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Newsletter



Good News Chapel



James 1:25 (ESV) But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

What motivates you to continue on and to persevere when obstacles and difficulties arise? It has been a particularly challenging year of ministry at the Good News Chapel. It is a full year this month since I became the only paid staff at the church. We had made significant strides to grow the ministry and had hired a full-time associate pastor and had weekly Saturday services on Muskowekwan First Nation (with the assistance of partnering churches) as well as our continued weekly Sunday services in Regina (with a potluck meal every week). Then the storms came and we were forced to switch to services twice a month on the reserve and I was left alone trying to support a congregation of people with significant personal needs as we no longer had the financial means to rehire an associate pastor. How do you continue? What do you do? You persevere in the Lord. You keep acting in your continued service to God and you will be blessed in your doing.

Over the last few months we have continued to provide support for many people who are living in poverty. A man in our church with COPD had no water in his rental house after a cold spell in January. The landlord didn't fix the problem until July and he still has no hot water. He has been looking for a new place to live but still hasn't been able to find something. We've helped him with getting water and groceries and food bank and will provide him with assistance when he is able to move as well as making a claim against his landlord.

A family from our church was evicted and had to move out immediately and didn't have a place to live. They were able to store their stuff in the home of someone who was in jail at the time. We helped them move their belongings and when we arrived at the friend's house we found that everything in the house had been trashed. Even the copper wire had been stripped out of the home. They stayed there temporarily and then we helped them move again to another home with other family members.

We've helped many other people in a variety of ways. We've helped people with intellectual and literacy issues deal with medical concerns and housing issues, supported others with court issues, and helped a couple who had no power in their home for weeks during the hot summer get it reactivated (through God's provision). We continue to be doers who act as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In turn, God is blessing us in our doing.

I believe we are on the verge of coming through the storm of this past year. We are just in the process of hiring someone from our congregation on a part-time basis as a trainee or intern to provide additional assistance in helping with all of the ongoing needs of people in our congregation. We are also seeking God as to whether He is leading to start some type of kids ministry on Muskowekwan as a means to further reach people with the Gospel message. We persevere because God has saved us and He will sustain us.

Pastor Murray



**PAY IT
FORWARD
WINNER**

**SASKATCHEWAN
ROUGHRIDERS**

Murray Hack was recognized
as the Payworks Pay it
Forward winner at the Labour
Day Game in Regina.



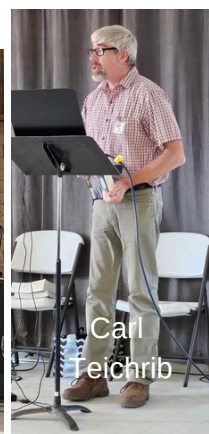
INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCES

In September we took a group from the Good News Chapel to Calgary for the first ever Indigenous Christian Leaders conference with Will Graham. They are hoping to organize a conference every two years. Thanks to the Regina Apostolic Church for providing transportation in their van.



NCEM NORTHERN CANADA EVANGELICAL MISSION

In May, NCEM had their Central Field Conference at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp by Regina. Murray was able to attend as well as Bruce and Marion.



BAPTISM

In Sep, Marnie was baptized at the Good News Chapel! You can check out the video on YouTube @goodnewschapel or www.goodnewschapel.ca/videos



KINGDOM ROCK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In August, we were able to be a part of the Kingdom Rock VBS in Punnichy (by Muskowekwan) held in the Elementary School. This is our second year bringing kids from Muskowekwan in our fifteen passenger van. The VBS is led by Neuanlage Grace Mennonite Church. We were able to take over 25 different kids from Muskowekwan. We are building more and more relationships with different families on the reserve (visited nine more homes on the reserve). There were over 75 kids from Punnichy and the surrounding reserves.





MUSKOWEKWAN FELLOWSHIP

We currently have services at the band hall on the second and fourth Saturday each month. If you would like to help out or attend or get a tour of the residential



school just reach out to us. We've been bringing out frozen meat (from Morning Star Ministries) and canned groceries for the people on the reserve. We're thankful for the partnership with Valley Alliance Church in Fort Qu'Appelle and are looking for more church partners.

COME TOGETHER CONCERT

In June we were a part of the Come Together event at Mosaic Stadium. We met with hundreds of people at our booth and brought people from our church to attend the free concerts.





VOLUNTEER HELP

We're very thankful for the Regina Apostolic church for sending a team on the last Sunday of each month to provide the meal, preaching, worship music, and children's church ministry. The Street Invaders missions team came this summer and we're also thankful for Peculiar People's Parish for sending a team as well as the different individual volunteers who have come to help on Sundays!



RIISING ABOVE CONCERT

On Saturday November 30 at 6 pm (5 pm supper) The Rising Above Band will be performing at the Punnichy Community Hall (by Muskowekwan). We're partnering with the same team that organizes the Kingdom Rock VBS with the hopes of seeing many people come from the different reserves in the area. (The Rising Above Band will be in Regina on Sun Dec 1st Westhill Park Baptist Church at 10:30 am and at Gentle Road Church at 5:30 pm in North Central.)



CHURCH VAN REPAIRS



We've had to spend over \$6000 in repairs on the church van recently. If you are able to help cover some of the costs you can donate online at www.goodnewschapel.ca/donate

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Murray Hack and Bruce and Marion Nicoll are
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- 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 as we explore starting children's 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 that the new person we are hiring from our congregation as a part-time trainee/intern will be a great help and that God will strengthen and equip him in his role.
- 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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