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CHURCH PLANTERS TO

CAMPBELLTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Dear Praying Friends

December 2023

The Christmas season is upon us once again. We are reminded during this season of the reason for the birth of Jesus. Luke 19:10 says, ***“For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”***

Building Update

For the past 6 years God has blessed us with using the McLeods Community Center. It has been a huge blessing from the Lord. McLeods is a community just outside of Campbellton. Earlier this year, McLeods and several other communities amalgamated with the city of Campbellton. The City of Campbellton has now taken over the care of the community center. This past week I attended a meeting being held by city council which had to do with the future of the community center. The city said that they will not be able to keep the building open unless the community comes together to save it. The decision at the meeting was not to close the community center for the time being, but to give the community an opportunity to save it. The city wants the center to be used more often, and unfortunately a new “spiritual” group has begun using it. This is something we are disappointed about, but we are praying for the Lord’s will. Our prayer has been that we would be able to purchase it if the city closes it down. We are seeking God’s will for a permanent building even if that means moving to a new building. Would you please pray for our church and for wisdom in finding a permanent building. We believe God is in control, and will provide the perfect place in His timing.

Thanking God for His Protection

On October 30, our van fell off the car jack while I was changing our tires. The wheel well landed on my hand as I pulled off the tire. I was able to wiggle my hand free, but I had to go to the hospital for X-rays. I am thankful they could not find anything broken, and was reminded that it could have been much worse.

Ministry Update

In October, a man named Lindsey who has been attending for the past year, trusted Christ as His Saviour. He lives in a small community about 30 minutes away and is picked up every Sunday to come to church. Lindsey cannot read, but before bed one evening in October he prayed and accepted Jesus Christ as His Saviour.

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The last several weeks at church have been encouraging. We have had 12 new visitors in the last three weeks and this past Sunday we held our Christmas program setting an attendance record with 38 people. Several of these visitors are unsaved. So please pray for their salvation.

Our monthly Bathurst services are continuing to go well. Our November service had 5 first time visitors, and our next service in Bathurst is December 17. On December 16, we will hold our annual Community Christmas Dinner here in Campbellton, and we are praying for more visitors.

On a personal note, our family will be travelling to Ontario to visit Holly's family for Christmas. Please pray for our safety as we travel.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas. We are thankful for your faithful prayers and support this past year for the ministry here in New Brunswick.

In Christ,

Joel Buckingham



Christmas Program



Bathurst Service

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