

Hello Alumni of NBC,

With the start of a new year I hope you can all look forward to what God will do in His perfect timing. In the past few months as I completed my practicum to become a Paramedic, I have seen and talked with people holding no hope for the future. Regardless of the fear, discouragement, and loneliness which is so prevalent during the COVID-19 pandemic, for some these feelings are simply the reality of their everyday lives. Jesus and the redeeming work of God is, and continues to be, the only source of lasting hope. The hope that God gives will never be taken away. May we as Christians know this and share this message!

Thankfully, Nipawin Bible College continues to teach and grow the students that God brings to campus in this lasting hope. We as alumni have much opportunity to play a part in their training — through praying for the College, praying individually for students and staff, giving our finances to help pay for the training, and helping out with various events. Though our 2020 Alumni Day in November looked different than previous Alumni Weekends there is much to be encouraged by! Thankfully it took place just before even tighter Covid restrictions came into place - with roughly 40 alumni in person (and a handful tuning in online) for the events of the day. Julie Fehr, our Alum Exec Vice President led the Reconnect Meeting. Jason Elford (Staff Liaison) performed a plethora of duties as he always does, also navigating the difficulties of streaming the Alumni Day for those who could not attend but still wanting to take part in the day. The other Alumni Executive (Crystal Pelletier, Joshua Nickel, Jordan Lepine) also helped the day come together with planning, brainstorming, and hands on work. As the Executive, we are so glad to play a part in helping Alumni connect to each other and to NBC.

The Alumni Project chosen was a much needed Paper Folder for the NBC office. And despite a small group compared to normal years, we were able to raise \$3400! As a reminder (or invitation!?), you are still able to give toward this project by visiting nipawin.org and clicking the donate button, calling NBC with Credit Card, or mailing a cheque (specify #alumniproject).

We thank Crystal Pelletier for her investment as she finished her time on the Exec this November. The alumni voted for Anne Giesbrecht to join our team. Anne brings a wealth of experience, passion for NBC, and some history, having attended NBI in the early 80's.

As I draw to a close, I want to encourage you to stay connected to your fellow Alumni and to the College! You can do so by taking part in an NBC online class (*"End Times and The Church" will be taught by Dr. Paul Smith Wednesday evenings from late April to June - check the website for specific details!*), having a tour team (music, drama) or faculty come to your church to preach, or something else. Feel free to reach out to Jason Elford if you have an idea.

Most importantly, please do not stop praying. God will continue His work at NBC as His people pray. Let us not become discouraged and trust in God as He shows His wonderful mercy and faithfulness.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."
Lamentations 3:22-24

Sincerely,



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