

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matt. 1:21



Encouraging Moment!

In the Spring, we had the privilege of witnessing seven of our youth confess their faith and commitment to Christ through water baptism.

As you can imagine our summer has been plenty full with the ministry of camp. Starting in the spring with an unusual mega clean-up that needed to be done from the infected tree cutting, that had taken place in the late fall of 2023. A team from Oakridge Bible Chapel was up for the challenge and more. What an encouragement for us this was. The Lord used this to remind us of His promise; "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We praise the Lord for the way He has provided for the ministry of camp. Although the Lord has always provided the necessary staff, it's frequently been one of our great challenges to find them. This was the first year that we experienced such an abundance of God's people, of all ages wanting to come and be part of our effort to make Christ known. This abundance took us out of our comfort zone. God is full of surprises!

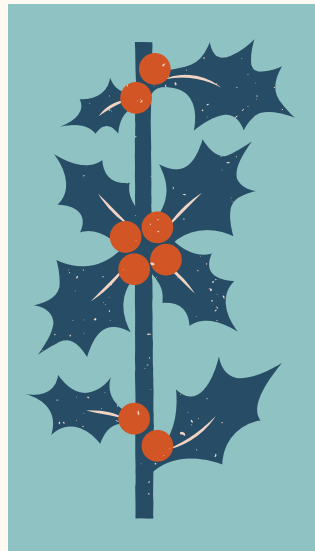
Hearts have been touched by the Gospel with some who came to faith in our Lord and Saviour. More on the camp ministry will be shared in the CJB newsletter.

At the end of our camp season, we had a beautiful family and friends reunion who came to spend a few days with us at camp. We had a fun time together and it gave us beautiful opportunities to share the Lord with some of them who do not know Christ yet. It was good for our souls to see our children and grandchildren.

Truly our God is good and can be trusted!

As an adopted child, Penny-Jane's dream and prayer had been to be able to meet her biological mother. One of her goals was to fulfill a desire to share with her Mother the gift of salvation in Christ. Last spring we found her in the publication of her obituary. With the too-late discovery, we found 2 of her sisters both living in Sudbury Ontario, where her mother also lived. This fall we had the privilege to go and meet Lori & Marnie (Penny-Jane's bio sisters) and discover that in the later years of her mother's life, she had joined an evangelical church where she had also been baptized. While visiting Sudbury, on a Sunday morning, we, of course, went to the church her mom was attending, where we were assured that her mother, Marleen Ritter had come to know Christ as her Saviour. They told Penny-Jane, "We are assured you'll see your Mom in heaven".

Yes, God is good and can be trusted even when circumstances are not going our way! We are now praying for Lori and Marnie to come to saving knowledge of Christ.



The construction project moving along:

This fall with the help of brothers, we have completed the exterior work to the extension we added to our chapel in NDDN. We are hoping to complete the interior by springtime.



Fall ministries:

Penny-Jane is leading a Bible study with women from our church and First-Nation women from Notre-Dame-du-Nord who have joined together.

Kidz-Club is continuing with 15 children from the first-nation participating.

I am presently leading a weekly Bible Study on the letter of 1 John and sharing the preaching through the Gospel of Mark with 2 other elders.

Two of our youth from church are presently attending Word of Life Bible School in Sherbrook with a few others who are planning to join in next year.

Prayer request:

- That we would be sensitive to the direction of the Holy Spirit in our lives and our local church.
- That we would grow in our prayer life both personally & corporately.
- That God would impress upon our hearts and enable us to preach/teach His Word clearly and unashamedly.

Thank you!

We want to thank you for the great encouragement you have been for us through your prayers and financial assistance.

As we are approaching the beautiful season of Christmas, where with wonder, worship and thanksgiving we'll be celebrating the great mystery of God's Son becoming man in order to give us the right to become children of God,

We wish you a Merry Christmas !