

# Gentle Road Church of Christ

## Sept 2020 Newsletter



The past two months have been filled with immense blessings as God has shown us at Gentle Road that He is still at work in the community even through the limitations of COVID-19. In mid-August, we were still able to do Mission 6:10. It was quite different from other years, with no groups from Texas, Arkansas, or other places in Canada being able to help. We saw, however, a great uprising of our youth and other church members taking initiative to volunteer. We were able to have a small VBS in the park with about 8 kids per night, a roofing project, a daily bread and water giveaway, a mural, and a hospitality project. One of the most amazing things was that people still came to work each day even though it was 30-35 degrees Celsius, which is quite hot for us up here. This week truly showed us the passion of our youth and young adults to do service in North Central Regina.



Another beautiful thing that happened this summer was the development of young adults who volunteer as youth mentors. This was quite the recent occurrence, as even a few months ago, we did not have many young adults involved at all, with the exception of one or two. These young adults pretty much all expressed interest in volunteering with us on their own initiative, some being graduates of our youth group, and others we have simply known from afar over the years. Last weekend we joined a virtual youth worker conference and had three staff and six young adults volunteers attend. One of our volunteers even prayed this past week that we would have more youth gatherings because they are all so passionate! Another volunteer is partnering with a community member and some of our youth to paint a series of smaller murals in North Central. God has truly sent these young adults our way to encourage us, love the youth with us, and grow as a church family.

Gentle Road also has another staff member! Eileen Desjarlais was connected with us through Soul's Harbour Rescue Mission, a Christian organization in Regina. She went through their recovery program the last two years and is now in their P31 (Proverbs 31) program. She has the gifts of giving and joy, and is always serving alongside with a smile. We are thankful to have her join our staff, and are excited to get to know her further!

**Prayer notes:** 1. Give thanks for the young adults God has brought our way (e.g. Josh and Josh, bottom right)! 2. Pray for the interns, Carissa and Sheniah (bottom left), as well as Eileen and Kurtis (both volunteers). 3. Give thanks for the ways we were able to serve in the community this summer!

