

Ministry Updates

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Tansi everyone,

Over the past few months ministry has returned to being steady and with hopeful possibilities. Boys and girls groups have returned to their usual consistency and the summer is filling up with dates for camps. Recently we had the opportunity to partner with Christian Veterinary Mission of Canada. For me it was a long week of answering emails for bookings leading up to the clinic. The two days of the clinic ended up being a great time to visit and get to know more members of the Maskwacis and to learn more dynamics of the community. I spent those two days visiting and helping at the panee, the local horse agriplex. It was a refreshing time for me to be able to relate with my own upbringing being raised with horses and living on the farm. One morning during the clinic, I was just witnessing the process by the veterinarians when two young kids who came in with their parents and family horses. We started up a friendly conversation about life on the farm, and boy after two hours of fun farm kid stories it was hard *not* to feel at home. After the two days of clinics I ended up meeting some amazing people and am able to say "the local churches on reserve are helping host these Christian vets, there are actually a bunch of vets at the church just on the edge of town right now working with small animals." Now I know that helping can really end up being a complicated endeavor, especially when you sit back and think is this really helping? But I believe it did help;



for the families, the animals, the relationship between the community and local Christians. Please pray the fruit of such events takes root. For me, I now have a few people of peace I am looking forward to reconnecting with and building hopeful and encouraging relations with.

Isaac



These last few months have been really encouraging, especially being able to meet more with youth and engage with them. I decided to host a baby shower for two youth, both of them being sisters. It was very special to coordinate and encourage them into their journey of motherhood together. We prayed for them, and we talked a lot about what some helpful experiences have been for moms that were in attendance. Since then, I've

been meeting with them, and building those relationships. Thursday evenings we have been doing girls group again, and one of the evenings I was asked to share my testimony, and how grief has been a part of that. Many of our youth have been touched by loss. Afterwards, I've had the opportunity to chat with them on deeper levels of how God helps us through those difficult valleys. We're now in the process of doing up ribbon skirts for girls group and it's been so exciting! I've never done them before, so it's been an absolutely exciting time. This summer, Isaac has been gearing up for summer camps. It'll be busy and adventurous for him. While I am happy for

him, I miss coming along on camps. But while he is doing the Lord's work away, I will be continuing to visit with some girls that have aged out of youth group. Isaac and I are discussing the possibility of doing a young adults group in the fall, since there are a number of youth aging out of the current girls and boys groups.

Dene



Prayer Requests:

- That our family and marriage would continue to be growing healthy, and strong while doing ministry
- My mom's cancer is spreading in her lungs and her liver and she's due for another type of chemo. Prayer over her health would be appreciated.
- My sister Maggie continues to need prayer in her journey of addiction. We hardly ever hear from her and it worries us. Please pray for deliverance, redemption, and protection.
- Pray for our ministry to go well in planning, health, protection, and spiritual growth over the summer in good ways.
- Pray for guidance in our conversations with youth. That we would be led by God's Spirit, and His wisdom would help us in all situations.
- Pray for discernment in how to set up young adults group in the fall, if this is what God asks of us within the community of Maskwacis.



Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Please reach out if you'd like to learn more about what we do, or to simply get to know us better. Peace be with you, and God's blessing.

The Eeles

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