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THIS FALL: LAUNCHING AT LAKESHORE

Big news! In our last edition, I mentioned a door that seemed to be opening for our ministry to reach even more students. Here's the update:

I'm excited to announce that **The Embassy will be expanding to another campus this fall!** Here's where we're headed, and what made this possible.



Welcome to Lakeshore campus! Walking around this place reminds me of Humber North in 2008—the weight of the challenge ahead, balanced by a growing sense of God going before us.

Humber Polytechnic (formerly Humber College) actually consists of two main campuses located about 20 minutes apart: North, where we've served for the past 18 years, and Lakeshore—a beautiful, sprawling campus right on (you guessed it) Lakeshore Boulevard.

Lakeshore is a very different setting from North, with its own culture, rhythms, and demographics. I'm learning all I can, feeling inspired by the potential here, and very thankful for the progress we've made so far!



WHY HERE, WHY NOW?

Here's the story. Over the years, we've developed a good working relationship with another long-standing ministry at this campus whose staff worker announced plans to retire in the near future. With no clear successor in place, **the possibility of this campus being left without any Christian ministry was deeply concerning** for everyone around the table—including the ministry's leadership and staff from nearby churches with a heart to reach this school.

Last fall, the idea was raised of The Embassy expanding its ministry to Lakeshore. After several months of prayer and careful consideration, I began to sense that God may indeed be making a way for us here. Since then, I've been so encouraged by how many significant pieces have fallen into place. The process has unfolded so smoothly so far, and we're well on our way!



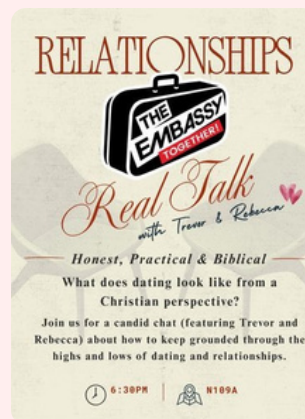
In fact, because both campuses fall under the same student governance structure, **The Embassy's presence at North provides a huge boost for Lakeshore.** The new site has already been approved to operate under the oversight of our existing student executives, alongside a group of new student leaders recently onboarded to help lead it this fall. We're excited for what's ahead!

STEADY STEPS

"So, a whole other campus... think you can manage it?" It's a fair question, and one that's come up in certain conversations over the past while. Needless to say, with more students and leaders to care for—along with the additional support-raising required to sustain the new endeavour—balance will be key in the season ahead.

However, because our ministry model is designed to be so scalable, I'm confident that with some thoughtful planning and intentional leadership development, we can faithfully serve both campuses. That said, **I'd really appreciate your prayers over the next few months** as everything comes together. For more on that, keep scrolling!

"Relationships: Real Talk"



From Rebecca: During a special service this past semester, we had the privilege of talking with students about the complex world of dating. More than ever before, we feel that young people are being pushed to focus solely on their future career, inevitably putting dating, marriage, and having children on the backburner. Of course, we acknowledge that pursuing an education is a worthy endeavor that can help provide opportunity and security for the future; however, we believe this pursuit should never take the place of other God-given longings — including (for those who feel called to it) marriage.

Instead, we believe that in many cases, both of these pursuits can be sought after simultaneously. And I'm sure you'd agree, a balanced life is key—a life that not only focuses on career and personal achievement, but also God's beautiful design for marriage and the nuclear family. In a society that seems to value this design less and less, we encouraged students to take a step back and reorient themselves toward all that is deeply meaningful in life.



- **BUILT AND REBUILT:** I'm happy to report that we've fully onboarded all student leaders needed for the new term—including a brand new core team to help establish the new community at Lakeshore and a fully rebuilt team for Humber North. From nominations to interviews, it felt like an unusually smooth process this year. I'm so encouraged by the faith, character, and passion of these new leaders, and I'm looking forward to a leadership retreat in August designed to help equip them for the year ahead. Bring on September!

(Item hidden for privacy/security reasons. Please [sign up here](#) to receive prayer requests and other special content directly to your inbox. Thank you!)

This situation has only underscored for me the importance of planting **gospel-centred, theologically sound, outreach-focused ministries on our campuses**. Thank you for helping us introduce students to Jesus Christ—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—the only one in whom their souls can find true rest.



PRAISE REPORTS

Thank you for praying with us for these things!



PRAYER REQUESTS

We're in for an action-packed term! Here's what we're praying for.

PREPARING TO LAUNCH:

- Pray for The Embassy's core leadership teams, including many who are new to their roles. Pray for courage, wisdom, and healthy priorities as they navigate life and leadership.
- Pray that existing partners will graciously accept some new limits on my availability (particularly around extra travel and speaking) in the interest of managing the workload.
- Pray that God will continue to call Kingdom-minded workers to the harvest at Humber. The opportunity for ministry at an institution of this size is incredible!
- Pray for provision. Please see below to get a sense of how the new launch will likely impact the missionary budget—and how you can support the work if you feel led.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: READY TO GROW

Part of my process in discerning whether we were ready for this involved taking a careful look at the missionary budget. **Thanks to our incredible partners (that's you), I'm happy to report that we have what we need to get this new work at Lakeshore off the ground!** In fact, aside from a few startup costs (such as floor banners and other equipment) and some additional outreach expenses (Bibles and giveaway supplies), our ongoing operational budget is not expected to increase dramatically—at least for now.

That said, a second campus does bring new ongoing costs, and **we need to begin building the additional support required to sustain the new community** for the long haul. Would you consider helping us start strong this fall? All donations are tax-deductible, and every gift, regardless of size, is much appreciated.

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Thank you!

We're so grateful for your prayers and partnership in this work. We want to continue keeping you informed, so watch out for another pre-launch update video coming your way this September (if you've signed up to receive them).

Until then, God bless you, and have a fantastic summer!