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Greetings in the Lord,

I love the story in John 1 when Jesus called Philip and Nathaniel. Jesus had spotted Nathaniel outdoors under a fig tree. Nathaniel declared, "Teacher, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel." Jesus went outdoors to find people. I just got off the phone with a couple who invited me to join them camping sometime this summer for a discussion about Jesus.

One Sunday last month we stood in a kitchen in a small circle praying and thanking God for being in control. That is Good News! No matter how bad things are we can count on God through Jesus to be in control.

The visit started when the Native elder posted some depressed thoughts on facebook and I asked if we could visit. The road to her house was only accessible by four-wheel drive due to snow and ice with deep ruts.

The conversation started about the murder of a Native woman, her beloved niece. The world lost another Native daughter, sister, auntie and friend. Missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) is an issue affecting Indigenous people in Canada and the United States, including the First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Native American communities. It affects nearly every Native American family and community.

The conversation drifted to health crises in the family. Finances are tight, income is low, rent is high even without adequate water in the home. Still we gathered and prayed with confidence.

A few days later my family was sitting in a local hamburger diner when an elder walked in with his wife. As we talked he mentioned he was low on wood and worried what would happen if they lost power. The next Saturday we were able to bring him a load of dry, split firewood.

Living in community makes it possible to coach, teach, visit, and spend time together with People. Life happens in between our best laid plans. Speaking on coaching, with the blessing of my supervisor with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians I will be the head baseball coach at the high school my youngest son attends. See you on the field or in the woods!

Thank you for your love, prayer and support of NAIM.

Todd

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