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The month of March has flown past in a blur, but that doesn't mean it wasn't a blessing. Northern Cross Community Church is planning for the months and years ahead as we seek growth. March is one of our big snow months and we have seen a few good days of significant snow fall on our community. We also are preparing for a busy summer as we will have four more mission teams come serve alongside us to reach out to the lost souls in our town and surrounding communities.



We had more building rentals this month, which is a blessing and a challenge for me. Depending upon which group it is, I may have to clear our sanctuary of all the chairs and move it tables for whatever the needs the groups may have. This is a bit time consuming and laborious for me since I do not yet have a team here. However, it is a tremendous blessing because it means added revenue for us to pay our mortgage and utility bills. Unexpected expensive also happen as well.



Typically we get a good amount of snow in March as spring begins during the latter half of the month. The snow here is usually light and not difficult to remove (unlike the heavy wet snow in St John's!), but it is something to plan for prior to services and events. The town is good about quickly plowing main roads, but heavy snowfalls can really lower attendance as most folks must clear their driveways and navigate the neighbourhood roads as they are plowed last by city crews.



We had two days where our temperatures reached 8° Celsius and that caused a good amount of snow melt (which we hate). This creates significant hazards as the water does not drain away due to the frost levels in the soil and then it refreezes into sheet ice. Our parking lot was a frozen pond for one Sunday and was incredibly dangerous for our elderly attendees to walk across to get inside the building.



We are scheduled to have four more mission teams come to serve at Northern Cross this summer, so there are a lot of things happening in the background to prepare for these folks. This is an area where most Americans and Canadians never travel, so coming up here is both an adventure and an opportunity to see church development in a difficult and remote location. Please pray for us and our visitors to have many opportunities to interact with this community and share the Gospel.



One thing I have been doing the past few weeks is cleaning out our storage areas at Northern Cross, then sorting and discarding old items to get our facility ready for the summer. Although I have been able to get much done with the building, it has cut back on my time to go out into the community to make more connections. However, this summer with the mission teams (and in between) we plan to really reach out and invite more people to come hear the Gospel at our local church.



As winter draws to a close we ask that you please pray for us to have more opportunities to share the Gospel and reach the lost within our community. We are thankful for SCA International and all our brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe who partner with us in prayer, donations, and coming to serve alongside us. I pray for God to grow His church in mighty way this year all across Canada and the world.