

Letter from Mike Hassett, Alberta overseer

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Subject: Re:

It is a long time since any general news has gone out from my computer. There are many things to take up one's time and in between we need a little sleep! Today finds me in the family home at Powell River. Mom is no longer living here. A few months ago, she was not well and needed to spend some time in the hospital. Now she needs to be in long term care. She's almost 99, so not sure how long 'long term' will be. The amazing thing is that she is much better and wants to come home! I have two brothers here in town and they are very good to her and to me also.

We have just finished a most wonderful convention season. Our Lord has been so good to us. Perhaps some would have felt there was a 'crisis' in the kingdom but that is not happening. This is God's kingdom and everything is very much under His control. Quite a number of folks made their choice during the five conv's and a nice number were baptized also. The 'grand finale' was Sunday of 2nd Didsbury where the crowd was huge. One of the brothers in the mtg shed thought there were over 1300. It was suggested that perhaps it was the second largest convention gathering ever in Alberta. There are lots of friends in the area of course but it just seemed to me that God wanted to make it very clear that ALL is well in HIS kingdom.

We are delighted to have two new names on our workers' list. Keidron Hughes and Cailin Willis both started two months ago at preps, and from all reports have done very well. Several from our staff are leaving permanently or pro-tem. Cheryl Lumley and Sandra Perry have moved to BC, Michael Moulson is moving to Eastern Canada as of today, Jason Gregg is already in Slovakia for a one-year stint on a young people's work/travel visa, Eden Dell is hoping to get another two-year visa to help out in Sweden and Gena Gibson will soon be leaving on a work/travel visa to spend one year in Korea as an exchange for Reh Lee who is here to help out with our 'Korean' mission. A few years ago, a Korean couple met some of our friends and it has led to 7 people making the wise choice so far. There is still more Korean interest but most of those who are left don't have much English.

A few gems from convention....

1...A child's prayer...Help me to be strong like David and not like Goliath

2...Fear a hard heart more than hard experiences

3...Sheep have enemies but they do not make enemies

4...If you need to cross the city you don't wait until all the lights are green. You start out and then deal with each one as it comes. Something might seem overwhelming but take it one 'light' at a time

And with that I'll leave you. Thanks for keeping in touch and please forgive me for being such a poor correspondent.

WINGS Note: No crisis apparently. All is well.