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Dear Friend,

Winter months are hard in our community. For many of our youth, they feel the harsh reality of isolation. One reason is due to the lack of transportation or simply because of the frigid temperatures. However, there is still a blessing to be seen in the winter months. A sustenance beneath the cold ice that winter brings. I am indeed referring to ice fishing.

I had an opportunity to bring a couple young men along on an ice fishing trip to northern Saskatchewan, where almost every aspect of the trip was new to them. That gave me a great opportunity to teach and to get to know them better. At one point in the trip, I taught Latrell to drive a Skidoo; and he even had an opportunity to use his new skill to help journey equipment. He also caught the biggest fish of the trip. It's awesome to have skills and interests that not only teach them these abilities but also build up their character and faith.



We have also been doing youth groups regularly and have seen a lot of perseverance and maturity in the young men this spring, especially. As I write this, I am helping a Christian veterinary group (CVM) plan a small animal and horse clinic in the coming days. This will be the 4th year that it's occurred, and it has been a very fruitful endeavor for the big picture of the churches in Maskwacis.

I look forward to writing about this endeavour in our next newsletter.

I would also like to ask for prayer on behalf of Dene and I as we are dealing with yet another passing of a family member. Dene's little sister, Maggie. She passed away in March. Dene is in charge of planning a lot of what the memorial services will look like. She is planning one for her biological family up in Beaver Lake Cree Nation and one in Stony Plain, where she and Maggie and the rest of her family grew up in foster care. With this in mind, she didn't have the capacity to write her portion of the newsletter this time around.



Maggie



Prayer requests

- Please pray for Dene and her family as they mourn Maggie.
- Pray for Maggie's 4 children as they will grow up without their birth mother. (2 are in care in separate families, and 2 are adopted into the same home)
- Some of our youth have come forward lately concerning confrontation and pressure in their homes towards their faith as Christians.
- For our upcoming wilderness camps this year as I'll be the head leader.

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