



Victory in Jesus!

From the Superintendent's Desk

Visit to branch churches and mini vacation:


What a wonderful privilege to be able to visit with our family and brethren from some of our branch churches once again. It's been a long time since we met face to face. My heart was encouraged to see the churches doing well and thriving in spite of the obstacles and challenges we have faced during these last two years. It was an honor and privilege to present the Word of God in all three of the locations. God is good!

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, my wife and I travelled on the ferry to cross from NL to our neighboring province of Nova Scotia. The seas were calm, and we enjoyed a beautiful crossing. From there we drove to Kitchener, Ontario stopping overnight on the way to catch some rest.

It was such a delight to see our daughter, Ralinda, her husband, Deon and their two children, Dawson and Elliana. The first Sunday we spent with Pastor Kirby, sis. Diane and the church family at Kitchener. The service was beautiful. There was much rejoicing when, as the altar call was given, two ladies who had backslidden, came back to the Lord. They prayed through to a wonderful experience of salvation. To God be the glory! On Tuesday, Patti and I spent the day with my brother, Pastor Kirby and his wife, Diane.

 *Fellowship & Food!*

In the evening we attended the prayer service. What a blessing to enjoy wonderful fellowship. We had



"Neither say they in their heart, let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest."
Jeremiah 5:24

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the privilege to attend one more prayer service with them before we returned home.

We decided to include a vacation with our family on this trip. We spent four nights at a cottage about five hours drive to northern Ontario. It was such a wonderful family time and we thank God that He favored us with such a privilege. One of the four days fell on a Sunday, so were blessed to join with bro. Randy Antalan, his wife, sis. Jean and the saints at our Toronto church for service and Sunday school by way of Webex. What a glorious time of worship and praise with the Toronto brethren.

On October 25 and 26, my wife and I spent time with bro. Randy and sis. Jean at Toronto. We travelled at night with pouring rain but we thank God for His providential care. A great time of warm hospitality and sweet fellowship was felt as we stayed with them overnight and all the next day.

Saturday, October 30, we drove over six hours to Ottawa where bro. Niyi, Odewole greeted us. Later



we met him, his wife, sis. Ola, their family and some of the saints at a local restaurant where we enjoyed food and fellowship. It was such a delight to meet this group for the first time. My heart was encouraged to see this newly formed assembly have such organization, the workers needed to conduct services and Sunday school. Such talented musicians, singers, song leaders, and Sunday school teachers were impressive. This is encouraging to see in a pioneer church, but most importantly, the love for God's Word and the gospel was very evident. Thank God

There were those in the group who could not speak English, but God provided an interpreter who also



Bro. Niyi and Bro. Timothy (interpreter and musician)

attends regularly, to translate from French to English for us and English to French for them.

This group has young families and singles attending the University in Ottawa and Montreal who are very eager to spread the good news of the Gospel.

On Monday morning, November 1, we were on the road again to travel to Fredericton, New Brunswick, which was approximately 12 hours drive. We spent two nights there, giving us the opportunity to meet or in some cases, connect by telephone, with the saints. Thank God for their faithfulness. Most of them are up in years but remain true to the Gospel and to the cause of Christ. We were able to meet with a brother, Justus Sullivan, who is over 90 years of age. We enjoyed a great time of reminiscing followed by scripture reading and prayer. As well, we met with bro. Junior and sis. Maureen and had a wonderful meal and fellowship with them. Because of COVID restrictions we were unable to meet with bro. Charles and his wife, sis. Opal but chatted over the telephone, read the Scriptures, and prayed. It was a privilege to talk with Bro. Harold Adams and his wife, sis. Venus and one other sister, Sadie Scott, by telephone. God bless these dear saints and keep them true to the end.

We arrived back in Roddickton Thursday, November 4 with a praise to God for His travelling mercies and watchful care on our journey. What a blessing to know God goes with us wherever we go.

Let us continue to lift each other up in prayer. It can't be much longer; the signs are all pointing to the soon return of Christ.

"For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10:37

Roddickton

Greetings in the name of Jesus from the District Canadian Headquarters church at Roddickton.

There is a song with the words, "yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same. All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His Name." It is true, Jesus never changes and nothing can change the joy of full salvation and the rejoicing in our hearts to be a Child of the King.

Just when we thought things were returning somewhat to normal, we were further restricted in our in-person gatherings for church services because of COVID19. This time it seemed much harder since we were not permitted to sing at all. But thank God he provided a way around that and we decided to use recorded singing and music. God's people were determined not to allow the restrictions to keep them from coming together in fellowship at church. We followed the guidelines and pressed forward in spite of them. God's house continues to be filled with prayer, singing and rejoicing. Encouraging testimonies of victory are still shared, God's Word expounded in all its fullness and prayer time brings us into the presence of the Lord. The sweet Spirit of God anoints our services despite all the adjustments and challenges.

The Bible says in *Luke 15:10* there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. The saints of God also rejoice and celebrate the news of Tuesday, October 25 when a man prayed in his home and gave his life to the Lord. No sweeter news can be heard!

Because of the lingering effects of COVID19 and its many restrictions, we were unable to have a weeklong Youth Camp. But thankfully, we were permitted to go ahead with just a 'day camp' and

what a wonderful day it was! It was with great excitement that we gathered together for a day of not only fun but a special time of worship and praise. One of the highlights of this camp day was when three young people went forward in the Chapel service and gave their hearts to the Lord. It was truly worth all the time and effort from our many volunteers preparing for this day to witness this wonderful scene.

There were two girls attending the camp for the very first time. We share their testimony of how they enjoyed it.

One Day Youth Camp



Ever since I heard about Youth Camp I wanted to attend. Last year, 2020, I was finally old enough but due to Covid-19 they couldn't go ahead with camp. But thankfully this summer our church offered a one-day Youth Camp, and I could not wait to go.

My one day at Youth Camp was awesome. The bus picked us up here at the church in Roddickton and took us to Camp. While we were on the bus everyone was singing Youth Camp songs and laughing, it was a great way to start our day.

When we got to Youth Camp, they had games all set up for us to play. It was so great to be able to be with friends for a day and I even got to meet two new friends. One of the things that I liked best was that we got to go in peddle boats. We had so much fun. We all gathered at the cafeteria for supper and while we sat around the tables, we sang more Youth Camp songs.

After supper we attended a service at the Youth Chapel. I really enjoyed the service. I loved the music and the songs they sang. It made me feel happy and you just wanted to clap your hands and sing. After the church service was over, we had snacks, watched the fireworks then we got on the bus to return home. On the ride home we were all still so excited, we were continuing to sing songs right until the bus

stopped back at the church. I really enjoyed my day at camp and cannot wait until I'm able to do it again and hopefully for a week this time! – Peyton Reardon



My name is Lacey Randell and I am 10 yrs. old. This was my first trip to youth camp! Some things I enjoyed most about the day was: 1. The bus ride with my friends 2. Meeting new people and making new friends 3. I liked the peddle boats and fireworks. It was a super fun day, and I can't wait to return next summer and hopefully get to stay for all week! – Lacey Randell

Birchy Bay

As we look around us and see the trees turning to reflect our autumn season, we experience firsthand the beauty in His handiwork, and His faithfulness from season to season. Harvest season reveals once again the power of God to provide for His children, we can say without a doubt, “We are blessed, every day that we live, we are blessed.”

With the Covid pandemic still running its course it has prohibited some of our churches from in-person worship. We however, in Newfoundland have had that privilege and we thank God for it. During the past summer months, we didn't have as many visiting saints, but we are thankful for those who did visit. We enjoyed worshipping with them.

We continue to hear inspiring messages from God's Word. One was preached by brother Claude Quinlan on September 26. His text was taken from *Job 27:6*, “*My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go...*” This message rang with encouragement to hold fast to what we have in these trying times. Thank God for His Word and those who preach it.

During our thanksgiving Sunday service, we read poems, sang songs, and heard testimonies of thanksgiving to God for His goodness. His Word that night once again reminded us to, “*...Forget not all his benefits.*” *Psalms 103:2*. After the service while

practicing social distancing, each one leaving picked a piece of fruit or two from our harvest display in the entrance.

To sum up this article we would have to say, “We are a blessed people.” We thank God for His Spirit we feel as we gather and worship. We are thankful for the bond of love that is among us, but most of all we are thankful that we serve a living God who is faithful to His children. We pray for the brethren and are expecting great things from God as we continue to serve Him and wait for our Lord's return.

Englee

Psalms 133:1 states, “*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*” We are so thankful for the bond of unity we feel here at our Englee church. The past months have brought many challenges as we try and navigate the uncharted waters of Covid guidelines and restrictions. At times we have had to pause church services, while other times service activities have been limited. Through it all we have felt the bond of love between the brethren grow tighter and stronger. The last couple of Sundays, due to covid restrictions, there has been no congregational singing. Yet the folks came with a determination to praise the Lord. We have been praising through actions such as clapping our hands, lifting holy hands, and just sending praise from our hearts as the music played. Our efforts brought results that have lifted our spirits, encouraged our hearts, and set our minds at ease.

October 14, after a couple days preparation Bonnie and I were blessed to be able to deliver cold plates to our church families. To be a part of this wonderful group is a privilege indeed. Together we have been enjoying the fellowship and blessing of the Lord even in uncertain times.



October 24, at the beginning of the service the folks were encouraged to praise the Lord even though congregational singing was restricted.

Using *Matthew 21:13* and *Hebrews 10:25* the saints were reminded that church is not just a place to sing. It is a house of prayer and a gathering place for the family of God to meet and encourage one another. During the service the ministry was blessed by the congregation to receive a cake each, cards, and gifts. Bonnie and I were overwhelmed by the gifts and words of appreciation from the saints.

During the service we were uplifted as we listened to beautiful music and special singing. We



also took a walk down memory lane as we heard a special from years gone by sung by Pastor Fred Randell, who has gone on to be with the Lord, and his wife, Melina. Then as we were sending up our praise during testimony meeting the Heavens opened and glory flooded our souls. Many were blessed. Folks came forward to be anointed and prayed for. Yes, earthly restrictions may be in place but thank the Lord when people pray and praise Him there are no boundaries to what God can do. Brother Wayne Compton brought a message from the Word. His sermon encouraged us to put our trust in God. We have confidence in a pilot to take us thousands of feet in the air and bring us safely to our destination. So, we must, more so, put our trust in God to take us through this life and to our Heavenly home.

That morning we came to church wondering how things would play out with no congregational singing. We left with a deeper confidence than ever that God is still in control.

It is our determination that *"nothing shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

Toronto

As we learn 'God's plan for me' in our Sunday school series, we are equipped with timely divine guidance for daily living to navigate the prolonged pandemic. We are thankful to God for the lift on restrictions allowing us to meet in person in Ontario. It was a blessing indeed to see each other during the youth picnic (July 10) and church picnic (September 6) after a period of one year and six months of fellowshipping virtually. *Psalms 133:1*



"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Our joy is also a confirmation of the great joy we will share at His coming on that Resurrection morning when we will be caught up in the sky with the saints to join those who have died in the Lord where we will no more. The children, youth and adults took turns to play bible-based games and we all enjoyed the fellowship of the children of God. We also feasted on food from our different ethnicity/country; it was a banquet of love. Our church picnic was also a surprise baby shower for little Mateo Andre Welcher, we doted on him and prayed for him.

This quarter we welcomed the Madojutimi family (Abraham, Faith, sons Isaac and Blessed) from Nigeria, sent by God to join the revival work in Toronto. Their addition is an answered prayer for God to send more laborers to His Toronto vineyard.

Our Canadian District Superintendent, Rev. Christopher and Pat Hewlett joined our virtual service on October 24 and shared with us God's Word on *"Consecration."* At the service, Nerissa testified about her daughter, 4-year-old Renee that one time the little girl saw her teacher wear a cross pendant. With that, the little girl told her teacher

that Jesus died on the cross at Calvary at which the teacher commented that she wishes all the students will be like Renee. What a wonderful example of training our children who learns from their Christian parents and the Sunday school.

The Lord is gracious to the family of God in Toronto – saving the lost in our midst, healing the sick, providing for those in need and binding the broken hearted of those who lost their loved ones.

Langley

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matthew 28:18

We thank God for His continued grace and strength that is commensurate for the burdens and needs of each and every day that we are so blessed to encounter. As season's change and the year 2021 reaches its closing months, God's faithfulness still endures.

Throughout the period of time since our last newsletter contribution, the Langley congregation has been protected and cared for in this time of pandemic. Despite our services and schedules being different from pre-covid, we continue to experience the blessing and fellowship of God.

While it may be hard to pinpoint one specific service to describe the moving of God in our local congregation, we would like to highlight a service that occurred around the authority of God. Sister Patience Olulana sang a song prior to the sermon entitled, *"My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me,"* which contains the glad refrain, *"For come what may, from day to day, my Heavenly Father watches over me."* This special was of great blessing to the saints and led perfectly into the Word of the hour which focused on the authority of God.

Pastor Scott read from *Matthew 8:5-13*. He recounted the story of the centurion's servant who was sick of the palsy. How that Jesus was willing to physically go to the servant and heal him however, the centurion conveyed a profound statement on

authority. He rightly recognized that God had authority over sickness and only had to speak the word and the elements of this life were subject to obey.

We were encouraged through scripture and the preaching of God's Word to know the Lord is in control and that no aspect of our lives is outside of His jurisdiction of authority. Consequently, we can place our full confidence of faith and trust in Him. We, as well, can rest assured His Word has authority over all the efforts of the enemy irrespective of what those efforts may be.

Following the preaching of God's Word, we enjoyed a wonderful time in prayer where we each petitioned the Throne of Grace. We came to God exercising our faith on the basis of the authority of His Word. We continue to hold to these truths knowing, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over me."

We continue to pray for all the saints and thank you for your prayers for us. Let us continue to fight the good fight of faith and endeavour to be faithful till Jesus calls us home.

Fort McMurray

The last months of 2021 are upon us and we give thanks to God for the blessings He has graciously provided for us this year.

Online Sunday school continues to be a highlight while we navigate the uncertainty of these times. We are, however, certain of this, that the moments we come together with children both young and old,



God is with us. Some of our Sunday school highlights since our last update are: We were blessed to have an outdoor picnic. It's always a great time to share fun, food, and fellowship with all ages. Although our activities are limited due to current circumstances; our heart connection is still evident.



Promotion Sunday was an exciting moment. Together we watched a video of Fort McMurray

Sunday school memories. Those graduating found a graduation cap placed on the pictures they sent in for the video. Graduation is a special time for the kids, and we are blessed to have shared these moments with them. The theme was "Growth," and our hearts were filled with gratitude to witness our students grow to another level of knowledge in God's Word.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18.

In September we were blessed to return to the church for our worship services. The sound of prayer and singing reflected the joyful hearts of God's children. Our numbers, though limited, felt multiplied as hearts were lifted in praise to the Lord. Joyously gathering in the house of the Lord is a picture of true Christian fellowship. The love of God flowed from heart to heart and brought blessings of Heaven to our souls. Many of the zoom church family have continued to worship with us. Since our return it is amazing the love and support they bring to our local church family; true evidence God is building His church far beyond our expectations.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms 122:1

We are thankful for the continued blessing and connection of both the prayer line and zoom Bible study. Our mission is to pray, preach and publish season after season with every opportunity and means available. It is encouraging to see God's children continue to be faithful worshiping and working together. We collectively look to God who gives the increase.

Our church Facebook page provides uplifting scriptures, inspirational thoughts, and selections of music. Through these posts many have expressed thanks for the encouragement it has provided. Excitedly, we share an example of a group from Pakistan who visited our



site. Some months ago, a brother in the Lord contacted us to share the blessing he received through a scripture post Marcy had posted. Our brother felt God prompted him to contact us and since that time

they have joined us for online services. The dedication our new brothers and sisters have shown is evident. There is an eleven-hour time difference so joining our Sunday evening service means they awake for five in the morning.

Collectively we express thanks to the Lord for bringing us together for "such a time as this." Please pray with us for their continued blessings as the group travels many miles from village to village sharing the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hearts and prayers are, "Enlarge our vision Lord!" May God richly bless His children as we watch, pray, and await the soon return of Jesus!

Kitchener

***B**e ye a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9*

Ontario went into a strict province-wide lockdown on December 26, 2020, and it wasn't until July 18, 2021, that we were finally able to maintain at least two metres physical distancing between all individuals not in the same household or social circle.

During the months that our church was closed, our Sunday worship service and Sunday school was accessible by way of Zoom.

We are truly thankful for our Kitchener saints, and those from branch churches who faithfully joined our zoom services on Sundays. Your prayerful support, your testimonies and willingness to sing the special songs greatly enhanced those times of fellowship.

Our Sunday school Superintendents and teachers have been very consistent in efforts to do Sunday school sessions on our zoom site each Sunday. Also, it's commendable how the parents do their part to have their children actively involved.

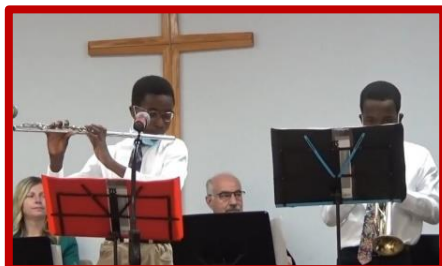
Sunday morning, July 18, we arrived at our church to worship together for the first time in several



months. One of our ushers, Deon, was watching through the church window and waving excitedly as we were parking. He came to the entrance door to eagerly welcome us.

The sweet Spirit of God could be felt as we stepped over the trestle into the sanctuary. As the saints gathered in, one of the choruses we sang was, "I'm Gonna Praise the Lord." Praise God for a people who still have a desire in their hearts to be in God's house to worship on the Lord's Day. It's amazing that when God's people are faithful to praise the Lord, that the Spirit of God wonderfully inhabits our praises and encourages our hearts.

In August, Ruth Osunbunmi moved from Nigeria with her two boys, Gideon, age 14 and Gabriel, age 12. Ruth is here to do advanced studies at Conestoga College. Both her sons play musical



instruments, the trumpet and flute and have been active in playing their music since arriving.

October 10, 2021, Thanksgiving Service we had several special singings of the adults and their children singing along with them. The sermon was entitled,

"Reasons to give thanks."

The text was taken from *Psalms 103* and although the word



thanksgiving is not found in this Psalms, yet it lists several reasons why we are to be thankful unto God daily, not just on Thanksgiving Day.

October 17 we were quite pleased to have our Canadian District Superintendent, Pastor Chris and his wife, Pat, visit our church here in Kitchener. To begin our service Pastor Chris, his wife, Patsy, and their daughter sang, *"Somebody got another prayer through."* Pastor Chris preached the message entitled, *"Consecration and Prayer."* His text was *Exodus 32:26-29*. He concluded his message with a challenge for everyone to have a passion for the work of the Lord. *Matthew 16:24-26*. During the prayer service followed two church ladies who were in a backslidden condition return unto the Lord and were wonderfully saved and welcomed back into the fold by the saints.

Let's encourage each other and continue to shew praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into this marvellous light.

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