



The large church was half full. A young First Nations lady nervously stepped up to the microphone to deliver the eulogy for a younger woman that had suddenly passed away. I was up on the platform with her. My good friend Ralph and I were leading the singing with guitars and I was officiating the service. As the young lady started speaking I realized that she was speaking too softly and the mic was not aimed properly. I knew that very few people were going to be able to hear her. So I quickly stood up beside her and reached to adjust the mic. She looked over to me and in a slightly flustered and embarrassed voice said "Grandpa..." In spite of it being a funeral, many of the people chuckled and this certainly released some of the tension in the service.

I smiled a little to myself as well, and thought 'it is so amazing that the Lord has placed us in a community that calls me and my family their family'. So here in the midst of grief and loss I was able to speak as family to family. I was able to share the hope that we have in knowing Jesus in the midst of grief and pain as family to family. We know that the relationship we have with our community is a 'God thing', this is only by His hand.

I am greatly enjoying my visiting and counselling times. It is exciting to see how God answers prayer. On most of my visits with First Nations elders I have the opportunity and privilege to pray with them in regards to their needs. These opportunities for prayer are critical in that the entire focus, is on looking to the Lord for answers and provision. The personal affirmation that people receive towards their own faith and relationship with the Lord, is so helpful in people taking personal ownership for their spiritual walk. One of my 'Aunties' has requested to meet regularly for prayer because she has personally seen the power of going to our heavenly Father in prayer.



"Uncle, can you come over to our house?" The call was from my niece. When I receive these calls it is usually, as in this case, a request for me to pray through a house. It is quite common for people from our community to have unrequested 'visitors', as in spirit manifestations. As far as possible, I will go over to their home. Not everyone that I do this for is a follower of Christ, but I do it because it gives me the opportunity to share who Jesus is in a meaningful way. I will have the person go with me as I walk through their home and pray God's peace and command anything dark to leave.

I have been asked numerous times about how to talk with children about our enemy Satan and the forces of wickedness aligned with him. Children's nightmares are not always just a child's scary dream. This is a challenging task because we need to teach our children but we don't want to frighten them. So I'm trying something new, I'm

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working on a children's book called 'Scaredy Cat' (which probably won't be the actual title), on this very subject. It is the story of a little girl that is getting frightened in her sleep in repeated vivid dreams about a lion. After this happens a number of times her father catches on to what is really going on. So he sits her down and explains to her what he believes is happening to her and then he prays with her. This will hopefully create an opportunity for parents to then talk to their children if they have questions. The plan is to have accompanying material for parents. This project is all still in infancy but I am praying to get it done soon and then determine the best format for getting the material out.

Coming this Fall:

I was in the process of making plans to visit supporters back East last November. My plan was to come out late March early April but soon realized that I would need to cancel my plans due to the deteriorating health of Kristy's father. So now my plan is to visit the Mid-west in October of this year to catch up with as many people as possible. We are also praying that we can raise a bit more monthly support. We are so thankful for the sacrificial giving from many but numerous supporters and churches have gone through some significant changes and are no longer able to maintain their past levels of giving. We need approximately 500.00 more per month to meet our support needs and would definitely appreciate your prayers in regards to this.



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