

the MINION family

NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Dear Fellow Laborers in the Gospel,

Summer 2025

From nearby raging forest fires to building a wheelchair ramp and many other things between, it has been a summer like no other. Right after our last prayer letter, my wife, our oldest daughter Vera, and one other lady from our church were able to drive about 7 hours across Newfoundland to participate in a Ladies Retreat hosted by one of the other missionaries. The fellowship and the Bible studies were encouraging. There were ladies attending from most of the churches here in NL, and it was a great blessing to each of them.

After school finished, we began to rebuild the steps and wheelchair ramp at the church building. This was badly needed, because the existing steps and ramp had been there for over 25 years and were starting to fall apart. I had repaired it several times in the last year, but it kept getting worse due to rot underneath. One of our supporting churches generously gave to help us with the expense of the ramp. Their gift plus what our church had saved for it was the exact amount needed to cover the materials we needed, so we praise the Lord for that. A pastor and a few men from a church an hour away also came to help build the ramp along with some men from our church. We had to special order a required handicap railing, which recently arrived, and I was able to install that this past week. We are so grateful for the help of God's people with projects like this that contribute to the safety and accessibility of our church building.

My younger brother and his family were able to visit with us in July for a few weeks. They are missionaries on deputation to Brazil. It was a blessing to have him preach and share about their future ministry in our services. It is a help to our people here to see the needs in other parts of the world, as we try to challenge them to be involved in giving to missions as well.

The big news item of this summer has been wildfires. We have had hotter temperatures and almost no rain this year which is very unusual for Newfoundland. There have been over 200 fires in our province this summer. Not all of them have been large or serious. The biggest one came within 5 miles of our town, and we have seen flames from on top of nearby hills. It has been burning for the past 3 weeks, and has destroyed over 200 homes in nearby communities. Thankfully no lives have been lost. We are so grateful for our volunteer firefighters, firefighters who have come from other provinces, the waterbombers and pilots, and some military personnel who have all been fighting this fire for weeks. Thankfully we are getting a lot of rain today which will help them get it under control.

Our family and teen camp this summer has always been a highlight of the summer. But unfortunately due to the fires, we were not able to do it this year. We held our VBS a few weeks ago and are thankful for the kids who came. We held the closing program in our Sunday morning service, and it was a blessing that a few parents and grandparents visited and heard the Gospel. We finished with a BBQ. One of the new young boys who came to VBS is also beginning to come to our kids ministry and we are thankful for that.

Christy's mom, Hope Godfrey, had surgery last week to remove a non-cancerous brain tumor. Christy will be going down to NC this week to visit her for a week. Please pray for Christy as she travels and the rest of us as we stay here. Pray also for Hope that she will have a good and quick recovery.

Please pray for upcoming outreaches and events like our church anniversary services and pastors fellowship in October, helping another church with a roofing project soon, and kids fall fest. Christy is beginning homeschooling the kids soon. Pray also for some people who have recently begun attending church. We appreciate your partnership and prayers for us as we serve the Lord here.

For the Gospel and His glory,

Nate, Christy, Vera, Emma, Ezra, Cara, and Reya Minion

"To preach the Gospel in the Regions Beyond"

2 Corinthians 10:16



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