



The Byrer Family

Missionaries to Alberta, Canada



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This was the first time that my family didn't get to celebrate the 4th of July (Independence Day) by watching fireworks but it was the first time that we got to celebrate the 1st of July (Canada Day) by watching fireworks. We crossed into Canada from Maine on the afternoon of June 30th and worked our way across to Bridgewater, Nova Scotia for our first of many meetings in Canadian churches. In fact, with the exception of the one meeting we had in Auburn, New York, we will be only in Canadian churches until mid-October. The one downside to these meetings in Canada is the distance between the churches (\$3.25 per gallon). The upside to these meetings is what the Lord has been revealing to me through the distance between the churches.

As we drove through Halifax on our way to Bridgewater, NS, I saw a town of nearly 400,000 souls with only one Bible Believing church in its midst. In fact, Nova Scotia has only about 5 works trying to reach its nearly one million souls. The lack of a solid gospel presence has let this once called "Bible Belt" slip into a morally degraded society that is not only ignorant to the truths in the Bible, they have slipped to a level of abstinent and bitter people that live day in and day out without any eternal hope or that soul settling peace only given by the only begotten Son.

New Brunswick proved to be in the same, if not worse, condition. With 750,000 souls and less Bible Believing churches than in Nova Scotia, the people are grasping at whatever the world hurls at them. It is hard to believe that this area once rang out in true revival and the Holy Spirit once blanketed its people. Today you can talk to people about the revivals that took place over a century and a half ago and they will look at you with a stare of bewilderment.

I am thoroughly convinced that Canada is the forgotten mission field of North America. I am also convinced that it is partly due to the fact that most of the pastors in the United States look at Canada, and Canadians, as Americans that live in a place where it is cold. To prove this fact I have asked many USA churches that we have visited if they knew who the Canadian president was. With only a few exceptions no one knew that Canada doesn't even have a president. I originally thought that our trip through Canada was to encourage the brethren as well as raise some Canadian prayer and financial support but this is proving to be but a secondary purpose. I think the primary purpose is to raise the awareness of the need for Bible Believing churches throughout Canada. So far we have seen a few very large cities such as Halifax, Montreal and Quebec City with only three churches total for all three cities trying to reach nearly 5 million souls. I have also seen small town after small town with absolutely no Bible Believing church whatsoever. Some of these areas may be best serviced by a circuit type ministry but as of right now there is nothing. I have seen church building after church building either boarded up or being used for something other than being a lighthouse for souls. And worst of all I have seen what a society of people becomes when there is no hope.

Without a doubt in my mind there are men being called to Canada but either they are failing to see the need or else the call may seem too hard to answer. Whatever the excuse, our neighbors to the North are dying and going to hell and little is being done about it. Please pray for Canada. First for the pastors that are here making a difference. Then take out an Atlas with the provinces of Canada in it and with your own eyes, go over it from coast to coast. As you do, think about the 34 million souls up here that will eventually die and go somewhere for eternity. I have heard that there are roughly 200 Independent Baptist churches of all stripes that are throughout all of Canada. That equates to one church for every 175,000 persons. There are a few men up here already but the effort pales in comparison to the thousands of churches across the United States. Remember, Canada is nothing like the United States.

In His Service,
Brother John Byrer

And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, ~ Nehemiah 1:4

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