Church-planting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

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"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth…" Acts 1:8

Dear Friend of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

As we look back upon the year past, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all our sovereign King has done. Though each passing year brings change, it is comforting to know that our God's nature, plans, and purposes do not change. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for this coming year.

Traveling three hours a day to work five days a week definitely takes a chunk out of my day. I will be looking at hopefully changing that in the fall of 2008, if at all possible. If enough support can be gathered, it could enable me to focus on church planting full time or at least take a lesser paying job in the city. I am very thankful for those of you who are faithfully committed to my support which allows me to work part-time, freeing me some time to pour myself into people with the ministry of the Word and prayer. Along with this letter I have attached a pdf copy of my support gathering brochure, put together by Jessica Podhordeski. Thanks, Jessica! Please feel free to make a copy and put it into the hands of those who might consider it a joy to join with us as we seek to make Christ's name known in Saskatoon and beyond.

Our "Christmas is For-giving" message on Dec. 23rd, drew a number of visitors. The church family of Grace Fellowship provided a meal for everyone afterwards. Seeds were planted, a couple of Bibles given out, and, Lord willing, God-glorifying fruit will be the long-term result. Beginning in January we will begin to study our way through the epistle to the Ephesians. In addition, we are hoping to begin a number of house groups focusing a study on "The gospel-centered life." What makes this study so exciting for me is that its gospel-focus makes it a great study for both believers (young and old) and unbelievers alike. The gospel is not only the means of justification, but also sanctification (see the epistle to the Galatians). Please pray for us as we seek to connect with people who need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have been re-working our emphasis paper. You can take a peek at the results so far here: **http://disciple.ids.org/?page_id=5** on our discipleship site. There are two sections: our doctrinal emphasis and our mission emphasis. I would love to receive any feedback you might you.

Our In-Depth Studies Winter Seminar will be held this February. We are going to work through the above emphasis paper in detail. Watch for details on the IDCS website.

We are striving to be faithful. May the Lord be magnified!

By His grace and for His glory,
Murray

Please visit our web site for more information on our ministry in Canada, and pray for us as we seek to have God glorified in everything we do.

If you have a desire to support the church-planting and teaching ministry of Murray McLellan you may do so by sending a cheque to:

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Make cheques payable to "Grace Fellowship" and designate them "for Murray" or to "In-Depth Studies Canada".

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If you would like to talk with me about all that is happening, please give me a call (or e-mail me and I'll call you. We have a long distance package now, so I can call anywhere in Canada or the U.S. for "free".)

"Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God
and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ…"
Acts 28:31

"The story continues…"

ACTS 29
NETWORK