NEWGENERA MINISTRY



What is God doing? (In me?) Why on earth would God want us to stay home for an entire year?!? That's a good question that we're still working through. But what I can say is I've seen Him using this time to do some deep work in me. Through some serious prayer and deep introspection, I've found I've been believing lies about myself

that have affected many of my decisions and reactions with other people, particularly family. I've realized that I'm Incapable of loving without God's help, but that He is so ready to love through me.

We've had much more time with our grown children which we can see now was needed at this time. There was and continues to be some deep work needed within the family dynamics that wouldn't have been addressed with only short stops at home. During this extended time there were opportunities for some brutally honest conversations. I found out that though my motives were good, I deeply hurt some of

my kids in their growing up years.

So, what to do when one of the children comes and tells me of the hurt they experienced at my hand? My initial response is to justify myself, but instead I chose to validate their pain and apologize. "I was WRONG in the methods I used to train you, and I'm sorry." I wasn't sure what the response would be but it was good. Some healing took place. I'm glad I acknowledged the pain. It was difficult to admit I'd done wrong when my motives were right.



Lloyd's birthday celebration He turned 39 again this year. That makes 18 times now. A new record...

Schedule 2021 (Postponed Again) <u>March</u> 21. Roblin ON Wesleyan Church <u>April</u> 11. Bright's Grove ON

Lakeshore Community

May (RESCHEDULE AGAIN AS USA CANADA BORDER STILL CLOSED) 2. Thompsontown PA. Journey Christian Church 9. Johnstown PA Grace Pentecostal Church 16. Available 23. Available 29. 30. Lake Ariel PA Hamlin Assembly of Go _____June

7. Available PA. 13. Gettysburg PA The Intersection 20. Mifflinburg PA. Assembly of God 27. Available PA/ON.

There is still much to learn, but this has been a year to slow down, look inward and allow God to work in me and my relationships.

- Lloyd

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WHAT IS HAPPENING

- Lloyd has been able to share at the local soup kitchen (Brantford Blessing Centre) enjoying the experience of getting to know some of the people who come there daily to eat a meal and get some groceries. Often he goes there without a particular message to share. As he waits with the clients an idea will come to mind and after sharing the story or illustration and message, many times one or more of the clients will come and tell him that was what they needed to hear.
- The leader of the Blessing Centre has really seen the



faith community step up and they've gone from providing 800 meals a month to providing close to 2500 with the Covid19 issue. He is pleased with the way they've been able to



Lloyd putting the doors back on the newly purchased fridge unit at the Blessing Centre in Brantford

meet the food needs of the people but is concerned that the spiritual needs are not also being addressed. He told Lloyd a few times how much he appreciates the way he speaks to the people on a level they can understand and relate to. Lloyd is thankful for the opportunity to have continued purpose and meaning in his life.

Our son Evan cooking and helping in other ways at the Blessing Centre.

Pray with us for...

- 1. The words spoken at the Blessing Centre would bear fruit.
- 2. More good interviews for the podcast.
- 3. Knowledge and wisdom for the next season as the <u>spring tour has been postponed</u> again due to the border being closed.

Praise God with us for...

- 1. Healing in some family relationships.
- 2. New different opportunities of ministry for Lloyd.
- 3. The continued recovery of Cathy's Mom and Dad. Norm is about 70% recovered and Joy about 85%.