

Dear friends and family,

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This year, God has been challenging me to make changes in myself in order to better serve and connect with the youth in my ministry. I noticed that my energy was inconsistent, and I was not proud of what I was pouring into the youth. I needed to start consistently reading the Bible and pouring into myself so that I had more to give. Once I started a devotion plan where I read the Bible every day, the difference in my energy became clear. **I have been able to answer the youths' many questions with Bible verses that appear off the top of my head and bring satisfying and Godly conclusions to them.** I also connected with other youth ministers who are introverted just like myself, and they were able to provide me with support and encouragement as well as methods to help maintain my energy with youth over long periods of time.

At home, I have continued to develop in my new married life. My wife now has a new job selling jewelry at the mall and she just loves it. She also started teaching voice and piano lessons from our house! We are both working hard to keep affording our home and food, which God has continually blessed us with every day, and we are strengthening our relationships with both sets of parents and siblings. It's been very good; we have tons of support from our biological and church families as well as from those who have partnered with me in my ministry.

One of my primary goals is to complete raising support. I would like to ask if you would join me in God's work. I am currently working 25 hours a week, but my goal is to reach full-time support at 40 hours a week. At full time, my goal is to spend more time at Lindsay Thurber High School—starting new programs and helping teach more Japanese classes, building relationships with students and bringing them to church. Kids these days are thirsty for something spiritual, and I intend to give them a drink from the fountain that will quench their thirst for good. **My joy is to turn them to Christ so He can give them the hope and wholeness that we enjoy as children of God!**

I would like to follow up this letter with a call or a visit to answer any questions you may have. If you feel called to partner with me in this ministry through monthly support, annual giving, or a one time gift, please scan the following QR code or go to cayu.ca/give/staff and select my name in the drop-down menu. To support through credit card, fill in the enclosed donation form and mail in the reply envelope or contact me to pick it up. For pre-authorized debit information, call Estelle at 1-403-789-2298.

We pray for you and your family to have a rich and blessed winter season.

With gratitude,

Matthew Purdie

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