

News & Prayer Letter - July 2023

Serving With First Nations To Reach All Nations



Dear Friends & Prayer Partners

"The Rescue Tree"

"My cousin and I were on a hunting trip when we came across a recently frozen lake. I said to my cousin, 'Let's try to walk across the lake. It's a shortcut and will surely save us ten minutes.' My cousin replied, 'That's a dumb idea. We're definitely not doing that.' I argued, 'But I'm wearing my chest waders, which are waterproof from the boots to my shoulders. Even if I were to break through the ice, I wouldn't get wet.' My cousin started making his way around the lake, but I set out across the ice,



feeling invincible. However, it didn't take long before I broke through and sank into the lake. It was deeper than expected, and the water flowed into my chest waders from the top, filling my entire suit with bitterly cold water. The additional weight pulled me down, and all attempts to pull myself onto the thin ice failed. My cousin ran to the edge of the lake when he heard me struggling in the water. It wasn't long before I found myself in imminent danger of sinking. My cousin, who was already following Jesus, began to pray with me for this situation and my rescue. Suddenly, he saw a small, old, rotten tree at the edge of

the lake, which he could knock over with a strong kick. My cousin directed the trunk towards me. I held onto it and pulled myself to the shore. - Saved!"

... The above story was a heavily condensed version of one of the thrilling personal life stories that Josh, our indigenous speaker from the Fisher River Cree Nation, shared during the Waymaker Youth Gathering and used as an example to illustrate his devotional. The youth listened captivated by Josh's message.

With his story, Josh emphasized to the group of approximately 130 indigenous youth from across British Columbia that Jesus and the cross, on which He died for our sins, are like a rescuing tree (Galatians 3:13 ESV).

When you receive this Newsletter, please pray that Jesus continues to work inside the hearts of the youth and that many of them receive the Good News and decide to live their lives in faith with Jesus!"





Decision made

About two weeks ago, I started a conversation with Ronny* to learn more about him and find out if he possibly believes in Jesus. "Have you ever attended any of the regular services led by the prison chaplain?" I asked. "Oh yes," Ronny* replied, "I go there repeatedly." ... "About 15 years ago, I made the decision to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus while I was in prison. Another prison chaplain told me about Jesus, invited me to take this step, and prayed with me." We have now approached someone in charge within the Kwìkwèxwelhp Institution to inquire if we could potentially start a Bible study if some of the indigenous inmates, like Ronny, are open to participating. Please pray with us that God opens the doors for this and that more of the inmates we visit will show interest!

Family Update:

On May 27, Carrie and Adam got engaged in Brazil while they were visiting Adam's parents and family. We celebrated their engagement in a small family gathering with a few

friends on June 4 in Abbotsford. We are incredibly thrilled for them and wish them all the best & the Father's blessings. We also kindly ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their



To watch the a short Slideshow from Carrie's & Adam's

Engagement Party Please follow this Link:

https://popl.ink/caengagement



wedding next year.

Yours in Christ Marc & Sandra + Carrie & John

Never give up praying.

And when you pray, keep thankful.

alert and be thankful.

Colossians 4:2

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