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Sowing the Light of the Gospel

~ Luke 1:79 ~

Church Planting in

Vernon, British Columbia



Dear Praying Partners:

Fall Harvest: We saw our bus ministry start to take off again after, essentially, having to restart as a result of BC's COVID restrictions. It was exciting to see 15-20 riders start to come back on a regular basis. We rejoiced to see one of our long time riders, a young girl Brie, come to trust Christ as Saviour! Brie has been coming since we first "fired" up the bus. During our Missions Conference in Sept. we had a visitor come to trust Christ as her Saviour and begin discipleship. God is working even during these times of restrictions. Later, in October we saw a mom and daughter come to trust Christ as Saviour as well!

November was a month of final preparations for our Christmas program. There was a buzz of excitement as we were working diligently to make arrangements to host a COVID friendly Christmas. The kids were working hard on songs and their lines; while we were printing invitations and contacting parents. When, BC suddenly suspended in-person services across the province, we had to cancel our program and shift gears again.

Drive-in Services: After the Provincial order came I, like many in BC, began to write our elected officials and our Provincial Health Officer asking that the in-person suspension be lifted. While the in-person ban was not lifted, a provision was made for drive-in services. So, we got to work. We were able to purchase more sound equipment which included a low-watt FM transmitter and preparations were made for Drive-in Church. During all this time, we still had a robust live-stream service going on. Just before our first Drive in service one of our local news outlets caught wind of our plans and interviewed us concerning our "creative" way to "do Church". The report was viewed over 3000 times in Vernon!!

Our first drive-in service was December 13th and we had 6 cars (about 13 people) attend. After hearing that we could host a drive in service we needed to order a FM transmitter. While the transmitter was on order we forged ahead with our drive in service. The folks live-streamed from devices in their cars while I preached. I preached outside from a patio in the church parking lot. It was cold but God was glorified. It was quite fun, and humorously challenging as live-streaming to a live audience produces a 10 second delay from what they are seeing and hearing in the parking lot to what they are hearing and seeing on the live stream. (I should back up and say that while in their cars, to be in compliance with the BC order, the windows must be closed.) As I was preaching I said, "If you agree honk your horn"...the silence was deafening. About 10 seconds later horns started blaring, I was taken back, then realized they are hearing a delayed audio. We all got a good laugh! By the time the second service was broadcast we had the FM transmitter and everything went off without any problems. This past Sunday we had our first Drive-in guest! We will continue with our drive-in services and live-stream, until such a time as we can come back indoors for services.

Zoom Kids: Since the bus has had to sit silent these past few weeks our children's ministry started a Zoom kids class. It has been extremely well received by the parents and grand-parents alike. On average we have anywhere from 8-13 kids join every Sunday for class. I talked with our teachers and they said, it's loud, at times chaotic, siblings fight, but it's a huge amount of fun keeping the kids engaged in God's Word!!

A Year in Review—Seeing God's Blessings! : 2020 has been a strange and challenging year for all of us. Yet, I have been continually reminded of God's blessings and of Jesus' declaration that He will build His church. Due to the COVID restrictions, we watched God provide the various sound equipment, cameras, software, and people to work in this new and growing ministry of technology. We had not planned to expand in this area, but God had greater ideas. We began the year with an upgrade to our web page and started a Facebook church page with advertising and live-streaming. Due to COVID we were pressed to start a church YouTube channel, began drive-in services, Zoom kids and adult Sunday school classes and Zoom prayer meetings. We also started connection support groups within the BC COVID guidelines and created online giving platforms.. We have seen precious souls come to trust Christ, discipleship of these new converts begin, and God has allowed our Church to continue to be a lighthouse in Vernon for another year. The great "I AM" knows the beginning from the end! As for me and my house—WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!

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