

# **CHRIST'S** DWELLING PLACE

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Paul Bentler is a 2019-2020 NET missionary on Team 8 in Vancouver, BC. Originally from Saskatoon, SK, Bentler's family has been greatly influenced by NET as both his parents and older siblings are NET alumni.

School ministry so far has in a way reminded me of what Christ's ministry would've been like.

My team and I have been sitting in on many classes and casually interacting with the students, playing basketball at lunchtime, eating and chatting with them, joining them for school Masses, as well as not only living but learning alongside them.

In a similar way, this is just what Christ did. Due to many of us hearing a lot about the last 3 years of Christ's life, we can easily forget that He did indeed spend 30 years living a normal life on earth beforehand. What that means is that He would have done the ordinary, everyday activities that we often take for granted or see as mundane. Yet, He still chose to dwell among us. And He continues to dwell among us today by being present in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. But why? **Why "waste" so much time in not full-on preaching to people?** 

The answer to that question would be to build trust. **Trust is like the good soil Christ talks about in the parable of the sower**; it is the foundation for which the seed of faith can grow. Without trust, people are turned off when you try to lead them or correct them. But with trust, people are much more likely to accept the words that you're speaking and know that you care about their well-being.

So in relation to our ministry here in Vancouver, it is safe to say that we are continuing to build trust with the students by our presence, and through casual conversations, we are starting to share our testimonies of how Jesus has worked in our lives and how He can work in theirs. There is definitely much potential for amazing future saints at these schools because there is a seed of faith here that is ready to be cultivated and renewed. I hope and pray that by the grace of God my team and I can help that seed of faith to grow on the foundation of trust so that Christ may continue to dwell in all of us.

- Paul Bentler, Team 8



#### Annual Report 2018-2019



The financial information included in this annual report is representative of the June 30, 2019 financial statements and our audit report dated October 19, 2019. - Baker Tilly LLP





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When I woke up this morning, my confirmation felt the same as any other day before. But now, after the retreat, it feels totally changed, and I feel excited about my decision.

Grade 8

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We were attending Mass with the high school students and I noticed that the student beside me was not saying the responses. So I began to ask the Holy Spirit to guide in how I can include this guy in mass, so I started saying the responses in Spanish since his first language is Spanish. His face lit up and he began participating in the Mass.

Team 5

#### "

All of you helped me believe in God more today, and I'm very thankful

Grade 6



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This is the best thing I have ever done in my life! Grade 6

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I got to open up to other people and got to know them better, and in the process, I was able to discover myself

Grade 8

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During the last small group time of the retreat, I asked the students in my group what one thing was that they wanted to remember going home from the retreat. One girl said: "The fact that I chose to get closer to God today."

Mirjam, Team 1



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Contact: **Heather Penney** development@netcanada.ca

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