



***Praise the Lord:***

1. Successful importation and registration of new van.
2. Opportunities to minister on the reserve.

***Please Pray for:***

1. Tent Meetings July 15-17 on the reserve. First time asked to help out.
2. Two workshops Bob is doing on July 15-16
3. Moving and renovating of an old trailer for Sunday school
4. Inside painting projects over summer.
5. Youth night program (dividing into 2 groups)
6. Cindy's Driver Test for the Van (Sept 27)

***A Needle-in-a-Haystack?!***

***“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory”. Philippians 4:19***

About a year ago we started to seriously pray about a larger vehicle to transport kids to the youth meeting and pick up people on the reserve for church. Covid has played a big role in delaying this purchase. For a long time, larger vans were not available or even being manufactured. It had something due to production and chips for the electronics of the vehicle. Then, when production resumed, many vans were on backorder. But we believe things needed to be in place before the door would open up and the right van would become available. So, **we prayed and waited.** We did place our names at several dealerships who said they would then call us. Well, that phone call never came. **So we prayed and waited.** In April, we broadened our search to Minnesota when we were at a missions conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota. One dealer suggested settling for a 12-passenger size. But we were not at peace about that. Our needs would better be suited with a 15 passenger van. So, we decided to **pray and wait.** Then this happened. . .

On our way home from a missions conference, we stopped to see our dear friends, Kent & Kim Fraser. When we drove into their yard, we noticed their 2018 Ford Transit 15-passenger van. Jokingly we mentioned that we saw a “for sale” sign on the van and wanted to know how much he



**Special Kids:**

School kids are now on Summer break so no safe zone through the summer. Many kids head out to camps and trips. I will take a break from this section until we start up in September again.

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15- Passenger

wanted for it. Our dear brother informed us that he had just taken it to town that week to see what they could get on a trade-in since they no longer feel they need that size anymore for their ministry. **God's timing!** Why was it taking so long to find a van? We had to **wait**. The next question was the cost. Up to this point, God's people donated \$21,605 toward this venture. The trade-in value was \$30,000. Through those 2 years of lockdown times, we had been "saving" money so we would be able to put a significant amount towards this van.

The plan was for us to return to Minnesota in May to officiate for a wedding and import the van into Canada. The first week of May we had two funerals back to back and were related to each other. Those were some very tiring and long days. Both of us were mentally drained and exhausted. So, we decided to take a break and go out of town Monday morning. Sunday morning we joined Friendship Baptist for their Mother's Day service. Unfortunately, we were exposed to Covid. We had a viewing that afternoon. We left for Dryden early Monday morning and started to feel sick Tuesday evening. Wednesday, we travelled part way home and stopped at a pharmacy. They were willing to bring out a covid test. Sure enough, we tested positive. Now, what to do?! The road back home has been washed out and was closed until Thursday. We managed to stay in a hotel Wednesday by going directly to our room and being allowed to stay until noon on Thursday. We then just stayed in our car until almost 5 pm and made our journey home. The road opened up just 10 minutes before we arrived. Praise the Lord! This hit us pretty hard and we were still feeling the effects through that next week. So our trip to MN was postponed.

With the death of a teen girl in town and graduation plans, we didn't finally travel down to Minnesota until June 21st. **God's Timing!** It was sure a great joy to hand over a check for \$30,000 in exchange for the keys to this beautiful van. It's quite an expensive procedure to import a vehicle—broker fees (USA). Registration with imported vehicles (CA), 5% import fee at border, Safety the vehicle at Canadian Tire, daytime running lights switch on at Ford dealership and finally, another 8% tax at Service Ontario. The van is finally Canadian!

Looking ahead: A few of the believers on the reserve want to have a tent meeting with workshops, preaching and music. That will take place July 15-17. Bob has been asked to hold two workshops on "Helping children escape the addiction trap" and "the effects of being raised in a single-parent home." He will also help with the order of service, which will enable him to share about the church and ministry.

We plan to take a few days to bike ride during the week of July 18th. We plan to see some old friends and family. God has been so good to us! We are so privileged to be in this ministry! Thank you for praying for us.