

the **MINION** family

NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Dear Fellow Laborers in the Gospel,

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We are thankful to be back in Newfoundland after a good but brief furlough. We arrived here last week and have been quite busy getting settled back into life and ministry in Carbonear. During the past few months, as we visited many supporting churches, it was so encouraging to hear people say, "We have been praying for you!" It was such a blessing to renew friendships with many pastors, churches, and folks in the churches. We are so thankful for the many prayers, cards, and gifts that were given to us!

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to present our ministry in several new churches as well. We are trusting the Lord to provide some additional support as He sees fit. Our support level has dropped somewhat over the past 7 years since we came to Canada. Please pray for us in that regard.

These past few months, God gave us safety over many miles traveled. For a few weeks, we were having major vehicle problems and had to borrow a vehicle to get to several meetings. God used the generosity of several churches to help cover some of the costs of the repairs, and we appreciate that so much.

For several months before we had these vehicle problems, we had been praying that we could replace our family vehicle while we were in the US. God answered those prayers in a miraculous way. A number of churches and individuals gave generously towards this need. We were able to find a good used vehicle and purchase it the week before we left to come back to Canada. God worked out many details of the purchase, the timing of some papers we needed, and the importation of the vehicle into Canada. We are so grateful for the Lord's provision and for the generosity of each of those who gave!

In June, we were able to go to Ottawa for three days for the BIMI Far North conference. This consisted of all the missionaries with BIMI who are serving the Lord across Canada. It was a blessing to fellowship with other people who are serving the Lord in other parts of Canada. We face many similar challenges as others do serving in the North. We were able to share testimonies of what God is doing across the country, and we enjoyed a number of encouraging sessions as well.

A great prayer request arose in the meeting that I want to share with you. Two of the missionary couples who were there are over 60, and two other couples are over 70. These folks are continuing to faithfully serve God as best they can, but they have no one to replace them in their ministries. Please earnestly pray Christ's prayer request found in Luke 10:2, "*The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.*"

Pray that God would call people to come and help these four families. Pray that God would send more laborers all around the world, to Canada, and especially to Newfoundland. There is so much more that needs to be done for the Lord here, and if we had help, more churches could be planted and more people could be won to Christ. Pray that God would send someone to help us do His work here.

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At the end of June, we were also able to go to the BIMI headquarters in Tennessee for Enrichment Week. It is a week set aside for encouragement and fellowship with other missionaries on furlough. Some of the staff took the children for activities each day and spoiled them! We had some great times of fellowship and encouraging preaching. We appreciate so much the BIMI staff and their heart for missions, and the help that they provide to us as missionaries.

Our church here did well while we were in the US. An evangelist from Ontario came for six weeks to continue the services. On the Canada Day weekend, they held a community BBQ and service. Approximately 40 visitors came, ate hamburgers, and heard the Gospel! Another retired pastor from Ontario was able to come for three weeks and fill in. God provided a few other pastors to preach a couple Sundays, and a few of our men also preached several times. We appreciate the willingness of all these folks to help continue the ministry here while we were on furlough.

While we were gone, a man named Murray trusted Christ one Sunday night after someone brought him to church. Another man named Guy put his faith in Christ as well. This is an older gentleman who is from a heavily Catholic background. I have witnessed to Guy a number of times over the past three years. He has come to many services especially in the past year, and many times I could tell that he was convicted. After the services, I would often ask him, "What do you think about trusting Christ?" He was never ready or willing to trust Christ until last month. We were so thankful to hear this great news and we praise the Lord for his salvation. It was a reminder of the verse that speaks of how someone plants the seed of the Gospel, others may water it, but ultimately it is God Who gives the increase! These two and others are fruit abounding to your account because of your part in praying and partnering with our ministry. Please pray for these two men as we follow up and disciple them.

We wish that we could have visited every supporting church during this furlough, but it simply was not possible due to time constraints and also because of not having anyone to take care of the ministry here for an extended time. Lord willing, we will plan another short furlough in a few years. If any of our supporting churches would like some of our updated prayer cards, please let me know and we will mail some to you. You can also view our furlough video and download an updated family picture at our website: www.theminionfamily.com.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership with us. It is much needed and much appreciated. Thank you for making an investment in eternity! It is a privilege to strive together with you for the faith of the Gospel! Please continue to pray for our ministry and our people here in Newfoundland.

For the Gospel and His glory,
Nate, Christy, Vera, Emma, Ezra, and Cara Minion
"To preach the Gospel in the Regions Beyond"
2 Corinthians 10:16