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Dear Partner in Ministry,

Thank you for giving and especially for your gift to missions work through NAIM.

I hope it was fun.

I hope it was also joyful, a transaction between you and the Lord, and rewarding enough to offset the sacrifice to you.

A couple who give to NAIM missionaries have impressed me with how much fun they have with their giving. They love to give. They love the speechless tears of gratitude from missionaries with low support, and they heap on more. In a recent phone call the wife said, "I know the NAIM office has to take some operating costs, so add that on top so that you don't take it out of what we designated for the missionary." Wow!

I pray that the Lord helps all of us find that enjoyable part of giving.

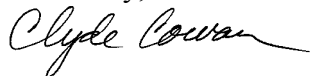
One of the great characteristics of Native Indian people is giving: giving good, costly, practical and perceptive gifts. That's a trait to emulate. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most valuable gift I know. Free to recipients, it has always been costly to provide.

At Christmas it was fun for me to give a handmade gift that had no dollar value, but was probably outrageously costly in terms of gathering a natural forest product, and in my time to craft it into something useful. A few select friends rewarded me with a grin of delight when they opened the practical gift. That is the pleasure in giving.

God gave His Son, and His Holy Spirit, and gives His grace to each of us every day. It seems like He enjoys giving gifts to His children. I want to be like Him. He doesn't need my gifts but I think He enjoys them.

We at NAIM do need your gifts. We aim to be diligent in passing them on - directly into giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need Him so badly.

Gratefully,



Clyde Cowan