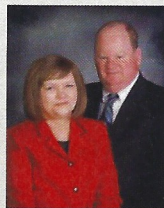


# The Sheridans



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### **Planting Churches**

*Ps 122:1...I was glad when  
they said unto me, Let us go  
into the house of the LORD.*

### **Winning Souls**

*Pro 11:30 ...He that winneth  
souls is wise*

### **Training Nationals**

*2Ti 2:2 And the things that  
thou hast heard of me among  
many witnesses, the same  
commit thou to faithful men,  
who shall be able to teach  
others also.*

### **Reaching the World**

*Mark 16:15... Go ye into all the  
world...*

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends:

I am writing this letter the day before Easter Sunday. I sincerely apologize for not getting this letter out sooner. We have been hit with several, what you might call, "natural disasters." This winter we have had one major storm after another which piled up layer after layer of snow. When it started to melt flooding took place. We knew it was coming, and I prepared for it, but in spite of all I could do we still had water come in the house. I am still working on replacing sub-flooring and flooring. Kitchen cabinets as well. As I was putting down the sub-flooring I was delayed by yet another major 3 day blizzard that dumped several feet of snow on us. The weather people forecast 30 inches, but I don't know what the official number was when it was all over but I took a picture of my wife standing at the back door of our house and the snow was over her head. We are still digging out from this storm. One of my cars is still buried. The storm came in on Tuesday and left us Thursday night. Wednesday night we couldn't have church. We weren't able to get out until Thursday afternoon, and when I got to the church, I couldn't even get close to it. It doesn't look like it is over yet as Easter Sunday we are supposed to get 5 to 8 inches more snow with 40 mph winds. That's another blizzard.

We are hoping that we get to have church in the morning. We will have communion as well. My wife had a ladies meeting a couple of weeks ago, and several ladies came. Some came who have never been before. They had a great time. We are now having a men's meeting the first Saturday of each month. Several men are coming. Some have surprised me as I never thought they would come. I have allowed one of our faithful men to lead this meeting, and he is doing a great job and keeping me informed to what he is doing. I am trying to teach them to take a more leadership role in the church and how to take that leadership role. Our new Sunday School teachers are also getting active in the re-starting of our Sunday School. They have been going to friends and acquaintances trying to encourage them to come to Sunday School. We were supposed to kick off our Sunday School May the 1st, but due to the weather related circumstance we have endured, we have delayed it for 2 weeks. Everything has just about stopped since the thaw, trying to deal with the aftermath. Our new date is May 15th.

The concrete contractor that is doing our front steps is now coming to church. He and his wife have been coming for several weeks. They haven't accepted Christ yet, but they are both listening intently. It takes a while for these people to get a clear understanding of the gospel after a lifetime of Catholic teaching and oppression, but if they hang in there, they usually get it and get saved. By the way, he is anxious to get started on the steps as soon as the weather allows. A crew is coming up in June to build our handicapped bathroom. In spite of the trials, the Lord is still blessing, and we are moving forward. Several people have committed to visiting on Saturdays to knock on doors and soul winning. Right now we can't get to the doors. Two men have also expressed interest in driving the van to pick up the children on Sunday.

We want to thank everyone who has prayed and given so we can do the work here on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa reservation. We couldn't do it without you. The Lord bless you all.

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