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# 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

I am continually amazed at our Creator's goodness and how He is working to reach His Aboriginal people all across Canada. In December I travelled to the Northwest Territories and got a first-hand experience of how the Creator is directing His church. I met with Pastor Dahr and his church in Yellowknife, preached for their Sabbath service, held a seminar, visited and socialized with the dedicated members and also visited with some First Nation leaders. I then travelled on to Norman Wells where I visited with Ida and Dave Harris. They are the only SDA's in Norman Wells, but they have connections all over

Northern Canada. We studied, shared, prayed and planned for the future of Aboriginal work in the NWT. Next I flew to Inuvik and was graciously hosted by Olav and Judi Falsnes who own and operate the Arctic Chalet Resort. I led out in the church service, and together we held a health seminar during the week. Two of the Adventist members are Inuvialuit ladies who are accomplished leaders in their community. We made plans for an evangelistic series with Pastor Daniel and Gina Guiboche sometime in the fall of 2012. Please pray for our Creator's continued blessing in the saving of His Aboriginal People.



Stand still  
and consider  
the wondrous  
works of  
your Creator.

Job 37:14

## Port Hardy Community Ministries



partnership with the Salvation Army church, provide a **soup and sandwich lunch** every Wednesday at noon. Members of the community from all social classes come to be served a choice of breads, soups and cookies. ▶ p 7

Pastor Randy Elliott and his wife Cheryl have a wonderful ministry to the people of Port Hardy.

A team of members from the two Adventist churches in Port Hardy, in



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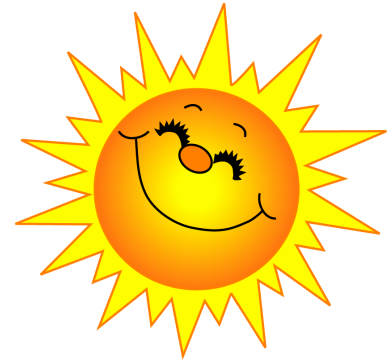
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## Health Nugget

### ARE WE IN THE DARK ABOUT SUNLIGHT?



Our Creator designed the human body to be outdoors and to get regular sun exposure. It's the body's only truly reliable and natural way to produce vitamin D - and we're just beginning to find out how important that is and how vitamin D deficient most of us are.

So why are so many people still in the dark? The American Cancer Society, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Vitamin D research community have all recognized that humans need some sunshine to be healthy. Vitamin D is rare in foods. "It is supplemented into milk and otherwise only occurs naturally in fatty fish." Further, scientific consensus in the past 12 months points to the fact that there is worldwide vitamin D deficiency.

Vitamin D is important for strengthening bones, but that's only one of the many important things this miraculous "smart" nutrient does. Vitamin D expert William Grant, PhD, puts it this way: "The health benefits of vitamin D extend to at least 100 types of disease, with the strongest evidence for many types of cancer (breast, colon, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, and rectal), cardiovascular disease, type 1 and 2 dia-



betes, respiratory infections such as the flu and pneumonia, other infections such as sepsis, and autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis."

A massive amount of research shows that low levels of vitamin D increase the risk for every disease mentioned by Grant. What's more, when people are low in vitamin D levels, it affects mood, ability to lose weight, physical performance, immune system function, and even chances of dying. (A 2008 study found that low levels of vitamin D increased the risk for death from any cause - called the mortality risk - by a whopping 26 percent compared with those who had "optimal" levels in their blood).

So why not turn to the only free and universal source of vitamin D - sunshine - to put things right?

Adapted from  
[www.betternutrition.com/vitamin-d-revisited](http://www.betternutrition.com/vitamin-d-revisited)

"When I read or hear a message about sun protection, I wonder if they have seriously thought about human skin and its role in our biology... our skin is uniquely exposed and adaptable to sunshine."

Dr. Reinhold Vieth, University of Toronto

## What's Happening?

Mamawi Atosketan Native School Newsletter

<http://an6440.adventistschoolconnect.org/article/92/news/february-newsletter>



# All Nations Centre Terrace

Lay Pastor Ron and Delphine Dame have been working in Terrace, BC with the Native people for several years now. They have been looking forward to having their own Native church. With help from the BC Conference, the Adventist churches in BC and Yukon and ADRA Canada, a building was purchased for the purpose of outreach to the First Nations - calling it All Nations Centre.



On weekends they have meetings and operate a soup kitchen there. Ron says that this is a great way to get to know the people.

Since more and more people are taking Bible studies and worshipping with Ron and Delphine at the All Nations Centre on Sabbath afternoons, they decided to formally organize into a Seventh-Day Adventist church company.



On January 7, Brian Wahl, BC conference youth director, and Edward Dunn with the Adventist Church in Canada, took part in the ceremony. They led out in an



ordination service to ordain leaders for the new Native Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ceremony had a Native flavour and they used a traditional blanket in the ordination of the company's elders.

May the Creator bless Ron, Delphine and the leaders of the new church as they seek Native people for His kingdom.



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## Kitwanga Events

Edward Dunn was invited to speak at a Hereditary Chiefs, Elders and Youth Leadership Conference at Kitwanga, BC on January 5. The group represented 3 Native communities in the area who had been working with Limwel Ramada, a SULAD (Filipino missionary), and Zanna and Leif Ove.



The purpose of the conference was to encourage the youth and Elders to work in partnership for the benefit of their communities. Limwel and the youth leadership team provided a lunch for the participants.

Ed spoke on suicide in the Native communities and gave some ideas of things communities could do to intervene to save their young people. He was requested by one of the Chiefs to provide more training from the Seventh-day Adventist church to assist their community with its health challenges. The speakers reviewed the programs that were being delivered already in each community and gave ideas of what had worked in other places. Limwel, Leif and Zanna had already been working with the youth and were about to

start a Pathfinder program. So at this meeting, Limwel presented the SULADS program proposal. The conference participants were impressed at the resourcefulness of their youth and agreed to continue to move ahead in a united manner.

Zanna Ove has been busy producing a health magazine called *Radiant Native Health*. She has been requesting sponsors to send this magazine to all the reserves in Canada. Of the 614 reserves she has succeeded in sending bundles of the magazine to 147 (approximately 1/4). *Radiant Native Health* is now being printed and mailed by Maracle Press in Oshawa. The last printing was for 5000 copies. The magazine covers various health topics and includes an invitation to study the Bible using the Native New Day lessons. Zanna has received many requests for the Native New Day studies. She said it seems like every week she gets at least one request card. Zanna is

looking for sponsors to pay for the subscriptions of this health magazine to your local First Nation community. The Creator is blessing her efforts with people added to His Kingdom. Zanna puts out a newsletter called *Indian Arrows of Education Newsletter*, you can request it by contacting her at [leifzannaove@yahoo.com](mailto:leifzannaove@yahoo.com).



## Native New Health DVDs

Edward 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.



**Appeal:** We still need \$60,000 to film 3 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](http://www.NativeNewHealth.ca).



## Northeastern Canada - Igloolik and Iqaluit

By Jose Quezada

### IGLOOLIK

My first Baptism took place in Igloolik, Nunavut. There were a lot of people from the community who came to see the baptism of Ilisapi and Marcus Angutimarik and also to participate in the Health Expo. This is an exciting start! Ilisapi and Marcus are the first Seventh Day Adventists to be baptized in Nunavut territory. They also are the first to be baptized in the cold Arctic Ocean of Igloolik. Emily, the first Inuk Adventist to be baptized, was baptized in Michigan.



There was a big barrier against the Seventh day Adventist message and this is the first time we have made a difference in this community. The baptism seems to have broken the barrier. I have gone out visiting and the people are very open. One lady asked me to explain the 10 commandments to her. Her son has been attending my evangelistic series and wants to be baptized.

God is good. He answered our prayer for warm weather and no wind, so it would not be as freezing for the baptism, and so the health expo banners wouldn't fall over. God impressed Mark Airut to lend me a cordless microphone and speakers for the program.

Mark runs the radio station here, and he has also given me access to the radio for 6 hours on Sunday. He has been a real blessing to us. During the radio program I was able to speak about God and Health and sing a couple of songs - one of them in Inuktitut.

### Our Health Expo

At our Health Expo, Marcus ran the Peak Flow Air station, while, Emily operated the Weight, Fat, Water scale. Ilisapi, along with a group of other young people gave out some Glow literature. I did some health talks about water, overcoming diabetes, digestion, smoking and drinking, and exercise. It was a success, some people including Ilisapi's daughter made decisions to study the Bible and learn more about the Adventist message.



### IQUALUIT

In Iqaluit we had an evangelistic series and a couple of health expos. The series helped to increase the number of our visitors on Sabbath. We are now getting a consistent attendance to our program on Sabbath. There were some people who made a decision to be baptized, and we will continue to study with them. We offered a Stop Smoking program for those with a smoking problem,

◀ page 5 and one lady was able to attend. She reduced the number of cigarettes she smoked.

They do enjoy coming to our Sabbath program. Marcus' cousin, Paul Jr. had come to my evangelistic series in Igloolik and was interested in being baptized there, but his mother would not allow it. Now that they are both here in Iqaluit and have attended our program, she is allowing him to be baptized. He will be the 4th Adventist in Igloolik. His mother is now very interested in Bible studies, she has seen a difference in her son, who has not missed a Sabbath since he first heard about Jesus and the Seventh-day Adventist church.

We have been giving Bible studies at the Correctional Centres, BCC (men's correctional) WCC (women's correction) and YO (Young Offenders). These studies have been a real blessing. At the BCC we are allowed to have 3 services, some during Sabbath hours. At YO I visit mostly on Sundays. Some people who have been released from these centres have expressed an interest in continuing to study the Bible with us. These centres are filled with people from the different communities around the Baffin Region.

Iqaluit has a regional hospital and many people come from the surrounding Baffin Region and stay at a boarding home to keep their appointments at the hospital. We are able to visit them in the hospital and boarding home and invite them to our Sabbath program, or we simply sing to them and give them literature or a "New Beginning's Bible Study DVD." We also do the same service at the men's and women's shelters. This way we are able to reach many people.

## CORAL HARBOUR

In August and September I was able to go to Coral Harbour, (a small community of about 850 population) and it was a real blessing. This is the most open community for the gospel message. I met Helen and George in Iqaluit when they came to one of our Sabbath programs. They were so happy to be there and told me I should go to Coral one day. I said that we were always looking for open

communities - communities that have a place to rent that is not too expensive, like a hotel or inn. So George and Helen offered me a place to stay. When the time came they arranged for me to stay at her sister's house, as it was not being used. I used it as a house church too.

While at Coral I held a health program and concert at the community hall, with about 40 people attending. I was able to present about 90 percent of our Adventist beliefs over the radio. From the radio, health and musical programs many people came to the Bible Study programs at my house.

## NEEDS

Our needs here in the north are the following:  
We would like to rent a main hall in the center of Iqaluit, like the Nakasuk Elementary School Gym. It rents for \$1000/day. We need it for 12 days, so that's \$12,000. This would cover an Evangelistic series and Health Expo.

We need \$1000 for Advertising.

We need to rent a place to have church services.

This would give us a chance to have church services that would house the children and Adults. We currently have 2 programs - one at 11am for the children and the other at 2pm for the Adults. We would not rent the gym for this, but a church building that is not quite finished. We believe this would not be as expensive as the school gym.

It would also be nice to have some funds for when we go to new communities. Sometimes we have to rent halls and pay for other things. This makes it harder for us to go to new communities. These funds often come from our own pockets.

If there are any nurses or doctors who would love to come to Iqaluit on a mission trip to help with the health expo that we are planning for the Spring, it would be great.

Thank you,  
Jose Quezada, Bible Worker  
[jgq20@hotmail.com](mailto:jgq20@hotmail.com) or (867) 979-2675.





## Port Hardy

◀ page 1 The number of participants served ranges from 35 to 80. The community members served enjoy the experience of fellowship and those serving also enjoy the time to reconnect with their community.

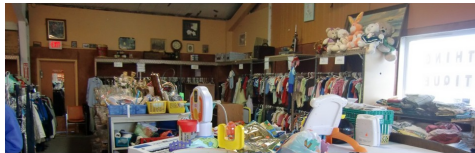
This reconnecting is a great time for Pastor Randy to check in with some of the people he has been working with. The environment has been instrumental in setting the stage for Pastor Randy to begin counselling with some who would otherwise be hard to reach.



Port Hardy has a thrift shop that is a going concern. It's called "The Harvest." Cheryl Elliott is the very capable and sometimes over-worked manager.

Community members drop off items to sell, while other community members come shopping for items to purchase. There is a steady stream of people coming and going. It's a great place to meet people.

The proceeds from the thrift shop provide funds to keep the food bank



stocked with good food for community members who may need that help.

Under Pastor Randy and Cheryl's leadership the church and it's members are filling a much needed place in the community.



You can contact Pastor Randy at: [ranchere@telus.net](mailto:ranchere@telus.net) or (250) 902-0640.

## Canadian Native Advisory Report

The Canadian Native Advisory Committee met on November 13, 2011 at the Six Nations SDA Church near Hamilton, Ontario. This committee reports to and advises the SDACC in matters related to the Seventh-day Adventist work among the Aboriginal population of Canada.

Members of the committee come from almost every conference of the Adventist Church in Canada. The members are Corvelle Naugler (Maritime), Sharon and Jamie Johns and Leonard Maracle (Ontario), Daniel and Gina Guiboche (ManSask), Peter and Vicky Ford and Bob Spratt (Alberta), Randy Elliott and Brian Wahl (British Columbia), Edward Dunn (Coordinator) and Mark Johnson SDACC President. The pastor of the Six Nations church was in attendance as well.

Our meeting usually consists of an opening devotional and prayer, then we present reports of exciting activi-



ties from each of the conferences represented and one from the coordinator. Jose Quezada, the Bible Worker from Iqaluit in Nunavut brought an exciting report via internet and Skype of his work.

Some of the important **initiatives** that we discussed and voted were:

1. To help financially support a **Native Student Liasion/Recruiter** to work at Canadian University College.
2. To continue the partnership with conferences to financially support **Bible Workers** working with Aboriginal communities.
3. To move ahead with translation of the **Native New Day Bible Lessons into Inuktitut** to reach the 35,000 speakers in Canada.
4. To financially support **evangelism in the Baffin Island** area among the Inuit with Jose Quezada.
5. To help financially support the **Native Radiant Health** magazine's printing and distribution to Aboriginal reserves across Canada
6. To continue to financially support the operation of **Mamawi Atosketan Native School** in Alberta.
7. To help financially support an **evangelistic series at Hobbema, Alberta**


## Coordinator's Thoughts

◀ page 7 .We also talked about other ways to advance Aboriginal ministries in Canada and we are making plans in the following areas:

1. Host a **National Aboriginal Campmeeting** in the summer of 2013.
2. Every year takes speakers and musicians to the north for an **Arctic Campmeeting**, stopping at Yellowknife, Norman Wells, Inuvik and Iqaluit.
3. Search for funds to finish production of the **Native New Health DVD** series.
4. Organize **Mission Trips** to Aboriginal destinations within Canada.
5. Start a **Native Ministries Colporteur Program** to target the reserves across Canada.

6. Partner with the **NAD's Mission to the Cities initiative** to reach the Native people in the large cities of Canada.
7. The **Native Ministries Offering** last year was on December 31, but this year, 2012 it will be on September 29. To view the 2011 Native Ministries Offering Appeal DVD follow the link to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBHjy5dY9UM>.

We have two meetings each year, usually one in Eastern Canada and one in the West. Our next meetings will be in central BC if everything goes as planned. 

## Projects

BC Conference			
Kitwanga	\$ 6,000		Train 1 Bible Worker
Alberta Conference			
Hobbema	\$2.5 M		Native SDA Church/Community Center
Mamawi Atosketan School	\$3.0 M		Building for grades 10-12.
Man/Sask Conference			
Iqaluit	\$ 6,000		Evangelistic Series
National			
Native New Health DVD series	\$60,000		Finish the last 3 in the series of 13
Native New Day Bible Lessons	\$ 6,000		Inuktitut translation
Radiant Native Health Magazine	\$ 3,000		Printing and mailing to reserves

### Mamawi Atosketan Native School

For the monthly exciting news connect to their website and check out their newsletter at:

<http://an6440.adventistschoolconnect.org/article/92/news/february-newsletter>

Mamawi Atosketan is expanding to include grades 10 - 12. Please donate to make the project a reality see: <http://an6440.adventistschoolconnect.org/>

Take a look at their awesome fund raising video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GI8rEL1y3uk>



# Native Ministries Resource List

Materials	Contact Information
<p>- <b>“Native New Day”</b> Bible Study Lessons These studies are written from a Native American perspective and reveal the Creator God.</p>  <p><a href="http://www.bibleschools.com/courses/nativetg/guide01/index.htm">http://www.bibleschools.com/courses/nativetg/guide01/index.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Adventist Book Center Alberta</b> (800) 661-8131 or (403) 782-4416 alberta.abc@pacificpress.com</p> <p><b>ABC British Columbia</b> (800) 765-6955 or (604) 859-2566 abc@bcadventist.ca</p> <p><b>Adventist Book Center Eastern</b> (800) 263-3791 or (905) 579-2311 Oshawa.abc@pacificpress.com</p> <p><b>Voice of Prophecy</b> (805) 955-7611 or (805) 955-7777 gospel@vop.com</p>
<p><b>“Native New Day”</b> Bible Study Enrollment Cards</p> 	<p><b>Adventist Book Center or Voice of Prophecy</b></p>
<p><b>“Native New Day”</b> DVD Series This is a wonderful series of 26 Bible studies on DVD presented by Host and story teller Monte Church.</p> 	<p><b>Adventist Book Center or Safe TV</b> (888) 777-9392 www.safetv.org</p>
<p><b>“Native New Health”</b> DVD Series This is a new series on health for Native people.</p> 	<p><a href="http://www.NativeNewHealth.ca">www.NativeNewHealth.ca</a></p>
<p><b>“The Lighted Trail”</b> Booklet True life story in the setting of village Alaska, presenting Bible truths in an interesting way.</p> 	<p><b>Cross Reflections Ministry</b> (509) 738-9858 www.crossreflections.org</p>