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1) LEADERSHIP CHANGES

e3 Canada was set to have Strategy Coordinators overseeing various regions across Canada. We had a *National* Strategy Coordinator overseeing all aspects of Strategy in e3 Canada but this person has decided it was time to move on to pursue other ventures.

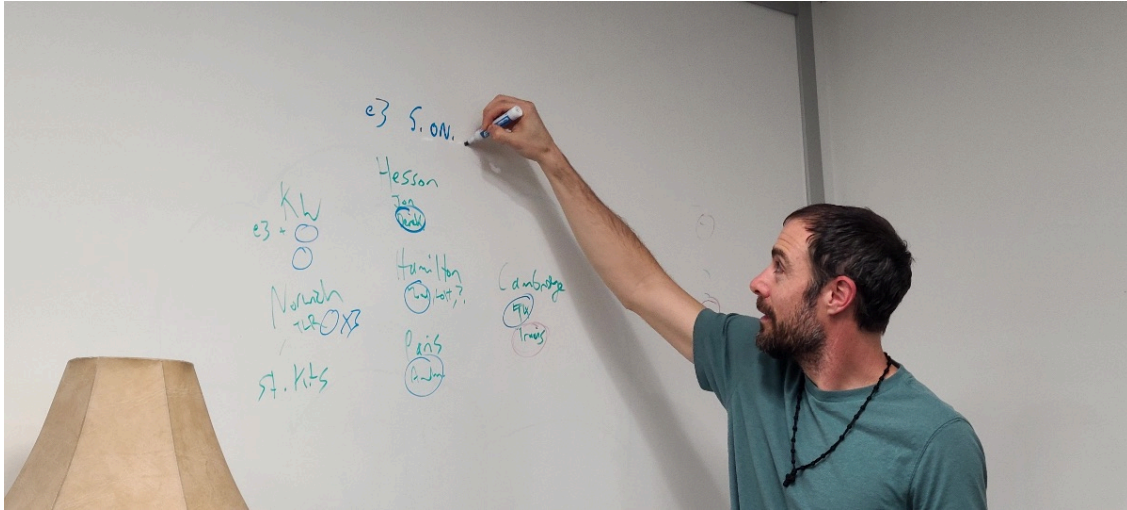
As we prayed and white boarded together, we realized there is a wealth of wisdom amongst our Strategy Coordinators already. We also felt it was wise to invite into the Strategy team Jeremy Switzer who God has used to raise up 7 house churches in the last few years in Nanaimo, BC. As God started speaking to us, we ended up forming a Domestic Strategy Team and an International Strategy Team of Canadians who also serve the nations of the world.

Both Domestic and International Strategy Team will meet and then once a month will gather all together to discern what God is saying to our ministry. We believe that even more "good fruit" will be birthed from this strategic approach moving forward.

There are a number of moving parts at e3 Canada right now. Our book keeper of 10 years is retiring, the financial office is being moved to Ontario, other segments of the staff have moved and shifted and new leaders have emerged. This is a time of incredible growth!

Our Executive Director, Jeremy Doorten has been praying and discerning who to have in his Senior Leadership Team and has invited me to consider this

special role much like an elder in the church. I have decided to embrace this calling and will be part of the SLT to steer the decision making processes, discernment and other matters that impact the director of e3 Canada moving forward.



2) ONE ON ONE EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

Evangelism

In evangelism, it is rare that a person gives their life to Christ right away (However, take a look at the story below of John!).

More often than not, we make a new connection and follow up with that person at a coffee shop or, as the weather gets warmer, at a picnic table at a park.

Ramin is an example of this. He's a Muslim mystic. We were out asking if we can pray for people and he was the last person I engaged that day. I asked him if I could pray for him and he looked at me for 30 seconds silently. I kept my mind in prayer while also wondering if he was wrestling with mental health. He said, "Maturity".

"What is maturity to you?" I asked.

He said, "There are roots and there is fruit, you know?"

"Yah, I do know," I said with a smile. Jesus talks about this. "Want to grab a coffee right now and look at what Jesus says?" He consented!

We've met three times. "What does it mean that flesh gives birth to flesh and spirit gives birth to spirit?" he asked as we slowly went through John chapter 3.

In our second meeting, one of my co-labourers asked him what caused him to have these meetings. His answer took me back. He said, "I saw healing in his eyes" as he pointed to me. Spoken like a mystic, haha!

Discipleship

This has been a season of focusing on what we in e3 call 'Timothys'. Timothy's are disciples who want to make disciples. Most of the ones I've been meeting with are young adult men.

Stuart. Anthony, a man in our network, has had a long standing relationship with Stuart. Anthony would keep answering questions from the scriptures when they saw each other at the gym. Then Anthony introduced Stuart to me. Around this time, through God's providence and other gospel labourers, Stuart ended up at Forward Church. He got baptized there on Easter Sunday. Sometimes, his mom attends church with him, his girlfriend attended some of our Tuesday night teachings on the heart and we are lining up a lunch for his brother to meet with me to discuss Christianity.

Todd. He was at an 8 week evangelism training we did through the summer. He has been coming out to our Sunday afternoon outreach. We're doing another training Wednesday nights right now and he's bringing out his sister.

Jonathan. He is a pastor at a church. He found out about our network through one of the evangelists in our network who is on an online map. Jonathan attended an 8 week training at a house in Kitchener and joins us on the streets sometimes on Friday mornings.

Derek. He is a businessman who wants to see rural communities develop vibrant relationships with God. He came to our summer training and traveled to North Carolina with a couple of us get further training. I could see him planting a church one day.

Bayo. He immigrated to Canada a few months ago from Nigeria. He moved

here with his wife and three kids. We met him during a street outreach and now he is part of our house church, a weekly training at Williams Coffee Shop and our Sunday afternoon outreaches. He is starting to share the gospel at the factory where he works.

Andrew and Hannah. This dedicated couple are a great blessing to many. Andrew considers me a mentor. I've had a few get togethers with him and he has joined me doing outreach. They have a real gift for leading prayer and worship nights. The one I attended was absolutely beautiful. Andrew is going to be helping lead outreaches around Paris and Brantford.

There are a few others. I have to say, one on ones is probably my favourite area of ministry. Whether they are exploring the faith or wanting to go deeper, looking to start a missional group or start a church, it is such a great privilege and joy walking alongside people on the faith journey.

We are all headed to Jesus Christ. He is our final destiny and the Ultimate Judge. It really matters that the gospel is shared and that those of us who know Christ don't slacken in the faith. Let's press on!

Thanks for your prayers and partnership in this cause.



3) THE AMAZING STORY OF *JOHN

* I've changed his name for the sake of privacy.

Four years ago, we were out doing evangelism in Guelph. A gospel labourer, who is in a separate yet converged network with ours, engaged a man who was standing at the bus station across the street.

After they talked a while, the both of them walked over to us sharing that he was going to get baptized right away.

John was a king-pin drug dealer and everybody was out to get him that day. He was sick of his way of life and he had hit rock bottom.

We always say we are looking for a God-ready person. This was him!

We took him to a lake in Guelph and baptized him. It was such a beautiful day. His countenance completely changed, he was shining bright and truly a new man.

Discipleship was difficult after this. He had an immense battle getting off drugs and was getting sucked back to his old way of life. This was my first time seeing how nasty detox can be. I drove him from Cambridge to Guelph one day wondering if he was going to die on my watch and arguing about whether to go to the hospital or not. We eventually lost touch with him.

Fast forward 4 years to a few weeks ago. We were on the streets of Kitchener and ran in to him. He shared that he ended up going to rehab, is walking with the Lord, fighting against Satan every day and he's trying to find a church that he can fit in. We told him about our weekly coffee shop discovery Bible studies just up the street. While sharing, he reached in his jacket breast pocket and pulled out a small Bible. He explained it's always on him and it's been his life-source.

Praise God!



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