

Christian Fellowship Center - Cumberland House, SK

Pastoral Mission Opportunity

Cumberland House is looking for a missional-minded pastor willing to “tent-make” in a primarily indigenous community. Christian Fellowship Center has been active in the community for over 30 years and has served to be a light in the community of Cumberland House and the Cumberland Cree Nation reserve.

Cumberland House is located on Pine Island in the Saskatchewan River delta, about 449 kilometers Northeast of Saskatoon. Community access is limited. A bridge, built in 1995, connects the community to the rest of the province.

Cumberland House is the oldest community in Saskatchewan and was the first inland post established by the Hudson’s Bay Company. The population of the village and the adjoining Cumberland Cree Nation Reserve is approximately 2,000. The majority of residents are of Cree and Métis descent.

Children are able to attend school from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in one of two local facilities (Charlebois Community School or Nisto Awasisak Memorial School) in the community. As in many Saskatchewan communities, hockey is a primary pastime for young people in the local hockey rink, the J.B. Settee Memorial Centre as well as curling. The local lake and river provides great fishing and the surrounding area affords good hunting opportunities as well.

The ministry needs of the community are many—evangelism, counselling, youth/children, addictions—as in many Canadian communities. There is a Catholic church, Anglican church, Evangelical church and PAOC church, but none are strongly attended. Yet a community of such size should have a strong gospel witness.

Those seeking this missional opportunity must understand that compensation from the church will be minimal and would likely need to supplement their income in other ways (sponsored supporters, outside work and/or potential district support). The church will work with a potential pastor to find housing and provide other needs as able. They should also have a heart for our indigenous people and hold (or be able to hold) credentials with the PAOC.

Those interested in this opportunity should send resumes and inquiries to Paul Israelson, the District Superintendent of the Saskatchewan District of the PAOC: 306-683-4646 or paul.israelson@paoc.org

