

Minister finds challenge in Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Cliff Hodgson likes a challenge and it's a challenge combined with God's will that has prompted him to resign as pastor of the Acton Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Rev. Hodgson, who has been a pastor for the past nine years, will be moving to Sault Ste. Marie with his wife and two daughters to take on the job of building a new church and inspiring a new congregation in a new community.

May 6 will be the Reverend's last day preaching in Acton and right up until the moment he leaves he'll be tending his flock. "I'm an evangelist," emphasized Rev. Hodgson. "I believe the Lord uses me to inspire faith and encourage spiritual growth as well as the growth of the congregation."

If God does indeed use Rev. Hodgson for those purposes he found the right man for the job. When Rev. Hodgson came to Acton three years ago the church had more than its fair share of troubles.

At that time the congregation numbered around 50 people and aside from having trouble paying their bills, the church also had two outstanding mortgages and an overall debt of \$51,000.

Under the influence of Rev. Hodgson, the church has been able to burn one mortgage and the overall debt has been cut in half to \$25,000.

The congregation has also increased dramatically in size over the past three years to 125. "It's definitely a 24 hour job," said Rev. Hodgson, "but I must admit that Acton people have been most generous and kind since we came here. I'd also have to say that the church board and the congregation have to be some of the best people I've ever worked with."

As well as getting the church back on its feet, Rev. Hodgson has also been instrumental in setting up programs that will continue long after he's gone.

One of those programs is called "Hour of Power" and is described by Rev. Hodgson as one of the highlights of his career in Acton. The "Hour of Power" prayer meeting was started by the Reverend a week after he came to Acton and in the time it has been running it has attracted people from all over the area.



Rev. Cliff Hodgson will be leaving Acton to lead a congregation in Sault Ste. Marie.

Another one of Rev. Hodgson's brainstorms was Christians in Acton which ran a telephone prayer line. Running from January to December 1983 the line saw a fair amount of success, but it had to be cancelled because there weren't any members who had formal training in handling crisis situations.

Rev. Hodgson isn't leaving his congregation to fend for themselves either. He's instituted several plans to be carried out over the next few years that will see old windows replaced and a new heating system installed.

Within a few weeks five prospects to replacing Rev. Hodgson will speak with the church board and a vote will be taken to see who will replace him.

It's God's will," reaffirmed Rev. Hodgson, "and it's our church's policy to move us (ministers) around every so often." Rev. Hodgson feels that his parish in Sault Ste. Marie will be a tremendous undertaking, but he also said he'll get a great deal of satisfaction out of doing God's work.

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