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Pastor Mitch Persaud



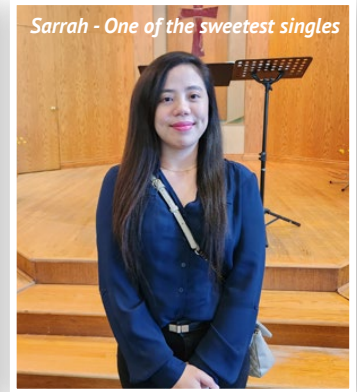
We have worked and prayed for God to build us up at New Horizon and he has.

We've had a number of professions of faith of those coming mostly from outside. Sarrah, a Filipina, professed her faith. Jerena, from India (from a Pentecostal background) breezed through the Catechism and professed her faith. She is engaged to someone in India and I have the joy (mostly) doing premarital counseling with them at 11:00PM Friday nights so he would be awake and before she goes to bed. Howard and his wife Rita, from China, professed their faith. Radha, a retired nurse from Trinidad, who worked in Saudi Arabia, professed her faith. Another lovely young lady, Elena, a covenant child, professed her faith in Jesus. I baptized her and then witnessed her profession. Very happy me! Our goal is to have 10 professions of faith this year and, Lord willing, we will meet or pass it. This will take away the sting from having had to excommunicate a family this year.

We have worked and prayed for God to build us up spiritually and he has. We've seen God work through the labors of our intern, Leo Joewono, who has completed his 2nd year of seminary studies. (Good men do come from MARS.) Now that it is his turn to leave, I don't want to turn in my intern. Leo has been a tremendous blessing to us. He has challenged us, especially the youths, to live godly lives. He heads back to seminary in August. We have seen God blessing the labors of Pastor Brian Zegers who taught the young how to grow in maturity and to deal with many temptations of the flesh. He was ably assisted by sidekick, Elder Nathan Kidd. Some men have had visibly changed lives.



Jerena - A beautiful Indian smile



Sarrah - One of the sweetest singles

We are working and praying for God to continue to build us up and we trust he will. We have a few people being evangelized and four others preparing for membership. Three of the four have to be baptized. We are encouraged by this and we trust you are as well. Six months ago, one of the men preparing for baptism called me when I was on holidays, sitting in a shopping mall, watching my wife shop (and not buying anything), and I reluctantly answered my phone. Now, God willing, we will see a soul marked by God as his own. Pastor Zegers, our missionary to the Muslims, did the work. (The pastor's moral: Only answer your phone on vacation if your wife is shopping.)

Continue to stand with our united congregation in prayer, encouragement, and financial support. (The 1st two don't cost a dime and they are more essential.) May Christ's kingdom come. God's love for us in Jesus continues to be our strength.



Amazing variety of ladies and food

 **ALBERTA, CANADA**

Pastor Mitch Ramkissoon

Greetings in the name of our ever-living Savior, Mediator and Advocate Jesus Christ.

Trusting that everyone is having a safe and refreshing summer, and in His providence the Lord is blessing and keeping you and yours. For us, Doris' health has continued to be an issue. But I am thankful that emotionally and spiritually she is doing well in spite of her circumstances. Prison ministry has continued to go really well. I am still leading a weekly Chapel service at the **Red Deer Remand Center**. Attendance averages about 8-12 every time, with the messages well received. My numbers at the **Pe Sakastew Healing Lodge (Maskwacis)** have dwindled (hopefully temporarily) due to transfers and breaches. I have 3-4 faithful men at the moment. But this is the nature of prison ministry.

Over the last few months, we did a study of God's forgiveness which was well received. I have a monthly visit scheduled at Bowden Institution- where we have 7 active students this month. I recently completed a weekly Bible Study (with 16-18

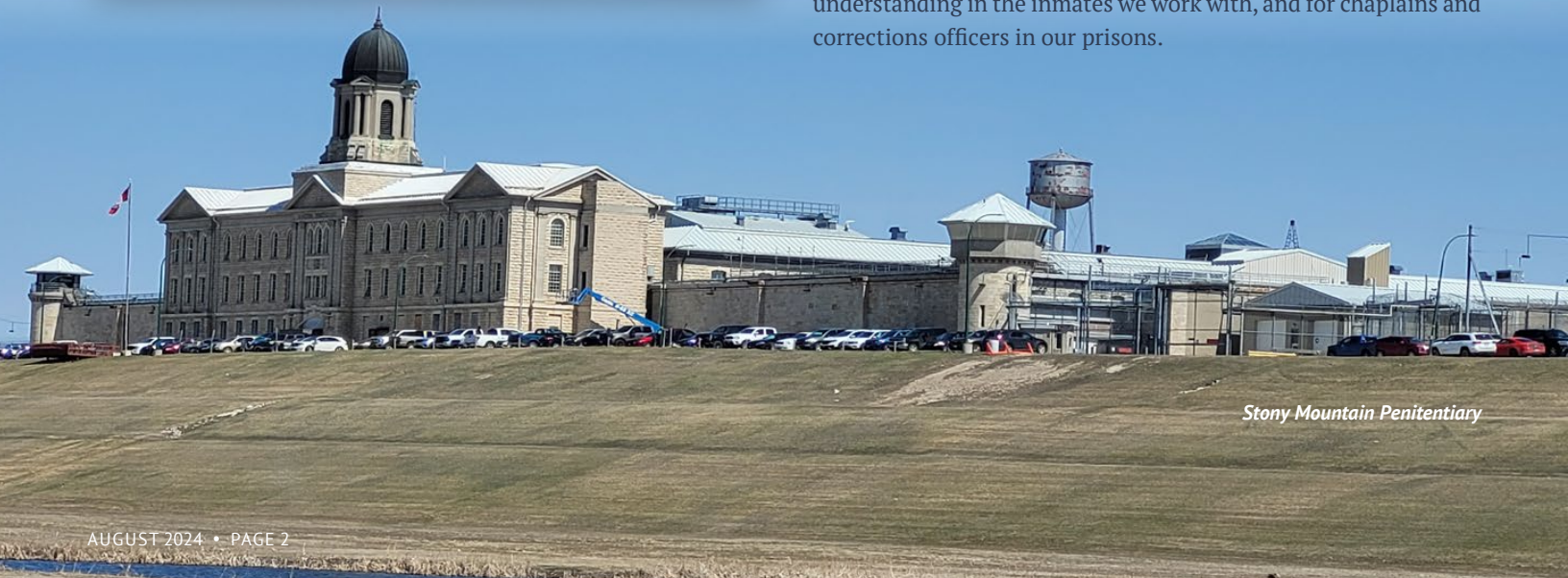


men attending) on Monday nights on Sinclair Ferguson's, *Basics of the Christian Faith*. There were many good conversations and expressions of thanks for our perseverance. I am also doing bi-monthly visits at the **Edmonton Institution**- where I am leading several individuals in a study of the book, *The Enemy Within*.

One of the inmates I've connected with through the Chaplain surprised and delighted me by announcing, with a huge smile, "I started reading my Bible again!" He had been drifting between Christianity and Islam for the last while. I'm also teaching the basics of Christianity (through an abbreviated study of the Heidelberg Catechism) with two other inmates.

I also just concluded bi-monthly Bible Study with two volunteers at the **Edmonton Remand Center**. We will restart in September, and I will resume my solo visits until then. I also visit **Grande Cache Institution** every couple of months to lead a Chapel and visit with our students. One of the blessings I am thankful for is my access to two "half-way houses": **Horizon House** in Red Deer and **Stan Daniels Healing Center** in Edmonton. There I am teaching 3 men each in a weekly Bible Study. It's a blessing to me to see understanding in their eyes, and their willingness to attend. Another blessing is to be a part of **re-integration Ministry**. I have coffee with ex-inmates, and I am happy to report that three of them faithfully attend Church.

And, of course, my calling takes me to **Winnipeg and Saskatoon**- where we have students in both provincial and federal prisons. In closing, please pray for Doris' health, spiritual growth and understanding in the inmates we work with, and for chaplains and corrections officers in our prisons.



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