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Mike's Ministry Update

Sport Ministry/
Hockey Chaplain



The difference a billet family can make!!

My mission is to offer a safe, emotional, and spiritual place for those in the sporting world

50 years ago (feels like yesterday sometimes) my dad in August asked if I was interested in playing junior hockey in BC with the Vancouver Jr. Canucks. I was 17 and going into Grade 12. **Now of course I said YES.** But I did not know what to expect having never lived away from home before.

I was quickly informed that I would be living with Coach Bill and his family. The Wilms family were very welcoming and very quickly treated me as part of the family (with an 8 yr old girl, 5 yr old boy, and a baby on the way). We ate together, played mini-sticks, rode with Bill to practice/games, played golf courses including in backyard, played chess, and he often asked me questions about God.

Bill and Eve played a very important part in who I am today and I will be forever grateful.

These days many players at different levels are billeted and it definitely is a transition time for both players and families. **Here is one player's experience,** *"I would say from the second I started living with them they made me feel like family. We spent lots of time together playing games, sports, watching sports together etc. so it didn't take long for them to become family to me. They left a huge impact on me, as a person and in my faith walk by always being there to support me."*

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in billeting it is an enriching experience, and it benefits a young man/lady.

Ministry Highlights:

- As the hockey season (winter) has wound down and the pace is a bit different, **please pray** for conversations I will have with players, parents, partners and those in the community who ask how it's going. 😊
- Leading to Fall, and in the coming months, I will intentionally text, facetime, connect with players. **Pray & Praise for my conversations with a few players (Pistons, RHA, local),** who want to know and learn more about God, as well as wanting to work through some personal situations.

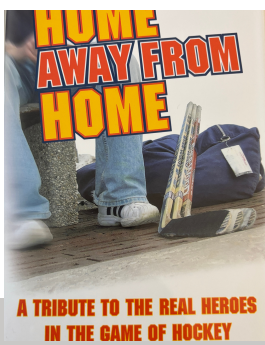
Prayer & Praise item:

- **Prayer** as I continue my ministry with FCA Canada & look to **build a team** to assist in various areas of ministry locally and meet with those interested in becoming involved in the hockey ministry.
- **Prayer for Cheryl & I** and wisdom as we walk alongside our kids, offer support for them, & build relationships with our grandkids.
- **Prayer for the Pistons group -- Paul and his staff,** as they spend time in the next months talking with players and shaping the team for next hockey season.

Ministry:

In January I began meeting with a teacher and some students to start a middle school sports huddle group at a noon hour. Every other week I have met with 5 students who help lead our lunch meetings every three weeks. Pray this goes smoothly as the students lead these huddles and now as we begin to talk and plan for the next school year.

Pictured below is one of our first sport huddle group times in a middle school meeting at lunch.



PARTNERSHIP: FCA Canada is faith funded ministry where I am able to raise my yearly salary with the partnership of others. It's been almost one year now and so I need to work at getting my next year (July '26 - June '27) support through either one-time gifts and/or increasing my monthly partners list.

A **VERY BIG** thank you to those of you who have or are partnering with me, either on a monthly basis or with a one-time gift.

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