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As we were thinking and pondering what to write about, we realized that we did not write in May. Which means that we have 6 months of time and stories to try and cram into a small newsletter: sadly, there is no way! We will try and fill you all in as best as we can.

This spring had the usual youth events going on, Girls Group on Thursday nights, Boys Group on Friday nights, Church on Sunday and Men's Ministry as frequent as we could. This spring we partnered with a catering company and now Louis Bull All Nations Church (LBANC) receives all the leftovers, made into family and individual meals, and distributed throughout the community. Funny story, the other day, I, Sean, was supposed to meet a lady to drop off food so they could distribute. A husband and wife pull up and I ask if they are here for the food, they were a little unsure and answered yes. So, they took all of it to deliver to their family, the whole time they kept saying "Praise Jesus"! I get home and Becky was a little confused, she asked if some one came to pick up the food. I told her what happened, and she started to laugh. The lady who was arraigning all the people to pick up the food had just messaged Becky to tell her that everyone she had aligned to come had cancelled. This couple, who I have no idea who they are, never seen them before, were compelled by God to go to the place where I was. I do not know the back story or even why they were there, but our God knew their immediate need and fulfilled it and they were so very happy! (Matt 6:26)

Our summer was a bit different. We started with the usual, planning camps, getting gear ready; these are big weeks with

exciting
planning
meetings
and

scouting trips. We did our first youth camp in Northern Saskatchewan, the





devotions focused on change and healing. This has been the focus of the LBANC this year and we wanted to continue the same theme in camps. The truth is that many of the youth that we work with have had to deal with losses that are incomprehensible!



This past spring, we had taken a bunch of youth to a First Nations Youth Conference in BC. While we were there, one of the youths got a call from home that is un-imaginable. In an intoxicated rage, the youth's dad murdered his younger brother. In that moment, this youth lost their uncle and would probably never be able to see their dad again. It's hard to even find words to describe the pain and sorrow they went through. But even in this dark time, their response was truly remarkable, the words "I pray my dad finds Jesus" brought me to tears. After years of working with this young person the message of hope had stuck! Praise God!

These are just a few of the many things that have happened in the last 6 months.

A CHANGE IS COMING

One of the things that happened this year took us by surprise. We got back from our first camp and started to get ready for our second camp. It was a young men's river camp where the focus was on coming into manhood, highlighting, what it means to be a "Man of God". However, even having everyone signed up and all preps done, the morning came, and no one showed up. After waiting for some time, I contacted all who signed up and everyone had ended up dropping out. It was a bit hard to understand at first, but after some prayer and reflection a few things came out of it.



We are spending some time this summer and early fall to find where God wants us to focus on in ministry. We feel that youth work is still our calling and will continue to serve the youth of Maskwacis. There is other ministry work that I have been doing that has taken up significant amount of my time. I was talking to a wise Uncle the other day and he said something worthy of thought, "It is better to do half of what you are doing and be very effective, then do everything and not being effective at all."

PRAYER AND PRAISE CORNER

Please pray for clear direction for ministry. We have always prayed to be used as tools for God's kingdom and we want to be as effective as possible. Our family is growing(2 of our youth moved in), and time is a very valuable asset which we want to use wisely.

We still are short on our budget and we are currently \$1800/month shy of our projected support. If you know anyone who would be interested in hearing about the ministry and joining our monthly financial support team, please pass our info or let us know!

Grace and Peace,

Sean, Becky and Tribe



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