

Fall 2018

“Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, we will come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves”. There is a lot of rejoicing going on with farmers here on the Prairies. This Fall has been difficult for them, with a wet September and snow in October, the crop still on the field and the farmers unable to harvest it. Finally, the warm, dry weather has arrived and the farmers are busy as bees. **Pray that the good weather will sustain until the harvest is in the bins and that the quality and quantity will be good.**



In my previous letter to you, I was about to embark on my annual pilgrimage to the west coast for some R&R and deputation. I was there for 3 1/2 weeks and had a great time resting, visiting with family, friends, and supporters, and sharing in churches, a seniors luncheon, and men's breakfast, as well as going on a hike as a chaperone for about 50 middle school students. One highlight I always enjoy is having lunch with Leona, one of my supporters. She is 98 years old, lives in a seniors home and, while is unable to see well due to macular degeneration in her eyes, her mind is still very sharp. It is always a joy to visit with her—her love for the Lord, supporting His work, and hardly ever having a negative thing to say. **Pray for these wonderful senior members of God's family, who have so much to contribute in so many ways to our lives.**

I also was able to help Margaret out a bit, as she was recovering from a round of chemo for her lymphoma, which drains her of energy, sleep, and being able to eat properly, affecting her stomach and taste buds. Thankfully, she is now done her treatments, and working to recover fully. Praise the Lord that Margaret's lymphoma is presently under control and the prognosis is very good. **Pray for Margaret's full recovery.**



One thing I did while on the coast was use Margaret's bike to keep my riding up, because 5 days after returning home, I participated in the Ride for Refuge for the third time. The day was cool, damp and windy. It had snowed the night before, but the roads were only slightly wet. I managed to ride the full 25km again and was thoroughly tired out, but quite satisfied that I had completed it and raised \$2400, exceeding my goal of \$2000! In total, between the two ACTION teams that participated, \$3900 was raised, for both the ACTION Children in Crisis fund and ACTION Ventures performing arts program. **My thanks to all of you who financially supported and prayed for this event.**

It's been a busy time in the office processing and approving short term and long term individuals, couples, interns, and teams. It's a joy to send them out to serve under ACTION.

It has been a difficult year for myself financially. My support continued to drop over the year, so that I am now at about 75% of what I need, which translates into \$700/month. If you or someone you know would be willing to consider supporting me—\$25, \$50, or more a month, it would be greatly appreciated. It is a worthy investment. **Whether or not you can give, please pray that the Lord will touch people to give to cover this deficit.**

Over the last few months we have lost two valuable staff members—one got married, and the other moved out of the area. They are missed and had important responsibilities. **Those of us left are filling in, but pray that we will find a volunteer who can come and assist us in some of those duties.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Scott

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