



# **GISLASON FAMILY UPDATE - 2024**



## **A Good & Beautiful Life!**

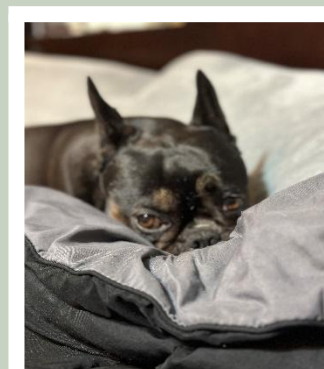
Hayden celebrated 1 year with BGC Wolf Creek – Ponoka Youth Centre and loves the kids he gets to work with every day. He has found a passion for Jiu Jitsu and a wonderful community with Wolf Creek Martial Arts. He is pursuing strength, self-discipline, and holistic well-being while maintaining his amazing sense of humor and love for the arts.

Mia is in Gr. 11 and is already setting post-high school goals. She engages in as many sports as she can, but her greatest love is basketball. She is vibrant, determined, and tender-hearted.

Travis continues to work away, but we were able to get away for a long overdue summer vacation. We are also planning a trip to Nashville in 2025 to celebrate a milestone birthday and anniversary!

## **Honorable Mentions:**

- Hayden competed in his first Jiu Jitsu competition
- Mia made it to Track & Field Provincials for triple-jump
- We added a new fur baby to the family - Rory the Frenchton.





## Shenoa's Ministry Highlights

- Attending my 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Ministry through Wholeness Through Christ
- Successful Peer to Peer Fundraising with our Golf Marathon & Hike for Hope
- Hiring some really exceptional staff
- Creating a more robust counseling team
- Finding a fun and creative way to encourage engagement from our staff with our Policy Manual (BINGO!)
- Study Tour in Turkiye with 5 other CAYU staff and 40+ staff from YFC across Canada



## A Few Takeaways from Turkiye:

- You can't lead someone to somewhere you yourself have not gone
- It's not a real revival if what's happening in the chapel doesn't reach the streets
- The gospel is a mission and a movement, not an institution
- We need to pass the torch well
- We must learn, teach, model, & disciple "as we go"
- The darker it gets, the brighter the gospel shines



Overall, 2024 has been a year full of surprises, joy, adventures, and hope! As a family, we are looking forward to 2025 and all that God will invite us into. Our prayer and wish for you is that you will feel the tenderness and warmth of our Savior's love, each moment, each day.  
Merry Christmas!

*With love,  
Travis, Shenoa, Hayden & Mia*

