

The summer season has come and gone here in the foothills region of Alberta. Our weather seemed to be unseasonably wet and cool this year, but we thank the Lord for the beauty of green grass, plentiful wildflowers, and “zero” threat of wildfires (at least in the central foothills location). With long daylight hours and mild temperatures, it’s hard to remember only six months ago we were in the icy grip of -30C!

JUNE ~ Breaking News ... a staple in local economy announces shutdown. A local, metallurgical coal mine will be stopping production in mid-2020. The mine has been a major employer in the town of Hinton for 50 years (over 340 local employees). You may ask, “What is the big deal?” Well, anyone that lives in a small, isolated town that heavily relies upon natural resources for economic stability understands the big deal. Employees will be transferred to other mines the company owns, thus entire families will relocate and/or families will be separated as some stay and long-range commute ... others will lose their jobs. Pray for Hinton Baptist Church, as two of our families will be directly affected by the closing. Decisions will be made in the next months that will impact His flock here.

JULY ~ Help Arrives ... faithful couple moves to town. The Lord is so wonderfully good to us ALL the time, yet there are times when the windows of Heaven are opened and blessings pour forth! Paul and Ali Harness safely arrived in Hinton shortly after the first of July. Housing was secured and employment was found almost immediately. They have proven to be an asset to the ministry already ... song leading, special music, youth activities, door knocking, treasurer, and some preaching (Bro. Paul only!). As they seek to follow the Lord, I am certain they will continue to be invaluable. May I ask you to pray in two specific ways?

- 1.) That I will learn how to have a “fellowlabourer” in the ministry. Quite honestly, after 11 years it is difficult to turn loose, however, opportunity abounds as many hands make a light work!
- 2.) That my “assistant” will learn how to assist. I am fully confident in their training and heart’s desire to magnify Christ, yet there must be a learning how to be an extension of the pastor’s reach and vision (I had to learn this many years ago at Victory Baptist in Sherwood Park, AB).

AUGUST ~ Blessings Abound ... youth conference and baptism. For the second year, we had the privilege of traveling to the youth conference at Faith’s Door Baptist Church in West Kelowna, BC. The preaching challenged our young people! The Lord worked in a very special way, with one of our young men surrendering his life to the ministry in whatever way the Lord will direct him. Plans are already in the making for next year’s conference. Once again, the waters at Gregg Lake were stirred as four precious souls followed the clear commands of Scripture and the example of Christ in baptism. Two Filipino brothers (see Spring 2019 up-date), and a husband and wife were buried with Christ by immersion in the likeness of His death ... and raised to walk in newness of His resurrected life! Amen and Amen! Please help us pray for continued growth and obedience in these souls and others.

Thank you for the faithful prayers and financial aid. Your efforts make His work easier ... All for Christ sake!

God’s Richest Blessings, Shane Davis & Family