

Fall 2023

Newsletter



Good News Chapel



Jude 1:22-23 And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

A while back, before a Sunday service in Regina, a woman who was panicked asked for my help in phoning for an ambulance as she didn't have a phone. This woman lived a few houses down from the building that we rent for church. Her roommate had passed out on the floor and wasn't breathing. We had a Narcan unit so she applied it while I continued to talk to 911 as we waited for the ambulance to arrive. Another guy in the house didn't even seem to realize that this woman was in grave danger and initially downplayed the situation.

As EMS arrived he changed his tune and was thankful that help had arrived. I had to leave before I could find out if she made it or not as church was about to start soon.



Just a couple of Sunday ago, a guy who has attended our church on and off over the years was in attendance. During the potluck meal he shared with me that he had saved a person's life that very morning. He phoned 911 and the ambulance arrived and they were able to revive the person. Their skin was already beginning to change color due to lack of oxygen. Other people in our church have told me similar stories where they were used to save someone's life but sadly I have also heard stories of others who never made it.



In August, I was able to drive kids from Muskowekwan to a week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the village of Punnichy. On the Thursday morning as I was picking up kids, I saw a police car in front of the house next door. By the front steps there was a body on the ground covered by a plastic sheet. A sixteen year old boy had taken his life the night before. As youth were able to come to the VBS (and many did attend), I couldn't help but think, if only he was among those kids who were hearing the Gospel message and experiencing the love of Christ. If only he had come with us.

As we go to dark places to share the Gospel, we will see great darkness. This should not surprise us. Not everyone will be saved. But God calls us to be His instruments to snatch souls out of the fire. If we are not in these dark places He has no one to share the Good News of Jesus Christ; He has no one to snatch them out of the fire. We are called by God to go to these dark places.

It can be hard at times to not let the darkness overcome us when we are in such dark and evil environments. We can personally suffer trauma and struggle with feeling overwhelmed. And yet the Word of God is sure:

John 1:5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Holy Spirit continues to sustain us as we minister in North Central and on Muskowekwan First Nation. Not only does He sustain us but He is saving people in our midst. He is shining in the darkness.

A young woman, from a different reserve, was in a bad car accident and is paralyzed and remains in the hospital in Regina. She was an alcoholic and drank most of her young life. She is now sober and is open to the Gospel message. In spite of being paralyzed she has found hope- the hope of Jesus Christ! God is revealing Himself to her! We continue to meet with her regularly and teach her the Scriptures. We gave her an audio Bible speaker so she can be in the Word.

A man who used to attend our church is blind and now lives at Mutchmor Lodge. We had lost touch with him since he moved. He decided that he would walk to our church as he knew he could get an audio Bible speaker. When he got to Lewvan Drive he waited for someone to help him across. He walked all the way to the Good News Chapel and we were amazed that he made it that far on his own. He has a hunger for the Word of God that we all should have!



Pastor Murray Hack



In August, we were able to be a part of the Kingdom Rock VBS in Punnichy (by Muskowekwan) held in the Elementary School. The VBS is led by Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church in collaboration with Touchwood Hills Community Church. We were able to take about 20 different kids from Muskowekwan in our fifteen passenger van. Daniel and Nicole Noort (with Native Evangelical Fellowship of Canada) have a church plant on Gordon's reserve and were able to bring kids from there as well.



Until the end of September we were able to have weekly services on Saturdays at the band hall on Muskowekwan. Three families attend regularly and they are growing in their understanding of the Word of God. We no longer have an associate pastor which has forced us to cut back to bi-weekly services until we are able to rehire or get more help from other churches. We recently went to the event on the reserve for National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

YOUTH MINISTRY



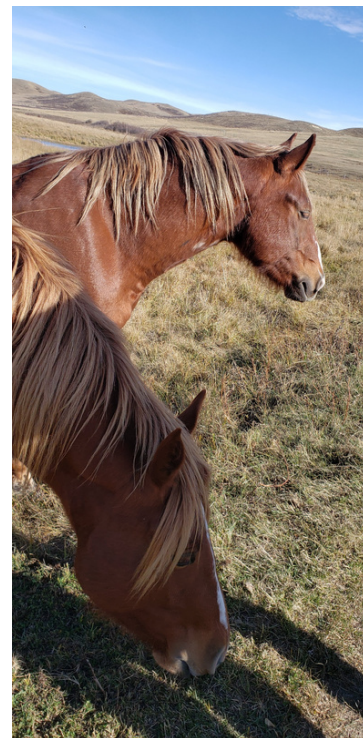
The Good News Chapel is looking to expand our youth ministry! A member from our church was able to buy a home that was in a fire and is in the process of renovating it. The goal is to use the home to provide housing for youth in need as well as teach life skills and provide ongoing discipleship. If this "pilot" is successful there are many more houses in North Central where this could be expanded.

We are in the process of developing a leadership team for the youth ministry but the first step is to get the renovations complete! **We need financial help to finish the project (electrical, plumbing, drywall, etc.).**

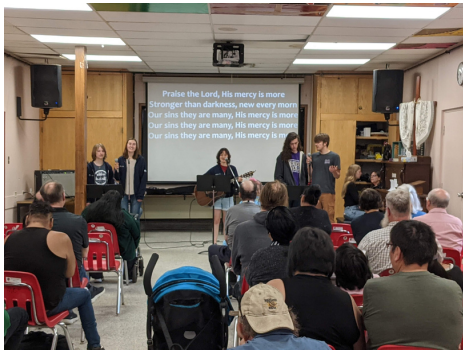
We recently visited Broken Arrow Youth Ranch in Wood Mountain and are exploring how we can partner with them by sending youth to their program and also providing support for youth when they leave the program (for those who live in Regina).



e-Transfers for this project: youth@goodnewschapel.ca



Eston College recently moved to Regina. We brought people from our church to the Open House. It is our hope to get student help from Eston at the Good News Chapel in Regina as well as on Muskowekwan.



We had students from Millar College of the Bible for the First Nations Ministry Tour that Peter and Charlene Constant organize each year. They went to the Good News Chapel in Regina as well as the church plant on Muskowekwan and toured the residential school.



As an associate member, Murray took candidate training with NCEM (Tribal Trails) and was able to tour the head office in Prince Albert as well as attend the national conference in Pinawa, MB where Craig Smith was one of the guest speakers.





EASTER

VBS



Regina Christian School

We partnered again with Regina Christian School for an Easter VBS in North Central Regina. The high school students lead the entire event. We are thankful that Gentle Road Church of Christ let us use their building.





MISSIONS CONFERENCES

The Good News Chapel had the opportunity to share at two different missions conferences: at the Regina Chinese Alliance Church as well as Living Hope Alliance Church.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the church groups and individuals that have come to help out at the Good News Chapel in Regina and at the church plant on Muskowekwan!



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- We are very thankful for new volunteers that have been helping out in Regina for the Sunday Service! There continues to be opportunities for individuals or church groups to help prepare meals, donate food, help serve, or clean up. If you are able to come and help us out after your church service the meal starts usually around 12:15 pm.
- Pray that we will be able to find more partners for the church plant on Muskowekwan so that we can return to weekly services and expand our ministry on the reserve. If you would like to be a part of the reserve ministry we usually leave Regina around 11:30 am on Saturday and are back by around 6:30 pm. We also provide a small meal.
- Pray for direction as far as additional help to fill the void of not having an associate pastor.
- Pray that we will hear God's voice and recognize His leading as we expand our youth ministry
- While many people in our congregation give sacrificially, we do not bring in enough financial support to meet our needs and must fundraise for the remainder of our budget. Financial support from those outside the church makes a big difference in our ministry. We praise God for all the individuals and churches who donate to support our ministry!

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