

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ... always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" ______ 1 Corinthians 15:58 _____

I apologize for the longer interval between letters this time. Since we got back to Newfoundland in September, it has been one of the busiest seasons of ministry in all of our years here. There are times in the ministry when things seem to be flowing smoothly and there are times when the labour is intense and unrelenting, and you are reminded of the spiritual battle that is being waged for the souls of those around us. This has definitely been one of the latter times.

Three days after we got home, we received a call from a mother, whom we know, asking for help because her teenage child had attempted suicide and was in the hospital in Corner Brook under observation. Katie and I visited them as soon as possible, and I had the chance to share the gospel with the teenager and answer many questions, and Katie was able to minister to the mom who claims to be a believer. After release from the hospital, the O'Briens have continued to counsel and minister to this family since they live closer to them. They have been attending church in Stephenville fairly faithfully since the incident, but please continue pray for this family — especially since the teenager continues to ask many questions about salvation and forgiveness.

We also have been receiving numerous requests for translation and interpretation help for several Ukranian families and, in every case thus far, we have been able to share a bit about our church and what we believe — both with the Ukrainians and the individuals in the community with whom we are interacting. Several of the Ukrainians have expressed interest in coming to services — even if it is just to practice their English.

In the midst of all of this, Katie and I had to drive across the island to St. Johns to get a recall fixed on our vehicle in order to finalize the import and get it registered. Thankfully the dealership had the part and we were able to complete everything that was required.

In October, Grace Baptist Church had a booth in the Colours of Corner Brook festival which welcomed one of the largest cruise ships to our city. We were able to give out 1100 outreach tracts and 15 Bibles to the tourists, and we had close to 100 conversations with locals who also received a tract with the gospel and our church information.

In the next couple of months, we have numerous other outreach events for which we would appreciate your prayers. The church is hosting a wreath-making workshop for the ladies, and we already have a number from the community registered to come. On December 2, we will have a float in the Christmas parade again this year, and our goal is to give out 3000 packets along the parade route this year. We have also been contacted by the city and they asked our church to come carol at City Hall again this year. So, on December 15 we will carol and give out tracts to everyone that comes.

God has used these types of events in the past to build a good testimony in our community, and we are trusting God to do His work through us as we minister in these ways.

Family Updates

We had a huge answer to prayer upon our return to Newfoundland in that we finally have a family doctor after being on the waitlist for 4 years! So in the midst of ministry and life, we have also been trying catching up on some needed medical appointments and tests. Overall, we have checked out healthy, but there are two areas of concern that we would ask you to pray about. First, the eye doctor noticed something irregular with Elliot's optic nerve and has ordered further testing to try to determine what it is and we meet with him at the end of the month to learn the results. Second, Matt's initial bloodwork showed extremely high ferritin (iron stores), and the numbers have continued to climb in the last couple of months. Again, there are more tests ordered to try to find the cause and the doctor is concerned about possible long-term effects if the numbers do not come back down to their normal range.

Support Reminder

Since we have had several new churches begin supporting us, I wanted to update everyone again on the procedure for sending support.

If you are in the <u>United States</u>, please make the check out to **All Points Baptist Mission**, with our name (**Matt Northcutt**) in the memo/reference/ account field of the check and mail it to:

All Points Baptist Mission P.O Box 977 New Philadelphia, OH 44663

There is also an option to give electronically through their website at <u>https://</u>www.allpointsbaptist.com/give/

If you are in **<u>Canada</u>**, our support is handled by Points North Baptist Mission and you can follow this link to see the giving options:

https://pnbm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/PNBM-How-to-support-amissionary.pdf

Prayer Praises

Continued interaction and ministry with the Ukrainian families in our area

Many tracts and Bible given out at the Corner Brook cruise ship festival

Multiple opportunities for outreach in our community during the Christmas season

Prayer Requests

The family and teenager who are dealing with the after-effects of attempted suicide

The ladies' wreath-making workshop outreach

For wisdom to know whether we should start a dedicated ministry for Ukrainians

The Christmas parade outreach on December 2

The Christmas carolling at city hall on December 15

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are truly blessed to be His servants and your representatives to the people of Newfoundland.

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