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The Bragg's Ministry Newsletter

Hi Folks!

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What a beautiful day it is here as we write this letter.

The nice weather has been slow coming but is finally here.

Our vegetable garden is very slow in growing due to the very cold spring but is showing signs of life.

As we work in the garden cultivating the soil and nurturing the plants, watering and providing the climate for growth. It reminds me very much of what the Lord has entrusted to us, and all the Lord has placed in our hands. We have spent many years clearing the rocks out of the field to allow the seed of God's truth to take root in good soil. And let me just say that we are a team together as one. We are on the front lines being held up by you in prayer and financially.

As in the day of Moses when his brother Aaron and Hur held the arms of Moses up to win the battle against the Amalekites. So we feel your prayers holding us up as we wage war on the enemy that holds captive the lives and souls of native people here on the Saugeen Reserve.

What I mean about clearing the rocks out of the field is that native people have a very poor and misunderstood view of the Gospel. Because what our government and churches tried to do in assimilating our native people into our Euro Canadian culture through residential schools.

Native people don't want much to do with Christianity or the church, but when I talk about Jesus that is a different story.

I tell them that it wasn't Jesus that stripped their culture, kids, and land from them. this was done by evil, and religion. This creates an interesting discussion because they equate Jesus with religion.

As well this gives us an open door to talk about the difference between religion and the love of Jesus.

Walls come down and conversations take place, to have this kind of conversation you have to have a trusted relationship built with people.

And for conversations to take place we have to be intentional about finding ways to connect with people.

I think Jesus was the master at connecting with people and having conversations that stirred the soul.

May the Church of Jesus Christ be good at modelling Jesus and expressing the Father's heart to people.

We finished our year of Kids Church at the end of April, with a year end celebration and dinner. We again appreciate all the churches and individuals who contributed to the rental of a bus to pick the kids up each week. We are still raising funds for September.

Kids Church is the main piece of our ministry that ties all the other pieces together, like our youth team, native adults that help, relationships with families and VBS etc.

In September we will be having two EMCC churches coming to help with Kids Church. They will take turns teaching and doing games. This will give them an opportunity in a cross-cultural ministry setting as well give us a break. We will minister along side of them and their youth to disciple them in their roles.

In the second week of July we are working with Hero's on the move sports camp, this is the first year.

Please be praying for a great camp and for hearts to be stirred towards Jesus.

We continue our youth group during the summer months, and I know will be a challenge to maintain a consistent attendance. These are the youth that volunteer with us during our Kids ministry.

We are discipling them and reaching out to their parents at the same time. We host monthly campfire events to create an easy on ramp to relate with them, have fun and eat together.

We continue to pray and support a young Native believer Carmen who is in a school of ministry in Toronto. He is a strong believer and is involved in his community of Cape Croker to reaching his people there.

His desire is to start a church on his reserve, and to host bible studies in his home. Please pray for him as he is facing some opposition at the moment. He needs our support.



Here are some pictures of our youth group and kids church ministry.

A new ministry opportunity we are looking at is supporting the Reserve foodbank. This is a great way we can show our Saviors love in a tangible way. This food bank really helps a lot of people make ends meet. If you are wanting to contribute to this foodbank as a church or individually let us know.

We have introduced a healing discipleship ministry call Freedom Sessions. This is not a recovery ministry. This ministry was given to us by the Center Street Church in Calgary. We are walking through this healing journey with people that takes commitment and lots of patience. Please pray for the men and me (Stan) that I am walking this road with. I am going through this one on one with men. On a reserve everyone is related and knows each other's stuff, that is why we are doing one on one for greater confidentiality. This is time consuming but necessary.

The reserve elections are coming up at the end of June, so we would ask that you pray along with us for good choices being made. Every election is important to us, that we would continue to have advocates as a chief and councillors. If the wrong people get in it could make it difficult for us.

You may have heard in the news about a bomb threat at a public school in Southampton Ontario. Well that is where our son Evan goes and our two granddaughters. It was a very scary situation unfolding that traumatised the children and staff. We are thankful that this was a hoax, but caused a lot of unnecessary fear. A bomb squad, sniffer dogs, fire and ambulances and police were there for a long time.

Thank you again for your love and support, together in the name of Jesus lives are being transformed.

If your church would like to visit us and tour the reserve, e-mail us or call and we will set this up.

We are attempting to send out our newsletters electronically. We understand that not everyone has e-mail access. Please contact us if you would like to be on our e-mail list.

Claiming this generation together for the Lord, and for His glory and honor, MiiGwetch. (Thank you)

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