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Life is full of interesting and thought-provoking conversations. I had been visiting Stanley Mission, Saskatchewan before Christmas and mentioned it to an acquaintance. This young person said to me "isn't that the community with the historic church?". Yes it is. The landmark is widely known, loved and frequently visited by locals and those from afar. Our conversation moved to him questioning the need for a police presence in the community (almost all communities in Saskatchewan have a permanent police force presence). He said "that community has a church so why do they need police". I was struck by this statement and to me its boldness in ignorance and hope. Ignorance that people are people no matter what agencies and services are near to them. And hope. Hope and trust that God is who

He is and ultimately, He will turn us, change us and save us from everything of ourselves and not of Him. I have thought often of this statement and its interesting implications. I am driven to see more of God in my life and the lives of those around us so that we can experience Him and all He has to give us in this life...and it really is so much.

Our youth group had a great time before Christmas as we used our last gathering in December to serve the Sunday School program by creating props for their Christmas play. The youth were amazing at creating a manger, beautifully painted cardboard stable animals and gifts for the wise men. We were encouraged and blessed as we sat together and read two gospel accounts of Jesus birth from the Bible. Scripture sure has a way of strengthening us and it was a great thing to do together as a group. I am personally so encouraged by all the youth and leaders every time we meet.

We have had some great winter weather here and it has enabled us to be out enjoying it often. Kaylee and Izzy joined me one day and we ventured





for a drive north to a sweet, stocked trout lake for some ice fishing, fire and hot dog roast (oops we forgot marshmallows) and great conversation. I love hanging out with these kids and hearing their hearts. They are excited for life and all it holds. Not only that...determination to spend the day on the ice even though the wind was blowing, catch fish and have fun made for a really awesome day. We plan to do it again.



I am looking forward to a three day, two night, winter camp at Nemeiben Lake Canoe and Bible Camp with a small group of youth and leaders during the middle of February. This is going to be a great time of fellowship, friendship, outdoor and indoor activities and encouraging one another.

My sewing continues to be a fun skill to share. I had the privilege this month to spend six afternoons with ladies from the local Metis nation in mitten making. I love making mittens so it was a fun time making new friends and watching these ladies discover that they too can make mittens and enjoy it.



Praise and Prayer

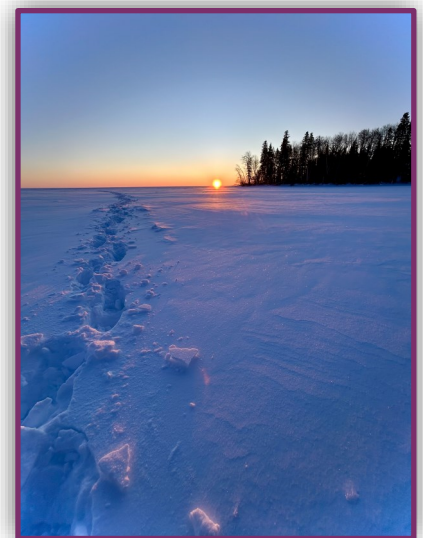
- Feb 21-23 NLCBC Youth Winter Camp Pray for safety as we cross the ice and spend time outdoors. Pray for hearts to be encouraged in faith
- March 4-7 NAIM ladies retreat Pray for the ladies as we travel to Chilliwack BC to be together for a time of refreshing, strengthening and renewal
- March 26-29 Our family has a special gathering so pray for all of us that plans come together smoothly, travel safely and stay healthy
- Pray as summer camps begin to be scheduled and planned...that God has His way in all that happens and doesn't happen
- Please continue to pray as NLCBC raises money for a new camp boat

I want each and every one of you to know how very special you are to me. I have received countless emails, phone calls, letters and gifts to encourage and bless me in my hard time. Please know you all have moved me to tears of thanksgiving in your kindness and love and have strengthened me. Each one

of you is more than a ministry partner. You are dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ and co-labourers in the ministry. Thank you for being in this together. May you be blessed as I have been and continue to be!

In His love,

Nikki



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