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THE YEAR LOOKING AHEAD

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As I sit on the couch patiently waiting for my knee to heal, I have a little more time to think — I have been thinking about the year to come. I can truly say that I am excited for 2023, for several reasons.

Since we started up after Covid, the Boys Group has grown from about 14 teen boys to 24! This has always been a huge focus of ministry for me and it is so exciting to see this growth. The other leader and I have always been a little uneasy to this kind of growth: where will we find volunteers? are we still going to be able to connect with the older youth?

with ages 10-18 is this going to cause issues with unity?

These questions and more had popped into our heads. But, like God always does, one by one, each of these concerns has been taken care of! We have 3 extra volunteers this year and this is so amazing. Having 5 leaders is a huge blessing! Some of the older youth have stepped up to help mentor the younger ones, this was not done on purpose. They naturally formed this big brother-like bond and just looked out for the younger ones. With this type of atmosphere within Boys Group we have been able to connect with the “new kids” and continue to pour into the “originals”. Not that we doubted God, but this is always so encouraging to see!



Girls Group has also had a change. Right now we have about 12 youth ladies, ages 12-18, and 4 older youth that consistently attend. Most of the “original” girls have moved on, but the really exciting thing is that a few of the



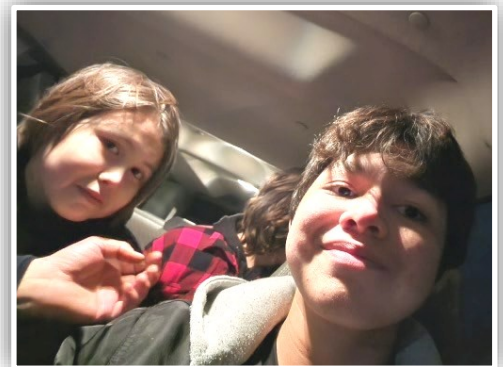
“original” young ladies have stepped up into a leader role. This is such a blessing to see as the younger ladies look up to these older youth leaders as mentors. Our meetings have been more focused on bible studies and journaling our thoughts. This has opened the door to discuss some of the struggles of the past week, and also how God has shown Himself in their lives. One young lady has always come across as a gangster. She portrays herself as tough, but I know this is just a show. This past Thursday she told us about how she was mad at God, swearing

and yelling at Him! Then after she calmed down, there was this huge amount of peace.

She knows it was God, her soft heart has been slowly coming through! It so incredible to see her grow and see how these young ladies are being impacted by God!

These are just 2 stories how God has grown ministry, we could also talk about how God is growing the Louis Bull All Nations Church, or how men who haven't

been part of our men's group for years have had a softening of their hearts and have since returned to fellowship with Christian Brothers. Or hearing how the siblings of the youth that we work with are so excited to be part of Youth when they get to be of age! All of these stories are so exciting and just a small part of what God is doing in Maskwacis. Praise God for His faithfulness!



SUPPORT

As ministry continues growing, so do our costs. We are feeding more youth in our programs and requiring more supplies for crafts and activities. The church is continuing to grow with and more and more people attending on Sundays. This also means more attending the after-church meal. These are all awesome “problems” to encounter, but this means our monthly support must increase to cover these added costs. We have approximately 40 youth attending our programs. Current costs are about \$40/month per youth for our weekly program which includes food and supplies. Additionally, it costs about \$70 in mileage expenses for each night we run a youth program as we pick up and drop off the youth that don't have access to transportation.



We are looking for monthly youth sponsors! If God is leading you to sponsor a youth or 2 to attend a youth night, or to sponsor the cost to run a vehicle, please contact us or the NAIM office.

We praise God for He has always provided us with everything that we need to do ministry and know that He will continue to do so! We have partnered up with a

local Christian catering company to help provide food for after church on Sundays and meals for struggling families — God is so good!

Grace and Peace,

Sean, Becky and Tribe

To support this ministry financially, checks should be made out to NAIM with **Project #433** in the memo line. Donations can also be made online at www.naim.ca/donate