



News from the Nest

Summer/Fall 2017

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A Successful Summer?

The question that we all ask ourselves at this time of year concerning summer camps is, "Was it a successful summer?"

The first week this summer I got a text message from Peter who was driving the bus to go get campers from Meander River which said that he had picked up 18 kids. My first thought was, "Wow that is not enough." I was expecting more. I wanted more. That week turned out to be my favourite week out of the whole summer!...Continued on page 3...

Missionary Spotlight

In my conversations with people I am noticing that many people know about the First Nations and see them around, but really don't know much about them. It is very interesting that the First Nations are quite diverse from each other. In this area there are three main types of First Nations. They are the Dene Tha, Beaver, and Cree First Nations. The Dene Tha First Nation is comprised of the three northern communities which are Bushe River, Chateh, and Meander River. The Beaver First Nation includes Boyer and Child Lake reserves. The Cree Natives are split into two different bands which are the Little Red River Cree and the Tall Cree First Nation. Little Red includes the communities of John Dore Prairie, Fox Lake, and Garden Creek. Tall Cree First Nation includes the Fort Vermillion housing, North Tall Cree, and South Tall Cree reserves. The map below shows where these communities are as well as the missionaries that are in what communities. Some of these missionaries have a lot of interaction with Eagle's Nest ministry Centre while others do not. Our vision is to be a support to missionaries who are in these communities, but only if they want help. None of these missionaries are necessarily officially associated or endorsed by Eagle's Nest Ministry Centre. This is just for information sake so that you are more aware of the missionary activity around here and so that you are better informed so that you can more effectively pray for them. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of all the missionaries and ministries to First Nations. In this edition we have put the spotlight on Bill & Biu Koto who are from Fiji and have been used greatly by the Lord already in their time here!



Bill & Biu Koto and their daughter moved to Canada from Fiji in 2016. Right now they live in High Level but they minister to the Tall Cree First Nation. They regularly are in South Tall Cree and Fort Vermillion.

In South Tall Cree they help in the school as well as teach Sunday School in the Tall Cree Evangelical Church, every Sunday afternoon. They also teach Sunday School in Fort Vermillion which is a really good outreach to the kids that are in the Fort Housing area. Every Thursday they do the Awanna program with Wendy Quist in Fort Vermillion which involves a lot of the same kids. This is just a few of the areas Bill & Biu are involved in. They have an amazing heart for this ministry and are constantly giving up their lives for the sake of the ministry. Right now they are working on being able to move to North Tall Cree so that they can be involved in that community as well. Please continue to pray for this missionary family. Pray that they would get permission from the chief in North Tall Cree to use the church building there and move there. Pray that their visa process would go smoothly.

A Successful Summer?

This summer we had over a 150 kids attend summer camps here. Many of them clearly heard the message of the Gospel. Many new relationships were started and many existing relationships were strengthened through the time at camp. We had a good turnout from the communities as well. During the Meander week our whole dish crew was run by Meander summer students and we had an elder helping us cook and the youth director Kathleen Barry with us all week. During the Tall Cree week we also had a Christian elder from South Tall Cree helping us cook all week long. The weeks started with Asa and his Ywam team running a youth camp for Little Red River Cree Nation. After that we ran camps for Meander, then Tall Cree and finally ended with Behchoko. Four weeks of camp is not a lot, but we were very impressed with the community involvement and it is so awesome that each reserve has a Christian missionary in it, which we hope will greatly help with follow up with a lot of these children and youth!



Meander Summer Students



Bill Koto teaching Tall Cree Campers



Searching for hidden treasure!

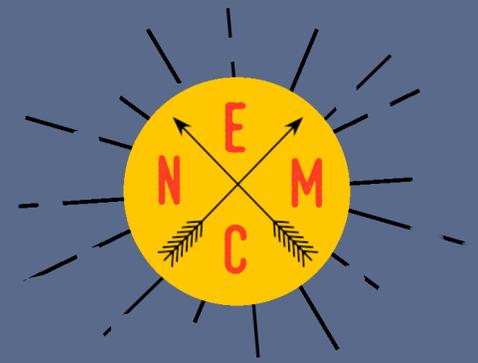


Crazy dress up day

Our vision is to expand beyond doing summer camps and making use of the facilities throughout the rest of the year. Right now it seems like its a slow process and we are trying to be patient for the Lord to lead us into more opportunities. In Psalms 27:14 David writes, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" This waiting is an expectancy that the Lord will do a work. This doesn't mean to just sit around and wait for God to magically produce a ministry opportunity, but rather as we go out we expect God to give us opportunities to join in on His work. Thats what we want. We do not want to produce all kinds of ministry just for the sake of feeling successful in this ministry. We desperately want to be an effective ministry to the Fist Nations. But we want to do it for the Lords sake. That He will be worshipped. Not that we can pat ourselves on the back for some kind of perceived success. Please continue to pray for us as we go out and seek out how the Lord wants to use this place for His Glory. If you are at all familiar with Eagle's Nest surely you have seen the big sign that says, "To God be the Glory". Ultimately that is our goal! God Bless you all!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for ministry opportunities.
- Pray for revival in First Nation Communities.
- Pray for the missionaries.



Coming up...

Vbs in Fort Chipewyan

In February we are planning to do a weeklong VBS program with Arlyn Ens in Fort Chipewyan. Since they were unable to come for a summer camp we will take a team out there.



We are very excited for this and hope that we can get a few volunteers who will come with us. We also need funds to help pay for fuel and food while we are there. A jug of milk in Fort Chip can cost up to 16\$!!

Candy Bags

Last year we packed over 3000 candy bags and delivered them to about 10 different communities. We want to continue this tradition that has been going on for quite a few years! So this year we hope we can do the same. Watch for packing date if you are interested in helping. This year we will pack them at Eagle's Nest Ministry Centre. Like our facebook page to stay informed about important dates coming up.



Eagle's Nest Ministry Centre exists to provide a place for counselling, training, retreats, and a variety of camps to support ministries that are focused on building thriving Christian fellowships in First Nations communities. This will be accomplished by bringing together local churches and Christian organizations to support ministries that are focused on First Nations communities.

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