

THE ALSUMS

February 2025 Update

NAIM

Every new update I write I am overwhelmed with how God has provided in the time since I had last written to update everybody. And that is no less the case with this particular update. We have continued putting our feet out in front of us on this journey, not always certain where they will land, yet God places them right where they need to be. I think of one weekend about a month ago Chelsea and I were feeling a little discouraged about support raising. We decided to get out with the kids and just visit some shops and run a couple little errands. Within a couple hours we had run into several individuals who expressed a desire to support our ministry with NAIM. We have learned that we must trust God and his timing, and he will provide as he sees fit.

If you read the last email I sent out



*Jacob sharing about NAIM at
Missions Fest in Chilliwack, Canada*

(sorry, I know not everyone gets the email version), then you'll know that I had planned on making a trip up to Gold River to look at housing and do some scouting concerning how to spend our first few months in Gold River. I was able to spend January 24-28 on Vancouver Island and in the Gold River area. I signed a lease for a town house that will begin March 1, with the understanding that we will not move until our project is fully funded. This was stepping out in faith, in many ways, because our support at the time was only at 60%. But we could see God's hand in how this house became available and knew that we needed to jump on the opportunity.

Besides signing a lease, I was able to meet with community leaders on and off the reserve. I heard stories about the state of the schools in Gold River and the needs among children and youth. I was challenged to make this a priority of our ministry along with visiting with elders. In Gold River, the elders are the ones who allow things to happen and having them on your side is important. The children are the life and energy of the community. Family brings everybody together. Understanding these relationships and roles will be pivotal as we establish ourselves in Gold River.

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Answered Prayers + Asks

Praise: For the progress made toward our goal, we are truly blessed!

Pray: For upcoming church presentations and future partnerships.

Pray: For the hearts of those in Gold River and that they would be receptive to the Gospel.

Praise: That God answered our prayer for housing and that we were able to sign a lease for March 1.

Pray: Pray for the Village Missions church in Gold River, Christian Fellowship Church, as they begin their search for a new pastor.

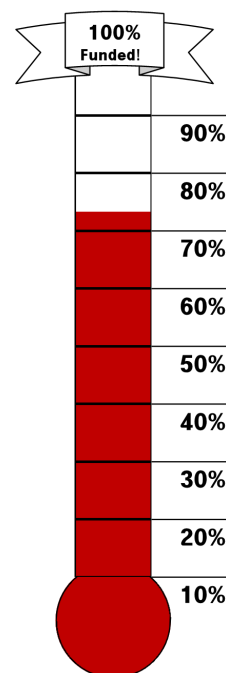
Project Update

Since the last newsletter, we have seen a 27% increase in our support from 46% up to 73%. This was in part from new monthly donors, end of year gifts, and one new church that will be coming on as supporters! We are very excited to have Christ Fellowship of Everson, Washington partner with us, along with our home church, Grace Baptist Fellowship of Lynden.



*Entering a Mowachaht Muchalaht
Reserve in Gold River*

We have several church presentations scheduled over the next month and are praying that through these presentations and the conversations that follow that we might be able to raise the remainder of our monthly need. We will be speaking at First Bible Church in Ferndale March 2, Calvary Creekside in Lynden March 16, and Christ Fellowship in Lynden on March 22-23. We only have \$2004 left of our total monthly goal of \$7525.



We have reached 73% of our funding Goal!

Would you consider giving toward our monthly support goal?

Family Update & Closing Thoughts

Judah and Emma each celebrated birthdays this month, Judah turning 7 and Emma turning 5. It was fun to celebrate each of them and the ways that God has made them uniquely who they are. Judah loves building with Lego, organizing things, and has a strong sense of justice. Emma loves anything girly, caring for her many baby dolls, and strives to be independent. Both Emma and Judah continue to hide God's word in their hearts through Awana and our daily family Bible devotions. We are so proud of them!

Thanks for coming alongside us on this journey and being partners with us whether financially, through prayers, or other encouragement. Chelsea and I are so excited about the opportunities that God has laid on our hearts to serve him in Gold River and we hope that the day soon comes where we will be able to move.

Pressing Forward for Him,

Jacob, Chelsea, & Family



Judah turned 7 in February



Emma turned 5 in February

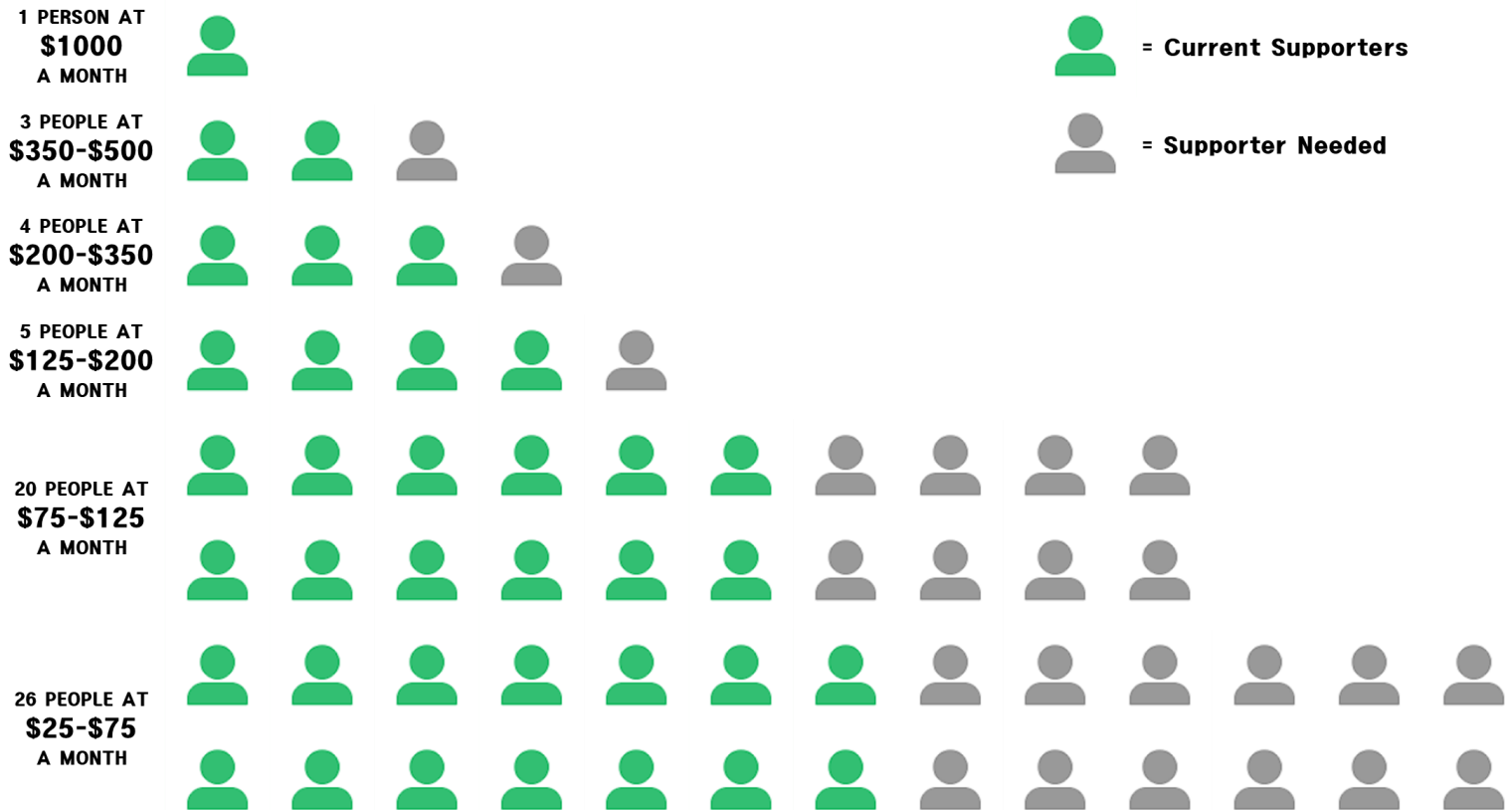


Lucy loves caring for her babies



Caleb continues to learn and grow

How much should I give? How do I set it up?



Are you thinking about giving monthly but don't know how much is helpful or appropriate? Well, any amount is helpful, and we currently receive a wide range of monthly gift amounts. In the chart above, every green person represents a person or church that is currently giving to us for the approximate amount on the left. Every gray person is what we estimate our remaining gift amounts to be. If you're thinking about giving, we recommend praying about it, and using the above chart as a guide, determine what amount God might be calling you to give.

There are three easy ways to give:

1. Visit our profile at:
www.naim.ca/donate
 Here, monthly giving can be setup or one time gifts can be made.
2. Write a check to NAIM, for Project #214 (see example check, **please don't put our name anywhere on the check.**)
 Mail to the NAIM office at:
 NAIM
 PO Box 499
 Sumas, WA 98295
3. Call the NAIM office at 1-888-942-5468 and ask for Karen Klop. She can answer any questions or help set up giving.

