

Moccasin News

For First Nation Peoples across Canada

Hunters, Fishers and Gatherers for God



Coordinator's Thoughts

by Edward Dunn, Native Ministries Coordinator for Canada

Who am I?

I am honoured and humbled to be a part of the work of spreading the gospel to our people in Canada. I began this position in June of 2010 and I have been traveling across Canada visiting and networking with Aboriginal people. You may want to know about me; I am a Canadian and a member of the Mississauga First Nation of the Ojibway

tribe. Over the years, I've worked in several different arenas: construction, teaching, health education, pastoring and church administration. I'm pleased to be working with you to highlight the character of God in our ministry.

What am I doing?

As I've traveled and visited, I networked with school teachers in the Adventist and public

school systems, and with health professionals in various places in Canada who are looking for Native related materials. I have visited many SDA First Nations people on my travels across Canada. They are always encouraged to hear that the Adventist Church in Canada has taken this step forward in providing a Native Ministries Coordinator.

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He is well pleased when we make the very highest demands upon Him, that we may glorify His name

Desire of Ages p668

You Want Us To Go Where?

"Leif and Zanna Ove, I would like you to go to Kitwanga in Canada and be Bible Workers for the Gitksan First Nation villages there."

Where is Kitwanga? Leif and Zanna asked themselves, and why are you asking us?

Dan had seen an interview on 3ABN with Leif and Zanna Ove, who were working in their home village of Lapwai near their home at Craigmont, Idaho in the middle of the Nez Perce reservation. Leif was a retired logger/farmer and Zanna, an artist.



They had no special Bible Worker training, other than long lives of loving and accepting people. They had been going door to door promoting their *Radiant Native Health* magazine and offering the *Native New Day* Bible lessons to those interested. Somehow 3ABN had heard about their success and arranged an interview.

Both Leif and Zanna have Native American ancestry so they felt responsible to accept the call to minister to the ► p 3

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Kitchen Korner

Savory Lentils

2 C brown lentils—sort & rinse

5 - 6 C water

2 tsp salt

3 Tbs nutritional yeast

1 Tbs chicken style seasoning

2 C chopped onions

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 1/2 C diced canned tomatoes

cook lentils (about 45 min)
with water & seasoning

While lentils are cooking sautee onions & garlic in a little water or oil

When lentils are partially cooked add the sautéed onions & tomato. Continue cooking till lentils are very soft and water is mostly gone. Try adding more water or tomato if "soupier" lentils are preferred.



Serving Suggestion

Serve over brown rice and top with salad (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, etc.) and dressing. Yummy!!

Lentils are also good with other seasonings – try curry powder, cumin. Try serving with pita bread. Add more water and make it into soup



What's Happening?

Social Network Page for Adventist Aboriginal Youth

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Aboriginal-Adventist-Youth/200517619958745>

First Nations Campmeetings

British Columbia	Port Hardy	May 7-8 weekend	Randy Elliot 250-902-0640
Alberta	Bowden Camp	June 3-5 weekend	Peter Ford 403-786-1020
Ontario	Six Nations	June 24-26 weekend	Herb Sormin 509-770-4585
Man/Sask	Riding Mountain	September ?	Dan Guiboche 204-623-3832

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Natives in the villages along the Skeena River.

They moved to Kitwanga, which is located on the Skeena between Hazelton and Terrace in Northwestern British Columbia, in October, 2007, just in time for winter. The burden to share their Creator's Love was so strong, they couldn't wait until springtime.

Once settled, they began getting to know their neighbours by going door to door with the *Radiant Native Health* magazine. Zanna would share the magazine with them and when she reached the back page, which carried a full-page invitation for the Native New Day Bible Study lessons, she asked if they would like to receive them. In one village alone they had 35 active studies; and at one point, including mail-out lessons, they had over 300 students. The Lord really blessed their ministry.

Zanna and Leif followed the counsel in *Ministry of Healing* page 143, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

They mingled with their First Nation neighbours in many ways; one was by going to a Sunday church. While visiting with the pastor he mentioned that there was no regular Sunday School teacher for the children. Zanna offered to teach them, adding, "I'm a Seventh-Day Adventist and I would have to teach what I know." The Pastor replied, "That will not be a problem, for I

have already told the congregation we need to put aside our church theology and go by the Bible." She has now been teaching for three years in the same Sunday church. Later they began a children's story hour from 4 -5 PM on Wednesday afternoons involving singing, crafts, memory verses and Bible stories. At a First Nation's cultural gathering, they set up a health display and offered simple health testing. One day they signed up 75 people for the Native New Day Bible lessons.

The Oves say they drive an average of 4000 km each month performing their work of compassion and education, which includes: visiting 9 villages to follow-up on their Bible studies; picking up participants for events such as applesauce making classes, church, hospital visits, court and medical appointments, garden box seminars; yard clean-up bees with the STORMCO (Service To Others Really Matters Company) teens from Terrace and many other interesting and challenging opportunities. To date two people have been baptized as a result of their work, six more have asked for baptism, and five have asked for Bible worker training. As you can imagine, Zanna and Leif need more help to continue the Lord's work among the Gitxsan people.

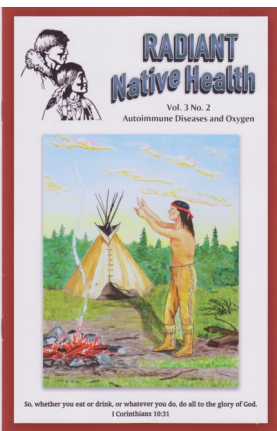
One day the Oves picked up a 16-year-old hitchhiker. Zanna showed him the *Radiant Native Health* magazine and asked if he wanted to enroll in the Native New Day Bible lessons. He responded with a "Sure." As lessons were begun in his home, Zanna struck up a friendship with his mother. The family finished the lessons and began to watch the Native New Day DVDs.

One Sabbath on the way to church the Oves took the mother to visit a relative

in the hospital in Terrace, since it was too early for visitors she was invited to attend the Adventist church service. The thought of going to church brought back bad memories of residential school for her, and she was afraid, but went anyway. During Sabbath School the children from the Adventist school gave a program which touched the mother's heart. She said, "I wish my granddaughter had the chance to learn to sing like that." Later that evening her husband asked her to drink a beer with him. As she had done many times before she got out the glasses, poured the beer and took a sip. Suddenly she blurted out, "I can't go to church in the morning and drink alcohol in the evening. It just isn't right." She hasn't had any alcohol since.

Sometime later, Pastor Charles Aguilar from Terrace had a short evangelistic series in her village, called Living in Hope. This woman attended, enjoyed every minute and gave her heart to Jesus. At the end of the meetings she asked if she could be baptized. Her Creator and new-found Saviour changed her character. Before she was known as the mean woman, now she is referred as the friendly woman. She has begun a weekly ministry of serving the village elders soup and bread.

Praise the Lord for His work and workers among the First Nation Peoples of Canada.



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It's been my privilege to provide cross-cultural training at conference campmeetings, and workers' meetings in places like BC, Alberta, Man/



Native Ministries Group, Bridgewater Church, NS

Sask, Quebec, the Maritimes and a Festival of the Laity training in Toronto. The content of the training is mostly to give people a working knowledge of Native culture when ministering to First Nations people. Our top quality resource material is promoted and demonstrated (see resources list on page 6).

I attended 3 Native Ministries campmeetings this past summer. Each campmeeting has it's own unique flavour, surrounded by the beauties

of nature, and providing spiritual food, and wonderful fellowship for everyone. The Man/Sask campmeeting was in a National Park beside a picturesque lake. Port

Hardy campmeeting has the rain forest on one side and the restless waters of the Johnstone Strait on the other side. The Six Nations campmeeting was held at Ohsweken, near Brantford in beautiful traditional territory of the Grand River.

People have been telling me that First Nations people of Canada would like to be connected with each other somehow and a newsletter would be a good beginning. I have been collecting names and addresses and promising that I would send out a newsletter in the near future. Finally here it is! We have decided to

send it out over the internet because it is too expensive to print and send it out by Canada Post. We are thinking that 4 issues a year would be enough to keep us busy. The goal of the newsletter is to keep you informed about how our Creator is blessing the Native Ministries in Canada.

I have been working with the Information Technology men at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Canada headquarters office in Oshawa, Ontario to develop a web page for Native Ministries. We have also been working on a website for the Native New Health DVDs. It's all a mystery to me, but Dave and Keith are working wonders with the computer.

I have been encouraged by Jesus' words in John 14:9, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father..." along with a comment from the *Desire of Ages* that the great object of Jesus' mission was to glorify the Father. "It was His joy that all His

humiliation and suffering would glorify the Father's name." (p.662). The object of our mission also should be to bring glory to our Heavenly Father by how we live our lives. Again in John 14:13 Jesus says, "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." DA 668 explains, "To pray in Christ's name means much. It means that we are to accept His character, manifest His spirit, and work His works. The Saviour's promise is given on condition. "If ye love Me," He says, "keep My commandments." (John 14:15). He saves men, not in sin, but from sin; and those who love Him will show their love by obedience." "He is well pleased when they make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name."

Let's all pray for the Lord's blessing on the Native work here in Canada, so that it's success may bring glory to His

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Sharing the Creator's Blessings

Dolores White Quill is the coordinator of the Native Homeless Shelter in downtown Montreal. She supervises 5 intervention workers, a secretary and a chef and they all work together as a family team. The shelter has 42 beds and offers services including accommodations and job counselling. Even though it is her job Dolores considers taking care of people her ministry, and shows them the Creator's character of love and compassion.

If you would like to help Dolores with some donations they are in need of new or used blankets for the shelter and also to give to clients who live on the street. They could also use non-perishable food items, toiletries and kitchen utensils. With a goal of reducing the indigenous sense of isolation, the shelter serves First Nations, Metis and Inuit of urban Montreal.

For more information:

<http://paqc.org/contact.html> or

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2011/02/montreal-aboriginal-shelter-seeks-support/>



Dolores on left with co-workers



Inside the homeless shelter

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord. And He will pay back what he has given.”

Proverbs 19:17

Native New Health Seminar

Regina, SK, January 2011, Gina Guiboche

Daniel and Gina Guiboche, who pastor in The Pas, Manitoba, traveled to Regina to present at an Aboriginal Health Seminar. The health seminar was held during the week on January 10th to the 14th and Daniel preached at the Spirit of Truth Seventh Day Adventist church on Sabbath the 15th.

The church members distributed 3000 flyers advertising the Aboriginal Health

Seminar. Pastor Daniel prepared bannock for the opening night, and in spite of the cold of January in Regina, each evening 8 - 12 aboriginal people attended faithfully. During each session, the group viewed a Native New Health DVD and then Gina lead out in a group discussion. Everyone was pleased with the program and the church has followed up with a cooking school. Margaret Jackson and

the Regina church group are already planning on doing something similar next year.



Native Ministries Resource List

Materials	Contact Information
<p>“Native New Day” Bible Study Lessons These studies are written from a Native American perspective and reveal the Creator God.</p>  <p>http://www.bibleschools.com/courses/nativetg/guide01/index.htm</p>	<p>Adventist Book Center Alberta (800) 661-8131 or (403) 782-4416 alberta.abc@pacificpress.com</p> <p>ABC British Columbia (800) 765-6955 or (604) 859-2566 abc@bcadventist.ca</p> <p>Adventist Book Center Eastern (800) 263-3791 or (905) 579-2311 Oshawa.abc@pacificpress.com</p> <p>Voice of Prophecy (805) 955-7611 or (805) 955-7777 gospel@vop.com</p>
<p>“Native New Day” Bible Study Enrollment Cards</p> 	<p>Adventist Book Center or Voice of Prophecy</p>
<p>“Native New Day” DVD Series This is a wonderful series of Bible studies on DVD presented by Host and story teller Monte Church. There are seventeen finished with immediate plans to do more.</p> 	<p>Adventist Book Center or Safe TV (888) 777-9392 www.safetv.org</p>
<p>“Native New Health” DVD Series This is a new series on health for Native people.</p> 	<p>SDA Church in Canada Cathy Anderson (905) 433-0011 canderson@sdacc.org</p> <p>Safe TV</p>
<p>“The Lighted Trail” Booklet True life story in the setting of village Alaska, presenting Bible truths in an interesting way.</p> 	<p>Cross Reflections Ministry (509) 738-9858 www.crossreflections.org</p>