



## **SCA International October 2021 Report**

October seems to have come and gone quite quickly. There are two weeks that stand out the most that seem to overshadow the rest of the month. Although we've done a lot this past month, we've also faced some trying times. It's in these times that God's word truly saw us through and reminded us of the God we serve.

**“If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you.”**

### **John 15:18-19 CSB**

We will not be accepted in this world and the gospel we preach is a stumbling block and foolishness, as the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians. We shouldn't be surprised when we face opposition and are misrepresented by those around us. I'll elaborate more on this later, but I have been very much reminded that it is Jesus who builds His church.

It's his plans, not mine.

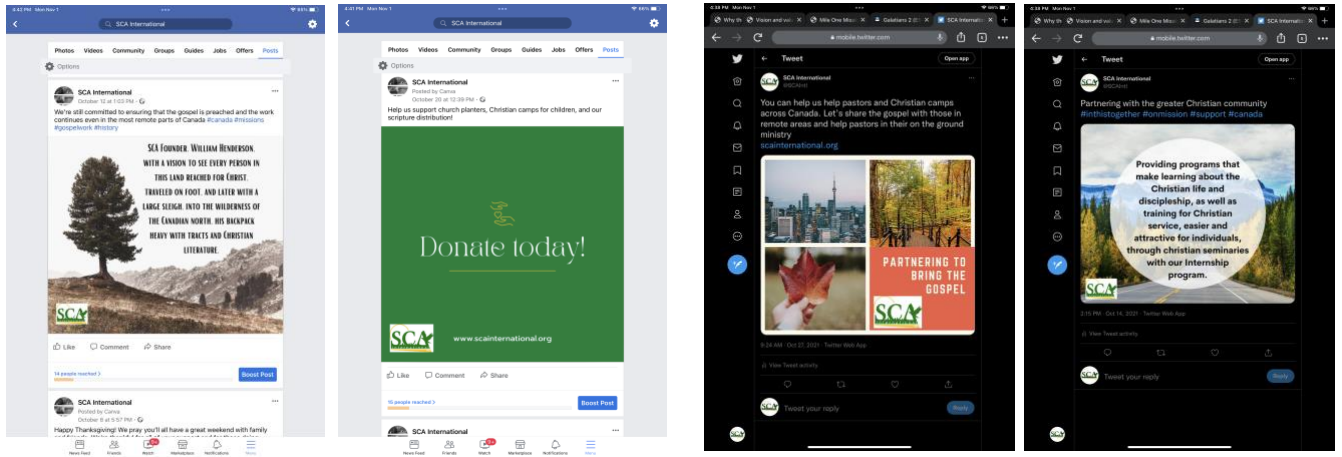
It's his will, not mine.

It's his way, not mine.

The church will not be overcome and God will build it according to His good and perfect will. This lesson has been humbling and comforting. On one hand I have realized that my plans should be laid before the Lord, and on the other hand, I can take comfort in the fact that God already has plans laid out that cannot be stopped.

## SCA International Website, Social Media

Make sure you're following us on Facebook and Twitter. Invite others to like or follow these accounts, and sharing our posts or retweeting or tweets can go a long way in gaining exposure. Again, this is a long battle with starting a new social media account and revamping your Twitter account. We have been making progress, but shares and retweets can go a long way! Let's get SCA's message out there!



## Young Adults



Our Young Adults group has continued at Calvary Baptist Church. We're currently taking our students through the Judges study by J.D. Greer which has proven to be a real blessing. Calvary also put off a turkey dinner for our students on Thanksgiving Weekend. Members of the church volunteered to cook the food for us. It gave us great opportunities to welcome new students, make connections, and fellowship with one another.

## Downtown Community Church

We've had an interesting time in downtown St. John's this month. After our first session of Christianity Explored, which no one attended, we were protested by people from the LGBTQ+ community. Our first night was still a great night as my team and I used the time to seek God in prayer.

Over a two week period we received some very nasty comments and emails accusing us of things we don't believe in or practice. Our mentality through this time and going forward is to example Christ. We want to love our neighbours and respond with gentleness, respect, and patience.



I'm not saying that those weeks weren't hard, but God has been so gracious to us. We have had people contact us from across the country, as well as great support from Calvary Baptist and the M1M team, come behind us and pray for us.

We believe that we're ALL sinners and in need of saving. Our first concern is whether someone understands and accepts the gospel. Downtown Community Church is continuing with our Christianity Explored study and continues to work to connect people to the love of Jesus. We've had one young man attend our second session and we have more interested. Pray that God continues to draw people to Himself and that we can simply love our neighbours and point them to Jesus.

### **Downtown Community Church Media**

If you follow us on social media you'll notice that we went quiet for that two week period. We're moving forward, in what we pray is a godly manner, with social media posts. Comments are now disabled on new posts, but we hope the content shared still speaks to people.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray that we stay grounded in the gospel and continue to point each other to Jesus
- Pray that God continues to draw people to Himself
- Pray that we can continue to make good connections to better serve our neighbourhood
- Pray for our team as we look forward to 2022 in downtown St. John's

### **Rugged Theology Podcast**

I continue to produce and edit the Rugged Theology Podcast. We use this as a tool for sound theology in our province. Our goal is to use it to educate our interns and planters, have a solid source of theology in our province, and help people understand church planting in our province.

Episode 65: I is for Irresistible Grace

Episode 66: P is for Perseverance of the Saints

Rugged Theology focuses on any topics pertaining to church planting and theology. It is a resource for Newfoundlanders (and anyone else who listens) who don't have much local access to solid theology. You can find our podcast on the Mile One Mission website, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts.

