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Moccasin Making, Memories & Outdoors

I have been blessed with a few treasures in life. One is a love for the Lord...from which all blessings come. Another is a love of sewing and the outdoors, and yet another is a love for young people. It is pretty neat to see God pull all of these together at times.

These past few months we have had some opportunities to make moccasins, be together in fellowship and relationship with others, and even be outside!

March gave us a great opportunity to be out at camp during the winter season again. We were together with others who love the Lord, and were encouraged by stories and dialogue by a fellow board member. It was a great time of winter activities, coffee by the fire, conversation and getting to know each other better along with encouragement to support one another and in our own personal walk with Jesus. Camp ministry was made stronger through this time.

Right after getting home and thawing out from winter camp, I quickly changed bags and gear and headed west to our annual NAIM ladies retreat that us Saskatchewan ladies planned and facilitated. We did a moccasin making retreat where we made moccasins, and used the steps in doing so to be a platform for how

we are to live life according to God's word. This was an amazing retreat where we spent a lot of time being challenged in creating moccasins and in sharing stories with one another while we sat for hours together sewing and learning. I feel so blessed to have been a part of this group of ladies at this retreat and to have sat and listened to stories shared by young and older



missionaries. We walked away from our time together connected and encouraged which is exactly what a retreat is for! We were also blessed to be in a wonderful camp setting with fresh air and trees around us. It was great.

Moccasin making continued after ladies retreat as I was invited into a local classroom to teach high school students the process of creating their own pair of moccasins. Completely different from ladies retreat but equally as much of a blessing to spend time with local teens and their teachers in their environment, learn about them, and just be with them for a few days. I was invited out to spend a day at the schools outdoor learning facility – a beautiful camp setting between two gorgeous lakes. We snowshoed out onto a lake and did some land based learning which is becoming more and more integrated into schools here in Saskatchewan. That's fine with me because I love the opportunities that are made to spend time learning and being outside together with our youth.

The next time I write we will be consumed with rustic camping activities in the north with youth and other groups! We will host a mens group along with other NAIM staff, hold another moccasin making camp, hike with an adult group in the mountains, and then facilitate our youth adventure camp and kids' camp on Nemeiben Lake at the Bible Camp.

With much love and thanksgiving to our Lord !

Nikki and Stacy

Here's what we need for the coming months:

Prayer! Pray for safety as always, good communication and relationships with those that will help with camp and then those who attend. Pray that God and God alone be honoured and glorified.

Come! The two weeks of kids and youth camps will require additional volunteers to make them successful. We are in need of helpers : one young man to hang out with the boys, one young lady to hang out with the girls, two or three additional adults to help at camp with kitchen activities (cooking and cleaning) and supervising – outdoors mainly on the dock and in the yard. We would also like to invite anyone interested in sharing Bible stories and testimonies to come! Please email me at clarke@naim.ca if you are interested and for more information.

Give! Camps always need food, gas and equipment. Some youth don't have the resources to pay so sponsorship is needed as well. Contact office@naim.ca to give towards these camps for Northern Saskatchewan youth. This year our adventure camp will cost \$425/youth and our kids camp will cost \$195/child.

Our joy is complete having a strong, generous and encouraging support team alongside this ministry. It is amazing to me how many years of blessing and ministry to so many we have been able to be a part of because of your prayers, words of encouragement, service and financial and equipment gifts. Let's keep going strong!

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