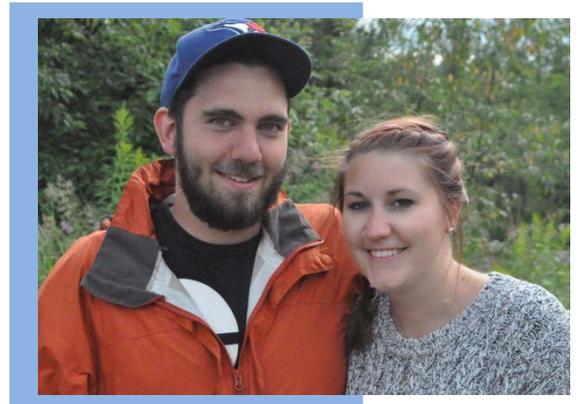
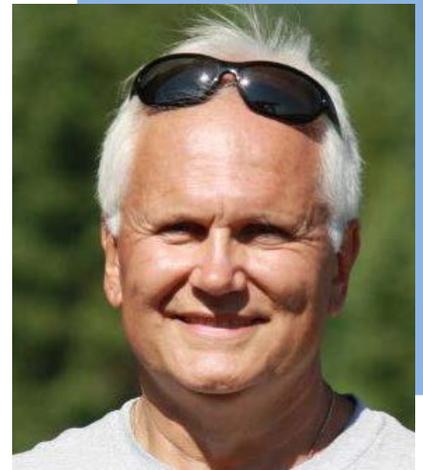


It is hard to believe that the fall season is already upon us and that the summer has come and gone. This past summer for me was full of great experiences and eternal memories. I want to try and capture some of them for you in this newsletter in both words and pictures. I hope in doing so that you are able to see the vital role you play in the story of so many lives!

As a coach I have learned the amazing importance of building a team where each person understands their role and the role that their teammates play which determines the ultimate success of what you are trying to achieve. Let me introduce you to some key members of the team!



Clockwise from top left:  
Ben Peltz, Jordan Stockdale, Morgan Barcroft, Keltie Mask, Martin and Keltie Mask, myself, Stephanie Vizi, Andrew Woolsey, Keltie Mask with my summer intern from Mistissini, MaryJanes Petawabano and Martin Mask.



Our camps went well this year but that is not to say they were without struggles. Perhaps it is a real sign we are doing some things right and moving in the direction that we are supposed to be going that there were significant spiritual battles along the way. It was during those times that we could sense the power of the Lord coming through for us as you prayed for us. Here were some of those answered prayers!

The camps were all full. All together over 200 kids and youth attended the camps in the two communities of Nemaska and Mistissini.

Our weather for our Teen Camp in Mistissini at Sunrise was the best we have ever had! This resulted in great beach days, plenty of water sports and great times of hanging out together.



A giant earth ball and a huge sand pit help make memories!



Fun on a giant inflatable tube pulled by a motor boat!



The water is never too cold when the weather is hot!



Improvised water games make everyone a winner!



Pastor Gordon driving the boat.



A peaceful canoe ride!

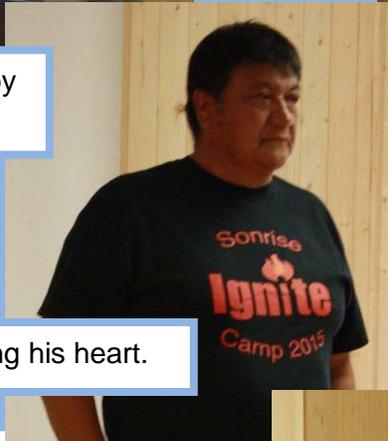
We changed up our Club Times at night so that every evening we had a different Cree person come and share with the youth along with the messages I would give. In the morning Club we did a Role Play where our leaders assumed characters, somewhat based on their own true stories but also dealing with the real day-to-day issues we knew the Cree Youth were facing. It was at times quite raw as the youth got to hear the inner thoughts and feelings of the characters, not just see the outward persona that we all often convey to those around us. As they got to know these characters they also got to see in the role play how they were introduced to Jesus and their true inner feelings, fears, doubts and questions about the Truth of Jesus and His Promises. I had the privilege of being Jesus for our final role play and interacting with each of the characters individually, addressing their specific concerns and fears about trust and truly being loved. It was a very powerful ending to our camp and the Lord's Presence could truly be felt.



Some of our worship team at Ignite led by the very gifted Richelle.



Role playing where the youth saw themselves in the different characters.



Pastor Gordon sharing his heart.

I wish there was some way to convey to you the many dozens of conversations I have had these past four months with so many youth, young adults and youth workers. Sharing the heart and the journey of the soul, touching on deep pain, woundedness and loss. Sharing words of life, being a presence in moments of need and sharing tears and laughter, simply listening and always loving. To see the look in their eyes that cries out for hope that can be trusted, that will not disappoint and will bring real life to their desires and dreams. To have the privilege of telling them where



In the role play, reaching out to the wounded one who no longer feels even able to trust.

that hope can be found.

So what has come about from this summer that is truly significant? A very good question.

What I entered the summer praying for and wanting to see was revival; a spiritual move of God in the lives of these youth that would have been transformational.

What I saw was seeds of hope being planted, hearts being stirred by love and grace, God's Word delivered and heard, new friendships started, old friendships strengthened, some new beginnings and some changes begun.

Not quite as dramatic as I was hoping and praying for, but I also know it is not the end of the story.

One of the main things I have learned from my time up north is that God's timing is frequently not my timing, and His ways are not my ways.

I want instantaneous, God wants depth. I want change, God wants transformation.

I also understand that my desires are not in conflict with His desires for God promises that His Word will accomplish what He has sent it to accomplish in His time! And that is just it; a timing question.

As a result I have been challenged to think through some of the ministry we have been doing and whether or not now is the time to begin starting a new phase in our long term plans. The challenge I feel God is laying before me is for me to begin to do more leadership development and start letting others do the hands-on running of all the different elements of the camps.



Here are some of the thoughts that I would deeply appreciate you praying behind.

- To begin a Leaders In Training initiative that really focuses on seeing youth and young adults raised up who can begin to not only take on a bigger role in the camps but also in the community throughout the year.
- To mentor and train up others to be the main speakers at these camps.
- To release more of the planning and direction of the camps to the very capable people God has raised up around me.

- To meet with the church leaders and elders in two other communities who have expressed a desire to see a Teen Camp started there. To help them plan, prepare and start these camps in 2016.

One main reason I feel now is the time to begin moving forward boldly to see these things happen is that late next year I am turning 60 and I want to ensure I am entering this next decade of my life really focussing on the things that are of greatest importance and building with God's guidance that which will long continue in the years to come. The Scriptures promise that God has already prepared good works in the Name of Jesus and that we simply have to walk in, not try to do it ourselves. Please pray for me that I will sense what those good works are and not try to create something on my own.

**It is at these moments and during this current time of deep reflection that I am so aware of my continued need for your ongoing partnership with me. Your financial support and ongoing prayers enable me to do this vital ministry in the lives of so many. Thank you for standing with me!!**

**On Thursday, November 26 at 7pm we are having an Information and Dessert Night at Sunnyside Wesleyan Church in Ottawa.** We will also have some very special guests with us to share the importance of the partnership we have with the Cree Churches. Please mark this on your calendar!



Morgan, Keltie, Richelle and Danielle spent 5 weeks in Mistissini this summer serving in tremendous ways at the camp.



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