



Testimonies from Around the World

Calgary, AB, Canada

Carpentry Mission, September 2016



Frame basement rooms; install electrical outlets, lights, switches, circuit breakers, TV cable, phone wires, insulation and sheetrock.

September 18, 2016 the team arrived at Calgary airport and the Pastor met them and drove to his home. We met his wife and four children; Eden, Karis, Lydia and Abigail. The Pastor's father was also present. We looked at the basement layout, tools and supplies available for the work. At 4 pm, we ate lunch with the family. We then took the family van and drove to the hotel and checked in. We all stayed in one room with queen beds and a sofa bed.

Later that evening, we went to the Save-A-Lot grocery store and bought water, apples and breakfast food. We then went to Fatburger and had dinner.

September 19: 0700 we drove to the Pastor's home and ate breakfast. We then began to work on the basement framing. We chalk lined the floor for each room and began building walls. The sheetrock was delivered and we helped move it through the window into the basement. Jim put together a new slide miter saw and table. Lunch was at the Pastor's home. We completed most of the wall framing this day. We quit working about 7 pm and the Pastor's father drove us to Montana's restaurant and bought us dinner. We drove back to the hotel about 9 pm.

September 20: 0700 drove to the Pastor's home and ate breakfast. Finished framing and Rob began installing electrical boxes etc. We brought the bath tub down from the garage and placed it in the bathroom. The plumber had come the evening before and said we needed to dip out the pre-installed bathtub drain. Steve and I used a hammer drill to make a slot in the concrete and then broke it out with a sledge. We had to remove a 5 gallon bucket of rock to uncover the drain line. Throughout the day we worked on electrical wiring and connections. Lunch with the Pastor's family again.

The plumber is coming this evening to hookup all the plumbing. We were notified that the framing, wiring and plumbing inspectors would be here tomorrow. Therefore we had to complete all the electrical, framing and plumbing this evening. We also had to be away from the home when the inspectors were there. We ate dinner with the Pastor's family and continued work afterwards. The plumber arrived later that evening and began his work. The Pastor worked with

him to complete the plumbing. The Pastor had surgery on his hand earlier this week and was wearing a cast. He was having pain in it but worked along with us anyway. We finished our work at midnight and drove back to hotel.

September 21: 0800 drove to the Pastor's home and picked up the Pastor's father and headed for Banff. He stopped for gas and bought us breakfast at Tim Hortons. We then drove to Banff, Lake Louise and Lake Moraine. At 2 pm we stopped at the Spaghetti Factory for lunch. I bought lunch through FBC for the team and family members. We returned at Calgary at 7:30 pm. We ate snacks in the room for dinner.

September 22: 0700 to the Pastor's home for breakfast. Rob continued with electrical wiring, hooking up circuit breakers and powering up can lights in the rooms. We had a minor problem with two broken wires. We began installing insulation in ceilings and walls. All of us began hanging sheetrock in the different rooms. The rooms have 9 foot ceiling and we hung the upper and lower four foot sections of rock leaving a 7 inch gap in the middle for the Pastor and his father to install. We installed sheetrock on all the ceilings and about seventy percent of the rooms. We stopped at 6 pm for dinner and then resumed our work on the basement. We worked until 9 pm finishing the electrical connections. We drove to the hotel and prepared for our trip home the next day.



September 23: 0800 Checked out of hotel. The Pastor and his father met us at the hotel. He drove the truck back to the Pastor's home and the Pastor drove us to the airport. 0830 we checked in at the West Jet Kiosk and got our boarding passes. 10:30 am departed Calgary YYC. We ate lunch/dinner at the Nobel Burger in airport. Arrived Chattanooga 11:38 pm. Pick up Jim's POV at airport and drive to Cleveland.

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