family of non-believers.





Over dinner, conversation shifted to what our summer was like. This led to a slew of questions about God, the gospel and various obstacles she had to believing. These were not easy questions!—what does God think about suicide, euthanasia, cohabitating before marriage and more. I answered and made a particular emphasis on God's heart for love and life which was visibly touching to this girl.

One by one, lies the enemy was using to keep her at arms length from God crumbled. Then, at the right moment, the Spirit prompted me to extend the invitation to be a part of His family.

Another breakdown with my parent's car if you'd believe it.

Though in my weakness I hesitate to evangelize in my own circle, I obeyed. Sure enough, she was eager to take that step, so we prayed a simple salvation prayer together followed by a prayer for protection. When she went to the washroom, my friend thanked us. He shared how she had never had a healthy context to explore these questions as her family is hostile to God. I prayed for him too and urged him to renew his commitment to God and take on more intentionally his role as spiritual leader in his relationship.

What a miracle encounter! As an added blessing, my friend offered to help us with the many repairs our car needed, giving us an opportunity to follow up and to gift a Bible to his fiancée.

God arranged for her to hear the gospel and for us to have our car fixed—Praise God!

Serving at Camp Cherith



Like last year, we had the opportunity to serve at the youth camp at Camp Cherith. This year, its format has shifted to more closely resemble a youth retreat. Generally speaking, youth groups sign up all together, leaders included, which has the added perk of covering the need for staff—mostly. Meanwhile, the teens who signed up as individuals were entrusted in our care. This meant we were responsible for 30 of the 120 people present.

The retreat format meant that there were chapel times generally followed by youth group times. The later were for church leaders to dig deeper with their own questions and guidance. In our case, it meant we had to improvise. Because the spiritual theme that weekend was identity—a contentious subject nowadays—we geared our testimonies and lessons accordingly. This included one testimony we shared about a trans person we had led to the Lord and baptized over the summer.

You could tell that this caught some of them off guard but for the better. Often we don't go that specific, but the truth is at their schools these teens are facing these issues in far greater frequency than we do generally.

"Stop me if you've heard this before," I instructed them "that's your truth but it isn't mine." The group responded with chuckles and raised hands all around.

The story of this man, who in discovering his true value and identity in Christ accepted he was not a woman, marked these teens. We then dialed home the truth of the matter, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In Him do we find meaning in life, assurance for our future, and the truth of who we really are—sons and daughters of the King!



Stephan cheering on one of our campers finishing a speed eating challenge. Our team

One of our evenings after games around a camp fire. It was around this fire—which ran all throughout the day—that we had our ‘youth-group times’ and lessons from scripture and testimonies.



This is the dining hall where we’d have chapel times during which we would have a time of

of youth 'the quacks' dominated the competition winning all but one of the team challenges over the weekend.



worship paired with a message from one of the leaders from the various youth groups. We had 6 in all over the weekend.

Visiting Family

Busy weekend aside, we took some time to rest well and sabbath. The week prior to camp was with my family in Ottawa; the week following the camp retreat was with Sam's family in Belleville. It was so refreshing to celebrate thanksgiving with them and even squeeze in some end of season swimming! We love you guys!

New ministries



Media

I'm now working in the media department in the afternoons. Mainly this has meant overhauling the YWAM Dunham website—giving it a clean modern look. This has meant taking new pictures and even learning a bit of coding. (Feel free to let me know what you think!) I've also been developing new content for the website such as an FAQ page. Progress is steady but fulfilling and overall it's been a nice change of pace from being on my feet in the kitchen.





Kitchen

I've been back working in the kitchen in the mornings most days, but that doesn't always mean cooking! I now have the honour of being the one to escort our head cook to Costco and the food bank near Montreal and haul back crates full of food for our 50 or so members. I've also had the pleasure of taking on various maintenance related tasks like fixing broken appliances or deep-cleaning our walk-in fridge. In the kitchen you never know what's on the menu!

Fall DTS Worship Track

Another way I've been blessed to serve is in leading workshop-style teachings for the worship track of the Fall DTS. These take place every Tuesday and cover subjects from song-writing, worship planning and leading, creative worship, worship in missions and more. It's been great to have a foot in the door in the fall DTS and my involvement has kept me on my toes and has been building my excitement for the next Arts and Music DTS.





Childcare

I have been helping watch the kids of the various families living in the house we share, and boy has it been a blessing! The kids belong to the families who are staff or students of the Fall Discipleship Training School that runs until January, and their ages range from 15 months to 6 years of age so they can be quite the handful!

The majority of the kids are from primarily French language speaking families and so I've been forced to adapt and learn the language at an accelerated and pace in a highly immersive context. Watching these kids has encouraged me to learn new vocabulary, and serving in this role has given me such an appreciation for the families that we get to live alongside in our community!

For the sake of long term sustainability in serving in this ministry, I am watching the kids twice a week and working in other areas of the house the remainder of the time!

Hospitality

Our hospitality ministry is one of our “backbone ministries” here at Dunham—maintaining the common spaces, outfitting rooms for visitors and guests, and the various other projects always underway when you live in a 100 year old building! It is never a dull day when you’re repainting rooms, moving furniture, designing signs and folding laundry!

I’ve been able to use more of my creative side designing birthday cards for our community and making new art to adorn the walls of our older rooms. I have super big dreams when it comes to making this house a place of rest and creativity for our community and guests alike!





Media

I have recently been assisting the media team in a project documenting and presenting the deep history of our home and YWAM community here at Dunham. I've had the pleasure of connecting back to my archaeological and historical interests while I go through old film and photos from as far back as our founding in 1976!

We are starting by digitizing all the physical photos we have stored in boxes which is precise and delicate work. I'm also taking more ownership over our history as well as the heart for evangelism and creativity this location has had for decades!

Prayer Points

- Sam's French learning
- Sam's eczema with the winter weather (we're persisting in praying for full healing!)
- Good health with it being flu season
- Remaining car repairs
- For more partners in our ministry such as with the prayer calendar

We Have a Prayer Calendar!

Why a prayer Calendar?

We're excited to share something that God has put on our hearts. This idea came from a recent time when we were praying about our support raising. We felt God put on our hearts to invest more intentionally into the prayer component of our support!

How does it work?

Pick a date and communicate it to us. On that day every month we pray for you as you pray for us!

Count me in! What do I do?

Click on the button below and select a date on the google doc. Then let us know you did! You'll find more details in the document.



1 Taken -	2 Available -	3 Available -	4 Available -	5 Available -	6 Available -	7 Available -
8 Available -	9 Available -	10 Available -	11 Available -	12 Available -	13 Available -	14 Available -
15 Available -	16 Available -	17 Available -	18 Available -	19 Available -	20 Available -	21 Available -
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29 Available -	30/31 Available -					

Go to the Prayer Calendar

Blessings,
The Daltons

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