



Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus... Hebrews 12:1-2

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Thank you very much for praying for us. This has been an exciting month. We had a fantastic Thanksgiving service, and opening weekend of our addiction recovery program. In the last letter, I mentioned a gentleman, Leonard, who told me that alcohol had ruined his life, and as God worked it out, he attended our evening Thanksgiving dinner and services.

Leonard was outside searching for food and collecting cans for booze money when he was invited in by our guest speaker, Pastor Chris. It was a joy to see the smile on his face when he was received with kindness by the church people. Even now when I see him around town, there is a friendly greeting. This man's street name is "Halloween" because he is quite scarred after returning into a burning structure to save his alcohol. The guest preacher and his wife Grace came to Thompson to help us get our addiction program off of the ground, and it so happened to be our Thanksgiving weekend. This preacher has a similar program back in the states where he is the assistant pastor. This church paid for all of the upfront material for our new ministry, which was a great answer to prayer. He gave his testimony of recovery from combat-induced PTSD which led to drug and alcohol addiction. He gave his story of recovery both at church and the radio station.

Pastor Chris was able to speak with Carl, a new radio staff person who himself was traumatized in the armed forces and struggled with substance abuse. Carl is unsaved, but listened to Pastor Chris as he spoke to him.

As the Thanksgiving weekend progressed, we distributed flyers around town and met with a number of interested folks in the addiction program. One of the surprise encounters occurred at MAPS (Men Are Part of the Solution), which is a drug and alcohol free living facility for men. We spoke with the therapist Michelle, and she told us that the "spiritual" piece is the missing ingredient in these men's full recovery. She also said that she could have the men at this home potentially come to our program. She told me later that she almost came to our service. In time, Lord willing she will. We have not seen anyone attend yet from this home, but hopefully in time they will. We did have two non-church visitors attend the first Friday night program, and several others since.

Not long after our kick-off weekend, I received a call from a lady notifying me that there was an AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meetings in town. I told this lady that we were faith-based, but she was not impressed. She did not say much else, but we definitely stirred the hornets nest.



Another aspect of God's blessing this past month was the unseasonably warmer weather. In early October, the church had a work day, and winterized the building, as well as re-installed the handicap ramp. There were a number of tasks that desperately needed to be completed, and the gift of warmer weather was most certainly appreciated.

A fun and interesting incident this month was helping unload a tundra buggy that was being shipped via rail to Churchill, Manitoba. This city is "The Polar Bear Capitol of the World." In

helping a friend unload this large vehicle, he allowed me to drive this a short distance. It was quite the experience to drive such a rig. The steering is definitely not for the faint of heart as it requires a considerable amount of strength to turn the massive tires, but it was fun nevertheless.

Whatever adventures the Lord throws our way, it is a great privilege to serve the Lord in such a needy field. Thank you for your faithful support to help reach northern Manitoba for Christ!

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**Praise Report**

- 1) New ministry
- 2) Open doors
- 3) Nice weather
- 4) Visit from friends

**Prayer Requests**

- 1) Return visitors
- 2) Souls saved
- 3) Wisdom for ministry
- 4) More labourers

