

It has been a long winter! Although we have had considerably less snow this year than last, it has definitely been colder. Perhaps, the skies have been a little cloudier this winter; perhaps, the cold has settled a little deeper in my bones; perhaps, the daylight hours have seemed a little shorter this season ... but, it has been a long winter.

I would very much like to write, if I could, and say the attendance has doubled at Hinton Baptist Church. It would be a great joy, if I could, to pen and tell how God has visited His flock in Hinton, Alberta in a mighty, sweeping revival. What thrill it would be, if I could, correspond the news of the baptismal waters continually stirred service after service. But, alas, these are not so ... it has been a long winter.

And yet, stopping and looking back over the last four or five months I realize, perhaps, by God's grace and His unmerited blessing, He has helped us do and be that which is most important. What, you ask, is this most important thing? *"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"* (1 Corinthians 4:2). I will not tout the steadfastness of the Davis family. That can be left for others to do; if they wish ... I will only say, though it has been a long winter every Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening the eternal Word of God has been preached and taught unto His flock in Hinton ... Children have been taught the great foundational truths of Scripture ... Special visits have been made and simple, biblical answers have been given to the questions posed by those whose hearts have been touched by the Truth ... As opportunities have come, the Gospel has been given out, the seed sown ... Every Wednesday evening the flock has sought the Father's will and prayed as a collective body.

An inspirational writer of the early 1900's stated - "It is not the straining for great things that is most effective; it is the doing of the little things, the common duties, a little better and better - the constant improving - that tells." Pray for us. Pray the Lord Jesus Christ will help the Davis family and the families comprising Hinton Baptist Church to do the "little things, the common duties, a little better and better"! Mr. D.L. Moody said, "The world does not need men that are great in it's eyes ... just true and honest persons, doing their best day in and day out, whom the Lord can use." Please pray that we may do our best day in and day out ... that the Lord will be able to use us ... that by His estimation we may be found faithful!

God bless you for your faithfulness and continued prayerful support of His work and workers in Hinton, Alberta.

It has been a long winter ... but, SPRING is in the air!

In Christ's Service, Shane Davis