

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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"Let thine eyes be on the field that they reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Greetings again – this time from "Beautiful British Columbia." That's what the vehicle license tags say, and believe me – they are not exaggerating! We left Virginia April 24th heading west with stops in Indiana, Iowa, South Dakota, and Montana at night, and pulled into Nelson, B.C. Saturday afternoon. The scenery was spectacular! Herds of antelope, snow in the mountain passes, the mighty rivers, and much more made the trip itself a memorable one. One wonders, with so much beauty and majesty in the creation under the curse, what it must have been like before sin spoiled the wonders the Lord created. We were reminded of the words of Stuart Hine:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

However when we see the works of man, it is abundantly clear that man has left the evident stamp of sin wherever he has been. In one of the weekly papers in Nelson are a number of these evidences. One man advertises himself as a "Kabbalistic Astrologer" (blending Jewish mysticism with astrology) and has a large column in each issue. Another column announces a Community Ghostdancing TranceDance "which begins with a traditional native dance of prayer inviting connection and celebration with our ancestors and spiritual allies." Still another says, "...bring your sexy attitude for some dancing, and drinking! You can't buy happiness, but you can b_____ well charge it! Sin is in, Sweetie." Just off the main street is a three-story building called the Holy Smoke Culture Shop. The top two stories of the wall facing Baker Street are emblazoned with a painting of a huge marijuana leaf! The lower floor shows a Rastafarian type with dreadlocks smoking a "joint." This is the city in which Joy Baptist Church meets.

We have Sunday School and two worship services on Sunday and a midweek service on Thursday evening. On Wednesday we have two Bible studies – one with three men in their apartment and one with a teen-age boy at the church. Also we expect to be doing some visitation. We have been in contact with some people who in the past have had some connection with the church and some who come now and then. For most it seems real commitment to the Lord is an alien concept. Nevertheless the Lord is able! Consider that Paul was told that the Lord had much people even in the pagan city of Corinth. He alone can bring that to pass.

More later! Thanks once again for your prayers, friendship, and support. You all mean so very much to us as we continue.

His and yours for the harvest,

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