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## Plans: Our changed plans—His opportunity

I confess. I love to have things planned and organized well in advance. I love details and just knowing. It helps to keep my world ordered and in control. I have numerous calendars to keep track of the plans. That's not a bad thing, just a time consuming thing. We had our plans made for this summer, made well in advance. We were going to help put on two weeks of kids camp. Co-workers were lined up and plans were coming together beautifully. But God changed the direction for the summer. ***Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future".*** We've learned over the years that we can make plans, and we should, but to hold them loosely. We want God's direction for our daily lives.

The first day of 'our changed plans' was spent at home saying, 'Okay Lord, you changed the plans so what's on the agenda for today?' That evening God brought a lady to our home right off the number 1 highway, literally. She had been hitchhiking, was homeless and as it was getting late and dark, we took her in. Turns out she knows many of the people we know from her reserve. What a beautiful relationship began that evening. We gave her a ride to Regina the next morning, gave her a bag of raspberry muffins and an invitation that she was always welcome at our home and to come visit any time. She smiled and said she might just do that, and she'd bring muffins. Beautiful friendship begun over an open home, a warm bed and raspberry muffins. **Pray for Barbara, that she will come to meet Jesus and that He would be her hope and future.**

Again, during 'our changed plans', we got a call from some friends from another reserve saying they were on their way to our house for a visit. Wonderful longtime friends who shared with us face to face what God wants them to do. They are facing many health issues but were challenged to begin visiting others and to share how God is at work in their lives. WOW! Praise God for listening ears and obedient hearts. **Pray for these friends who are embarking on a new visitation ministry to share Jesus.**

As I write this letter to you, I am in conversation with another friend from the far north whose adult children are making very poor choices. She writes *'I honestly feel like God has abandoned us. Things are going from bad to worse. Because of their (daughter's) decisions a lot of really bad things have been happening to them. I pray and pray and nothing seems to happen. We feel lost. We don't know what to do.'* My heart aches for this dear friend and her family. I want to hop on the plane and go hug her and hold her and pray with her. She did say I can get others to pray too. ***'I need all the prayer I can get'***, she said.

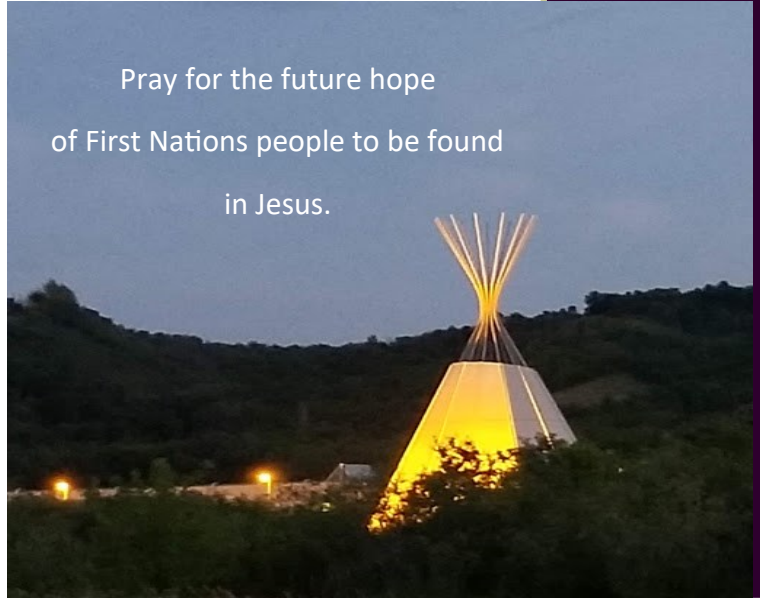


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All of 'our changed plans' were known by Him before the foundation of the world. Many of us desperately want to know God's plan for each of us as individuals, but the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that it's not about us, and it might not even look like what we think. What's most important is the future hope of the Kingdom of God foretold by the prophets and fulfilled in Jesus. On that day when we are all praising around the throne, there will be believers from every tongue, tribe and nation. In this way, the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 is bigger than any one of us, and far better.

Pray for the future hope  
of First Nations people to be found  
in Jesus.



## OUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN HIM:

**PRAISE** the Lord for a friend who asked Jesus to be the boss of her life. Through various trials and struggles she came to recognize that she couldn't do it on her own and she needed Jesus. What a privilege to be with her as she poured her heart out to Him and entered into that vital and true relationship with her Heavenly Father. Continue to pray for the salvation of many more who don't know Jesus.

**PRAISE** for friends embarking on a plan to visit others and share their testimony of what Jesus is doing in their lives. Health issues make it a challenge but God is able.

**PRAISE** for the opportunities we have had for some rest and relaxation this summer. We did some bike camping in our area and it was great.

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**GO** Pray and ask God how you can be involved in missions with the gifts and talents He has given you. We each have a responsibility. He has given you your ability, now what is your response?

**PRAY** for more opportunities to build into Barbara and for her to come to know Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.

**PRAY** for the family struggling with adult children and their choices. We want to be an encouragement to them as they go through this difficult time. Pray for wisdom on how to encourage from a distance.

**PRAY** for wisdom as we come along side Healing Hearts Ministries in Regina.



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