



Previous furloughs have meant a trans-Atlantic flight and renting a car. This time, we drove. Numbers bring clarity, so here you go.

- Churches visited: 24
- Times Joel preached: 46
- Hours on the road:
- Distance driven: 24,660 km (15,322 miles)
- States/provinces visited: 33
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- Moving in and out of homes: 35
- Slept on the side of the road: 2
- Drove through the night: 3
- Birthdays celebrated on the road: 2
- Birth family seen: 6 out of 8 families

As exhausting as this summer has been and as thoroughly ready as we are to finally be home, we look back on this full summer with gratefulness and joy. God strongly encouraged our hearts by seeing the faithfulness of His people all across the States, in big and small ways, seen and unseen. We were delighted to see His work go forward! And many of you made the particulars of perpetually mobile and new so much easier. Many of you knew our names, for our whole family! Some of you asked specifically about personal prayer requests. Many of you provided restful places to stay and delicious meals to eat. We had countless good conversations.

So what, besides unpacking and cleaning and resettling, happens after we land at home? We jump into church ministry right away. Classes begin at Foundation Baptist College, September 2. Joel will leave with Jeremy for a block class in Uganda, September 6-12. Sarah will start homeschool and begin working on her theology section of her exams for counseling training. We hope to have the neighbours over for ice cream.

Looking ahead, we are excited about several opportunities:

- A one-week trip to Uganda (September 7–14) to teach a survey of the Old Testament to pastors
- Teaching Greek 3, OT Survey, Basic Bible Study, and Preaching the Minor Prophets.
- Ongoing Sunday teaching and ministry investing in our home church and other area churches

We are tired of talking about what God is doing in Alberta, aching to be back and part of it. Thank you for holding the ropes for us either way.

Love,

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