

THE NORTH SHORE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Dear Praying Friends

March 2025

I am thankful that spring is around the corner. After a slow start to winter this year, it sure has caught up with us. I am reminded this time of year of the verse in Ecclesiastes 3:11, He hath made every thing beautiful in his time.

Update on Ministry

The pace of the ministry has certainly ramped up since the Lord provided North Shore Baptist its very own building. Over the winter months, we continue to have visitors and several new folks faithfully attending the Sunday services.

Back in November, a single father named Nick and his 8 year old daughter Rachel showed up to our Hoops night outreach. Nick is 10 years older than me, but I learned that he grew up about 10 minutes from where I grew up in a small community. We had never met before. Now we live in the same area again, 3 1/2 hours north of where we both used to live .

I invited Nick to church. He started bringing Rachel to Sunday School, and our Monday night King's Kids program. He has also been staying for the Sunday service. Nick and his brother grew up in the Jehovah Witness cult, but they were later ex communicated. His brother became a born again Christian, and lives in a different part of New Brunswick. I recently received a message from Nick's brother telling me that he has been praying for his brothers salvation, and that he was excited to hear Nick has found our church. A couple of weeks ago, Nick showed up to church with a Bible and was actively searching for Scripture passages. Nick's mom lives with them and is still active in the Jehovah Witnesses. Please pray for this family's salvation.

In February, a lady in our church named Karen passed away. She had some special needs, but she loved to come to church. She was picked up on Sunday mornings and came along for almost an hour drive. I had the privilege to conduct her funeral. Many family members and friends gathered at her funeral. I am praying that Gospel seeds were planted through the service.

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Update on the Building and a Big Answer to Prayer!

With our Sunday services increasing, I started looking for some extra pew chairs for our auditorium. I went searching and found some nice ones for sale in Nova Scotia for 50 dollars a piece. I contacted them and told them we were a church. I asked if they could cut us a deal if we bought them all. The lady who posted the chairs just so happened to be a church secretary for an Independent Baptist Church there in NS. She told her pastor, and he decided to give them all to us for free. He also gave us 8 new dining tables for our dinners. That's not all! He and two other men took an 8 hour drive and delivered them to us!! What a God we serve! I have been humbled and encouraged seeing how our God has been providing for our every need.

I want to thank you for your prayers for our family. Holly has been busy with homeschooling our children, helping in ministry, and teaching piano lessons to children here in the area. I am thankful for my wife and all that she does.

May God Bless each of you for your faithful prayers and support on our behalf.

(Attached below will be a picture of the new chairs

In His Service,

Joel, Holly, Emilyn, Wesley, Alan, and Cherith



New Church Chairs