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Winter 2022

It's All About Relationship!

"It's all about relationships! Keep relationships as your primary focus. Allow the program to be your vehicle for relationships but never sacrifice relationships on the altar of the program!" These are the first words I, Walter say when teaching the philosophy of ministry class to our new missionaries.

Over the years I have seen way too many "new programs" which were going to be the latest and greatest way of reaching into communities. People jump on board and soon are very busy. Unfortunately, I have also seen different programs outlast their usefulness and



have missionaries frustrated because they did everything right yet they were not getting the results they wanted. Building long term relationships is the only lasting impact we will have.

I sat beside one of our new missionaries as he talked of this new program he was going to bring to the youth he was working with.

"Walter, I'm going to load them all into the van and haul them to the city to show them how it can work!" He exclaimed with enthusiasm. I sat there pondering how I could help him see that, although this was a great program, you need to keep your focus on relationships. He continued his zealous rambling, "You see, God provided us this van and I'm going out to the reservation and picking up these youth and

hauling them 7 hours to the city so they can see the program working!" He turned to me and grinned, "So while we take this trip we are going to talk with them and share lots of new experiences. I don't know if the program will catch on but I am excited to have this time together to build relationships!"

I sat back and smiled, he got it!

He continued to talk with his zeal and fill the room with words that those who capture a vision often do. I listened to his filling in on all the details and affirmed his desires as he was focused on building relationships!

Christmas is here. A time when we take the time to prioritize our lives with that which is most important. We take time out of our schedule to be with family and focus on those relationships. It is also the time we remember the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came in human form to have a relationship with mankind. Jesus reached out to us first and then gave his life so we can have a relationship with him.

After all it really is all about relationship.

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Family Update

CAYLEA – Although Caylea’s housing situation didn’t work the way she hoped in Big River, the team at the Bible camp has taken good care of her! She has a housesitting opportunity in the town (about 10 minutes from the camp). Curling and participating in the church Christmas program keep her busy!

DANIEL & MICHAELA – Daniel is now working for Black & McDonald at the Boundary Dam in Estevan. He is pursuing his Air Conditioning ticket (classes in January in Saskatoon). Michaela continues to enjoy her seamstress work with Cedar & Vine clothing. We are blessed to see them often - going to outdoor concerts, sharing meals and playing games together

MARK & AMY – Mark has been able to work until late November so the concrete business is alive and well in their area of Manitoba. Amy aced her music course this summer and continues to train and upgrade her skills. She is up to 40+ students this year. They grew a nice garden and enjoyed bumper crops of corn and pumpkins - which they shared with us! .

WALTER & CINDY– We have taken a 3 month break to catch up on accumulated vacation days (October-December). We went to a Ministry Leaders’ Retreat at Kerith Pines in eastern MB - a week of rest, learning and processing. Part of our break has been to process some of the challenges and changes we have experienced, especially with leaving Healing Hearts Ministry. We will wind up our time off with a trip to the mountains for some R & R. Our team at NCEM has been gracious in covering our responsibilities and we are so thankful for the support we have from our leaders.

“But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.” ~Titus 3:4 & 5



At the Grey Cup

Caylea getting a ride

THANK YOU to each one of you for your friendship, support and love! We want to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for standing behind our ministry through the years. God bless you for investing in His kingdom, for giving to His work among First Nations people and praying for a harvest of souls that together we may worship Christ the Lord before His throne.

Walter & Cindy

Walter

Praise & Prayer

- *Praise the Lord for the opportunity for rest and rejuvenation
- *Praise for time we can spend with our children now that they’ve all left the nest
- *Praise for how God is at work through our ministry at NCEM
- *Pray for our processing the loss/changes of Healing Hearts Ministry
- *Pray for fresh vision and energy as we return to serve in January
- *Pray that we may have wisdom to give leadership to 140+ now serving in NCEM

Upcoming events:

Jan 20-22 Millar Missions Conf

April -NCEM AGM