



The STANSFORD Family

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MINISTRY & FAMILY UPDATE

UPDATE - Continued

Psalms 31:15 *"My times are in thy hand..."*

The Lord has been working in our life and family since our last letter, but first an update on the ministry of Heritage Baptist Church. Our attendance has remained steady averaging about 20 people each Sunday. A man who moved to Newfoundland 2 years ago and has been faithfully attending our church was recently accepted into our membership. He was saved as a child and baptized as an adult in another Baptist church. He has been a source of help and encouragement for our church and family. Our membership is still small but there are others whom the Lord is moving in their hearts, and we are praying that they will make a commitment to the Lord and His work.

From mid-April to mid-May we took a family trip to see our oldest daughter, Amy, graduate from FaithWay Baptist College of Canada. We then took some time to visit family, friends, and a couple of supporting churches along the way back home on a 9300+km road trip vacation. We enjoyed our time together and made some wonderful memories.

Back in March, we were contacted by First Baptist Church in Mt. Pearl, NL. Their pastor, L. Allen Homan (Sarah's father), expressed to his deacons his desire to retire. He has been serving the Lord in full-time ministry for over 50 years. His life has impacted many and only eternity will truly show how many lives he has touched. They asked if we could visit for a weekend and if Boyd would candidate to be the

next pastor. After that weekend, the church voted in the majority to extend a call. With prayer to God and counsel from other pastors, Boyd accepted the call to become the pastor at First Baptist Church beginning on July 1. Our last Sunday in Marystown will be June 14. We have a couple of obligations to meet before assuming our responsibilities at First. Please pray that this transition will go smoothly for our family.

Though we will not living in Marystown, we are planning to keep this ministry active. Our people here are willing to meet on Sunday mornings and join the services at First Baptist by livestream until the Lord brings a pastor here. Until that time, would you please pray about continuing to support this ministry? And when the Lord brings someone here to lead this church, would you please pray about supporting that man? The Lord has done so much here that we believe He still wants a church preaching the Gospel in this area. Thank you for praying and partnering with us to keep this lighthouse open!

PRAYER REQUESTS for HBC

- 1. Continued faithfulness of believers**
- 2. Faithful attendance to Sunday gatherings**
- 3. A Pastor/Missionary for this church**
- 4. Financial obligations to be met**
- 5. Souls saved**

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

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