

Newfoundland News

O'Brien Family Update

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers for my family and me as we go through this difficult time. The Lord has given us much grace in dealing with the sudden death of my father. We had his funeral on Monday, June 4th, and it was well attended. My brother, a brother-in-law and I were able to speak about my father, his faith and his faithfulness. Our pastor, Pastor Joe Bowker, preached the message and did a wonderful job. There were several in attendance that my father had been praying for their salvation. They were able to hear the Gospel again and see firsthand the hope that salvation gives.

As I was considering what I would say that Monday about my father, I Corinthians 4:2 continued to come to mind. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." That sums up my father...faithful. Over and over people came up to me with memories of my father and what my father meant to them. Many said, "I remember him taking me to church." Others said that he made them feel welcome at church, or they loved hearing him sing specials and teaching Sunday School. Throughout his life, he has taught every age group from the Junior Class to Senior Saints. He and my mother were charter members of Berean Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia, and this year the church will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. My parents have not just been members but active members. Every time the doors of the church were open they were there and helped until it was time to lock the doors. Their example has stuck with me through the years, and the past two weeks have been an encouragement and challenge to me to continue to be faithful in whatever God has put my hands to do. I Corinthians does not give specific details of the steward's job except for the handling of the mysteries of God. For some, that handling is carrying the Gospel to the far reaches of the world. Others are to be encouraging and challenging saints through teaching, singing or showing simple brotherly love; but everyone is to give the mysteries (gospel) of God to those they come in contact with. Every steward is to be faithful; if we are faithful, God is pleased.

We will be flying back home to Newfoundland on the 25th of this month. Please be in prayers for our trip since this will be an overnight flight and we will have a 6 hour layover in Halifax. We are thankful for those who have filled in for us while we are away and for God allowing the Northcutts to have already been scheduled to be in Newfoundland during this time. As many of you now know, Matt and Katie Northcutt will be moving to the Stephenville area to assist us in the work. They are there now and have jumped right in to keep things running while we are gone....nothing like getting fully immersed in the work!

Please continue to pray for my mother, Marilyn, as there is much to settle with my father's estate and many adjustments to life without him.

Your Fellow Servants,

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