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A TASTE OF SUMMER MIRACLES

A recent conversation between a waitress and our two-and-a-half year-old great-granddaughter went something like this:

Jackie: *“I’d like a peanut butter and jam sandwich, please.”*

Waitress: *“Would you like it toasted or plain?”*

Jackie: *“You have a toaster here?!?”*

Waitress: *“Yes we do.”*

Jackie: *“I don’t want my sandwich toasted.”*

Later, when her sandwich arrived, and she tasted it, she exclaimed, *“This jam blows my mind!”*

That’s just about how I feel as I ‘taste’ what God is doing in lives throughout the nation this summer. As I have done for many years, this June I began declaring, *“This is a Summer of Miracles!”* I stated it with the same expectation as I’ve had every summer, but when I see the outstanding miracles already happening so far, it *‘blows my mind’!*



Ministering to young people in Cross Lake, MB

Psalm 34:8-10 (NKJV) says. *“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”*



Steven sharing his testimony at a school assembly in Attiwapiskat

The Summer of Miracles actually began in May, after we heard about the spate of attempted suicides among aboriginal youth in Cross Lake in northern Manitoba. Since the Lord placed the youth of the north on our hearts a few years ago, we felt compelled to respond in some way. That’s when Crossroads Ministry, the producers of One Hundred Huntley Street, stepped up to the plate and sponsored our Missions Director Steven Carleton, and ministry friend Travis Holownia, to go to Cross Lake to assess the needs and

determine what future action to take. As a result of that visit, the door is now open for Travis to return with a team of young adults, with specific ministry to help these broken, despairing youth.

June was filled with miracles. Early in the month, the Lord opened the way for Steven and I to travel to Attawapiskat, ON, a northern First Nations community near James Bay. Attawapiskat has been in the news numerous times, due to the desperate living conditions and disasters that have plagued the place, as well as heartbreaking scores of recent attempted suicides by children and youth. Once again, the Lord quickly and miraculously provided for our trip, this time through the generosity of listeners to KFM Christian Radio in Sudbury, ON.



Bill with Attawapiskat chief, Bruce Shisheesh

My heart was touched as we met with several community leaders, including Chief Bruce Shisheesh, who is a born-again, Spirit-filled man of God, who loves his people and desires a better life for them. The Lord has given us miraculous God-connections, as we make plans for a major outreach initiative in Attawapiskat next fall.

The Summer of Miracles is also evident in two major miracles in progress in Nunavut. Our dedicated contractor, Jeff Fransky, and a team of local Inuit men, began the final phase of the Centre of Hope

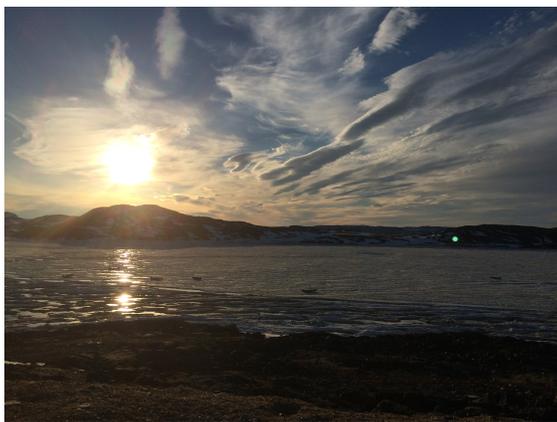
building in Naujaat (Repulse Bay) NU. This has been a challenging three-year undertaking, but by the end of the summer, the facility will be completed. The Lord has miraculously supplied the finances along the way as we have needed them. Every time Jeff has notified us that additional materials or services are needed, God has supplied exactly what we needed. I am absolutely confident that, as He has already proven Himself faithful, He will continue to do it until the final nail is driven and we celebrate with a Grand Opening in September!



Work continues on the Centre of Hope in Naujaat

At the same time, Steven and his wonderful team of Spirit-filled Inuit professionals conducted our third course of the Arctic Hope Project in Cape Dorset, NU. AHP began in Cape Dorset last year and will continue for a total of five years, to ensure that the youth there receive intense, one-on-one ministry to release them of the effects of past traumas, to cut off the legacy of alcoholism, violence and suicide, and to equip them to become emotionally and spiritually whole, effective leaders in the community. Numerous young people who attended past AHP courses told us that they have been freed from suicidal thoughts, have given their lives over to Jesus, and now have hope and purpose. This third AHP was the most powerful course yet.

The week of intensive ministry began with a community-wide Youth Conference. Evangelist Travis Holownia ministered powerfully, emphasizing the value God places on each of them, and taught them how to defeat the enemy who has tried to rob them of their value. The message powerfully touched the hearts of all ages. At the conclusion of the service, the team prayed for people for close to one-and-a-half hours. Many rededicated their hearts to Jesus. A few older men, whom we suspect were victims of sexual abuse several years ago, really received healing in their hearts.



Cape Dorset, Nunavut

The youth that were involved in burning the Cape Dorset High School down last September were in the service, and had a major moment of receiving the healing love of Jesus for the first time. One young lady who had participated in the school's destruction, responded to the invitation to participate in the AHP course, and was transformed as she learned about the power of forgiving yourself!

The Arctic Hope Project began on Monday, with all-Inuit AHP team leaders, including Nunavut founder, Tagak Curly, Reepa Evic-Carleton, co-founder of Canada's only Inuit trauma and addictions treatment centre in Ottawa, and AHP Director Steven Carleton. Each of them ministers emotional healing from a cultural, Christian perspective. Ten hand-selected Inuit youth participated, and learned the power of

forgiveness, and how to cut off the effects of the abuses that the Inuit culture has endured over the last 60 years.

Some highlights of the week included a young man's testimony of healing of severe ear pain, a young woman who found freedom and transformation as the Holy Spirit prompted her to forgive her father, and others who learned how to cut off the power of the enemy, who has plagued their hearts and minds. What a time of healing, spiritually, emotionally and physically!



Ministry to youth in Cape Dorset, NU

At the Youth and Elder roundtable, led by Tagak Curley, the youth learned the principle of honour, particularly to elders and leaders in their lives. This principle was powerfully demonstrated as the group presented a gift to the Mayor who came to bring greetings, and was then joined with representatives of each of the churches in Cape Dorset to speak blessing, God's anointing and wisdom over him as he leads the community.

The AHP course concluded with the young people empowered by the Holy Spirit to start positively impacting their friends, family and community. Steven will remain in close contact with each of the youth involved, and will be returning to Cape Dorset in August to follow up the amazing work God is doing in the hearts of youth.

While all of this has been taking place, God has opened up miraculous doors in cities and towns from sea to sea, where I am calling believers to a renewed passion for Him, and vision for revival in Canada.



Children in Cape Dorset, NU

We will not bow to the pressures of unrighteousness in our society. I will not curse the darkness. I will light candles of truth and Christ's transforming love all over the nation. When people experience His miracle-working power in their own lives, when they truly encounter Him, they will not settle for anything less than His will.

I am trying to envision what the rest of this summer will look like, when I see what the Lord has already done. Even with the threat of a postal strike, I will keep my eyes on Him and I will expect miracles! Will you partner generously with us to see a bountiful



Worship leader, Braden Scharfenberg, praying with a young Inuit man during Arctic Hope Project

harvest of transformed lives brought in? In the event of a postal strike, you can give by visiting our website, bpea.com, or call our toll-free number 1-888-344-6333.

The Message version of Psalm 34:8 says, *“Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see how good God is. Blessed are you who run to him.”*

If you have not already declared your Summer of Miracles, do it now! Then get ready – open your mouth and taste. Open your eyes and see the good things God has prepared just for you! Run to Him with your needs, and prepare your heart for a miracle. He will ‘blow your mind’ with His goodness!

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Upcoming Events

ISRAEL
July 21 - Aug 3

OTTAWA, ON
Sept. 8-10
Eyes and Wings Conference
The Oasis
3794 Diamondview Rd. Kinburn, ON

OTTAWA, ON
August 11 @ 10am
Awake the Nation - Igniting Ottawa
Fire of God Church - 212 Murray St.

OTTAWA, ON
September 7 @ 7PM
Peace Tower Church - 343 Bronson Ave.

CENTRE OF HOPE DEDICATION - September 22-25 - NAUJAAT, NU