



YWAM Canada is gearing up for a major outreach to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver this coming Feb. Our base will be very involved with the evangelism to the masses of people that

will be attending the Olympics. We will be bringing both our Fall DTS (Discipleship Training School) and our Winter DTS to the Olympics where we will spend 3 weeks doing street evangelism and helping with larger evangelism efforts like concerts and street preaching.



We have taken on a new role at the base. Along with being the directors of the Discipleship Training School, and helping in the English School, we have become the "Communications Department." We are now also working at maintaining the base website ([www.ywamblackfalds.com](http://www.ywamblackfalds.com)) - You should check out the new designs we did for the website! We will also be making posters, advertising, brochures, and promoting YWAM schools and events!



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## Family

What a blessing it is to raise our boys in a Missions Organization like YWAM. Every morning they come with us for a time of worship and prayer with the rest of the staff and our students. Then at meal times they hear us talking about how we can help our neighbours and in the evening Gideon has been praying for people who have been hurt by the recent tsunamis in the Pacific.

Whenever possible we include our boys in whatever we are doing. Last week a local family invited us to come dig potatoes out of their garden to give to the poor. Gideon spent the whole afternoon with us as we dug 500 pounds of potatoes to give to seniors living in our community.

It is our hope and prayer that our boys will see that living a life totally devoted to God is the best life possible.



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## What's ahead?

Oct 26-30 - Go Conference in Gull Lake, AB - YWAM Missions Conference

Nov 9-13 - Adam teaching Spiritual Warfare in Vancouver DTS

Nov 25 - Dec 8 - Missions/YWAM promotion in New Zealand

Dec 8 - Dec 24 - Family Christmas with Brooke and Soni in Australia

Jan 11 - Olympic focus Discipleship Training School begins

Feb 8 - 28 - Outreach to Vancouver Olympics

## Atkinson Account



Fall 2009

## community

We have now lived in Blackfalds for just over a year and it is really beginning to feel like home.

Adam is on the board of our local social services agency and has become very involved in several projects around the town. Kim and the boys have made many new friends in the community and we are preparing to start a bible study in our house for some of our new friends and neighbours.

As we visit people in the community we have found that many people suffer from intense loneliness. Even though our community is growing and full of young families (we grew by almost 1,000 people in the past year) most of them have very few friends, do not know their neighbours, and have nothing to do with the Church. These people rarely go outside but spend most of their time watching TV or playing on the computer (a modern curse?).

As followers of Christ we need to reach out to these people and tell them about God's desire for them to return to His family. We need to do more than say hi to them as we pass them on the streets. We need to invite them into our homes, offer to help them with projects around their house, and become a part of their lives. Most of the people that you see walking the streets are yearning for friendship and meaning in their lives. What an opportunity for us to share Christ with them!

## finances

God continues to look after all of our families needs and teaches us more about faith every day. As our ministry grows both here in Central Alberta and S. E. Asia (India / Thailand / S. Korea) we have needed to increase our ministry budget by about \$12,000. Living in our own house in town also means that we have needed to raise our personal budget by about \$5,000. This means that we are trusting God for \$17,000 more than last year. We continue to say yes to ministry opportunities believing that God will be faithful. Thank you so much for joining in God's work here in Alberta and beyond!

"Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' ... Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper money in your pockets; do not carry a beggar's bag for the trip or an extra shirt or shoes or a walking stick. Workers should be given what they need." Matthew 10:7-10