

# Newfoundland News

## O'Brien Family Update

Fall 2018

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe the summer is already over. This has been quite the busy summer for us. After spending the month of June in Georgia helping to get things settled after my father's passing, we came back to the Northcuts here and everything running smoothly, but we had much to do. We were able to do a lot of figuring, organizing and planning for the addition to the ministry of the Northcutt family here at New Hope Baptist Church. It is exciting to think about how much more can be done here for the Lord with the extra family here. Matt Northcutt will be taking on the role of Assistant Pastor, running the music ministry, starting a teen ministry, assisting with Bible studies, helping with the children's ministries and doing many other aspects of the ministry. The Northcutts are praying about returning permanently to NL by June of next year, but until then they are continuing their planned furlough. Please pray for them as they travel for their meetings.

About a week after Emily's parents left from their visit here, we had a plumbing issue in the upstairs bathroom which caused water to damage that bathroom along with the downstairs half-bath and entryway and part of the basement. There was so much water damage that we had to replace flooring in the bathrooms and entryway, the ceilings in the entry and downstairs bathroom, three walls, the upstairs bathroom vanity, two storage cabinets in the basement and a light fixture. Praise the Lord the insurance covered the cost and the Lord provided the money for the deductible.

The week after the "flooding" we headed off to T.E.E.N and family camp on the other side of the island. We had three teens, two juniors and one lady join our family on our trip to camp. We taught the morning children's session again this year and had the privilege of teaching 13 children. Everyone had a wonderful time and many decisions were made for the Lord.

A few weeks ago I was privileged to baptize a young man that just graduated from high school. He had accepted Christ as his Saviour the year before. Because he lives about an hour away, we did his baptism closer to his town so his unsaved family would come. He has had opposition from some in his family as they are very strong Anglicans and did not understand why he needed to be "rebaptized." This young man did a great job of giving his salvation testimony and in that giving the Gospel to his family. I also took the opportunity to explain the Gospel and the Biblical teaching of baptism. The next day (Sunday) we had a graduation Sunday for him, and most of his family that were there for his baptism came out for the service and graduation lunch. His family was able to hear the Gospel again. Also, they were amazed at the difference between a Baptist service and an Anglican service.

Our ministries are doing well. We have seen some growth in our monthly ladies' meetings. Our Sunday school is about the same with some children coming when it is convenient for the parent. We have one lady that has temporarily moved back to Stephenville to help her aging mother. She is saved and attends a Baptist church in British Columbia. It has been an encouragement to have another Christian faithfully attending all the services.

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In September I had the opportunity to go to the annual National Preacher's Conference. This year it was in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. It was a tremendous blessing to fellowship with other pastors and to enjoy being preached to. I was so thankful that I was able to attend. This time greatly encouraged me in the Lord. We had a successful Summer's End Soup and Sandwich Celebration. This is a potluck that we do when fall arrives. Our ladies seem to really enjoy fall baking, and the hearty soups and stews are comforting since the weather has turned chilly. We had two new visitors come. We are thankful that they came and will be praying that they will come to a regular service as well.

Emily has the wonderful opportunity to attend a music conference in October. She will be joining several of the missionary wives from the island. The conference is being held in Ontario. For some reason, she is nervous about leaving me alone with our two children. (I mean three children.)

Thank you again for all your prayers and support. We are so thankful for all you do for us.

Your Fellow Servants,

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