

# Please Pray



"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness . . . if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually . . ."

*Isaiah 58:6,10-11a*

I am Matthew Vanderkwaak, a twenty something Chilliwack resident coming from a family of six. I finished grade 12 three years ago with huge ambition, a love for music and art, and a longing for independence. This translated to me spending two years at Briercrest College, two provinces away, studying scripture and music. While I had a few ideas of what I wanted those years to entail; the Lord proved to be sovereign and my time at Briercrest ended up being the most transformational years of my life. The Lord had begun to create in me a heart for justice, humility, and mercy.

Discontent with the often overly materialistic nature of life in Canada, I was appalled at the luxury I lived in while, so many around the world struggled in poverty. From this frustration I often prayed that the Lord would reveal to me his will and lead me where he wanted me to go.

After graduating with a two year degree in music I went home and got a job in a bakery and started to wonder, "What is the Lord going to do, now." Before the prayer could even leave my mouth, God proved his sovereignty yet again, and I was asked to work for One Life One Chance as a Media Designer. I've now been given the opportunity to work under an organization serving the orphans and widows; baptizing in the name of Christ, while using the creative gifts God has given me. I'm bewildered by the grace upon grace that the Lord pours in my life, and am so excited to step forward into this new chapter.

Please pray that I would have a renewed conviction, a soft heart, and a strong desire to seek the Lords will in my life. One of the most beautiful things about working in the Kingdom is that we are not doing it alone. Thank you for your time and support.