

## THE DALTONS

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Winter 2026 Newsletter

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### Falling Back Into Routine

**We** are well overdue in updating you all on our 2026 ministries because of all we've been up to these past months! We are super excited to be back in the swing of things and have some fun updates for you in this newsletter. Enjoy the following summaries of God's goodness, and get excited alongside us for the completion of another DTS!

*What's new in this update?*

AMDTS Starts!

Sweet as Honey

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Arts and Music DTS is back!



*The class of the 2026 AMDTS! We are a whopping 21 students strong!*

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It has been 2 years since our last Arts and music Discipleship Training School, and with over double the number of students since our last AMDTS we are so excited to see what God has in store!

We are currently over halfway done the school — with our graduation happening this July — so there is a lot to update you on!

**Nations represented in this school:**

- Canada CA
- France FR
- Germany DE
- Mexico MX
- Netherlands NL
- Scotland 🇬🇧

- South Korea KR
- Switzerland CH
- United States of America us

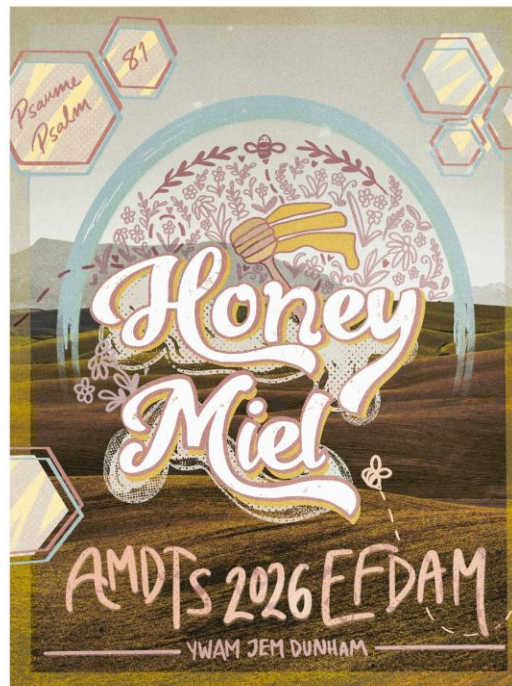
Sweet as Honey

### Our DTS Theme: Honey

Before the start of every school, the staff take time to pray and ask the Lord what theme he wants to speak over this particular group of students and this iteration of the DTS.

**This theme is referenced constantly throughout the school and acts as a sort of through-line of Gods character to focus on throughout all the programming.**

This year our staff team felt that the theme should be “Honey”. Sam also got to design the poster for this school (see the following image)!



This is in reference to 3 different comparisons made with the word Honey in the bible.

1. **Honey as Provision** : “Honey from The Rock” (Psalm 81)
2. **Honey as Promise** : “A land flowing with Milk and Honey” (Exodus 3:8)
3. **Honey as the Word** : “Sweet as honey on my lips” (Psalm 19:10)

We felt that these ways that the bible speaks about honey would speak to our students as they seek to know God and make him known.

### Outreach Locations

This year we have enough students and staff to send out not just two, but **THREE** different missions teams for the practical portion of the DTS program. For 10 weeks we will have teams in:

1. **Senegal SN** - we've got many connections and history in sending teams here. Stephan went there on his DTS in 2018 and YWAM Dunham sent a family to start a YWAM base there as long term missionaries in 2023.
2. **French Guiana GF** - it has been a long while since sending a team here so much of the teams work will be in pioneering connections and contacts for future teams
3. **Quebec CA** - we like to send at least one team throughout Quebec and/or the rest of Canada to further the work God is doing in our own backyard. This year we felt to place an emphasis on serving the First Nations in Quebec, and also on Montreal as we build up to this summer's 50th anniversary evangelism campaign.

We are so excited to see Gods faithfulness in these places and hear of the testimonies upon everyone's return.

### **What about us?**

Samantha was asked to co-lead the Quebec team for the first half (approximately one month total) of the outreach to help get things started before the team transitions to serving the second half in Montreal. This was both a helpful time limit given the nature of serving as a family on missions, but also with baby number two on the way (spoiler!) we were not sure what capacity Sam would have once 5 months pregnant. The team will have another staff consistently with them from beginning to end of the outreach, and they will also receive two more staff upon entering Montreal.

We just returned from this time of co-leading and cannot wait to send a summary in an upcoming newsletter! Pray for the team as they continue to labour on in their remaining 6 weeks of missions work!

### **Y-Teens Ministry Update**

Our Youth ministry of YWAM Teens, or '*Y-Teens*' as we affectionately call it, has entered a new year and is continuing off where we had started in the fall with our theme of "Missions". But now, we are planning to kick things up a notch!

In our last update we mentioned the youth group had gone back to our regular rhythm of alternating **Session weeks** and **Chosen Nights**, and we introduced the theme of this year, **Missions**. This was because we have a huge 50th anniversary campaign as YWAM Dunham kicking off this summer with evangelism in Montreal.

### **We are finished Chosen Nights! What now?**

Since last year, we have been making our way through the TV series inspired by the life of Jesus and His disciples, “The Chosen” and we have already made it through the entire series currently available! Each week we would watch two episodes and take time to discuss them afterwards. But now that we are finished, what do we do every other week at Y-Teens?

We are gearing up with more practical discipleship and opportunities for the teens to put into action their desire to get out in the community. We are preparing a dance presentation to share the gospel and present in the streets of Montreal this summer. Every week that we were previously watching the chosen, we will now be practicing hard for this performance!

Pray for the teens that decide to stick it out and come out to the practices.

## Worship Ministry Updates

### **Stephan**

This quarter for the worship ministry, I was able to:

- streamline our scheduling process with an online form making it easier for our worship leaders to communicate their availability and ask questions or give feedback at the end of each quarter.
- upgrade our wiring to have multiple access-points to project being able to now plug in at the front and back of the worship room and project wirelessly.
- make it so that regardless of where you plugin, you can have the content mirrored to a reference screen for the musicians or speaker at the front.

These maybe be simple improvements, but making things more frictionless helps our worship leaders focus on what matters most!

## A New Addition to the Family



Our little family of three will soon be a family of **four**! This September we are expecting the arrival of our second child.

We are so excited to share this joy with all of you, and are happy to report the pregnancy has been such a blessing with God's hand all over it: good health for mama and baby so far and smoother sailing than with pregnancy number one (which is saying something!).

Pray for:

- continued good health
- joy as we journey through the pregnancy with a little 1.5 year old!
- for Sophia as she adjusts to being a sister

What's Next for us?

#### **Arts and Music DTS**

- Working in the kitchen and with Y-teens while we wait for the teams to return from outreach
- Welcoming back our 3 outreach teams and proceeding to graduate our 20 students!

#### **Summer Jubilee Celebration**

- Our YWAM location is celebrating its 50th and kicking things off with a large evangelism campaign in Montreal and lots of projects happening around Dunham - murals and other events. We will be aiding in preparations and participating when things start in July!



Prayer Points 🙏

- DTS Prayer requests:
  - Safety and protection as they serve on the remaining 6 weeks of their outreach trips
  - For financial provision for the students with outstanding outreach costs and school fees
- Continue to pray for the work-family balance through growing responsibilities: we want to prioritize both parenting our growing daughter and the ministry work we have been called to.

***Blessings,***

*Stephan & Samantha  
Dalton*

## Join our Prayer Calendar

Prayer is essential to our ministry. To ensure what we do is thoroughly covered in prayer, we're aiming to have prayer partners for every day of the month. On that day every month we pray for you as you pray for us!

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