



Moccasin News

For First Nation Peoples across Canada



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Hunters, Fishers and Gatherers for God

Coordinator's Thoughts

by Edward Dunn, Native Ministries Coordinator for Canada

The Ojibway people of Northwest Ontario are searching for the hope of their Creator. I had noticed the large population of First Nations people in the Thunder Bay area (close to 40,000) and made arrangements to attend the Northwest Ontario Campmeeting in May.

On Sunday morning at campmeeting I spoke to the group about how to reach out

to the Native population around them. The pastor and several members expressed an interest in developing an outreach program. They then got together and outlined a strategy.

After the meeting, George, a church member, invited me to go with him door to door in the Native community. Seeing I was the "expert," how could I say "No." So off we went to hand out

Native New Day Bible Study guides and pray with those who wanted prayer.

One lady said she would be glad to receive a Bible Study guide, but her eyes were bad and she couldn't read. We promised to find a large print Bible for her. She was overjoyed. After praying with her we went on to the next door. ▶ p 6



Praise God!
Not for
what He gives,
but for
Who He Is.

Merritt Soup Kitchen

By Dorothy Manweiller

Three years ago we started our outreach program with 25 people in the basement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Merritt, BC. Now it has grown to between 70 and 107.



The kitchen is open every Sunday morning. We serve soup, sandwiches, dessert and juice. There is food available from the Food Bank for them to make a sack lunch to

take with them.

During the meal we often have a concert. We have had up to five guitarists, 2 harmonicas, a fiddle player and chorister. Walking Tall told me his momma always sang "Rock of Ages" and "How Great Thou Art", so we try to sing those songs for him. There is some clothing available and in winter we try to provide jackets, hats, gloves, quilts, warm underwear, etc. We have hauled many truckloads of ▶ p 3

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Health Nugget

Is Rock Music Ruining our Kids?

Adapted from "Music and the Frontal Lobe" by Dr. Neil Nedley



Over the years various individuals have accused rock music of ruining America's youth. So researchers Schreckenber and Bird (a neuro-biologist and physicist) teamed up to put this idea to a test. They designed a study with mice.^v

Throughout their eight week study, the researchers kept their mice divided into three groups; one group constantly heard rock music, a second group heard only classical music, while the third heard no music at all.

At the beginning of the study, all the mice went through a standard maze test (searching for food at the end of the maze). All three groups did equally well, groping about the maze until they found the food. By the end of the eight weeks the second and third groups had learned the direct path to the food. The "rock group," however, was still groping about, taking much longer to find the food than the other two groups.

Next there was a three-week break in their maze training where no music was played. After that, the mice were re-tested. Again the rock group performed poorly. They continued to have difficulty remembering how to get to their food, while the other two groups still found it quickly. The rock group seemed almost to be starting all over again.

Both the no-music group and the classical-music group, on the other hand, could run the maze considerably faster, proving they remembered what they had learned. However, the rock group appeared to have a learning handicap that could not be repaired.

To see why the poor performers had so much trouble, the researchers examined their brains, looking for changes in the hippocampus. Remember, this part is deep in the brain and affects emotions, memory, and learning. They found visible evidence of abnormal branching and sprouting of the nerve cells, as well as disruptions in messenger RNA, a chemical extremely important to memory storage.

Schreckenber and Bird's research not only linked rock-like music to hippocampal damage, they also found it caused the front part of the brain (frontal lobe) to shrink. If such results carry over to humans, we would expect negative effects on moral values, learning, and reasoning power. Furthermore, because of the connections between frontal lobe impairment and depression, we might also expect rock music to bring about depression.

V. G. Schreckenber, H.H Bird, "Neural plasticity of MUS musculus in response to disharmonic sound." The Bulletin (New Jersey Academy of Science, 1987): 77-86

Tyson Guiboche, a young aboriginal musician from The Pas, Manitoba , agrees that a person's choice of music can drastically affect their life choices for good or bad. So be careful to guide your children in their choice of music.

What's Happening?

Social Network Page for Adventist Aboriginal Youth

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

◀ page 1 furniture and delivered to homes. At Christmas time we give all our guests a complete turkey dinner and a gift.

One of our regular friends is Ginn. He was addicted to cocaine, cigarettes and alcohol. One day he told me that he was an artist so I brought him some pictures of my beautiful garden to see if he could paint them on an old railway car container we had in our yard. Ginn assured me he could paint whatever I had in mind, and he did, as you can see



from the photo. Ginn is gaining victory over his addictions and needs our prayers.

“Grumpy Gary” used to come in very grumpy. One day we were telling the people of the love that Jesus has for each one of them. Grumpy Gary said “ya, right, he doesn’t love me, or I would not be living on the street with

my dog for the last 7 months. No one wants to let me keep my dog.” I said, “Gary, we are going to pray for you right now, and by next week you will have a home for both of you.” The following week, “Grumpy Gary” walked in with a silly grin on his face. I said, “Well Gary, do you have something to tell us?” He said, “A funny thing happened to me, four different people volunteered to give me a home with my dog.” Now Gary understands that God loves him too and he isn’t grumpy any more.

David is deaf and he gets drunk once in a while. One night he couldn’t get into his house so he broke the window. When we found out my husband ordered a new window and replaced it. David has asked for Bible studies.

Angela was on drugs but now she is my number one helper each Sunday morning and is totally clean. She came to my home and helped can peaches

that we use at the soup kitchen.



We have sent a few people off to dry out. One man gave his testimony to the group. He told them that they don’t need the alcohol. If he could go without, they could too.

We love the people no matter who they are, what culture

they have, or what their background is. Some are not on drugs, or alcohol, but just down on their luck. We encourage them to share with others as we share with them.

Many times people just want prayer and we always make their petitions known to our Heavenly Father.

One time my associate was walking down the street in Merritt and a skateboarder knocked her down, not even apologizing. A couple of our boys saw what happened and took after the kid. They came back and said “we didn’t hurt the kid, because we knew that you would not like that, but he will never be using that skateboard again.”

We love our people, we get involved in their lives and try to let them know God loves them too.



Projects

BC Conference

Merritt Soup Kitchen	\$2000	supplement food donations
Kitwanga	\$12,000	Train 2 Bible Workers

Alberta Conference

Hobbema	\$2.5 M	Native SDA Church/Community Center
Mamawi Atosketan School	\$1.75 M	Building for grades 10-12. Total approx. \$2.5 M

Man/Sask Conference

Winnipeg	\$12,000	Bible Worker
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National

Native New Health DVD series	\$100,000	Finish the last 5 in the series of 13
Native New Day Bible Lessons	\$10,000	French translation

Investing in Our Future Native Ministry Workers

Mamawi Atosketan Native School Hobbema Alberta

tions to be answered. Some of the issues are: Should the new addition be attached to the present structure? Will the new building house the

upper grades? Should a new gym be constructed and the present gym redesigned for vocational facilities? If the new building is not attached to the present structure, will it be situated on the north side where the portable classrooms are now or the south side where the playground is? .



Why does the school need grades 10-12? Presently they offer instruction from K-9 and have 134 Native students attending.

The atmosphere at the school is one of caring and a safe learning experience. The Chris-

tian caring investment of the teachers and staff is developing good citizen principles in the students. The children love to attend this Seventh-day Adventist institution. The graduates from grade 9 last year have all visited on various occasions asking if we are going to add grade 10 -12 because they want to come back. They also come to help the younger children with reading and such. The leadership of the school feels that adding grades 10-12 would provide a better climate for the older students to develop maturity in their Christian walk and leadership skills for the future of the Adventist work in Canada.

Appeal: What do we need? We need funds to continue on this adventure of faith. Mark your donation Mamawi Atosketan Native School or MANS and send to Native Ministries, Treasurer, 1148 King St E. Oshawa, ON, L1H 1H8



Gail Wilton, the principal at Mamawi Atosketan School says that they need to extend the capacity of the school to include grades 10-12. The board and staff have been talking about the possibilities of such a development for some time, and this spring they took a step in faith and decided to move forward. About the time the decision was made, an anonymous benefactor donated a sizable sum of money towards the project. This development was perceived as a signal from the Lord that they were moving in the right direction. Plans were sketched out for the new structure, and an architect was consulted regarding the design and overall plan. The excitement is building, even the students are drawing pictures of what their new school will look like.

There are so many ques-

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Sanctuary away from the World

The renovation of Pastor Daniel Guiboche's church sanctuary in The Pas, Manitoba, where there are about 5,000 Native people, is nearing completion. Dan and his wife, Gina, have been ministering in The Pas for 17 years and have used various venues for their worship services. Community people would ask, "Where is your church?" Pastor Dan would answer, "In my home," or "In the community library." It was hard to attract potential members to worship in a library as a church home.

Finally Pastor Dan found a Salvation Army church and parsonage that were for sale. The purchase was



made and the renovations began with the hope of soon worshipping in their own sanctuary.

But the renovations took longer than expected - the electrical wiring was a particular problem. With the help of some expert good Samaritans, the

wiring was sorted out.

After attending a Canadian Native Advisory Committee meeting in The Pas, Edward Dunn spent some time on his knees helping Pastor Dan repair holes in the floor and walls. The next step is mudding



and painting. One of the members is a professional dry waller and painter and she is putting the finishing touches on the sanctuary walls. Once that is finished they can put down the carpet. The anticipation is building. Soon they will be able to worship in the sanctuary of their own church. The seating is already there - donated by the Adventist church in Tugaskie, Saskatchewan.

Appeal: Funds are still needed for the Sabbath School classrooms and restrooms. They need to be dry walled and painted before they can be used. \$2,000 should be enough to bring them to completion. Please mark your donation The Pas Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Native New Health DVD's

Ed Dunn has been promoting the Native Health DVDs everywhere he goes. He has stopped at reserve health centers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and British Columbia. At each center he gives his sales pitch to get the DVDs into the hands of health care workers. At an Aboriginal Diabetes Conference in Penticton, BC, Ed had a booth where he demonstrated the DVDs and visited with attendees.



Appeal: We still need \$100,000 to film 5 more programs to complete the 13 volume series. Donations are gratefully accepted at **Native Ministries, Treasurer, Seventh Day Adventist Church in Canada, 1148 King St E. Oshawa, ON, L1H 1H8**

To preview or purchase the DVD's go to www.NativeNewHealth.ca.

◀ page 1 When we told the pastor about her request and he promised to order the Bible, deliver it to her and keep in contact. The Lord blesses when we follow his instructions to, "Go."

The Pastor and I also visited some First Nation contacts in Thunder Bay. Rebecca and her husband welcomed us into their home. As we visited, we found that both of them had been workers for the Lord. The husband had been a pastor and loved his Bible. He told his conversion story and how the Lord had changed his life to become a force for God's

Kingdom. We had prayer for Rebecca's husband, who had a health problem. He asked the Pastor to have a weekly Bible Study in his home and he would gather Native people from the neighbourhood to study the Creator's Word.

The Pastor and members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Thunder Bay have been following up the contacts and making connections of their own.

The Creator of all nations is calling for workers who are willing to go, those who will search for people with open hearts who are wanting to do His Will.



Pastors Corner



Searching for Jesus in the Old Testament Scriptures

By Daniel Guiboche—Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Manitoba, Canada

In John 5:39-40, Jesus said: **You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**

Jesus states that the Scriptures testify about Him. But what Scriptures was Jesus referring to? Clearly, Jesus was referring to the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact Jesus goes on to say in John 5:46-47 the following: **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"**

Here Jesus states that Moses wrote about Him. And what books did Moses write? Well, Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. But is finding Jesus in the Old Testament Scriptures restricted only to these first 5 books of the Bible? The answer to this question is No! Let's see where else in the Old Testament Scriptures Jesus said He could be found.

Notice what Jesus said to two of his disciples while walking with them on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection. Luke 24:27 says, **And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** And later that evening Jesus appeared to His disciples and said the following to them in Luke 24:44-45, **Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.** Jesus stated that He can be found in all of the Old Testament Scriptures. So when one studies the Old Testament Scriptures with this in mind then the Bible will come alive for you because you will be seeking for that TREASURE that will give you Eternal Life, Jesus Christ.



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>www.NativeNewHealth.ca</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>