



Victory in Jesus!

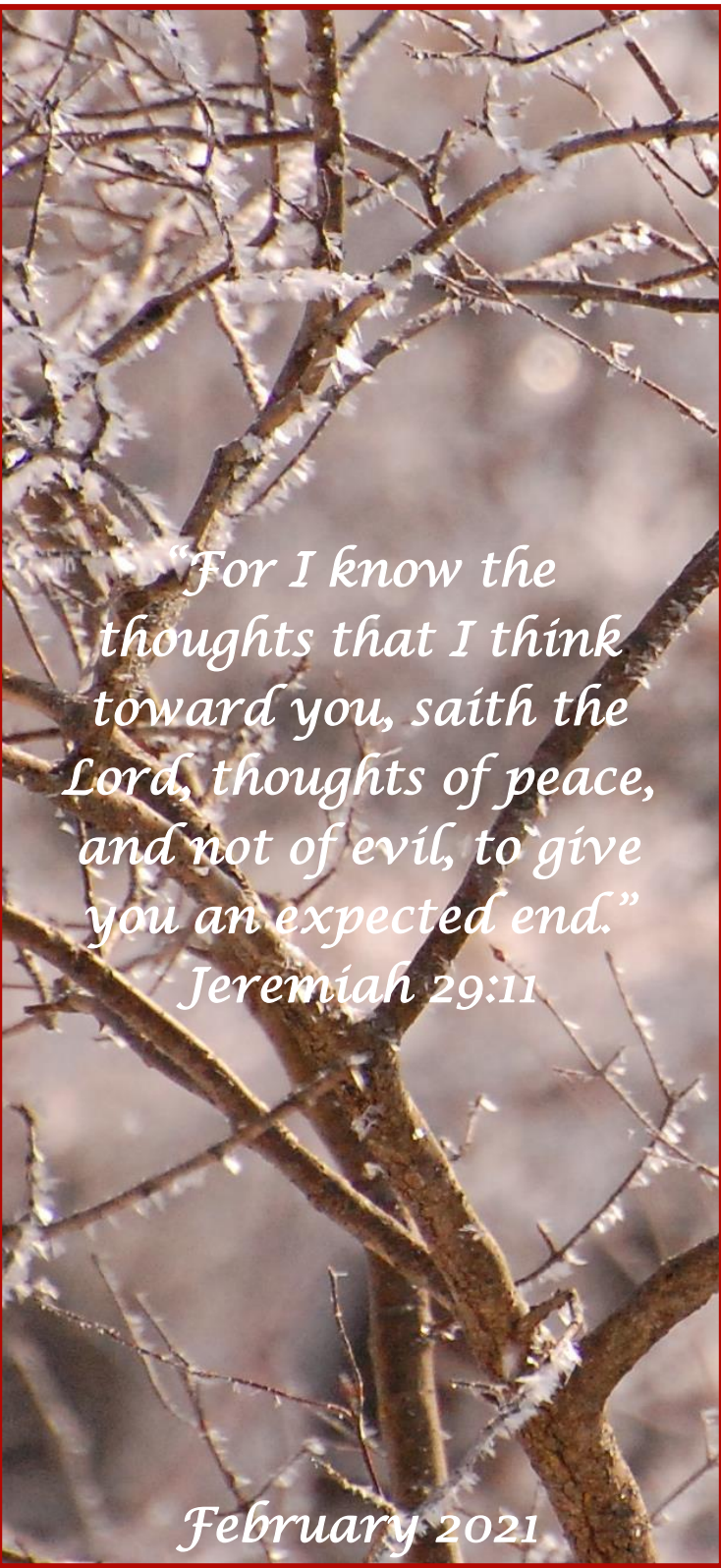
RODDICKTON

Greetings and blessings for 2021! We give thanks to our precious Heavenly Father for His gracious compassion and grace extended to our Church families and also our physical families. For, even in the midst of these troublesome times, we can have God's abiding peace to cover us, today, tomorrow and always.

How many times do we fret and stress? We all have our share of challenges especially in these unpredictable times we are living in. But thankfully, the Bible has the answers to our greatest needs. We read in *Philippians 4:7, 8* *"And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."* Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, outlined God's formula for them, as well as us, if we are to have peace of mind in a troubled world.

Brothers and sisters, let us pray that God will help us apply these seven qualities spoken of in verse eight which will in turn create an environment of peace in our hearts, our minds, our homes, and our day-to-day Christian living. Real peace is found in knowing God on a personal level and having a right relationship with our Creator.

Jesus' words in *St. John 16:33*, *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* These are



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comforting words, no matter what you are experiencing or dealing with right now. We have God's promise, *"In me ye might have peace."* Christ is the answer to all our needs, all our pain, all our questions. Jesus said, *"Be of good cheer."* The Lord will not forsake you or leave you alone. If you are hurting, I encourage you to pray these words, *Peace of God, cover me through the storm, through the night, cover me.* Remember Jesus' words, *"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* God bless and keep you in the year ahead.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, we have not been able to come together for Sunday school. We miss it immensely. During Thanksgiving, the teachers made a door stop visit and delivery to their students, bringing them a treat. They were so happy and excited to see their teacher and Department Head.



During Christmas week, December 23, 2020, Pastor Chris and his wife, the Department Heads, Sunday school students, teachers

and musicians bundled up and ventured the



cold to reach out and bring a little Christmas cheer to some of the seniors in our community.

We all social distanced as we stood in front of the senior cottage to sing Christmas carols to the residents. Some came to their patio while others opened their windows to hear the children and adults sing. We then proceeded to the Roddickton House



where other seniors watched and listened as well. It was a very cold night but each one was more than willing to brave the elements to bless others.



The seniors were presented a Christmas gift, calendar, and pen. The students, teachers and musicians were presented a Christmas gift/treat bag prepared earlier by the Department Heads. In spite of the cold, it proved to be a heartwarming gesture that was happily received.

We had several beautiful Christmas services in December. On Sunday, December 19, 2020, Pastor Chris took the opportunity to pass out calendars, pens, and a beautiful Christmas mug to the adults. The children and youth of the congregation were not forgotten. They received a treat and wooden ornament as well.



Despite all the restrictions and guidelines that we are required to follow, we have been experiencing beautiful, Spirit-filled services. The Spirit of God flows in our midst and we bask in the warmth of His sweet



presence. Our hearts are so encouraged each time we come together. Who knows, we may not have too many more gatherings but will meet in that great gathering in the sky where all God's people will be free from this world of trouble and pain. What a day of rejoicing it will be!

Just as God promised to be with the Children of Israel, He promises to be with us today in these trying times. *"According to the Word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not!" Haggai 2:5*

Testimony by Audrey Bushey

I can say that God is available at all times, whether it's morning, noon, night, during lockdown, on the road or in the air. We cannot go where He is not, He's everywhere. Last July 16 (which was my birthday) I woke up intending to go to work but I quickly realized that I wasn't feeling good. I got out of bed, struggled to get ready for work not wanting to go but neither wanting to call my employer to tell him that I couldn't make it. Eventually I gave in and succumb to the bed. I was so sick all that day and wasn't able to get up only for short periods of time.

Not sure of the time, maybe it was after 9 pm I wasn't feeling any better, maybe a little worse. I decided to text sister Pat and ask her and Pastor Chris to pray for me when they had their bedtime prayer. I laid my cell phone on the dresser and turned to get into bed for the night and the words *'ask and ye shall receive'* came to me, then the thought, why don't you call them and ask to be prayed for over the phone which sounded too good to resist. I texted back and told them what I wanted, I brought the chair into the bedroom, sat down and called. When I called, Pastor Chris answered the phone and I'll explain it like this, that he was connected to the powerhouse. We prayed together, Wilson and I and also sister Pat. The Lord's presence came into the bedroom and touched me! It felt like I was in church. It's always good to obey the voice of the Lord. If there's a problem, bring it to the Lord. He cares about the little details of our lives as well as the big.

TORONTO

Our Sunday school theme for last quarter of the year 2020 was characterized with "Firsts." As a church, we learnt about the beginning of the world, the first man, the first King of Israel and giving to God first. In tune with the theme of 'First' God in His mercy made the church in Toronto to witness occasions in the past year that were 'First' for the church.

One of these occasions was our Christmas Carol. Due to the global pandemic, we have been holding our services virtually for many months. As the Christmas season approached, a decision was made

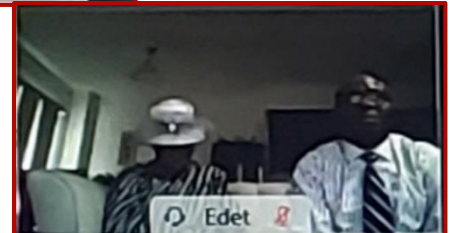


that our annual Christmas Carol should likewise be held virtually. This was our first



virtual Carol however, to the glory of God, it was beautiful. There were congregational songs, renditions from

different families and instrumental solos. Everyone was involved, from the oldest in



the church, our 86-year-old Nanay (Adelina Torres) who sang, "Silent Night, Holy Night," to the toddlers. Everyone sang to the glory of God with different backdrops of beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

The next occasion was having our first Christmas service on a day that is not a Sunday, an experience we cherish as a church. In the 10 years' history of the church, we had not been privileged to hold a service on Christmas Day due to lease related restrictions.

Friday, December 25, 2020, is memorable as we were able to hold our first Christmas service (virtually). Brother Randy Antalan's Christmas message was "The Birth of Emmanuel." His text was *Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."* A few days later the church also held its 'first' year-end Watch Night service. The service was filled with songs of praise, heart lifting testimonies and words of encouragement. The service came to a close with every member of the church kneeling down to pray as we ushered out 2020 and welcomed 2021.

As we start this new year, our prayer is that God will heal the world from this pandemic so that we can fellowship in person. We are comforted by the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Samaritan woman at the well in *John 4:23 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."*

SOUTH BROOK

2020 was such a challenging year with very little activities taking place at the church. One service on Sunday morning and prayer service Tuesday nights was the extent of our fellowship. Although there are restrictions due to Covid-19 the Spirit of God is still moving in our midst with an awesome praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords. As we enter into another year, we know that God is in control. He has the whole world in His hands, we just need to have faith and trust Him.

Christmas was a little different in 2020 with no Christmas program, which we miss the children performing and reciting their different parts and we also miss the candlelight service. But on December 20, we decided to have our Sunday morning service centered around Christmas caroling with social distancing and regulations. We had a few special solos, other singings and poems, then gift giving, also a memory tree where we could place an ornament in memory of our loved one. All in all, it was a great

morning worshipping Jesus, who brought so much light into this world and into our lives.

It was also a privilege to go door to door and deliver our Church calendars and a little gift to show our appreciation. It's always a good time in Christmas to present a bag of goodies to the children after our program but this year we went to their doors and delivered them because of Covid-19.

Our Church services have been going great so far this year! We are one of the privileged groups here in Newfoundland who can still go into the house of the Lord and fellowship together. Our prayer is that God will continue to allow us to attend our Church services even if it's only one service on Sunday. We are BLESSED.

Our burdens and prayers are for our unsaved loved ones and neighbors that God will continue to speak to their hearts, that they will fall on their knees and give their lives over to God. *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* We pray also that the Lord will protect and keep each one as we navigate through this New Year if the Lord should tarry. With Christ as our captain, we won't go astray. GOD BLESS each and everyone.

ENGLEE

Once again it is a blessing to be able to report good news from our Englee branch. God has and continues to supply all our needs. Truly, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory." Even though current conditions have somewhat restricted things we are still able to have a Sunday service along with prayer meeting midweek. These times of coming together to worship have been a blessing to our souls.

No doubt our world changed in 2020 but one thing stayed constant in our lives, God's Spirit is the same yesterday, today and forever. Oh, the joy to be present in our services and to feel and experience His Holy Spirit moving among us.

December 19, our church entered a nativity scene float in the Englee Christmas parade. It was a privilege to be able to present the true meaning of the season to the world around us.



December 20, we held an evening service to celebrate the Christ child. It was a time to sing Christmas carols and listen to specials centered around this wonderful time of the year. A message was given encouraging us to remember what the spirit of Christmas is all about. It's not all about the glitter and the tinsel. It's not about the gifts and decorations. The true Christmas spirit is having the Christ child living and reigning in our hearts. Yes, things happened in 2020 that threatened to subdue that Christmassy feeling, yet the true essence of Christmas should always be alive in the hearts of the believer. It is awesome, in times of distress, to still feel, "Peace on earth good will toward men."

December 31 was watch night service. Saints gathered later in the night and we were able to worship together then pray in the New Year.

It has always been an uplifting time when we hold ordinance service. January 3 was no exception. Even with the format of our service adjusted to follow Covid-19 guidelines, we were blessed. Saints came forward, following safety protocols, to partake of the emblems. With tears flowing and hands lifted the saints were strengthened, blessed, touched, and encouraged by the presence of the Lord. Even though we were unable to do the foot washing part of the ordinance, at this time, it felt as if the ordinance had been completed in our hearts.

February 7, morning service just confirmed that God is not good once in a while but He is good all the time. Outside winds were extreme. During the service something hit the side of the church startling us all. Inside we also witnessed a moving. *John 2:2 says, "And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."* With hungering hearts saints began to lift up holy hands to the Lord. Down came the showers of blessings. Oh, what a blessing to bask in God's presence. Comments were made after, that God was preparing us for something. How true, less than a week later government officials announced that services would be discontinued until further notice due to Covid-19 issues.

We are blessed to be able to fall back on social media platforms to continue bringing the good news of the gospel. Valentine's day service was made possible because of this.

We are so thankful that in the midst of a troubled world, we, God's people, can still enjoy the awesome presence of Jesus in our lives. There is no doubt, "God is bigger than all our problems and bigger than all our fears." God bless and have a Happy and blest New Year to one and all.

BIRCHY BAY

New Year's greetings from Pastors and congregation here in Birchy Bay, NL. We pray that you all had a blessed Christmas, and this year finds you all healthy and safe as we continue to progress through this pandemic.

At the close of our last Newsletter article, we mentioned we plan to assemble on June 28, as a congregation since the pandemic started. Well, the Lord blessed us with that privilege to come together once again in His house and worship Him. Although the social distancing guidelines caused us to sit further away from each other physically, we can say that it didn't prohibit the unity of the saints spiritually. There was an awesome feeling of oneness and appreciation for each other as we worshipped and praised God

together. We were blessed to have Pastor Grant Cassell and his wife, Joan, join us for that service.

On October 28, Rev. Christopher Hewlett and his lovely wife, Patsy, visited with us and the saints here for a service. We were blessed to hear an inspiring message from him bringing alive to us the power of praise and thanksgiving from God's Holy Word. It was a wonderful service and God's presence truly blessed our hearts.

Being a small congregation, we were able to congregate for a meal during the Christmas season. We felt so blessed to be able to do that. We all enjoyed a great evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

The last Sunday service in 2020 was a wonderful service as well. We took an opportunity to ponder over the past year and God's faithfulness through it. Being human however, many could not help wondering what a New Year would bring, especially, with the whole world encountering so many uncertainties. As we began to sing the chorus, "In the Dark of the Night I'll be with Thee" the Holy Spirit sweetly ministered to our hearts and flooded us with a sweet peace reassuring us that even in times of uncertainty, God was with His children. The scripture from God's Word that night was taken *from John 16:33* with a message, *"Be of good cheer; I have overcome the World."* What a joy to know that God is in control of every situation and well able to bring us through another year if He should tarry.



It reminded us that God deserves our praise, so we should always be careful to praise Him for all He has done for us. We ended the service singing the chorus, "All the Praises shall be Given to my Jesus." A wonderful prayer service of praise and thanksgiving followed.

Sunday night service, January 24, was also a wonderful service of praise. A message from *Isaiah 42:8*, *"I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not*

As I conclude this article, we are still privileged to be able to congregate for a service on Sundays. God has protected and kept each one of us by His power, with that being said, we pray for all our brethren, especially those who still are unable to assemble together. We trust God that you too will once again be blessed with this privilege. We thank God for His goodness, and His grace that is sufficient for every need in our lives. Keep the faith, keep your trust in God, and He will see us through.

LANGLEY

"Now therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." Deuteronomy 7:9.

God has been true to His nature. He has been faithful!

We continue to thank and praise God for His continued strength and grace given for each and every day. The Lord has been good to us here in Langley of which we give Him all the praise and glory. Despite our weekly church routines having been changed and special occasions taking on different formats, we have found the same sweet Spirit of God to be present blessing us.

Throughout the pandemic the Langley church has focused on joining specific online meetings with branch churches on the west coast of North America. Wednesday, we tune in with Seattle, WA, via YouTube for a time of Bible study as presented by Pastor Bill McKibben and the ministry team there. Sundays, we have been blessed with participating in the Pullman, WA, combined Sunday school lead by Pastor Olusola Adesope. This Sunday school initiative incorporates the involvement of many of our brethren not just in Canada and the United States but also others in different regions of the world. Sunday afternoons we continue to offer our Langley, Canada, service via Zoom at 4pm PST. Additionally, the last Sunday of each month we continue to hold young people's meeting. This continues to be a highlight! Lastly, but not least, we avail ourselves of joining Portland via

webcast for the offerings presented from our headquarters church.

During the Christmas season we held a Christmas program via Zoom in which our church family gave their talents to uplifting the name of Christ and His wonderful birth. Although we were not in our traditional settings, each contribution was a blessing, and all were excited to see God bless us through Word and song.

December 31, we held a combined Watchnight service with the saints from Pullman, WA, just across the border. This service presented wonderful songs and testimonies plus it gave us our last sermon for the year 2020 and the first sermon for 2021. A wonderful time of prayer followed. It truly is a great blessing to reflect on the year expiring and to consecrate and dedicate the incoming New Year.

All in all, we thank God for His faithfulness. God has continued to bless the brethren here in Langley. He has kept us. He has strengthened us. He has given us joy. He has given us grace. For all this we give Him praise.

KITCHENER

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11

As we reflect on 2020, without a doubt because of the Covid-19 threat and with all its restrictions, 2020 will be remembered as a

year that has been unprecedented but in spite of all its challenges, we thank God for all the blessings our church family has experienced both of the physical and spiritual.

Leading up to the Christmas season, December 13, Beverly, and Stephanie (Department Heads of our Sunday school) led out a Christmas program on the Zoom site. The children all did an AWESOME job.

December 19, myself and Diane, because of restrictions of gatherings we had a drive through at the parsonage which consisted of music outside with coffee, drinks and goodies. It made for a great time of fellowship.

December 20, the church family had a Christmas Singspiration also on Zoom. We thank God for the sweet Spirit we felt in our midst.

2021 has begun and yes, it is still challenging but praise God we serve a God who is unchangeable and meets the needs of all who call upon Him.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Let's continue to pray and encourage one another as we labor together in the service of the Lord, knowing that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ever ask or think.

BIDE ARM

Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Websters dictionary defines liberty as a state of being free. During these months since the beginning of the Covid-19 virus, it doesn't feel like we have a whole lot of freedom, or that we have liberty. With many government regulations to follow, businesses and workplaces shut down, churches and school closures, it felt as if we had lost our freedom.

However, during this time we are able to use other means to connect with the saints and to share the good news of the gospel. July 5, 2020, after almost five months of closure, our church reopened. It certainly was wonderful and exciting to get back to church. The message on that first morning back was taken from *Psalm 122:1 "I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."*

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"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122:1*

As we began to get comfortable with all the guidelines, and regulations that came along with re-opening, once again we began to enjoy the liberty that is found in the Lord. As the saints have been worshipping and reaching out to God, He truly has opened to us the windows of Heaven.

Sunday, September 23, 2020, a brother testified, how a while back he had been feeling so low and God seemed so far away. That morning before coming to church he cried out to God and God met him in his home and lifted him up. October 11, 2020, a sister testified that she had her family in for dinner and her husband mentioned that maybe she should stay home from church and cook dinner for them. Instead, she got up early and cooked dinner before going to church. During the service, the Spirit of the Lord came down and blessed her as she sat in her seat. Another sister told about an accident that her grandson was involved in nine years ago. She called Pastor Rene for prayer. Pastor Rene said to her, he is not going to die. It was serious, but God brought him through and today he is a healthy teenager.

A lady that had been away from church for several years started attending again and we wondered what was happening. After a few Sundays she stood and witnessed that she had a couple of spiritual encounters in her home and knew that the Lord had saved her.

We are thankful for the times of refreshing from the Lord. Sunday morning, November 1, 2020, as we sang the chorus, "I want to Thank Jesus for the Plan of Salvation," many of the saints were blessed as we stood and worshipped. It is times like these when God seems so near.

Sunday morning, November 29, 2020, one of our Sunday school boys who misses Sunday school so much, wanted to come to church and sing. That morning his mom brought him to church and he opened the service, singing, "Jesus in the family." We are thankful for our Sunday school children.

Every service there seems to be such as awesome presence of the Spirit of the Lord. As the saints reach out to God, He is faithful to be where He is called upon.

December 6, 2020, a sister said that she went to bed one night feeling a little anxious about going to a new job. That night she had a dream about the coming of the Lord, and when she awoke the anxious feeling was gone.

Christmas was different this past year with all the restrictions, it wasn't possible to have a program and invite the public. On December 20, 2020, we held a night service that consisted of singing Christmas carols, also some other special numbers. Calendars and pens were handed out at the end of the service along with a gift for all the saints.

January 3, 2021, a sister witnessed that several years ago one of her children had some health problems. While she was away at Mid-West camp meeting, she decided to call home to check on him. That child answered the phone. God had healed him! Normally, a long-distance call had to be accepted by an adult, that day the call went through even though a child answered, and the call was never charged to her account. That child is now an adult serving the Lord. Another sister recently testified that God has sanctified her. We praise God that He fills the hungry all the time.

Sunday morning, January 10, 2021, the opening song was, "Jesus Never Fails." Right from the first note the words of the song registered with the hearts of the saints. The presence of the Lord was so real, electrifying is the only way to describe it. As the service progressed you could sense the Spirit leading in a different direction. During testimony service we sang the chorus, "Somebody got Another Prayer Through, Somebody Touched the Lord." One of the sister's felt that she wanted to stand and ask to be anointed and prayed for. Not knowing what this sister was feeling, a short time later the Pastor stepped to the pulpit, and said he felt that the Holy Spirit was



leading him to change the direction of the service. An invitation was given encouraging the saints, that if they felt the need to be anointed and prayed for, to come forward or stand where they were. Several of the saints were anointed that morning. As Pastor Rene led in prayer there was an amazing sense of the anointing and power of God. We do not know what the results of these prayers are or will be, but we know they touched the Lord.

These are different times, but thankfully Jesus is the same. We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future and we know He holds our hand.

OTTAWA

Our testimony for 2020 can be summarized in the fact that God's providence over us is certain when we *"dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"* Psalm 91:1. Despite the increasing number of corona virus cases in the province of Ontario, the Lord has kept us under His wings of protection. We raise our voices this New Year in unity with Niyi Oduwole to say, *"Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us."* I Samuel 7:12.

During the year, sister Stella Adigun, the wife of our United Kingdom Superintendent came to visit us for a week and we were immensely blessed.



By mid-September, we resumed online services via Zoom as advised by the provincial government to help further flatten the curve.

We had new members join us consisting of children, college students and experienced professionals to connect virtually.

We can truly say that the presence of the Lord has been felt in each meeting.

Our services are communicated in the two official languages of Canada – French & English, and Yoruba. We are glad to have Aubin Djidenou and Timothy

Oladiran serving as our French interpreters. God indeed understands all languages. We pray that God will increase our numbers with people from various tribes and languages to accommodate everyone.

Since distance is not a barrier in the world of technology and God is all-present, we hosted three ministers of the gospel from our churches in Gabon, Nigeria, and Langley, BC.

Brother John Oladiran from Gabon preached on 'Jesus Cares' using *Psalms 37:3-5, "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed"* as the key text. Brother Tony Ademuyiwa from Nigeria

preached on the type of prayers God answers, emphasizing the need to forgive others so that we can



be forgiven, *Matthew 6:12, 14-15*. The story of the unmerciful servant in *Matthew 18:21-35* was recounted to us to show the importance of forgiveness. Lastly, Sola Akindele from Langley, BC, reminded us that the river of living water is still available and free for all that, *"Hunger and thirst after righteousness."* Matthew 5:6.

In addition to our weekly Sunday services and Thursday prayer meetings, we also have youth prayers holding every Monday. There are testimonies of answers to prayers when we meet and we thank God for this. The Lord has indeed been gracious to us. We have seen God work through us and in us. A case of Covid-19 was detected amongst us, but we can say with a joyful heart that there is power in the blood of Jesus to heal.

We ask that you continually support us in prayer so that the pandemic will take no toll on us and we can gather once again with our brethren. Finally, we pray that as we see clearer signs of the last days, we make straight our paths to Heaven. God bless you!

FORT MCMURRAY

We greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus, the name above all names.

None of us have imagined that barely three months into the year 2020, that most of the world would be in lockdown because of an unseen virus, Covid-19. And that the lockdowns, social distancing and cancellations would reach into December. While we have had to deal with cancellations, limitations, and restrictions we are thrilled that the Christ of Christmas remains the same. The Light of the world is still shining, and we are still walking in the light. Our platform for celebrating Christmas had to change this year, but God's gift of love remains the same and we are thankful that Christmas can never be cancelled. The message remains the same...Covid cannot change the most incredible story of the history of the world...**Christ has come among us!** *Matthew 1:23* *"...and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*



The theme for program, held was **'Celebrating Jesus'**. Due to restrictions the were pre-Junior department presented live Zoom Sunday school provided the privilege of having different branches of our church to join us in celebrating Jesus. Our welcome included greetings from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Van Buren, AK. The enthusiasm of each participant in every piece was true evidence, Christ



our Sunday school on December 20, **Jesus'**. Due to primary students recorded, but the department presentations.

was praised, and many were blessed. Teachers and students rose to the challenge of a new platform to give praise to the Christ of Christmas.



Our teachers and students always look forward to a time of fellowship, food, fun and gift giving after our Christmas program. From a distance we were grateful to join on Zoom as students open their gifts that had been delivered by dedicated teachers. Each family received a 'Happy Birthday Jesus' cake. Happy teachers, happy students made for a delightful celebration.

December 27 - Evening of Music.

We were truly blessed to have saints from different locations to join us and share in song the message of the coming of Christ to this earth. Every song was a beautiful expression of the one who brought us together. The Spirit of God moved, and our hearts were blessed. Pastor Karen Story preached a very inspired, timely message using the example of the wise men who followed the star. She encouraged everyone to follow the Star, Jesus... the Light of the world. She emphasized the importance to stay the course, never give up. When the going gets tough, keep going. We will see Jesus; He is not in the manger, but He is coming again! Be prepared and anticipate His soon return. The Spirit of God moved among us and many hearts were blessed.

December 31 – Watch Night Service

The blessings of the Lord brought us together to end the year in joyful celebration of what the Lord has done for us in 2020. We enjoyed a time of reflection; a time of singing and a time of rejoicing as together we recounted the goodness of God in 2020. The lockdown does not limit our God! Our first ever Zoom watchnight service gave us the privilege to pray the

old year out and the New Year in. God is good and we give Him all the praise.

New Year Greeting

At the dawn of a new year, we give thanks to God for His constant watch over us during 2020. We join the Apostle Paul in giving thanks for all of you. What a blessing it has been to have the support of a loving, caring and praying church family through this past year.


Philippians 1:3-5 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

Our prayer and desire for the church in 2021 is that God will bless you with joy, strength, hope and courage as we continue to be His light; and together build His Church.

As we continue to navigate these uncharted waters of a global pandemic, we can remain faithful because we trust in an everlasting God who is sovereign in all His ways. He is with us all the time. As our Counsellor, He will guide us. As our Mighty God, He will protect us and provide for us. And as our Prince of Peace, He will give us peace as we seek Him during these uncertain times. Praising God with you and for you as we await the return of Jesus.

Newfoundland, Canada, Winter Scenes



A photograph of a red cardinal perched on a branch covered in snow. The background is a soft-focus winter scene with more snow-covered branches.

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