

“Northwestern Ontario News”

Update and Prayer Letter from the Rasmussens, your missionaries to NW Ontario

Make it Christmas in your heart! November/December 2018

We have been blessed:

1. Good turnout for the parade and singing.
2. Opportunities to give the Gospel out at this season.
3. Two additional truck loads of woods brought in.
4. Complete healing of Cindy's wrist.
5. Answers to pray

We ask prayer for:

1. Eric Dalzell- brain cancer (very ill)
2. Work team to come up this coming spring to cut wood.
3. Clarence Moor & family- new pastor
4. God's protection as we minister to street people.

As this year comes to a close, we wonder, “where did the time go?”. There are so many activities this time of year. We had a Christmas parade with a Christmas Carol Sing to follow. What does that look like in a town of nearly 400?! Well, we had 5 Entries, all handing out candies and then about 50 people came into the



community hall for cookies and singing. We now have been asked three years in a row to come and sing. So we read the Biblical account from Luke and Matthew and arranged traditional songs around it. There was a man who just was absorbing the whole things. He's new in town. We may never know the impact things like this will have on people.

Monday, we had a Christmas dinner for the street people. We served a turkey dinner with all the fixings and dessert supplied by ladies in the church. We had 15 pr of wool socks donated to give away. We had 13 come, but made up 20 plates of food. We pray that they felt loved through this time.



That night, our little church unanimously voted in a new pastor for Friendship Baptist Church. His name is Clarence Moore. That's right, the

missionary contractor that renovated our home and pastor's house!! The whole story is amazing, but one that I'll have to share in another letter.

Saturday, December 22nd, we will have our Bible Club Christmas party. We will show a short DVD on the Christmas story, make manger scene decorations and have some treats for the kids.

We will be heading down to Minnesota for Christmas with our kids and Cindy's family. We are looking forward to some family time as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

There is a sadness that has darkened out small community. The fire chief/Ambulance chief/Bible teacher for the Mennonite church is fighting for his life. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in August, went through aggressive radiation and chemotherapy and now had developed secondary infections and pneumonia. He just turned 55 this year. He has gained tremendous respect throughout this area. If the Lord chooses to take him home, it will have an enormous impact on our small community. Please pray much for Eric Dalzell, his wife, Senia and 4 adult children. Pray that God will open people's eyes to eternity and the urgency to be ready.

Merry Christmas to one and all! Thank you for your prayers.



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