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Greetings from the North!

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all of the cards and notes of encouragement this Christmas season. We thoroughly enjoyed reading each one of them.

This time of the year brings many opportunities to serve the Lord. Many celebrate a time of giving without considering the One who has and continues to give the most. The month of December came and went in the blink of an eye. We appreciated the beautiful weather during the annual Portage Christmas Parade at the beginning of the month. The children were thrilled to ride in the church float. Thousands of tracts, Gospel DVDs, and candy were distributed into the open arms of the local citizens. How rare it is to witness the community's openness in receiving the Gospel!

Keeping our eyes on the Lord this time of year should be easy for a believer, but this season often offers itself to much carnality. We have a desire to press forward for the Lord and encourage our children to do so as well. We were so pleased when Abigail excitedly entered a Bible memorization contest a couple of weeks ago. She was thrilled when she placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the event. During our home church's annual New Year's Eve service, Paul "preached" a short message that he spent much time preparing. What a joy to see our children want to do something for the Lord. We desire that they will not grow weary in the work of the Lord but rather draw closer to the Lord.

It was a tremendous blessing to participate in a special Christmas-themed nursing home service and to visit many of our elderly friends at Douglas Campbell Lodge. We have missed these dear folks since we have been on the road.

Braving the cold weather, God allowed us to pass out over 130 invitations for Golden Plains Baptist Church's annual Christmas program. This event continues to be an annual outreach into the community for the Lord every year.

Amongst all the busyness around us, it was wonderful to take a quick, chilly trip to Snow Lake to conduct a Sunday service with our friends at Snow Lake Baptist Church.

Sadly, an elderly Christian friend from our home church fell ill and went home to be with the Lord. He was an encouragement to us when we visited him in the hospital. We sang a few favourite hymns to him and his roommate. Even in his weak state of health, he still showed a concern for the lost souls around him. At his funeral service, I (David) was asked to direct the singing and our family was honoured to sing one of his favourite songs, *Mansion Over the Hilltop*.

We are excited about witnessing the Lord's leading and guiding through this transition into other areas of ministry for Him. With 2019 coming to a close, only the Lord knows what 2020 holds. We look forward to serving Him and loving him more in this New Year. God has blessed us with the privilege of visiting 27 churches since July. Praise God that our support continues to grow! We were also blessed to see a man saved under our ministry and headed for glory due to God's saving grace.

We have heard Proverbs 29:18 mentioned frequently in the last few weeks: 'Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the Law, happy is he.' It was just recently preached, but I was thinking of this verse in the same light in which it was preached prior to the message. For us to see clearly in this next year, we need to guard (keep) God's Law, His Word. We guard many things in life that really do not matter in the end. I pray that through all the difficult decisions this year that we keep (guard) what God has entrusted to us and be a testimony of His Grace. Thank you so much for your prayers as we continue on the deputation trail. We cannot continue without the Lord, many prayers, and the brethren's support. May the Lord richly bless you as you follow His direction in 2020!

## **Prayer Requests**

Wisdom in making critical decisions

Fruitful meetings

Travel safety

Serving Together,

The Muckle Family