

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
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CHANGING SEASONS IN A
CHANGING WORLD

The warm days of summer have slowly disappeared and autumn colours have greeted us once again. Many of our prayer partners have been busy with preparation for the winter season by clearing out their flower beds and gardens.

We have been busy doing similar things at the Native New Life Training Centre in setting up programs and bringing in church groups.

We live in a changing world which brings us to a place of changing our approach to meet the needs of pastors and laity who deal with difficult social and spiritual problems in their communities.

We recognize that it would be a hardship to bring future pastors and their families out of their communities to the Native New Life Training Centre. In a leap of faith we are stepping into uncharted waters by taking the courses to their community and encouraging them to study at home. We hope that two or three or more students would come together once a week for a phone conference with a facilitator here at the training center.

The courses are geared for those called to serve the Lord in a pastoral ministry. They are carefully laid out and students

can work at their own pace and develop a practical library at the same time.

We promise weekly support and encouragement for all our students. The Lord said in Jeremiah 29:11, "I have plans for you to succeed and not to fail". He wants to give us a future and a hope. And that is what we want to see take place in the lives of those participating in the program established at Native New Life Training Centre.

The Lord may be calling you to participate in the courses being offered through our training center. If the Lord is directing you towards this kind of study program, call and we will send you an information packet.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSIONS TRIP
FROM LORNA MARACLE DODGE

Diane Burwell and I had the opportunity to lead a short VBS program for the Senneterre, QC native mission. My heart was overwhelmed with the kindness of Pastor Charlotte and the congregation of the mission. Many needs and so little time to address them all. God gave us favour with some of the children and we were able to connect and build bridges to this community. There will be many more opportunities for the future should God give us the privilege of traveling north to Senneterre. Pray for the mission congregation to go forward in His Word.

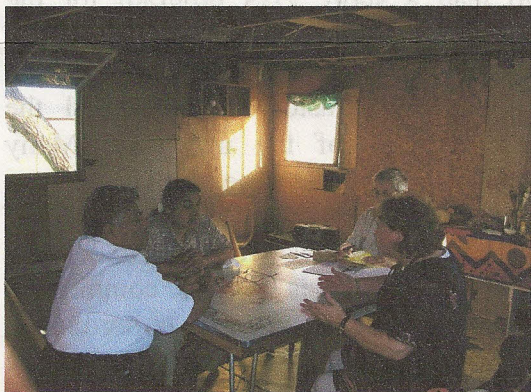
Diane has been our volunteer librarian here at the training centre and I believe God gave us a wonderful experience together working for Him. We both felt it was God's timing for us to be there.

Pray as we venture to other communities with the bible program we can offer to pastors and lay persons for his kingdom.

Also we would like to come and share with congregations during your missions conventions. We will be contacting some of you and if you don't hear from us, please give us a call to set an appointment. The work goes on and on for the Kingdom of God.



Senneterre Mission Church



VBS with Lorna and Diane.



FIVE DAYS OF HEALING SEMINAR

Have you ever been in a place where you want to move forward with your life but there seems to be something on the inside holding you back from succeeding in your attempts?

You are not alone! Many people struggle with hurts of the past, inner conflicts, repressed childhood memories, and suicidal thoughts. We have buried them deep into our inner spirit and tried to live as if nothing ever happened. But those old habits and old enemies keep raising their ugly heads and we desperately want to be rid of them once and for all.

There is a way for you to be set free from your past. We can say simply that Jesus Christ is the answer. And that is true but we need help to bring the hurts of the past into a place of submission to Jesus Christ.

We are offering "Five Days of Healing" seminar with Howard and Margaret Ellis at the Native New Life Training Centre, December 5 – 9, 2005.

This is the first of many seminars that will be offered through the training center.

PRAYER STRENGTHENS THE SPIRIT

I remember sitting in a little country church in a suburb of Houston hearing about Joseph Scrivens who lived in Port Hope and penned the old familiar hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus".

We would all agree that it is a beautiful hymn that has brought strength and solace to many in their time of need. The words that have spoken distinctly to me over the years can be found in the second verse.

"Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer."

We all have experienced those moments when we want to cry out – "I've had it, I can't take it anymore, God, how much more do I have to endure." Why Lord, Why me?

We shouldn't be saying, why me, Lord, why now? But rather, Lord, what is it that you want me to learn from this that will better prepare me for the next level you are taking me.

The Lord has something good in store for you and He is strengthening your grip so you will better be able to handle what is about to be given to you.

One more time the Lord is encouraging you to stay close to Him and the best way to do it is through prayer, staying close to Him and allowing His Spirit to minister to your spirit.

Have you ever tried to move a log that has been in the water for a long time?

Did you notice how heavy the log was? It has been soaking in the water for a long time and no more water can penetrate into the wood. I believe the Lord would like that to happen to us that we would become so full of water (His Spirit) that when something negative comes our way, it would simply roll off of us. It would roll off of us because the Bible says, "Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world". Prayer is a wonderful means of keeping us close to Him

We want to be an encouragement and a blessing to you and the local church. Please let us know your need and we will believe with you for a positive outcome.

REMEMBER – PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

CAMP MEETING IN JAMES BAY

Campmeeting are special times for many people to renew old friendships and family get-togethers but more important it is a time to be drawn deeper into the Lord's presence.

Campmeeting in Waskaganish is a time when many people are able to abandon their struggles and hurts and seek for the presence of the Lord. Over a four day period I saw many people grow hungrier for the Lord's presence as they entered into worship. I watched as some danced before the Lord, others stood quietly, some sat still while others sang their songs of gratitude and love to the Lord.

One morning I spoke on the importance of believer's baptism and following the Sunday morning worship service the pastor along with his elders baptized

twelve individuals who testified to the difference the Lord had made in their life.

One baptized participant told me that he had had a dream two weeks earlier of a coffin floating out into the bay towards the sea. And he said that was symbolic of his old man being buried at sea once and for all.



A believer experiences water baptism.



Twelve baptized believers gather for a picture.



Pauline Gunner ministering through her music.

Campmeetings have over the years caused many people to grow stronger in their faith and to become free of their past hurts. It is hoped that those reading these pages will remember their experience of camp and hold up in prayer those struggling with their faith and desiring to grow deeper in their commitment.

Sometimes we can grow cold in our walk with the Lord and maybe this will cause a little spark to ignite in your spirit towards your Heavenly Father.

If you have been walking alone lately, why not reach out and take His hand and walk together with Him. He is waiting for you.

