

**REGINA
CHRISTMAS
WISH LIST**



**Good News
Chapel**



The Good News Chapel is blessed to be a part of the Regina Christmas Wish List again this year!

The Regina Christmas Wish List is a Christmas gift program for the poor in our city.

Stories for individuals and families from the Good News Chapel and other charities are listed on the website:

www.reginachristmaswishlist.com





Good News Chapel



The Need is Great

When we think of unreached people groups it is natural to consider a remote and isolated tribe overseas that speaks a unique and unknown language. It makes sense for the Bible to be unknown in such a location. Here in Canada, the Bible is very accessible. And if you have grown up in the church it can be hard to comprehend that there can be people within our own country who have virtually no Bible knowledge.



At a recent Saturday service with the church plant on Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation, a child in Grade 5 was curious and asked what book I had open? It was obvious that he had never seen a Bible before and wondered about this thick book with thin pages. His question took me aback and I responded, "The Bible."

We have just begun to teach Children's Church during the sermon time in the hallway at the school and as I knew Pastor Shawn was including the story of Cain and Abel in his message I thought it would be a good opportunity to teach through the story with the children. But to my surprise it did not appear that any of the children had even heard of Cain or Abel and they didn't seem to have any real knowledge of Adam and Eve. In our increasingly secularized society it isn't surprising that many people don't believe that we are all descendants of Adam and Eve but we in the church tend to think that everyone in Canada has at least *heard* of these teachings from the Bible.

This recent encounter with these precious children deeply impacted me as to why a church plant is desperately needed on Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation. There is a great need for someone to proclaim the Gospel truth to people within our own nation who have virtually no Bible knowledge. We are very excited that the church plant has developed into a partnership between Balgonie Baptist in Balgonie, Valley Alliance Church in Fort Qu'Appelle, and the Good News Chapel in Regina. A leadership committee has been formed and we are sharing the duties of preaching, teaching the children, and all the other aspects of the ministry. We meet monthly and are fully committed to seeing a thriving church on the reserve.

Pastor Murray Hack



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Thanks to Rosewood Park Church we were able to deliver a large clothing donation to Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation.



CLUB DJ



We are very thankful that we are able to partner with Heritage Alliance Church and send kids to their mid-week kids program. We currently have four kids that we take every Wednesday.

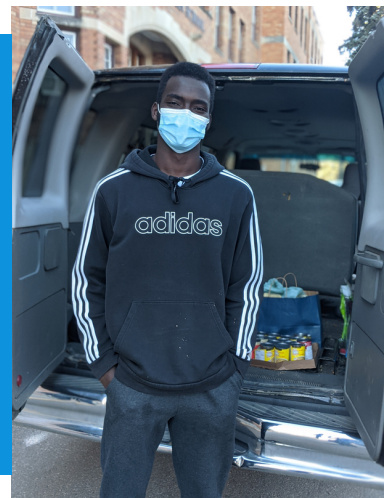


Thanks for the Food Donations!

Thanks to the Regina Christian School for the large amount of food that we received from their Thanksgiving Food Drive!



Regina Christian School



HELP NEEDED



The number of people attending the Good News Chapel in Regina continues to increase and is beginning to look like it was in pre-pandemic conditions. But the amount of outside volunteers that have come to help out has not matched the increase. We are very much in need of help with the potluck meal that is a part of every Sunday service. If you are able to come and help us out after your church service the meal starts usually around 12:15 pm. We have to manually wash and dry dishes every week. If you would like to donate any food or help serve or clean tables it would be much appreciated.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Supporting those in complicated and stressful situations

In the past few months we have dealt with a domestic violence situation and two infestations: one with cockroaches and bed bugs, and the other with cockroaches. Infestations can be very complicated and stressful when social services has to be involved, pest control companies, landlords, and cleaning required. The stress with domestic violence is even greater when the police and restraining orders are necessary leaving someone homeless for a period of time.

The Good News Chapel provides support for people in our church dealing with such complicated situations. We co-ordinate things with the social

workers and the pest control company which can be difficult when you do not have a phone. Often the social worker doesn't know the severity of the situation as they do not visit the home. We are able to help them to understand what is actually going on. People in our church often will give us consent to talk to their social worker on their behalf and this can greatly simplify providing assistance as confidentiality concerns make it impossible to talk to the social worker without the person being present and the social worker is often hard to get ahold of. Without our help, often people tend to give up as they are overwhelmed by their struggles.

We have gained much more expertise in even knowing how to treat bed bugs and what is involved in cockroach treatments and there is always the risk of them ending up in your own vehicle or home. The reason why infestations can be more common among the poor is the complexity in treatment and the lack of life skills in dealing with such complicated and stressful situations.

Likewise with domestic violence it can be very stressful as in a moment your relationships and living situation can be entirely uprooted. We are there as a church to walk alongside people through these difficult situations and provide help with the court system. Jesus Christ can save anyone and these situations can lead to salvation as the people learn to fully trust in Jesus and repent as necessary.

NEEDS TO PRAY FOR

- pray that God will provide more workers for the harvest and that someone would hear the call and join us in inner city ministry
- 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.

- pray for the church plant on Muscowpetung Saulteaux Nation as another COVID-19 outbreak has limited our ability to go to the reserve in recent weeks