

“Northwestern Ontario News”

Update and Prayer Letter from the Rasmussens, your missionaries to NW Ontario

I Sam. 12:23, “God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.” Are you?

We have been blessed:

1. God’s protection of our family and small town.
2. Opportunities to ministry in these strange times.
3. Lady accepted Christ as her Savior
4. A friends victory over alcohol

We ask prayer for:

1. Wisdom in how to minister.
2. Salvation of souls
3. Protection of our children/family in the America.
4. New Christians- spiritual growth

It’s amazing how fast things can change in just a few short weeks. Our ministry primarily involves personal contact and interaction with people. As a result of Covid-19, that has all been stripped away. The whole dynamics of ministry had to reinvent itself. Because of our short trip to the USA on March 13-17th, we were advised at the border to self-isolate for 14 days. Deborah stayed at friends so she could continue to go to work. For us, those long put off projects were dusted off and started. As the kids returned from their March Break, we wondered how we could stay in touch. Mrs. Moore and Cindy decided to distribute gift bags to all the kids that attend any of the youth programs. We gathered snacks, candy, coloring sheets and crafts together and distributed to 36 kids. The following week, Bob put together a DVD with short Bible videos on the Resurrection story. The response has been very positive and the parents are so appreciative. From here, we plan to mail a letter size envelope weekly until restrictions are lifted.

Cindy had purchased a Resurrection Egg set for Easter to share with the Safe Zone kids. She decided to go live on Facebook for 12 days revealing one egg at a time until Easter. The response was great. It was interesting that more adults watch it then kids.



We did close the mission down. After our isolation, we decided to hand out food and tracts at the door. Not many have come by, so maybe they are heeding the mandate to socially distance themselves. We are saddened that the counseling ministry had to be cancelled for now. We really enjoy going up to Weagamow Lake. One of our contacts had her baby and is stuck outside the reserve. Baby and mom are doing well.

There have been a few deaths in the last weeks. That is extremely hard on native communities as people support is so important to them. It has been encouraging to see the reserve pull together to meet the needs of their community. Moose were harvested, fish caught and a large pallet of potatoes arrived to be shared. They have such a sense of family that is unseen in towns and big cities.

Bob has been working endless hours on Bible Institute material he would like to make available. There is always something to do. Please remember to pray for all missionaries and churches as we stand firm and use opportunities that are availed to us to spread the Gospel.

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