

Community of Christ

20 April 2017

Greetings Sisters and Brothers of the Canada West Mission Centre,

Here in Independence the leaves on the trees outside my office are gloriously green. It's the week after Easter and it certainly feels like resurrection! I hope you are all feeling the reality, power and hope of the resurrection in your lives!

Yesterday, Steve Thompson joined us via video conference for the regular Canada West Mission Centre staff meeting. It was wonderful to see him doing so well and to hear again of his very successful heart surgery and recovery.

Many are aware that Darrell Belrose has been serving as interim mission centre president during Steve's time of surgery and recovery. Darrell has done a wonderful job, far exceeding any of our expectations (although I guess I'm not really surprised). He has provided staff support and has covered the various administrative and mission related matters that never stop around the mission centre. Darrell, you are AMAZING and on behalf of the whole mission centre and the church I say THANK-YOU! Thanks also to your family for graciously sacrificing time with you as you have generously shared your leadership skills with us.

Darrell and Steve have already begun to transition as Darrell and Mary Jean have prepared for their immanent move to Ontario.

Officially, on 1 May 2017, Steve Thompson will return full time to the role of Mission Centre President and Mission Centre Financial Officer for Canada West Mission Centre. Starting on that date, please return to relating directly with Steve on matters related to these roles.

Of course you also have a great staff of gifted servants in Canada West who are also there to support you in mission. Thanks to Debra, Lisa and Parker for all their extra work during this time.

Prayers for Steve as he returns to his roles.

Blessings to all in Canada West Mission Centre,



Art Smith, your field apostle