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## **Boyd & Sarah STANSFORD & Family**

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**Isaiah 40:31** *But they that wait upon the LORD shall RENEW their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Dear Faithful Prayer and Financial Supporters,

The verse above has become the theme and prayer for our church this year. As we enter our 22nd of serving the Lord in Marystown, we are praying for renewed vision and fervour to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued investment in the ministry here. Please read on to hear what the Lord has been doing.

In September of last year we were able to get a mini-split heat pump installed in our church sanctuary. This has been a significant help in keeping the sanctuary warm for our services, and we have seen a little bit of savings in our electrical bill. In October Boyd was able to travel to Vancouver to visit with Pastor Gordon Conner before the Lord saw fit to take Pastor Conner home to Heaven. Boyd stayed to attend Pastor Conner's funeral and took the opportunity to visit several supporting churches in the area. Pastor Conner had a profound influence on our family and ministry, and we will always be grateful for his friendship, mentorship, and legacy of faithfulness!

Early in December we entered a float in two local Christmas parades. We were able to hand out approximately 1200 Gospel tracts! We are praying that the Lord will use His Word to draw people to

Himself. Also, in December, we were privileged to baptize three believers. One was our youngest son, Levi, and the other two were adults that had been saved in the last couple of years. We were also very pleased to have some of our neighbours attend our Christmas Eve service! The grandparents brought two of their grandsons, the boys' mother (our neighbour) and her oldest son had planned on attending also but had a scheduling conflict at the last minute. We have regular contact with them, so we hope to be able to share the Gospel with them again.

January started with some excitement as our middle daughter, Carly, passed her road test and received her driver's license! We are proud of her as she is finishing grade 12, working part-time, and helping out at church in the music and Sunday school ministries.

Our church attendance numbers have remained steady, and we are pleased to see some spiritual growth in several believers. We are continuing to be involved in our community, handing out tracts, and helping where we can. We are thankful for your love and support of our family and ministry!

**Christ's servants and yours,**

**The Stansford Family**

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