

“Northwestern Ontario News”

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

“...and a door was opened unto me...” II Cor. 2:12

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We have been blessed:

1. Salvation of a lady at camp
2. Open doors to minister on the reserve.
3. Children's ministry going well.
4. Great Doctor report from cardiologist
5. God's blessing

We ask prayer for:

1. work to be done on the Children's Church area.
2. Faithfulness of those attending church
3. God's protection as we combat issues with kids and native beliefs

In a recent message, three truths were mentioned that were so simple yet profound for today. #1 Someday, we will all die #2 Heaven and Hell are real places #3 Your social status will mean nothing in eternity. What will matter? What you have done with Jesus and His message of Salvation. These truths are so applicable to the young people with whom we minister. There is an underlying mentality that only today matters, what people think of me matters and my phone matters. We are battling an enemy like never before. There is a raging battle over souls through gender confusion that is being taught in the classroom. The day has come when we are being confronted on where we stand. When asked if we support organizations that are contrary to the Bible, we say, 'no'. When asked why, we say, 'because God is against it'. We know that other questions will come. . . so here we go. We won't and can't be silence because, someday they will die and heaven and Hell are real places and their social standing will mean nothing. So, how far will we take these inquiries and what consequences will ensue? Only God knows, but we will do what is necessary to give the message that God loves them, Jesus died for them and wants to save them. We weren't looking for confrontation. . . it came into our house. The Afterschool program is running well. Most of them are now coming to the Wednesday Youth Night as well. As attendance grows, we may look into renting a bus.



There is another spiritual battle raging on the reserve through traditional native beliefs. This is the first time in 10 years that a Powwow was held on the reserve just south of us. There have been other activities over the years with sweat lodges and medicine men. It has surely opened the floodgates are demonic activity. Many say, "it's harmless. It's part of our culture. It's a cleansing method." Yet, others say, It hurts and since then, I've seen some scary things. In the last month, we have dealt with two ladies who have had demonic manifestations around them. They are confused and scared. All this stems from involvement in "traditional native" practices. There is a big difference between culture and native spiritual practices. Many struggle to separate the two. One lady has come to know the Lord recently and wants to come to church.

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The past month has been quite busy. We were involved in a second camp up north. We knew a couple of them campers from facebook and funerals of family members. One young mother accepted the Lord while at camp. It was so exciting! We plan to send discipleship lessons to her.

Shortly after camp, there was a celebration for the new Chief and Council. This is always open to anyone to come, so we went. We were the only white people there. Several of the council thanked us for coming and also recognized Bob as the Pastor of the House of Prayer. One councilman mentioned that with all the problems we have in the community, people need to be in church.

We seem to be ministering through funerals. We were asked to officiate at two funerals in the last month. Both families have attended our church but not regularly. We find this is a great way to make connections with those outside the church.

We were also privileged to help out a small church in Wawa, Ontario. The pastor has resigned and they needed a preacher to fill in. This little church blessed us with a gift a few years ago. It was good to connect with other believers. Plus, It was a beautiful drive



Over Labor Day, we were able to attend a memorial for a prominent member of our community. His wife faithfully attends Friendship Baptist Church. He was a pilot and owned his own business for tourists. We did what we could to help on that day. We even had a ride in his plane and take a tour of our small town by air.

Lastly, we have a special prayer need for two of our friends, Robbie and Doug, who are struggling with heart issues. Robbie had a minor heart attack and needed to have a stent put in. He and his family attend the church on the reserve but not regularly. We were able to pray with him and his wife in front of the hospital before he went in. The other man, Doug, helps out at the church. He was just informed that he needs open heart surgery. Please pray for both of these men.

We are happy to be busy and excited to have more exposure on the reserve. Please continue to pray for us and our three adult children, Rachelle (Jacksonville, FL), Robert (Pensacola, FL) and Deborah (Pickle Lake). They are all doing well and enjoying their jobs and ministries.