

Elicia Christofferson spending one year in Stoney Creek, Ontario with Gospel for Asia's School of Discipleship

MOOSE TRACKS TO CANADA

Hello friends!

If moving to a new country was like falling off a cliff, that is where I'm at right now, about to fall off a cliff! And getting ready to fall off that cliff with joy and excitement, no less.

Perhaps that's an imperfect metaphor, but that is what this transition feels like. It's such a big change from what I know right now, and from what I've ever known. It will be living with new people, eating new food, living in a new country, and doing new things with my life and my time. And I'm not just moving to Canada for the sake of moving to a new country. Most of me would rather stay here at home; comfortable and normal, but God has led me to do the School of Discipleship in Canada for a year and I look forward to this year with excitement.

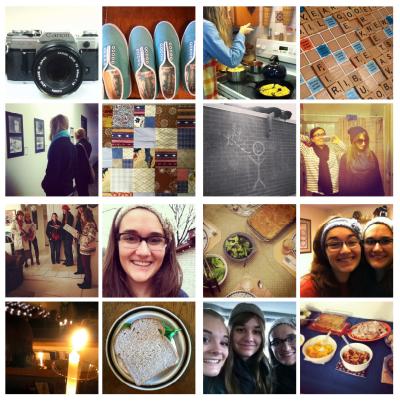
On January 18th, I fly out to Toronto with a one way ticket. The official start day for my SD class is January 19th, and several days after that I will find out my ministry placement in the office. My class has eight people in it: my friend Sharlena and I (we grew up together as GFA staff kids) and six Canadians. Six of our class are girls, and we'll be living together in a house a few minutes walk from the GFA office. My address will be **161 King Street East, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1L6** and my phone number will be **(905)930-7350**.

I have to raise support for my discipleship year to cover the costs of food, rent, and traveling to Asia, etc. My beginning goal was \$10,200 and by God's grace 62% has already come in to my account. God has provided for me abundantly! He has answered prayer and brought in much of my support. If you are interested in helping me reach the rest of this goal, you can donate toward my School of Discipleship year at www.mygfa.org/supportellie. You can also send a check to the Gospel for Asia office with my donation code #6665 in the memo (1800 Golden Trail Ct, Carrollton, TX 75010.) One time gifts are appreciated, as well as monthly pledged donations.

To find out more about the School of Discipleship, you can visit www.gfa.org/school.

Besides preparing to go to Canada, I've been busy with lots of other fun things this fall. Being out of high school is cool. During the fall 2012 semester I took a News Photography class at a local community college. I spent many hours in the lab and darkroom learning to develop black and white film. Some of my photos were displayed in a few gallery shows at the end of the semester.

Clara and I had a small business together selling handmade shoes, bracelets, and owls with a shop



on Etsy called The Moose and The Owl. Through November and December, I sold dozens of hand-painted shoes to people all over the world. Many of the pairs were Christmas gifts, so it's fun to think of something I made being worn and loved.

Christmastime and winter break have been wonderful. Having all of my family together and spending time with them has been really nice. We even had a white Christmas! Christmas morning started out with thunderstorms, and then as temperatures dropped and more storms blew in, snowflakes began falling from the sky. This was actually the very first white Christmas that I remember.

I'm looking forward to the year 2013, and can't wait to see all that God will do in my life.

If you want to keep up with me while I'm in Canada, I'll be sending out bi-monthly update letters, and also posting photos and snippets of my life online.

Your continued prayers and support for me are abundantly appreciated.

With love in Jesus,

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