



### **SCA International September 2021 Report**

September has come and gone and it's no trouble to tell. Our family life has gotten much busier and hectic as we adjust to some new family dynamics. Our daughter has started Kindergarten this year and that has really affected our schedules in the morning. Throw that in with 12 hour shifts for my wife and getting ready to start the first program for your church plant, and you've got a full calendar!

In that busyness I've been challenged lately to take joy in the stage of life we're in. It's hard to enjoy the hectic mornings of getting a 4 year old and a 1.5 year old ready in the morning. It's hard to enjoy dropping them off at different spots across the city, head to our office, and pick them up again in the evenings. It's hard to have supper ready for the three of us before my wife finishes her shift.

I'm not writing that to complain or vent, but to be honest with anyone reading this. It's hard, but it's possible to find joy in the busyness of life. I believe that God has placed us downtown to plant a church there. I believe that this new stage of life is one I should enjoy and not simply wish away. There are times here to invest in my children and include them in the planting process. There are ways to be more prepared for the days and weeks ahead. And there is always more room to truth the Lord and Creator of all things.

**“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”**

In all things I want to turn to the Lord. Whether it be where to go next with the church plant, how to be a better husband or father, or even how to take joy in the small things. I want to be thankful with what God has given us. I want to be aware of the blessings He's shown us. So I thank you, SCA, for the blessing you have been with your support of our work. Thank you for coming alongside us and supporting church planting in a region that is remote, desperate, and in need of the gospel.

## 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!

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"I keep repeating that number over and over in my head: 28. Twenty-eight people showed up to worship God!"

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Catch up with David Drover in his August report  
"This month we were able to have our third ever church service. Pastor Matt Lahey continued to preach from John chapter 10, while Leanne and I were able to lead the congregation in singing God's praise."

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## **Family Fun Day**

Calvary Baptist Church had its Fall kickoff in September at a local park and held a baptism the same afternoon! It was a fantastic time of fellowship with the greater church body and new students who just moved to the city. We had some BBQ, played games, and had a refreshing time together. We had a total of six people go through baptism and make their faith public. It was a real blessing to enjoy this outside as a church, especially after the last year and a half of Covid-19 restrictions.



## **Downtown Community Church**

We are getting ready for our FIRST study in the downtown area! We have officially rented a meeting room in a United Church and will be starting Christianity Explored on October 18! We're very excited about this and we're hoping to have a good turn out.

We're actively promoting this study through social media, posters downtown, and a mail out that will go out just before the study starts. I've actually had some really positive conversations with the people we've met.

Our neighbour across the road was really open to the idea after numerous small conversations. He asked multiple times where it was going to be and what denomination we were. This is a HUGE win in Newfoundland. My wife has also invited some mothers she's met and they have been receptive of it as well!

A verbal acknowledgement is not the same as the person actually coming out to the study, so please be in prayer for them to actually come out. We want this to be an authentic place for people to explore the Christian faith.

Continue to be in prayer for our church plant and the downtown area. There were reports of gunshots on the street just behind our house, with a person sent to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. I've heard time and time again how this area has been going downhill, but they need the same amount of grace that we do to be saved!



## **Downtown Community Church Media**

We have officially started social media accounts for Downtown Community Church. Our plan is to have an active presence online before we start any sort of study. You can find us and stay up today by following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

We're in the process of preparing new posters to advertise Christianity Explored and have plans for a mail out. We want to use whatever methods we can to reach the people in the neighbourhood.

### **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 60: Moving Into The Neighbourhood

Episode 61: Cultural Christianity in NL

Episode 62: T is for Total Depravity

Episode 63: U is for Unconditional Election

Episode 64: L is for Limited Atonement

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.

