

When we see God moving it's encouraging. On June 11 we celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of Saugeen Fellowship Baptist Church. We had almost thirty people come (7 of those were guests). But we never have had 30 people come out on a Sunday, at least not as long as I have been there (8 years). This is encouraging.

However, not to downplay "numbers" what truly excites me is when we catch a glimpse of God working in "an unseen world." This is the case of our church.

Before I get into how God is working I would like to set the stage of what I am going to say. When we worship God, let's say on a Sunday morning, we do so for an audience of One -- God. If God is the only audience who we worship, why do we have, for example, often on stage a worship band. Well, it's not for entertainment. Their function is to encourage (or prompt) the congregation to worship as well as they themselves worship, the audience of One -- God. The same is for spoken-out-loud-prayers. They are directed, once again, to an audience of One -- God. but they encourage or prompt others to pray.

In our Sunday morning service we have a time where the congregation has the opportunity to pray out loud or silently. One of the ladies feels more comfortable praying in her native tongue (Ojibwe) which is great and she does so almost every Sunday, and has been doing so for a number of years now. After all this church is on Ojibwe soil. These people are an Ojibwe nation. Their native language is Ojibwe. And God understands Ojibwe.

Now given that one of the purposes of spoken out loud prayers is to encourage others to pray as well, what about those of us who do not understand Ojibwe, which is about 60-70 percent of us, including myself. I have wrestled with the idea of being an interpreter, but have always decided against it because I do not want to disrupt the flow of the Spirit.

Now I come to the part which excites me the most because I sense God moving in such a spectacular way. The lady who prays in Ojibwe is usually the first to pray. Immediately after she prays a man prays out loud in English. A few weeks before Easter this lady mentioned that every time she prays in Ojibwe he prays in English what she has already prayed in her native tongue. No matter what she prays each Sunday he prays the same thing. How is this possible when he does not know a word of Ojibwe? Only God can orchestrate something like this. Only the moving of the Holy Spirit can bring this about.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for your continued prayer support as well as your continued financial support. And I would like to thank you for all of your prayers for my steady health improvement from my open heart surgery. I am not back to plumbing yet, but I am back to preaching.

Please pray for our VBS which is from July 24-28 this year. This is a great outreach for us on the reserve.

Please continue to pray for Linda and I as we minister on the Saugeen Reserve.

Blessings,

Henry

Postscript: My apologies to everyone. I meant to send this out they end of June, but I realized yesterday that I had forgotten.