## BUHLER'S UPDATE - OCT. 2025 LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD







Circle of Nations was once again a wonderful time of celebrating our diversity and unity in Christ. Many people from close to 60 nations gathered in traditional clothing to sing praises, wave flags and enjoy food from around the world. Mark was responsible to facilitate food for 500 guests. Many generous cooks and lower attendance led to full bellies and lots to take home.

## **FAMILY TIME**

We enjoyed a great visit from Jonathan and Calista in mid-September. We are thankful for their commitment to the youth of Whitehorse, Yukon. Living in the north is challenging but they are facing it head on in faith and service. Jonathan is enrolled in the online Immerse program from Northwest Baptist in Langley for pastoral training. He is gaining valuable hands on experience in the church they attend.

Catherine and I were treated to a wonderful vacation on Cortes Island. It was an idyllic setting overlooking the ocean. There

were trails which wound through the forests. Our hosts were very friendly and generous with their time and resources. The meals were so sumptuous and healthy (every item 100% gluten free). I swam in the ocean which admittedly was quite cold but invigorating. On the flight back, I even got to handle the controls of the Kodiak plane.  $\odot$ 





Within two days of our return I got a call from a distraught young woman who told me her mother had just died. I have known this family since 2014 and walked with them through many joys and challenges. The next two weeks were very challenging as myself and others in our church community sought to support the hurting family members. It was hard but a privilege to be able to officiate at the funeral and internment. A long road lies ahead to help the three adult children move into a healthy future.



Over the next few days I will be making chili for 300. We expect close to 200 at our Remembrance Day Sunday (Nov.9). Our lead pastor is a chaplain for the Navy reserve base in Vancouver and he has invited many to come. It seems that chili is a traditional meal for these reserves unbeknownst to us. The other 100 servings is for Austin's football team and coaches as they wrap up their season in the next few weeks of playoff action.





Blessings and Thanks

Mark and Catherine

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