



Northern Cross Community Church

Goose Bay, Labrador

August 2024

Another month has passed and we are racing towards Autumn! Things have not slowed down at our local church and this month has raced by us so quickly. But August is also a month full of blessings as we continue working on improving the aesthetics of our church building as a blessing to our congregation and community. We also had two visitors from a church in Richmond, Virginia who helped us and are planning on future mission trips back to Goose Bay!



The Sand Bar Lounge (down the street from the church)

A marked increase in crime has many in the Happy Valley-Goose Bay community on edge, particularly with the increases with vandalism and arson. The Sand Bar Lounge is just down the street from Northern Cross Community Church and was burned about two weeks ago. A few days later a protest in front of the town hall resulted in city leadership committing to resolving the problems quickly. Fortunately a suspect was arrested in the arson and he is suspected in multiple other incidents involving vandalism and theft of nearby businesses to NCCC.



The primary suspect was arrested near my residence



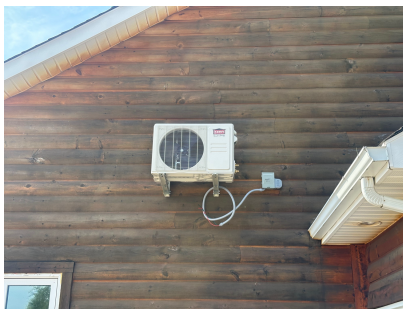
We received fourteen folding cot beds and blankets as a result of Send Relief Canada allotting \$2,000 dollars for Northern Cross to purchase emergency supplies for future evacuations. We are now able to assist with housing evacuees and even mission teams with these new beds in our building. We prayed as a church to give thanks to God for providing materials like this to allow us to bless our communities.



Mike & Debbie Shipley (mission coordinators for The Heights Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia) came to Goose Bay this month to help with the landscaping issue around our church building. The heavy foliage creates hiding places for transients to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana, which results in a serious litter problem as well. The three of us worked all week long and made great strides with the problem.



Our neighboring business owners have expressed their happiness with our efforts to keep our property clean and trimmed. In the Spring we plan to finish removing all of the foliage at the rear of the church property to completely resolve the problem. This is a monumental effort that would we at Northern Cross would not be able to do on our own, so we are very thankful for the missionary help we receive!



A faithful attendee of Northern Cross has donated heating and air units for our building and is funding the installation: this is truly a huge blessing from God! The old in-floor radiant heat system is quickly failing, so this improvement is something that will last for many years to come. With the winter months approaching fast, the installation of these units could not be better timed! We are thankful beyond words.

God is good and we are blessed as His children.