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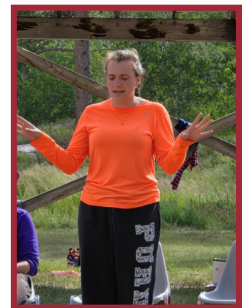
Fall 2025

Summer is in its last days and the season is changing. The beauty of the true colors are beginning to show in the foliage and hot summer days turn into breezes that cool the night. It feels so life-changing.

Spring had us in prep mode. Chad and Anya Appell came to help prep for Bush Camp from Perth Bible Church, NY along with their friend Katie. What a great force working hard to pull everything together. Bush/Family Camp was the most attended since 2019. The families and kids came and the team from Anacortes Christian Church joined Anya, Chad, and Katie to lead an incredible time of fun and laughter and stories that touched the hearts of many who came. Let me tell you of one...

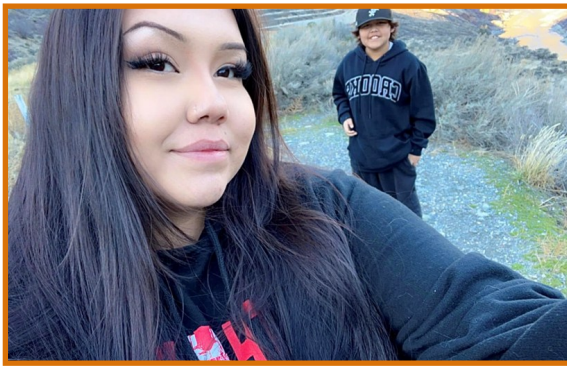


I look up from my busyness in the outdoor kitchen to see Trinity walking across the camp ground with her Auntie. I am stunned. The last I had heard she was living in Kamloops and wasn't doing well. At 21, drugs and lifestyle are already taking a destructive toll. Why is she here? I first met her as little girl and loved her precocious and feisty ways. In 8th grade her mother abandoned the children and the anger spilled out in bullying and aggression from a very wounded heart. She was turning the whole high school upside down and pitting friends



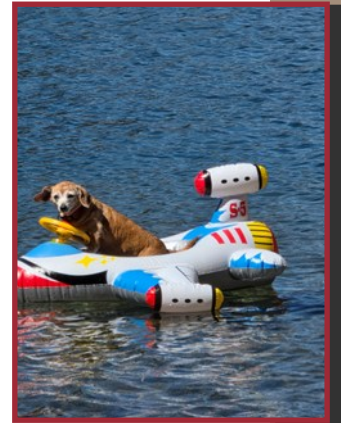
against each other in fights and betrayal. I began working in a small group with her but nothing seemed to help. Here she is... at our Bushcamp! When the campfire Jesus story times begin she stays hidden behind their trailer listening where no one can see ...except we saw her from the kitchen. We begin to pray. At the next campfire story, she moves out to the arbor stands, far back from the circle. The next time, she joins the circle. The stories of Jesus and true-life changes draw her in. The music begins to seep into her soul. By the end of the week I watch tearful goodbyes among those she had let her guard down with. We pack up camp Sunday afternoon for another year. By Sunday night this is on her Facebook site. *"so emotional today & yesterday :(so thankful for this past week and all the new friends I met and who was all involved in making it happen. im relieved that this truly is the beginning of my healing journey. i chose to let jesus christ into my heart and life. i trust he will help to guide me to be where i strive to be in life as my bestfriend and saviour. i cant wait till next year*





and i miss everyone so much already :((if anyone has negative feelings, opinions or thoughts about my decision, i ask that you stay away and out of my life:) goodnight and much love<3 “

Unbelievable! God was at work the whole time! Her Auntie picks her up and brings her to Bible study. Pray for the Word of God to continue the life-changing work.



In August we had a family reunion down at our lake in Lillooet. What a precious time. All but Nathan and his family and Arron and his wife Anna were able to come. It was our first chance to meet our newest grandson to be, Karson. He and Anika will be wed on Nov. 21st. We also received some great news of other additions to our family. Aaron and Ana will have their first baby in March and Wynn and Preston will also have baby #3 about the same time. This makes Kelsie and Darrell grandparents of 4. Talk about life-changing!

After seven years the St'at'imc Christian School is closing down and all students are continuing with their own home schooling. I am meeting 3 days a week to continue French with Brianna this year. She is such a treasure. Pray for her as she continues her walk with Jesus. Changes.



We continued in September with more interviews for the This Is My Story (TIMS) project. What a humbling privilege to hear these stories. Often the telling brings back many painful memories but the victories as well. Please take a moment to click on the website in YOUTUBE. <http://www.youtube.com/@ThisIsMyStoryNAIM>



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Every time you go on, it raises our profile, so it is easier to find. Thank you to all who have financially supported this project. It costs about \$2000 each to produce. There are now 17 stories made or in process. We are developing a website link, with a filming of one of the participants sharing how to give their heart to the Lord and with follow up connections. Pray for a covering. Every time we go to film there is a battle of Spiritual warfare. These stories are powerful! Life-Changing!

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their

own lives even unto death. Rev 12:11

Thank you! Each time you pray, each time you give, each time you rejoice, each time you cry for this ministry, it is effectual for the salvation of the St'at'imc Nation.

Love, Mark and Babe Smith

