

THE ALSUMS

June 2025 Update

NAIM

Hello friends and family,

It feels strange to say that we've been in Gold River for a month, as it truly feels like it's been much longer—so much has happened!

Our crossing the border and initial move could not have gone smoother. The Lord was clearly with us through it all. We got issued a full two years for our visitor records, which was such a blessing.

Another blessing was that Jacob's dad, John, helped us move. We were so, so thankful for all his help with moving boxes and furniture, and the kids were so happy to spend some more time with him.

We have had a lot of opportunities to reconnect at the reserve which has been encouraging! We've been able to visit



Our Family, in Gold River, BC

some families on the reserve and attend some cultural events. They also have an open gym time after school, and we've been able to bring our kids there a couple days a week to help them to get to know some kids on the reserve. It's been hit or miss as the weather has been warming up, but still fun to get some energy out!

One unexpected update: about two weeks into living at our rental, our landlady let us know that she was going to need to list her unit for sale. She had a house fire at her primary residence and financially could not keep her rental and build a new home.

Thankfully, a man from the church we are attending heard about our situation and let us know about a rental he manages that recently came available and offered it to us before listing it. It looks like it'll be a great fit for our family! We are all looking forward to moving to it at the end of this month, and getting truly unpacked! (We had stopped unpacking once we heard she would be selling soon)

One thing that I feel like the Lord has been teaching me and the kids is the power of prayer. We've seen it in the bigger things, like crossing the border, and having found two different places to live in Gold River in relatively short amounts of time. Even though we weren't expecting to move again so soon, we are so thankful for both places. Our first place helped us cross the border, get our banking, PO Box and phone numbers set up. This next

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Prayer Requests

- ♦ Praise the Lord that He opened all the doors needed to get us to Gold River! God has provided for us in ways that only He is able. God is good!
- ♦ Pray as we prepare to move to a new house that everything goes smoothly and we finally begin to feel settled in Gold River.
- ♦ Pray that our health insurance application gets accepted soon.
- ♦ Pray that we can continue to meet people and that hearts would be open to the Gospel
- ♦ Pray for Christian Fellowship in Gold River as they continue to search for a Pastor.
- ♦ Pray for the tribe's family camp the end of July at Friendly Cove that we would be able to attend and continue to meet new community members there.
- ♦ Pray for our family, mentally and spiritually, as we continue to adjust to life in Gold River.

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rental will help us make a home in Gold River and give us a place where we can host. We've also been seeing the power of prayer in the little ways.

About two months before moving, Judah (7) expressed interest in learning to play the keyboard and asked if we could buy him one. While this has also been a huge desire of mine for him, we really did not want to bring anything else across the border, nor did we feel comfortable spending the money on one when we knew we were going to have a number of costs once we moved.

Instead of telling him no, I said that he and I should commit to praying that God provide one, if it



Saying goodbye to Jacob's Dad. We couldn't have moved without his help!



Jacob learns to harvest cedar bark

was something the Lord wanted us to have. We prayed for it, and also had a friend pray along with us. Not too long into our time here, an older woman at our new church approached me and asked if we had any desire for a keyboard—they were moving, and looking for a home for it. Judah and I were both so excited! C.

Thank you all for your prayers! We appreciate and love you all. If you or your kids have prayers requests, please send us an email! We would love to be able to pray for you as well.

With thankful hearts,
The Alsum Family in Gold River

Communication & Prayer

Communication: One thing we have been brainstorming the last bit is how we can better communicate with supporters now that we are on the field. After some careful thought, here is what you can expect from us moving forward:

Newsletter updates: These will remain in the same format, but may come less frequently, probably every 2–4 months.

Prayer updates: We want to push prayer updates out more often as needs arise. We know a family that uses a program called *Prayvine* that makes these updates simple to send out via email and quick for you to respond to with either a quick message or even an audio recording. So keep an eye out for that. Note, that when you respond to anything we send out, it is kept private. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Prayer Card Project: One last project we are working on; just as you have committed to praying for us, our family wants to be praying for you! We would love it if you could send us a quick email or text with a picture of your family, a list of those in your family, and one or more prayer requests.

Using this information, we will make a card for each family with a picture on one side and prayer requests on the other. We will then pick one card a day to pray for when we do our family devotions. Thanks!

Financial Update & Matching Grant

Financial Update

Now that we are on the field, here is an update on where we are at with financial support. Along with anticipated end of year giving, we are 100% fully funded. Thank you for your continued support of our project with NAIM!

58%- Monthly US Donors 24%- Monthly Church Donors
9%- Monthly CA Donors 9%- End of Year Gifts

Matching Grant

We have an exciting opportunity to share! A foundation that loves NAIM wants to see all our staff at 100% support. The foundation is offering a matching grant for every donation from a new donor - as well as increased donations from current donors - up to \$1000/month for twelve months. They will match ongoing new donations whether the donations are monthly, quarterly or spontaneous through out the next 18 months. Please consider giving (or giving a little bit more) knowing that your donations will be doubled.

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