



Praise the Lord:

1. That God is in control
2. God's care for us.
3. God's unconditional love

Please Pray for:

1. A man in our church who expressed a desire to preach
2. Rachelle, as she starts school next week
3. Possible opportunity to minister in another reserve
4. Counselling opportunities in Mishkeegogamang
5. Personal: spouses for our daughters
6. Woodcutting season will soon be here. Bob's back can no longer handle the chainsaw. Pray we can find help.

Psalm 92:1a "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,"

We believe with all our hearts that God is sovereign and nothing takes Him by surprise. It is often us who are surprised. It's hard to put into words how disappointed we were to have to cancel our Family Bible School. The tension between the USA and Canada has escalated and is showing itself at the border. We have had work teams come before with no issue until now. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the team of 8 was reduced to 4 men. This team of men were turned away at the border and had to head back home. There were lots of little things that possibly contributed: a word or lack of words, the way something looked or didn't look, reasons or lack thereof or just a personal preference from officials. No one thing is at fault. It just happened. The overall feelings on both sides were one of great loss. We felt so badly for the men who took off work, gathered funds, prepared lessons and anticipated a new ministry opportunity that would have impacted their lives and the lives of our people. We also felt badly for our daughter, Rachelle, who came to help. The program was in their hands, and there was little time to prepare anything else in a 24-hour window. There were several factors against us during this week. Schedule conflicts with other programs that took our church people and other helpers away. It just didn't feel right to push ahead.



Special Kids:

Kids are on summer break and we don't see them very often, but when they do, they greet us. They go swimming and camping or attend camps elsewhere. The town runs recreation days for kids/Adults. There are two VBS in town, so the younger attend that. There are several small fairs in August, including a "Blackfly" Festival in town this past weekend. We are busy for a little town!

We were at a loss for what to do next. The days following, our church people have reached out and hope that we would reschedule and hold the family Bible Camp at a later date. Another program coordinator asked if we would like to be involved in a family camp in September. She wants the camp to be "Christian" oriented. I believe we can involve the church family and even the local Baptist Church for this. So, there is a plan. Not our way, but His!

Rachelle has been a tremendous help to us while she's been here. She cooked, mowed, cleaned, washed windows, sang, helped with the Children's church and did any other job we needed done. She found time to do some kayaking with a friend and even had her mother out there one day. We enjoyed walks to the local food truck run by a pastor's wife. I'm not sure how many bubble teas we enjoyed, but it was fun! It was a joy to have her home! She flew into Pensacola on Thursday to pick up her car, spend the night with the newlyweds and return to Jacksonville on Friday. She will hit the ground running as the in-service starts on Tuesday.

During the month, we officiated a funeral, attended another funeral



and a memorial service for a dear friend and the setting of a headstone for another native friend. Then, last week, a reserve contacted Bob to discuss going there to do some marriage counselling with struggling families. We have been praying for an opportunity to venture to another reserve. It's a great opportunity and an open door to outreach. Someone on our reserve also asked us to be available to counsel here, too. Please pray for wisdom.