

"unto the  
uttermost part  
of the earth"  
ACTS 1:8



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**The Flannerys**  
Taking the Gospel  
to the Cree in  
CANADA

We are glad for the changing seasons here in the north. We've moved from the coldest winter in 30 years for our area into the coolest and driest spring on record. And now with the summer weather upon us we have had the accompanying thunder storms and funnel clouds. Yes, I did say funnel clouds. We are definitely not in tornado alley, as some of you are, but Saskatchewan does get several tornadoes every year. Just last week while traveling home I saw a funnel cloud forming under a big thunderhead, however it did not develop into anything more, for which we are thankful.

Since our last prayer letter there has only been one funeral that I've been involved with, though there have been a number of deaths. Recently another young man was found dead of an apparent over-dose. So many of the young people are involved in violence and drugs. We would ask you to pray with us that the darkness of Satan and the world will be undone by the light of the Gospel of Christ and that souls will be saved.

On the Mistawasis Reserve there are still several home Bible studies that are going on besides church on Sunday. Also, we are looking ahead and trying to have our first baptismal service for our body of believers. It would take place at one of the lakes on the reserve and would be for several children and teens. It would be an important step for our little church.

Our thanks to all who have been praying for some of the financial needs of our church, and for those who have shared to help meet the needs. The propane bill has almost been paid off with several contributions that came in last month. Our folks have been encouraged by seeing other believers pray for and help us.

In the traditional Native culture here, people will leave little gifts on the ground for "Mother Earth", thanking her or the Creator for things such as herbs they have picked, or wild game they have killed. One of the gifts that is given at these times is tobacco. In trying to find out the reason for this, I was told once that it was none of my business because I'm a white man. As I observe, it seems to be just a tradition that someone started and no one knows why. If you go far enough back the Natives here did not have tobacco until the white men came and traded. The Native religion is built on works and deeds as so many others are. Pray for the light of the Christ to break the darkness and bondage of sin and Satan.

Our thanks to all of you who faithfully pray for us and sacrificially give to enable us to minister here among the Cree on the northern prairies.

In His Service,

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