

The Sheridans



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Missionaries in North Dakota to the Chippewa Indians

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:

Summer is coming to a close in the north, and the harvest up here is in full swing. It reminds me of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." There is still much work to be done on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation. There are many that are seeing their summer ending and are still not saved. We are praying and seeking a young couple who are talented in music and have a burden for the people of North Dakota to come help us and to possibly train to take over the church one day.

A few years ago I had back surgery, and it left me with nerve damage from my back down my right leg. My leg is so weak that I can't walk very far or stand too long. I went back to a neurosurgeon last week, and the options I had were back surgery which would involve rods and screws, and there was no guarantee it would work. The other option is three steroid injections in different places targeting different nerves. This is the option I am pursuing. I got a call today from the pain clinic, and I will have that injection Feb 24th. The neurosurgeon said if it works even for 2 weeks then they will know which nerve is the problem. So we will see. My wife also has issues. She has osteoporosis and back issues as well. We have a two story house and have had a stair lift for several years to help us get upstairs. It quit working a few days ago; so now I am trying to find another one. A new one will cost \$5000 or more and that doesn't include installation. I have been trying to find a used one, but that has proven difficult, probably because I want a certain brand and model. I am looking for a Bruno SRE-2010 Elite. This particular one fits our narrow stairwell the best. We can get up and down the stairs, but a stair lift makes it much easier on us.

The church is holding its own. Our field director is coming in October when we will have a short revival, and then I have been talking to a dear Pastor friend who, hopefully, will be coming sometime this year for a special meeting. Earlier this year, I turned the adult Sunday School class over to a man in the church, and he is trying to reach the college and career age group. As soon as we see how that class is going to go, I will either take back the adult class and let him continue the college and career class, or I will start another class. Our folks have a burden to see our church grow, and they are doing what they can to be a witness to their co-workers and friends and family. We are going through a trial right now, but I expect God to get us through this and the church to grow once again. My home church, Rome Baptist Temple, had an event in which they set up a tent and gave away Bibles. We are planning such an event here. We are going to do it during the 4th of July celebration the town has in 2026. This is when the most people will be in town for a day of parades and car shows and children's events. There are over a thousand people in town this day. A missionary came by a few weeks ago and left us some Bibles in the Ojibwa language which is the language the local Native Americans speak. The majority of the population of Chippewa speak English, but there are a group that speaks the Ojibwa language. So we will have a booth and Bibles and other literature to give away that day as well as a place to talk to anyone about their spiritual life and their salvation. We hope to also have a float in the parade as well. We have done this several times. On all the floats candy is thrown out to the hundreds of kids lined up on both sides of the road. We put candy in a zip lock bag along with tracts and church literature and throw them out. We also have a couple of people walking the route on both sides of the road handing out Bibles and tracts. But to do both of these things, we need more help than what we have now. Please pray for us as we reach the Chippewa Indians.

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