

# Newfoundland News

## O'Brien Family Update

January-March 2017

Dear Friends,

It has been a very busy three months on furlough. We were able to report to almost all of our supporting churches and to present our ministry in four new churches. Two of those have already taken us on for support. We were in over 25 churches in ten weeks. We had one eight-day stretch in which we traveled everyday with the shortest drive being 2 hours and the longest 16 hours. We are so thankful how God worked in the entire trip. It was amazing to see his direction and care in every detail. There were many changes in our schedule and plans; yet, as God changed our plans, we could see the blessings come. The first change started on the first day—or, I should say, the day before we had planned to leave, since we had to leave a day early since the ferry was canceled due to bad weather during our initial departure time. This change and other circumstances allowed us to detour to Emily's grandparents. We were able to see Emily's ailing grandmother before she got to the point where it is difficult to recognize people. We were also able to spend time with her grandfather before he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please be in prayer for Emily's family as they have recently been faced with this sad news. Also, please pray for Peter Pease as he is experiencing a great amount of pain. We rejoice in the knowledge of his salvation, for the peace that he has, and for the great testimony he has with those who visit him; but would appreciate your prayers on his behalf.

Thankfully, we have had very few vehicle problems, but even through those, we have seen God's guidance. We were slightly delayed at one point with vehicle trouble and had to have our brakes repaired. God provided and protected as the dangerous problem was revealed by a very generous mechanic donating his time and talent to help missionaries with their vehicles. Another generous family offered their mini van for us to use so we could make our other meeting while we waited for parts to arrive. This delay allowed us to have a couple days of some much needed rest and to visit with family that we had not seen in a long time. We are so grateful for those individuals who helped us along the way. I could fill a year's worth of prayer letters with the love we were shown and the sacrificial gifts we were given.

Although we were very busy and always somewhere new, we have come back refreshed and excited about continuing on in Stephenville. After visiting all our supporting churches we definitely know that we have a great prayer support; and that we are loved, remembered, and cared for.

We are so thankful for Pastor George Covey and his wife, Kay, for filling in for us. It is not very often that a missionary comes back from furlough to more people than when he left. It was wonderful to return to see two more ladies, with whom we were working and for whom we were praying, now coming to the services. One of these ladies made a profession of faith and we are looking forward to helping her grow in her new faith.

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We hit the ground running when we arrived back in Newfoundland. We finished up the details of our annual ladies' luncheon, and had fourteen ladies and six girls come out to enjoy the luncheon on April 1.

The next few weeks will be filled with visiting everyone again and reestablishing contact with those of whom we have been working.

Thank you for your continued prayer for us. Thank you for all that you have done for us while on furlough. We enjoyed all the warm welcomes and were overwhelmed by the generosity we received. We look forward to many more years of serving with you in Newfoundland.

Your Fellow Servants,

*Patrick, Emily, Courtney, Brooke and Autumn O'Brien*