

# the **MINION** family

NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Dear Fellow Laborers in the Gospel,

Fall/Winter 2023

Merry Christmas from Carbonear, Newfoundland! We are so grateful for God's blessings, His provision, and His help in the ministry this year. We are also so thankful for your involvement in God's work here too. We appreciate so much each church that has partnered with us and each individual who gives and prays for us. We also want to say thank you to those who have sent cards or special gifts to us. We appreciate each of you and thank God for your desire to further His work here in Newfoundland.

There have been many challenges and blessings in the last few months. In September, I (Nate) was able to travel to Ontario for a Canada-wide pastor's conference. There were about 100 Canadian pastors and missionaries to Canada in attendance. The meeting was a great blessing, and it was an encouraging time of fellowship with others in ministry. I was also able to visit three supporting churches in that area and give a ministry report to them.

In October, we prepared for our Kids Fall Fest outreach. Last year, this event was a great success with about 120 people who came. Due to bad weather this year, we had to reschedule the event three times. While we were finally able to hold the Fall Fest outreach at the end of the month, we had a much smaller turnout than we were hoping. However, we trust that God can still work in hearts of those who came even though things didn't work out the way we hoped. We were also able to do some work on the church bathrooms, and it is a blessing to have that completed.

In November each year, our church holds an anniversary weekend with a dinner and several special services. The other pastors in Newfoundland also come for a pastor's fellowship meeting at the same time. We were privileged to have our pastor from our sending church come to preach this year. A number of visitors came for the dinner and heard the Gospel in the service as well. After the meeting, a man and his wife told me they wanted to start coming to our church. They have been attending almost every week since, and we look forward to seeing how God is working in their lives.

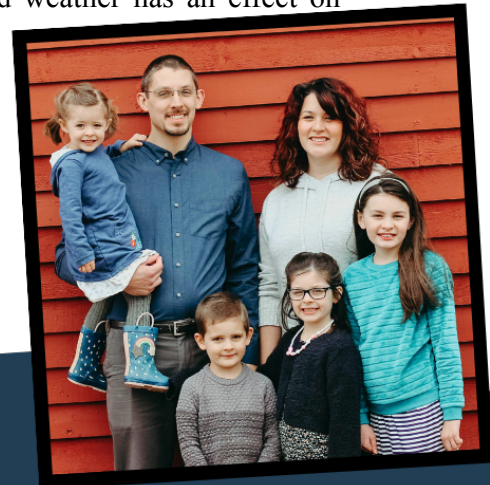
December began with two Christmas parades here in our town. We were able to put a Christmas float in the parade again. We had a number of folks walking along with the float handing out treat bags. These bags included a Christmas-themed Gospel tract, a card promoting a Gospel video geared towards kids, and candy canes and treats. We were able to distribute over 1200 bags this year. We trust that God will use His Word in the hearts of the people who received them. The week after the parades, we held our Christmas program. The kids from our kids ministries helped to tell the Christmas story, and everyone greatly enjoyed it. We had one first time visitor and several returning visitors.

Please pray spiritual growth for a woman named April. She is the niece of one of our older church members. She recently moved back here after living in another province for most of her life. April has gone through many difficult things in her life. Her aunt invited her to come to church with her several times where she heard the Gospel, but she said, "I don't feel like I am good enough to be a Christian." We began to pray for her salvation. A week later, April was with her aunt who explained the Gospel to her again, and April prayed to trust Christ as her Saviour! We have begun discipling her, and it is exciting to see her desire to grow and be baptized in the near future. We praise the Lord for growth in Guy, the older man who trusted Christ this summer. He has become much more faithful to be in church and is growing as well.

Some of you probably know that we are expecting another baby girl due to be born in the middle of March! Please pray for Christy and the baby to be healthy as we prepare for her arrival soon. Please pray for us and our church folks as we enter into the winter months. Short daylight hours combined with bad weather has an effect on people here, and it sometimes causes people to be less faithful to church.

I trust that God will continue to bless you for your faithfulness to Him. We cannot thank you enough for your investment in eternity and your concern for people in other parts of the world to hear the Gospel and trust Christ. Thank you for your part in our lives and ministry here in Carbonear. Please know that we pray for you and are privileged to be striving together for the faith of the Gospel with you.

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



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