News from Tim & Ginny Gradin

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Dear family and friends,



Merely mentioning the holiday's name can bring pleasant memories of wonderful meals and precious family get-togethers for both Canadians and Americans. What many Americans don't realize, though, is that the observance of Canadian Thanksgiving is 43 years older than the American version (1578 vs. 1621).

It is good to take time to give thanks. We're told that it can improve mental health, enhance relationships, and increase overall happiness. We can give thanks for family and friends, for the annual harvest, for God's protection and supply of our needs, and for many other gifts. The Psalms repeatedly encourage us to give thanks. And God, the Giver of all good gifts, has told us to give thanks "in everything" (Jam. 1:17; 1 Thess. 5:18), because He "causes all things to work together for good to those who love (Him)" (Rom. 8:28 NASB).
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That's where it can get difficult, though. Some of those "all things" are not easy to thank Him for:

- The loss of a job you greatly appreciate
- The death of a dearly-loved one
- Experiencing on-going abuse
- The realization that a cherished dream of yours will never materialize

These things don't cause us to naturally have warm, pleasant feelings of gratitude. That's when we need the help of our merciful, gracious, compassionate, all-wise Heavenly Father. It is truly a sacrifice and an act of faith to praise and thank Him at times like that, but when we do, it catches people's attention, causing them to ask how we can respond like that. And in the process, God's reputation is enhanced, and He promises to reward us.

Thank you for your part in our ministry with Northern Canada Evangelical Misson through prayer and financial support over the last 46 years! God has been faithful, and we praise Him for that.



In August, Juyeon's family from Korea came to visit, and our whole family was able to spend a day with them. It was a special treat to visit with them again.

NCEM's 80th!
In early September, it was a real privilege to gather in Edmonton with our co-workers for NCEM's 80th anniversary celebration. We saw some people there that we hadn't seen for decades. If you're interested, you can watch a video about the conference here:

https://youtu.be/wnpD8j4d1SQ

Some exciting news!
We have been attending a weekly faith-based addictions program in Prince Albert. Often there are Denesuline-speaking people in attendance and we are happy to connect with them. Recently, we met A., a woman from Wollaston Lake in north-eastern Saskatchewan. She has recently trusted Jesus for salvation. Shortly after meeting her, we gave her a Bible picture storybook that Bobby Moberly and I have been translating called "God Is Reaching Out To Us"(written by fellow NCEM'er, Naomi Epp). A week or two later, we showed her a page of what we had translated to see if she would be interested in being involved in the translation process. To our surprise (even shock!!?), she started reading the Dene text almost as fast as a person would talk in normal conversation! (We had never heard anyone read that well in Dene.)

Several days later, she told us she had recently received distressing news from her family in the North. Normally when that happened, she would start drinking, but this time she did something very different – she decided to translate a page of the Bible story book into Denesuline herself, and she found that it really helped to stabilize her and encourage her!

She would like to move to Prince Albert. We would like to be able to work with her (and anyone else interested) in the Bible translation process. **Please pray** that God will bring together a team of committed individuals to help get the Bible (and this Bible storybook) to the Denesuline people in their own language.

Here are some other prayer requests. **Please pray for:**
- Ginny and the rest of the NCEM finance department as they continue the transition to new software. It's been a challenge.
- an effective ministry in the Penitentiary.
- wisdom regarding starting an Equine Assisted Learning ministry.

Thank you again for your partnership with us. May God bless you and encourage you to again celebrate that God loved us enough to send His Son to earth to take all the punishment we deserved because of our sin on Himself, and thereby become our Saviour and Lord.

Glad to serve Jesus,

Tim (& Ginny)

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