

“Northwestern Ontario News”

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

“Trust the Lord with all thine heart. . . ” Prov. 3:5

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We have been blessed:

1. Great supply of wood for winter months.
2. Great attendance for youth night.
3. Opportunities to give out the Gospel at funerals and individually.
4. Great Supporters and prayer support- thank you

We ask prayer for:

1. work to be done on the Children's Church area.
2. Faithfulness of those attending church
3. God's leading in possibly purchasing a van for youth.

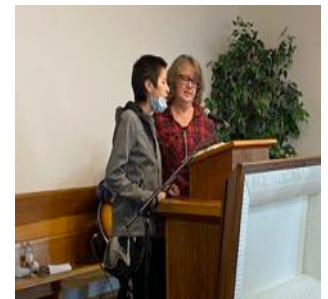
It snowed a little last night. We have had unusually warm temperatures for this time of the year. No complaints here!!! We had time to finish cutting and splitting the remainder of our wood for the season, cleaned up the yard and finished fencing in the deck. We took down the matrix volleyball game that the after school kids used and stored it until next spring.

The Youth Night is going well. Last week we picked up 11 kids and had to use three vehicles. We could have even more next week. We are seriously considering a large van for this purpose and for picking up people for Church on the reserve. We have no idea what this would cost but see it as a great asset to the kids programs. Cindy's occasional helping at the school exposes her to the kids we don't see at our programs. They all seem to know her. Bob is now driving the small school bus twice a week. It doesn't take that much time and he enjoys the interaction with the kids.

The after school program is also going well with new kids coming. One of the girls moved back to the reserve. We had mixed emotions as we were making progress with her but she also is an instigator to create problems. God knows what is best. Thank you for praying about that.

There have been several deaths on the reserve that are a direct result of alcohol and drugs. Two young ladies died from overdose and the older lady from a failed liver. Many times we seem to be surrounded by death. Bob was asked to officiate for the older lady. We have known her for 10 years. She used to attend the mission and twice stopped drinking. This last relapse was too much for her liver to handle. Two of her girls also are on the street and very sick. Both are about 100lbs and yellow in their eyes.

The doctor has told them they needed to stop or it will kill them. One of the girls stayed at our house on a Saturday night. She was struggling with the death of her mother. It gave Cindy an opportunity to talk to her about the Lord and also offer to get her into the teen challenge program in Thunder Bay. Pray she will see the need and make the necessary steps in the right direction. The other sister asked to sing a song with me at the funeral. These girls are the third generation of alcohol abuse. It's so incredibly sad!!! We have made several trips to Sioux Lookout and Dryden for medical/dental and car maintenance. It seems everyone is finally open for business. Now, all restaurants are requesting to see your vaccine proof in order to sit and



dine inside. You can still order ahead and pick up food or use the drive-thru without anyone asking for your vaccine status. Of course, masks are still mandating. We live in a crazy world!! Thank the Lord, we have a God and Savior who isn't surprised and has everything under control. We just have to trust Him..

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