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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

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In our last letter we explained God's leading in our lives; moving us from camp ministry to community ministry, to better focus on being present in the community of Louis Bull. It was a move that we anticipated with excitement and the expectation that God would be putting us in the places we need to be. As camp left there was a feeling of FOMO, fear of missing out, but also a deep amount of peace trusting God's sovereignty in our lives, in my life, and then doors were opened!



In July, I was at Child Services in Louis Bull for a few things, and while there we were invited to a "community only" event: Louis Bull Cultural Camp. Becky and I had planned on a short little get away just the two of us, but realizing the significance of this invitation, we postponed our trip and took the kids with us for a day.



While there, we were able to spend time with families, elders and council members, although we were the only "non-community members", no one questioned our presence, rather, we felt an inclusion into the community.

A few church members lost their young 18 yr old nephew and asked if we would attend the wakes and funeral. We have known the family for over 8 years and wanted to support them as best as we could. In Cree culture, there are two nights of wakes and then the funeral on the third day. We were able to be present for all three days and minister to the family and to friends. When I attend wakes and funerals, I usually get asked to speak during the ceremonies, but this time, the elders didn't ask me, which was ok, we could focus on



spending time with the grieving. However, as the traditional funeral ceremonies were done, the elder asked if I could share “good words” and close in prayers for the family! In our lives, good words = Gospel! As simple a task as this would seem, we know the significance of having the Gospel close the traditional ceremony is something that only God could have orchestrated.

Although, these are just a few of doors that God has opened, the Holy Spirit has been working in the community for a very long time, prepping hearts and working on “doors”. It is an honor to be able to be in Louis Bull, to share, to minister, to see the Spirit working and then to share this with God’s People. Praise God for His goodness and mercy!



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Mario Swampy, who I serve with in the Louis Bull All Nations Church, is battling stage four lung cancer. His body has responded well to treatments, praise God, and he is currently on sabbatical. This has increased my responsibility in the church and the community. Please pray for continued healing for Mario as well as capacity for Sean.

We will be starting up Bible Study as well as youth programming in October. With Sean’s involvement in camp the last few years, Bible Study and other church responsibilities had been put on hold, but now, this and other things, like continuing renovations on the church, will be starting up again! Pray for those who will be attending and for those who will be leading.

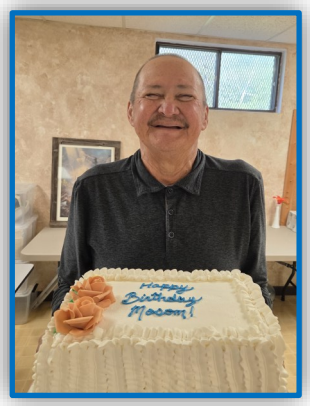
We are so thankful for the support team that surrounds us! We praise God for everyone of you, as you all have surrounded us with prayer, with encouragement and gifts. We are humbled and consistently reminded of God’s presence and faithfulness through this team as you all walk with us!



FAMILY

We have reached a point in our life where we haven’t been in nine years, ALL the kids are in full-time school! As funny as it is, this has been something we have looked forward to for a very long time. We are super excited for this next stage of life!

All our kids, are spread out, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Calgary and Lacombe. Like all families, some of our kids are doing well and some are not so. We ask for prayers for each one of them as they learn what it means to be in the world, not of it!



Blessings,

Sean, Becky and Tribe



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