



The STANSFORD Family

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MINISTRY UPDATE

UPDATE - Continued

Psalms 68:28 *Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.*

This past week, we marked 23 years of living and ministering in Marystown on the Burin Peninsula. God has done some wonderful things for us during those years, and our prayer from the verse above is that God would continue to strengthen that which He has already done for us.

Our Christmas parade outreach did not go quite as we had planned. We had a float and many Gospel tracts ready to go, but the Marystown parade was cancelled on Saturday due to extremely high winds and was rescheduled for Sunday. The Burin parade did go ahead that Saturday afternoon, and we were able to give out almost 300 tracts. The Marystown parade did go ahead on Sunday afternoon; however, we already had some other events planned during that time. We did enter our float in the parade, but we were not able to hand out any tracts. We were disappointed, but we had to leave it in God's hands.

The Christmas Eve service went well with 5 first-time visitors. This included a neighbourhood family that lives on our street. Some of the family attended last Christmas, but the entire family came this year. It was a great opportunity to present the Christ of Christmas. Their teenage son especially enjoyed the service! We have regular contact with this family. We would love to share the Gospel with them again.

In January, we prepared to travel to St. John's to bring our daughters to the airport to fly back to college. We had to go in a day earlier than we had planned as an elderly lady that has been a friend of our family and ministry for many years had passed away. She had asked a number of years ago if I would preach at her funeral. She asked that I preach a clear salvation message. It was only a small funeral with her immediate family and a couple of friends, but the Gospel was clearly explained. We are praying for the family still that the Lord will work in their hearts.

Our church theme for this year is 'Striving Together for the Faith of the Gospel'. Thank you for striving with us over these past 23 years. Your faithful financial and prayer support has sustained our family each year. We continue to pray that God would strengthen that which He has wrought for us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Easter outreach and services**
- 2. Continued health & strength for our family**
- 3. Spiritual growth of believers**
- 4. Increased attendance to Sunday and Wednesday services**
- 5. Souls saved through outreach efforts**

We appreciate you! Thank you for caring for us! The Stansford Family

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