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“What Hath God Wrought?”



Repairs under way

Another report of a marvellous answer to prayer in Penticton by Rev. Andy Foster.

In the last issue of the Burning Bush I reported something of how the Lord had graciously and wonderfully provided us with a Church building in Penticton. As expected, the legal business was completed on June 14th and we are now the legal owners of a property which last year was valued at \$555,000. Since the beginning of June we have been using the building for our services.

It has been a real blessing to move from temporary accommodation to a permanent facility that we can finally call our own. Yet if ever there was a building that must be looked on as belonging only to the Lord then our building must be described so. The Lord has given us a magnificent property when we have no resources of our own either to buy it or fill it with people. We rest in this tangible evidence of God's intention to do greater things in this area. We believe that it is still His sovereign purpose to work through His servants to the end “that my house may be filled” (Luke 14.23). It has been a blessing to see the number of visitors that have come since our move. Several radio listeners from the area have visited. This has been very encouraging to us.

To date we have been able to do quite a bit of redecorating inside the Church. There are still some improvements that we would like to make — for example, to insulate and plaster the sanctuary to cut down on heating costs in the winter months and to erect a fence around the property. By the end of this month we anticipate having a leaking flat roof completely replaced and the exterior of the property painted. Other matters will be attended to as the finances become available.

God willing, in October (12th & 13th) we are planning to have special services to officially mark the re-opening of the Church. We are expecting a number of the ministers of our North American congregations to be present for these services. Providentially, the Fall Week of Prayer is being held in Calgary — one of our closest neighbours to the east! This means that some of the men can extend their stay for a day or two and join with us for the occasion. Among others, we are expecting Dr. McClelland, the ‘father’ of the Free Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. Larry Saunders, current moderator of the North American Commission of Presbytery, and Rev. Ivan Foster. As a congregation we are looking forward eagerly to these meetings.

In conclusion, I want to express the heartfelt thanks of the congregation here to all who have sent gifts for our Building Fund. It is expected that when the most pressing matters are attended to we will have spent approximately \$65,000 (this figure includes the pur-



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chase price). To date a total of \$33,463.13 has been received in gifts from individuals and sister congregations. Numerous readers have sent gifts directly and we have been able to contact them personally to say thank you; other gifts have arrived without identification and to those donors we use this column to say thank you in Jesus' name. To one and all we express sincere thanks and trust that the Lord will indeed reward you for your kindness to His work.