

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

March 18, 2008. It was a dark and stormy night (literally!) as my plane touched down on the snow swept runway. St. John's, Newfoundland, was experiencing yet another all out winter storm. Horizontally blowing snow, freezing temperatures and gusts to 50 km per hour greeted me as I arrived for my first CLF chaplaincy visit to The Rock. But what a

ways a challenge to dispel the perception of lawyers as "distant", or uninterested in expanding the Kingdom of God in a hands-on way. This is just one keen example of legal professionals impacting the local church community. I so enjoyed our meeting, prayer and sweet fellowship on one of the evenings of my visit.

A DAY or two in the LIFE of ...



Newfoundland and CLF are going to be that much stronger when law students from the CLF Club at the University of New Brunswick arrive this summer. They will be joining the legal community there and I have no doubt that their leadership and zeal for the cause of Christ will be much appreciated. I also enjoyed an opportunity to worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday at a local St. John's church. The power of the resurrection is truly what Christ brings to us. He is worthy of all praise!

After St. John's, I moved

on to Halifax where I met up with Cal Beresh, Director of Student ministries with CLF. It turned out to be an incredible adventure as we visited CLF members in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

More to follow next time ...

difference awaited me when I met my first true Newfoundlanders! Their warm hearts, gracious hospitality, lively music, and even deep fried "cod tongues" were a delight to this mainlander's spirit. I soon learned that because I am not Newfoundland born and bred; I am what is known as a CFA ... "Come From Away". That was all the more reason for the hospitality to be poured on even thicker. These dear people become lifelong friends in very short order.

My role on this trip was to contact existing CLF members, as well as those not yet connected, in order to encourage them in their walk with Christ. I consider this pure ministry. I have no other agenda but to pray with, and invest spiritually in the lives of those whose profession can be so easily misunderstood. Thanks to the networking assistance of CLF members, I was able to gather a good number of Newfoundland lawyer's names to contact. It was a joy to call several of these men and women, to pray together either in person or even over the telephone.

One newly called member of CLF who works with the Justice Department in St. John's welcomed me to the city in my new role as CLF Chaplain. He is very involved in a church plant in Paradise, just outside the city, and feels it is crucial for Christian lawyers to be visibly involved in local churches. It is al-



CLF Chaplain - Rev Reid Cooke



Rev. Reid Cooke (shown above in Newfoundland) joined CLF as chaplain in February, 2008, and is loving his new calling. After 35 years of pastoral ministry, Reid hung up his hat in December, 2007. Reid was born and raised in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, a member of a family with 6 siblings. God called him to the ministry when he was just 21 years old. He studied at Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale College, Toronto) graduating with his B.Th. He completed a second degree through Mount Allison and Waterloo University. Reid and his wife, Esther pastored in New Brunswick for 19 years, moving to Redeemer Bible Church in Niagara Falls in 1991, where they enjoyed 16 years of ministry. He and his wife, Esther have 2 children. □