

Dear Chris,

What a pleasant surprise to see the excellent photos you took of the interior of the house. We are not surprised, however, at just another of your kindnesses. It is possibly in an earlier life - certainly not in this one - that we did something to deserve the extraordinary service you provided us with last week. Thanks to you, we had a truly marvelous experience of Newfoundland, culminating with our taking over the stewardship of 30 Monkstown Road and our effective induction into the life and history of St. John's.

Now it would be something of an exaggeration to compare your role in St. John's vis-à-vis Reeta and me to that of Saint Bernard in the Paradiso guiding Dante and Beatrice through the highest circle of heaven and, through his intercession with the Blessed Virgin, granting the poet a direct vision of the Deity. But it came pretty close.

I will probably contact you with a few mundane matters such as enquiring about the opportunities of finding a large dining table and chairs, coffee table, lamps etc. which we will be requiring, but more of that later.

Again, our profuse thanks for all the extraordinary work on our behalf. We look forward to seeing you soon and, if we are fortunate, many times in the future.

Warmest regards,

Mike Tremblay