

The HORTONS

MAHLON AND AUDREY HORTON'S 2020 SUMMER PRAYER LETTER

“THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!”

To Our Dear Faithful Supporters: Thank you for your consistent faithfulness to us.

Yes, we finally made it back to Canada in spite of the COVID-19 and adverse effects it has had on dental services being closed (Audrey did finally get her bridge in) and the airlines which definitely affected us with cancelled flights out of Dothan, AL. The church here opened for services with its restrictions of no Sunday School during our imposed quarantine. How diabolical to deprive the children of classes and children's church. Last summer Audrey had the privilege of teaching and training helpers in the Children's church and they continued without her in their privilege of teaching the little ones. They and the children feel the big gap in their lives now. We do pray the anti-God forces will give churches back their liberty. It is good to be back in the services. Mahlon has just celebrated his 89th birthday, another milestone. This year has seen some faithful servants of our Lord and Savior be promoted to hear “Thou Good and Faithful Servant” from our Savior.

Annie Dyck was 97 years old, born in Russia of German Mennonite parents, who escaped to Canada. She was only three years old when they buried her mother in Russia. Her life had been full of hardships and hard work. Her husband's father of 10 children was killed by thugs in Russia while guarding their belongings ere they were to leave Russia. He had had a premonition of such and had told his family to leave anyway if such occurred. They left. Her strong work ethic was evident till the day she died. God led her to our church in Chilliwack while living in Clearbrook. She sold her house and moved to Chilliwack, and then she sold her house in Chilliwack and moved to Kamloops with us with the purpose of helping start Berean Baptist Church, becoming one of the five founding members. What an asset she was. The church started in her new house. She in her 70-80's was teaching the nursery class with well prepared lessons and good control in kitchens in our different rental locations after moving out of her house until we bought our building. Then she sold again and bought the former parsonage next door to church and became the self-appointed care taker of the grounds—mowing the lawn twice a week perfectly. For 30 years she was our prayer warrior and co-laborer. Being childless she became Grandma Dyck to our daughter and family, a loving lasting relationship to the end.

Audrey's sister-in-law Naomi Nordmo, a missionary daughter, passed away in February. She was always willing to pray for our concerns. So glad she passed before covid-19.

Mahlon's Sister-in-law Beka Horton (ABEKA) passed away June 27. Her husband in the same building was forbidden to see her for three months due to Covid-19's unreasonable restrictions. He was to see her the week of her funeral. She is now in her new body

Committed to His Service, *Mahlon and Audrey*

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THE HORTONS ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Dr. and Mrs. Horton have faithfully served as international church planters for over 50 years. Now they are raising awareness for the need of church planters in the Far North.

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