

Fall 2022

Newsletter



Good News Chapel



150 km from Regina

Ministry is Never in a Straight Line

It is amazing how God can lead in a certain direction but then later reveal that He was actually leading somewhere else. But, if we aren't obedient with what He initially reveals to us, He won't make known to us His greater plan that requires even *more* faith than the initial steps of obedience. His ways are always perfect but at times they may not be a straightforward as we would like.

Such is the case with the reserve ministry of the Good News Chapel. In May we were notified that our main contact for the church plant on Muscowpetung Salteaux Nation had chosen to make major changes that would prevent us from continuing to be a part of the ministry. We were left with no choice but to explore options on other reserves. This was very discouraging as we had been working for four years to see a church planted on that reserve and it was just at its very beginning. Where could we go from here? Where was God leading?

We continued to pray and to watch and to wait while carrying on with minister to the people in our church here in Regina. We helped someone with COPD in our church get moved into long term care. He had been evicted from his apartment because his extended family were constantly taking advantage of him and had essentially stolen all of his good belongings and trashed his place. While he was in transitional care we cleaned out his apartment and arranged for his belongings to be stored. We helped him move into a nursing home. He was approved to get a provincial government trustee to manage his finances but the family had the option of fulfilling that role. We talked to his brother from Muskowekwan First Nation who is a councilor on the reserve. He had lost contact with his brother since he went into the hospital and immediately came into the city to visit him.

The family that we had originally been discipling on Muscowpetung had moved to Muskowekwan during the pandemic. We continued to provide them with support and increased our efforts after we had been led in a different direction for reserve ministry. At the end of July we went to visit this family as well as the brother who is a councilor.

When we arrived we saw three houses boarded up. A week prior the chief and council had approved banishing many individuals who were involved in crystal meth. We found out from the councilor that the chief and council had been talking about the need for a church on the reserve to help with the addiction problems! We shared how we were seeking to plant a church on a reserve! God's timing is perfect! An elder in our church is from Muskowekwan and is related to the chief. Many other individuals in our church have direct connections to Muskowekwan (much more than we had originally on Muscowpetung). In all this we sense God's leading.



We started sharing with other churches about being part of a church plant on Muskowekwan and there is enough interest for us to pursue approval from chief and council to use a building (probably the Band Hall) for weekly services (on Saturday afternoons). We are just waiting for official consent and hope to have approval in October.



Band Hall

Pastor Murray Hack



The last standing residential school in Saskatchewan is at Muskowekwan



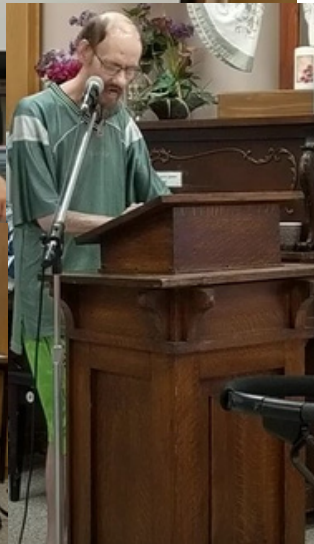
HELP NEEDED!

We've been blessed to have a retired caterer prepare meals every Sunday for 10 years (her reward will be great in heaven)! At the end of December she will no longer be able to prepare meals for us. We need your help in finding people who are willing to be involved in this important ministry. We continue to provide meals every Sunday as part of the church service.



BAPTISMS

In July, six people publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ!



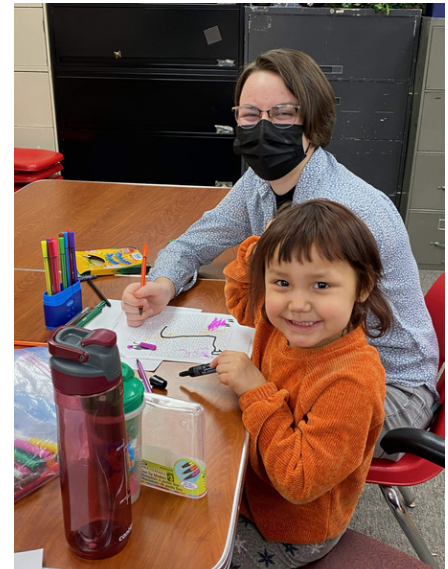
FAREWELL

At the end of April we said goodbye to Aaron who had been a huge help at the church for so many years!



STUDENT HELP

Thane, from Eston Bible College completed her practicum with us and was a great help!



THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE

Hearts that God is drawing near and others who are turning away from Him

A man who began to attend our church regularly during the pandemic recently saw his need to repent of his alcohol addiction. A woman who knew his roommate decided to break into their townhouse through the front window. Waking up hungover to the noise, he tried to force the woman out not knowing that she was carrying a knife. She ended up stabbing him over ten times. Instead of becoming bitter, God used this incident to soften his heart. We have begun meeting with him regularly for discipleship.

Another couple who we were discipling before the pandemic have fallen hard into their drinking addiction. We were visiting them on "cheque" day (when welfare cheques are received) as we were helping their brother and sister who were evicted and now homeless. They had woke up hungover and we were

delaying them from going somewhere. When asked where they were going they responded, "to the bad place." We asked to pray for them and prayed that they would repent and turn back from their evil ways but they continued to go to the liquor store anyway. Their health is deteriorating quickly because of alcohol.

MERCY FROM GOD

Being rescued from a house fire

A couple from our church were recently in a house fire. They had just moved into a rental home and had a litter of kittens born not long after they moved in. They had lit some candles and fallen asleep and the kittens knocked one over setting the house on fire. Their son managed to pull them out of the house but not before his father suffered third degree burns on his arm. We've been providing assistance in taking him to the hospital for his regular treatments as well as looking for assistance from social services and their reserves. They come to church regularly now and our hope is that they will yet come to Jesus Christ for eternal salvation.

TRANSFORMED FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Stepping forward in faith

A visually impaired woman in our church has been growing leaps and bounds in her walk with the Lord. She studies the Bible over the phone almost daily with another woman in our church and has been taking training classes at Neil Squire. Initially we were giving her rides twice a week but now she takes the bus on her own. She is overcoming so many anxieties and strongholds in her life and is learning to continually lean on the Lord in all things. She is now preparing to go back to work and is finding her purpose for life in the Lord. She has a joy and a love for God that impacts everyone she encounters.



FREE TICKETS

We were blessed with a few Rider tickets to a couple of football games this year. Keep us in mind if you have any tickets that you are unable to use in the future. People in our church don't usually get the opportunity to be a part of these types of experiences so they greatly appreciate it!

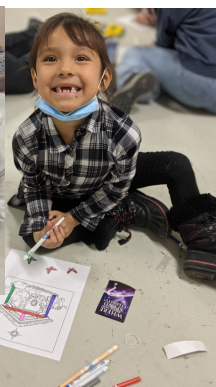
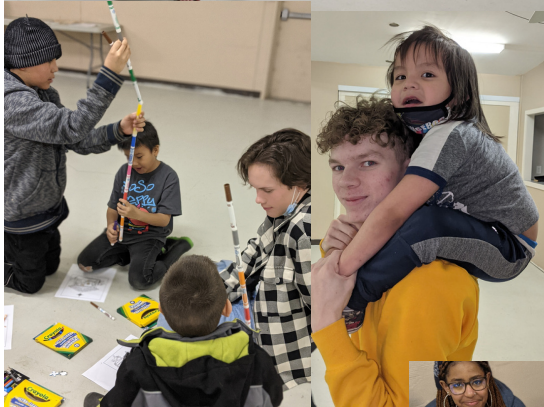


EASTER VBS

In April we partnered with the Regina Christian School and Break Free Outreach Ministries for an Easter Vacation Bible School.



Regina Christian School



FIRST NATIONS MINISTRY COURSE

In March we partnered with Peculiar People's Parish to provide a First Nations Ministry Course taught by Peter Constant from NCEM



Peculiar People's Parish

NCEM NORTHERN CANADA EVANGELICAL MISSION



BANQUET DINNER

In May we had our annual banquet dinner.



BIBLE SPEAKERS

We are now selling waterproof Bluetooth speakers with an audio Bible installed on the memory card for \$26.50 (including PST). Great for kids or adults who struggle with reading. We also sell/give them out to people in our church. If you or your church are interested let us know. Faith Comes by Hearing has a large database of audio Bibles so different languages can be installed.



THANKS

Thanks to the many individuals and groups that have come to serve during the Sunday Service including students from Briercrest College and Millar College of the Bible. If you are able to come and help us out after your church service the meal starts usually around 12:15 pm.



NEEDS TO PRAY FOR

- pray that God will lead with the church plant on Muskowekwan First Nation. We will need additional help in different ways both on the reserve and in Regina as we work towards weekly services in 2 locations.
- While many people in our congregation give sacrificially, we do not bring in enough to meet our needs and need to fundraise for the remainder of our budget. Financial support from those outside the church makes a big difference in our ministry.

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