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ANOTHER MILESTONE REACHED...



In the month of May we celebrated our 10th Anniversary since the founding of Charity Bible Baptist Church in Moncton.

In some ways it seems like just yesterday; in other ways it seems like a long time ago.

As I look back over the history of the work here in Moncton, it seems like we have built it several times over.

I'm sure it's been the experience of many pastors, but just when we seem to be reaching a tipping point in church growth, someone leaves or a family moves away and you have to make up for lost ground.

Praise the Lord that some who have left have come back and said "there's no place like this church anywhere around here!" That is a testimony to the difference that the word of God makes.

Despite the setbacks however, God continues to bring growth and a deepening of the foundation. On the back you can read about Gloria and Lucille (two ladies who have started coming faithfully), but for the moment let me brag on Jesus for what He did at our anniversary.

In the past we have rented a larger hall across town for special services because the place where we

meet every week is full just with our own people. This year however, the other hall was booked well in advance and so was every other place we could think of in the city!

Not knowing what we would do, we just continued to plan by faith. Then I got a call from an evangelist friend who asked if we were still interested in buying a meeting tent.

Four years ago we rented a tent of the size he was offering us, and it cost us over \$1800 for a week's use.



I could hardly believe it when Ron offered to sell us his tent for \$1400!

We were able to purchase the tent and get permission to put it up in a ball field adjacent to the hall that we rent weekly. This gave us kitchen



and bathroom facilities inside and much more seating capacity outside.



We set up the tent for 140 people and the Lord filled it! I was most pleased when about 20 friends of mine from the community responded to our invitation and joined us for the service. Among



them were a provincial Cabinet Minister, a federal MP, the former deputy mayor and several lawyers and business owners. Others brought friends and family members too and we had a great crowd.

Among the guests were a number of Catholic friends of mine who have never been to a "Protestant" church before. They were moved by the gospel singing and intrigued by the gospel preaching.

I had comments to the effect that they had never heard anything like that at their church and that what I had to say from the Bible was so much more relevant to their lives than the 'homilies' they were used to. I just preached a straightforward gospel message that pointed out that knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour is far more important than any religion.

