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2003 NGM NATIVE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

Native Gospel Ministries of Canada, Inc. (NGM) hosted its eighth annual Native Christian Conference in Ottawa from May 16 - 18, 2003. The meetings were held at the Metropolitan Bible Church.

Our special speaker this past year was Craig Smith, a Chippewa from the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota. Craig serves as District Superintendent for the Native American District under the Christian & Missionary Alliance. He and his wife LaDonna make their home in Glendale, Arizona. The Smiths have a long career in Native ministry, serving as church planters, pastor, evangelist, and as gospel singers.



Craig and LaDonna Smith with their daughter Shandiin.

Craig is a frequent speaker at conferences, crusades, and revivals throughout the United States and Canada. It was a pleasure to have him as a speaker, and the people received a blessing through the messages he shared. Craig and his wife LaDonna and their daughter Shandiin did a great job in providing the special music at the Conference.

On Saturday night, the people in attendance fellowshiped together while enjoying the banquet meal at the Metropolitan Bible Church. After the meal, we had a short program that included individual testimonies and special music before Craig preached his message. Some of the people who came said afterwards that they really enjoyed the whole evening.

The next morning, Sunday, May 18th, Craig spoke at the Redeemer Alliance Church's general service. In the evening Craig preached at the Metropolitan Bible Church. That message has been condensed and appears in this newsletter.

The conference, as always, was free of charge. We rely upon goodwill offerings for the special guests' accommodations, meals, traveling expenses, honorariums and other related expenses.



Joe Jolly with the Smith family outside the Metropolitan Bible Church.



The people enjoying the banquet meal at the Met.



Michael Cheena from Toronto shared his testimony and a song after the meal.

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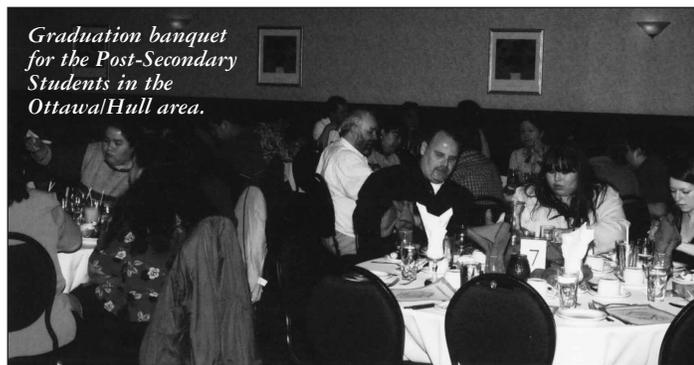
ON THE GO WITH DR. JOE

By van, by train, by boat, by plane, we covered many miles with the Lord in the past year to minister to and visit with our people. There were sermons and songs, weddings and funerals, joyous conversions and grief seminars, family reunions and even a little recreation.

Opportunities to serve community organizations brought blessings also. My counseling ministry continues to grow, bringing me into contact with many Native people. As a Christian counselor I combine theology with psychology, providing opportunity to share the Word of God with the people I counsel.

Read along for a rapid review of 2003-2004.

In April 2003, I was invited by the Cree School Board Post Secondary Office in Hull to speak at the graduation banquet for the Native students. This gave us a good opportunity to meet the Native students attending school in the Ottawa/Hull area.



Graduation banquet for the Post-Secondary Students in the Ottawa/Hull area.

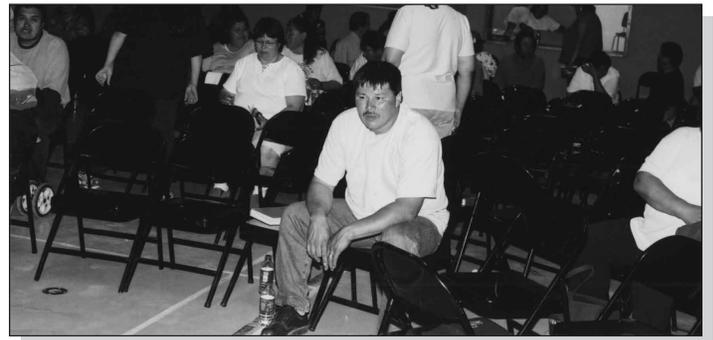
We spent April 18–26th in Moose Factory with the Cree Gospel Chapel, taking on pastoral responsibilities while the church leaders were at their goose camps. I had a chance to go goose hunting there also. It's always relaxing for me to be in the bush a few days.

Sheila and I were busy for most of May in the NGM office, planning and preparing for our 8th Annual NGM Conference on May 16–18th.

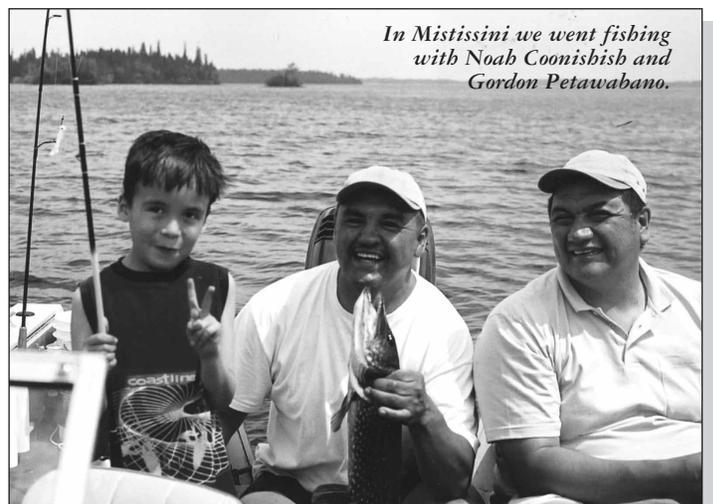
We traveled many miles with our van last summer. During the first week of June I went by myself to Moose Factory to do counseling services for the Mocrebec Health Program. After my trip, we went as a family to Mistissini, Quebec. I had a funeral there for my aunt Maggie's youngest son. Since Mark accepted the Lord as a young boy, I had freedom to share the gospel message at the funeral service. This was probably the largest funeral I ever did with about 1500 - 1900 people in attendance.

June 22–25th we were back in Mistissini again to speak at the Faith Bible Chapel annual camp meeting services. I preached four times in the evening, and each afternoon I shared a twenty minute gospel message on the radio. We gave out the NGM News Tracker and sold CDs and cassette tapes of my singing. We reached a lot of people with the good news of the gospel during our two visits there.

Next we drove on to Nemaska, Quebec, where I was privileged to perform the wedding for my brother Abraham's daughter, Angela. The wedding brought a great family reunion for my brothers and



Faith Bible Chapel's annual camp meeting services.



In Mistissini we went fishing with Noah Coonishish and Gordon Petawabano.

sisters. Out of 10 children only one of my brothers could not make it to the wedding. In Nemaska we sold more CDs and cassette tapes and handed out the NGM News Tracker.

During the third week of July we went to our home reserve of Waskaganish, Quebec, where we know lots of people. The Waskaganish Cree Pentecostal Church invited me as one of the speakers for their annual tent meeting services. While we there I performed a wedding inside the meeting tent, spoke on the radio, and sold CDs and tapes of my singing. We also gave out many copies of the NGM News Tracker because my sister Daisy's testimony is in that issue. One of the customs of the older Native women is to kiss little children who are related to them. Little Joe was kind of shy about a lot of kisses from many grannies.

Back to Mistissini for the third time, I did a 5-day grief seminar for the community's Annual Cultural Gathering towards the end of July. Individual counseling also kept me quite busy throughout the whole time we were there. There was a good response to the outdoor seminar and I talked with a number of people. In one of my counseling sessions I prayed with a couple to accept the Lord! I also sold 34 copies of my book.

During the second week of August, I travelled alone to Ouje Bougoumou, Quebec, where I provided some counseling services for the healing clinic. Most of the people I talked to were going through the grief process so I was able to help them in some way. The highlight for me in Ouje Bougoumou came on the last day there when I

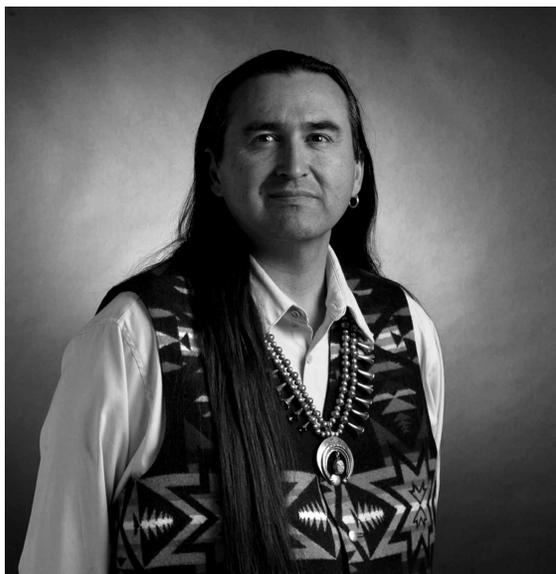
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Native Gospel Ministries
of Canada, Inc.

**Ninth Annual
General
Conference**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Richard Twiss
of Wiconi International



**Is Your Worldview Big Enough
to See What God is Doing?**

Richard Twiss is a member of the Rosebud Lakota/Sioux tribe. Cofounder and President of Wiconi International, Richard is also a member of the International Reconciliation Coalition. He has been a national conference speaker for Promise Keepers and has appeared as a guest on the Focus on the Family radio program. Richard, his wife Katherine, and their four sons live in Washington state.

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Metropolitan Bible Church
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Saturday June 5th 10AM and 7PM

Sunday June 6th 10:30AM and 6PM
at the Calvary Baptist Church

The Annual Conference is a wonderful time to be encouraged from the excellent preaching, testimonies and singing. Be sure to attend.

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UPDATE

ON THE GO WITH DR. JOE

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Family members who came to the wedding in Nemaska.



Wedding in Waskaganish, Quebec.

shared the gospel with a Native woman and she received Christ as her Savior. It was wonderful to see the transformation when she had prayed the sinner's prayer with me.

August 13–17th we spent on the Wikwemikong Reserve on Manitoulin Island. One of our NGM Board members pastoring a Native church there invited me to speak at their 7th annual tent meeting services. There was a good response for the evening meetings and altogether I preached 6 times. I also sang about 4 songs before each message. A few people accepted the Lord at the meetings!

The weather was warm the whole time we were there. We stayed close to a beautiful beach with clear water where Little Joe and I went swimming almost everyday. The highlight of the trip for Little Joe was a special gift—a little puppy from a Native woman who attended the meetings. He's wanted a



Outdoor grief support seminar in Mistissini, Quebec.



Tent meeting services in Wikwemikong Reserve.

puppy for a few years now and we kept putting it off for as long as we could. The puppy's name is Princess and we thank the Lord for it.

During the last week of August I went by myself to Waswanipi, Quebec, to be one of the keynote speakers for the 2003 Waswanipi Healing and Wellness Gathering, and to do a workshop on the grieving process. I had to hurry back to Ottawa because I was scheduled to speak on Sunday morning at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Kanata. A week before that I spoke at the Olivet Baptist Church in Westport, Ontario.

We stayed in Ottawa for most of September. On the 14th I spoke at the Calvary Baptist Church. Near the end of September I went to Ouje Bougoumou again, for a few days of counseling services.



2003 Waswanipi Healing and Wellness Gathering.



Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Matthew from Cbisasibi, Quebec

In October we went to Moose Factory for the Thanksgiving weekend. I was invited by the Cree Gospel Chapel to take on some pastoral responsibilities for a week. I enjoyed speaking three times at the Chapel and sharing once on the radio. Right after that I spent a few days in Waskaganish.

Little Joe celebrated his 8th birthday on October 26th. We prepared a feast for him and invited some of the Native people we know in the city. A few kids who came with their parents had fun playing together with him. It's a lot of work to plan his birthday party, but it's worth it all to see him happy.

During the first week of November I went by myself to Blind River, Ontario. NGM hosted its first Native Christian Fellowship retreat there and I was one of the speakers. We also had our NGM Board meeting there. The facilities at Camp Galilean are excellent and we plan to have another retreat next year. Blind River is an ideal location with a few Native reserves close by.

November included another visit to Ouje Bougoumou for counseling services. After that I went to Moose Factory. I was invited by the Moose Factory First Nations Health and Social Services for their National Addictions Awareness Week. They had me scheduled to speak in various classes in the elementary and high school on "Peer Pressure." I was also available to counsel people while I was there.

I went to Waskaganish during the first week of December, then returned to Ottawa to speak at Bridges, a street ministry with the Metropolitan Bible Church.



Birthday party for Little Joe.

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MESSAGE

Looking Outward

Craig Smith • May, 2004



Craig Smith

God is at work building his church among our native people, and we rejoice in that. We praise the Lord that the native church is beginning to grow and mature, and become not only on the receiving end of ministry, but on the going end as well. Native people are just as responsible for fulfilling the great commission as anyone else. We need to take that responsibility seriously, because there is still a great need.

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, we are looking at the familiar passage of Isaiah's vision of the Lord. Isaiah, the prophet, saw the Lord first, and that put everything into perspective. He saw the Lord in His awesomeness, in His holiness, in His magnificence. Then he saw himself.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-8)

When you look at the Lord, all things are put in perspective. That causes you to look inward, at yourself. There you see a holy God contrasted with the unholiness and lostness of man. Even back in the sixth chapter of Genesis we find God was grieved in his heart that he had made man, because of the wickedness. On our 24-hour television news channels, evil is constantly being reported. That has been the human story throughout history. But God gave an answer. Man's effort will never reach up to God. It is not man reaching up, but the remedy coming down from on high. The answer is salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Isaiah passage talks about a seraph coming down and symbolically, with the touch of hot coals on the tongue, cleansing the prophet. Once we are cleansed by the Lord, we have not only to look up and look inward, but then we need to look outward. This is an important aspect of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. We must be about the business of looking out.

When Isaiah saw his own unholiness in light of the holiness of God, the seraph came down. The church, its message, and its power have come down as a gift from heaven to the world, to be the mouthpiece and the voice of everlasting God. The church is not a human instrument; it is a divine thing. Throughout history God has raised up individuals to be a mouthpiece, a proclaimer of the divine truth that there is an answer to the problems of fallen man. The church of Jesus Christ has been given this responsibility. Jesus said as he ascended to the Father, "You will receive power."

One of the errors commonly made by those of us who are redeemed is to excuse ourselves from active involvement in evangelism and

missions because we do not see ourselves as called to be a missionary. We misunderstand what God has said to us, because we may not measure up to an Isaiah, a Jeremiah, a Paul or Barnabas or even a contemporary missionary on the front lines. Although there is a call of God on some, I believe that you do not need a call when you have a command.

We have been given a commission by Jesus Christ, the head of the church, to go into all the world, to preach the gospel to every creature. That is a command. The command is the call, for believers, for the church. Not everyone goes to the front lines, but none can go to the front lines without those who stand together in support behind the scenes, doing all the things that need to be done in order for some to be on the front lines. It is the body of Christ working together. The bottom line is this: we have all been called to be involved in some aspect of winning our neighbours, our friends, our folks at work, our friends at school, the downcast, the hurting, the hopeless, and the helpless. God has given us all a responsibility. Our Lord's last words all center around his call and his command.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:18-19)

"This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all nations." (Matthew 24:14)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea, and in Samaria, and to the outermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"How will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they bear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15)

This Romans passage brings out the practical side of looking outward. It brings the world's moral, spiritual and eternal ruin into the conscience of every man and woman who is not doing his or her part to reach the world with the gospel.

But before Paul ever gets to this passage, he says, "Brothers, it is my heart's desire." Looking out to see a lost world really begins in the heart. A heart filled with the longing and passion to see people won to Christ is the motivation to mission involvement.

The Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah, says, "Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people." (Jeremiah 9:1) I know what that is like when I think of my native people in the United States and here in Canada. So many who look at the gospel do not even want to give it the first chance, let alone a second chance. They are hurt and angry over what has happened historically. Because they cannot resolve those issues, they are closing the door to the gospel without even a crack open to hear. Jeremiah wept for his people.

God has to grip our hearts. Before there can ever be an understanding of what needs to be done and a will that is broken and yielded to the Lord, it starts with a heart that looks out and sees a lost world in great need right around us. How often in the business of our life are we

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TESTIMONY

Thankful to Jesus

A Testimony from Juliet Gagnon



Juliet came to Ottawa a few days after Little Joe was born.

My name is Juliet Gagnon. Originally from Waskaganish, Quebec, I moved to Moose Factory, Ontario, when I was 16 years old, over 40 years ago. I came here because my mother and stepfather moved here. My brothers were going to school at Horden Hall during the fall and winter months. Our parents were trapping and would come to Moose Factory for the summer.

My parents were Minnie and Mark Blueboy. My father died in 1948, when I was only two and half years old. After my father passed away Malcolm and Hannah Whiskeychan took me in to live with them until I moved here. I have two biological sisters and one brother. My mother remarried to George Jolly and they had six children, five boys and one girl. I now have six brothers and three sisters. Both my mother and stepfather have gone on to be with the Lord. They both knew the Lord as their Saviour. They loved and lived for Him. I thank God for giving them to me for parents and also for my brothers and sisters. I thank God for saving all of them and taking care of them each day. I praise and thank Him for helping them to live and work for Him.

I asked Jesus into my heart in January, 1974, thirty years ago, praying the sinner's prayer on the back of a tract. A few weeks later I went forward at an altar call at a service in someone's home. I remember calling on Jesus for help. From then on He has helped me through hard, sad, and happy times.

I married Charlie Gagnon, Jr. on December 10, 1965, 38 years ago. God has blessed us with four girls, three boys and twenty-one grandchildren. All our children are on their own. Our eldest son and all four daughters are married. The two younger boys are not married yet. All our children accepted the Lord when they were young. Today four are still walking with the Lord. Just recently one of the four had rededicated her life to the Lord. Praise the Lord! I pray every day for my children and for the three who have gone astray to come back to the Lord. My husband also had accepted the Lord as his Saviour.

I am glad I knew the Lord Jesus as my Saviour when my children were still young. I am thankful I had that opportunity to teach them the Lord's way. In the Bible, Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Jesus has helped me through my grieving when my Mom passed away in 1995, when my stepfather passed away in 1999, and through my illness when I was diagnosed with cancer in 2001. I was sad and scared at first when I was told I had cancer. Then I thought that no

matter what happens God will always be with me. I remembered His promise in Hebrews 13:5, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." I also had a lot of encouragement, prayers, love and support from family, friends, and the women's fellowship at the Cree Gospel Chapel. I thank God for all the people who prayed for me. I thank Him for His healing and all He's done for me.

I realized that I had taken things for granted. I read my Bible and prayed but not as much as I felt I should have. The last three years have been different. I have read the Bible and prayed more than before, and I am now closer to God. I have committed my whole life to Him. I love and trust Him. I thank Him for His love, goodness, strength and guidance. I thank the Father for sending His Son to earth to die on the cross for us, for our sins, so that we can have eternal life when we ask Jesus into our hearts.

Matthew 22:37-38 says, "Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*" And to show God I love Him I want to obey Him. In John 14:21 Jesus says, "He that bath my commandments and keepeth them, He it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him."

God has so many promises in His Word. He promises to guide those who obey and trust Him. Depend on God in every part of your life and He will guide, protect and comfort you. The Holy Spirit will give strength to overcome obstacles. Ask Him to guide you through.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." God is so good. He is faithful and just to forgive. I John 1: 9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



Family picture of Juliet and Charlie Gagnon Jr. Backrow left to right: Sheila, Jessie, Mark, Christopher, Rick, Elaine and Judy-Ann.

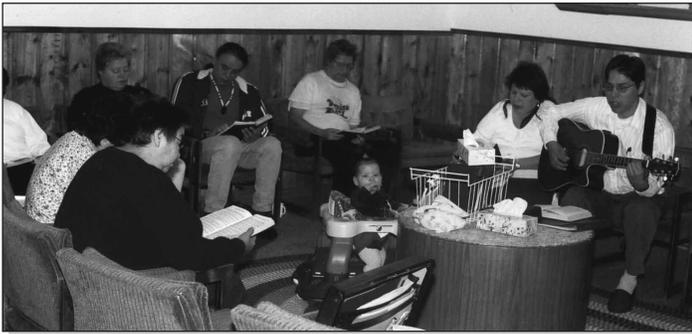
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Some of the people who came to the feast at Little Joe's birthday party.



Native Christian Fellowship retreat in Blind River, Ontario.

Sheila's dad passed away on December 19th and we went down to Moose Factory for the funeral. I knew my father-in-law for about 35 years and it was a special privilege for me to speak at his funeral. In 2003, Sheila lost her younger sister, Daisy, her mother, Alice, and then her dad, Samuel. We thank the Lord for giving her the strength to do her grief work for her loved ones. We stayed in Moose Factory for Christmas, and I spoke at the Cree Gospel Chapel's Christmas Eve Service.

January 2004 took me again to Ouje Bougoumou for a few days' counseling services. There are quite a number of Christians in Ouje Bougoumou. Most of the people I counseled had made a profession in Christ at some time in their life. I deal with their problems but I also encourage them to make a full commitment to Christ. I stayed in Ottawa for the rest of January to spend time with my family and catch up on our office work. There's always something to do in the office.

The first week of February I went to Waskaganish and spoke twice at the Waskaganish Cree Gospel Fellowship.

March was one of the busiest months for me. I was in Waskaganish, March 2-4 to do a Leadership and Management Seminar for the Elders Council of The Crees of the Waskaganish First Nation. I really enjoyed doing this seminar because I am very comfortable with this topic. A couple of years ago I prepared a handbook on leadership

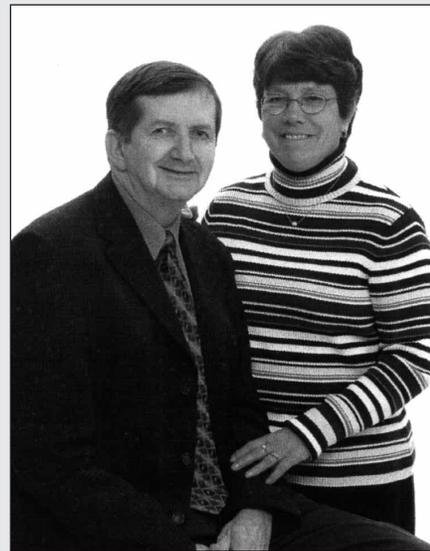


We had our annual Christmas banquet in Ottawa. Samuel Mianscum provided special music after the meal.

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and management and this was the first time I used the material. There was freedom to talk about spiritual things because the 13 participants all knew the Lord, and I knew everyone.

I also went to Ouje Bougoumou for a few days, and after that to Chisasibi, Quebec, where I was invited to be one of the facilitators for their Addiction Awareness Week. I was scheduled for 3 evening sessions from 7:00-10:00 p.m. They asked me to speak on the topics of marriage, separation, divorce, depression, anxiety attacks and the grieving process. There was a good attendance for all the sessions and I was encouraged by the good response. I sold over 50 copies of

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MOTIVATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

PART THREE

WHY SOME LEADERS EXCEL

A good leader will take his job seriously if he wants to excel. He will try to know everything he can about his job and how he can be more effective. Leroy Eims in his book, *Be The Leader You Were Meant To Be*, lists three reasons why some leaders excel.

1. Excellence . . . Strive for excellence and quality. (Phil. 4: 8)
2. Initiative. . . Don't wait for things to happen, make things happen.
3. Creativity. . . Do not be afraid to try new and different things.¹⁶

The best way to make an impact is:

1. Whole-heartedness. . . God is looking for people who make wholehearted commitments to Him and to His service.
2. Single-mindedness. . . Get right to the main job and stick with it.
3. A Fighting Spirit. . . The mark of a good soldier is that he worries the enemy. The enemies of the cross of Christ became nervous when the apostle Paul was around.¹⁷

Some areas that I have sought to apply in my leadership role are:

1. Plan a good beginning. . . Don't change things right away. This will come gradually if one is considerate in making a proper entry.
2. Do your homework. . . Spend sufficient time in preparation for your speaking engagements. This will also help you to be knowledgeable about your job which can be an asset in answering the peoples' questions.
3. Plan the work. . . Set clear goals and objectives towards reaching your goal. Inform your workers about the overall ministry and the strategy that you are going to follow as a team.
4. Do the work right now. . . Procrastination hinders work.

BE A GOAL-ORIENTED LEADER

People need goals to provide direction for their lives and jobs. Goals are important to measure our rate of progress. Probably the most important reason for setting goals is that they help us to get the job done.

The leader should set priorities towards reaching his primary goal. This would involve being selective in choosing workers for certain jobs. A wise leader will invest time in training others to do the job. Also the leader should plan ahead toward short and long range goals.

Russ Johnston in his book, *Turn Your Dreams Into Reality*, lists some points towards reaching your goal:

1. Have a clear target
2. Clear direction
3. Clear objectives
4. Clarify what you want to see happen
5. Stick to specifics
6. Anticipate your goal
7. Commit it to the Lord
8. Evaluate¹⁸

In regards to money Johnston points out:

1. God owns everything.
2. God disapproves of timidity and honours risk-taking (within reason). (Consider your strategy and stick to your principles.).
3. The way to get more is to invest what you now have. It costs money to advertise but in the long run it pays off. You have to sell your product.
4. It's the person who's willing to risk what God has entrusted to him who prospers.¹⁹

One of the greatest struggles that a leader will have to experience is decision making. Decisions are naturally tough to make. Some suggestions to help you make good decisions are:

1. Recognize bad decisions.
2. Define the problem.
3. Listen before answering.
4. Offer suggestions to brainstorm.
5. Narrow the field.
6. Wait on God (Proverbs 16: 3)
7. Make the decision.
8. Follow through²⁰

COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR LEADERSHIP

A. Understanding Levels of Communication

"Groups do not make good leaders, individuals do. If you want someone to lead, then let him lead. . . It is also wise if the leader is chosen by the group or organization. The leader will then sense overall responsibility and accountability to that group or organization. The chief role of the group is to employ the services of the leader and to support him in the decisions, goals, objectives that are being carried out. . . There is frustration of being a leader when you don't have the authority to act."²¹

B. How Can a Leader Best Communicate To a Group?

1. Establish the importance of each member of the group in relationship to what your desire to communicate.
2. Do not reflect attitudes of superiority over the group (in the way you talk, or where you sit, or how you dress, or how you greet them). Identify with the group.
3. Maintain eye contact with each member of the group if possible. If you don't, they will wonder why.
4. Learn to use plural nouns "we" and "our" instead of singular ones, "I" and "mine".
5. Ask questions of members in the group that indicate you need their help and support.
6. Allow members of the group freedom to express differences and opinions.

7. Learn to admit your mistakes in the presence of the group and to apologize sincerely when things go wrong or do not turn out the way you expected.
8. Never blame the group for the failure of the organization - accept the blame yourself. As the leader it is ultimately your fault.
9. In small groups, call people by their first names, unless they are very much older than you are or of higher position.
10. Begin and end with prayer.
11. Be careful about manifesting a critical spirit of an individual's ideas, decisions or opinions without first hearing his side. A critical spirit can cut off communication.
12. One of the greatest ways to communicate with everyone is to say "thank you."²²

C. Why people Are Not Listening

1. You talk too much. . . . Learn to be brief, concise and to the point. Skip the necessary details.
2. You don't say enough. . . . Not enough facts and instruction.
3. You use language that's too eloquent. . . . Leads to pride.
4. You make derogatory remarks.
5. You exaggerate. . . . We make small accidents seem big. Some like to call this "making a mountain or of a molehill". . . . We over-generalize. . . . We make cause and effects statements. . . . We think only in terms of either/or. . . . We misuse statistics.²³

D. Why People Listen

1. You must be honest and be able to tell the truth at all times.
2. We must respect other people's confidence. Things that are shared in confidence must be kept that way. Don't gossip. Proverbs 11: 13, Proverbs 17: 9
3. We must be open. . . . When a leader never uses any ideas or suggestions someone else makes or if he criticizes another person, people will visualize that leader as being closed and over-confident and worst of all, self-centered.
4. You must accept other people.
5. You must show love. . . . Leadership is not so much the ability you have as an individual to do great things by yourself, but rather your ability to get others to help you accomplish things.²⁴

¹⁶ Leroy Eims, *Be the Leader You Were Meant to Be*, eighth printing (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1977), 47-59.

¹⁷ Ibid., 60-71.

¹⁸ Johnston, *Turn Your Dreams Into Reality*, 36-41.

¹⁹ Ibid., 55-58.

²⁰ Eims, *Be A Motivational Leader*, 93-99.

²¹ Hocking, *Be A Leader People Follow*, 37.

²² Ibid., 38-42.

²³ Ibid., 44-49.

²⁴ Ibid., 51-54.

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Remembering Samuel Chilton

Samuel Chilton was born March 3, 1925, in Waskaganish, Quebec, to Emma (nee Kitchen) and Thomas Chilton. He had one older brother, Willie. During his younger years Sam lived in the bush on the trap line with his parents and was very familiar with the traditional way of life. At 13 years, he was sent to Moose Factory to attend the Bishop Horden Residential School.

His experiences in school gave him stories of going into the bush to cut wood and haul it to the school. The boys did a lot of chores, especially taking care of the animals, getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning to round up cows for milking, then cleaning out the barn and feeding the cows, chickens and horses every day. They were taught how to farm, how to plant, care for, and harvest crops of various vegetables and potatoes – not to mention the large strawberries which he helped to pick and, of course, eat while picking. Late in the fall, grass was cut and stored in the barn to feed the animals during the cold winter months.

After high school, Sam found odd jobs here and there, especially around the pulp and paper mills in northern Ontario. His wood cutting experience paid off, as rumour had it that Sam could cut and pile 5 to 6 cords of wood by axe and bucksaw in one day. Later on, he worked in a leather factory in Hamilton, then on the railroad as far as south as Huntsville and as far north as Moose River Crossing.

Sam moved back to Moose Factory in the early '50's. There he worked on the Hudson Bay Company boats that sailed up and down the James and Hudson Bays. He learned how to read the compass and chart the maps, and would often take over the helm while the skipper slept. When the Hudson Bay Company finally got rid of their ships, Sam worked on the tug boats, pulling 1000-ton barges to the many communities where he made new friends and rekindled old relationships. He was well known by young and old. Sam could speak both east coast and west coast Cree dialects fluently, and apparently he could hold his own speaking Inuit.

Well, Sam's travelling days ended when he married a pretty woman named Alice MacDonald. Sam and Alice had 3 daughters, Sheila Jolly, Daisy Turcotte (deceased), and Dianne. Sam also had 6 step children from Alice's previous marriage: Andrew, George, Gordon, Joey, Gloria and Thomas. Sam and Alice also took in Alice's young nephew, Darren, at the age of 1 year and raised him as their own son.

Sam then worked on the Island at the Power Plant, and later transferred to the Maintenance Department where he worked for 20 years. Sam was very involved in the community, serving as director, then president of the Metis and Non-Status Association. The assemblies he visited loved to watch him step dance. He even won a trophy at a contest.

Sam loved to have children come to visit. He would have them comb his hair when he was lying down and pay them a dollar. He had them draw tattoos on his arms. Of course, they all looked forward to the dollar for their pay. Sam thought the world of his children and grandchildren. He loved to plan vacations with Alice, Dianne and Darren every summer to visit his older daughters, Sheila and Daisy Mae after they moved away. When Sheila gave birth to a son, Joseph Seth, Sam was very happy that his wish had been granted. He never fussed or wished he had better things in life.

Sam and Alice attended church services regularly, until Alice's illness became worse and he wanted to stay at her side. He had a lot of respect for



*Samuel Chilton
(1925-2003)*

all denominations and attended many of the churches on the Island during his later years. When he could not attend, he would listen to a service on TV. He loved listening to Billy Graham and many others. He loved hymns and gospel music, even more so if they were sung in Cree. In July of 2002, Sam committed his heart to the Lord.

Sam retired at the age of 65. In the fall of 2000, with his nephew and his son, he chartered a helicopter and flew to Half Way Point to hunt waxies. It was a place Sam always wanted to see because Willie talked about it. He stood outside on the highest point of the shoal for a long time. Then he reported, "Now I see why Willie liked it so much here. You can see for miles and you can see the geese coming from far away." Sam loved hunting the spring geese. When he received his status card, he said, "Now I can hunt all I want without having to hide from the game warden."

Sam thought very highly of his late brother, Willie, and of his nephews and nieces and was very proud of them all. He appreciated their gifts of geese, fish or moose meat as an expression their love for him which he deeply cherished. They all knew he loved the taste of wild food. He kept in close touch with family and friends, always enjoying a phone call to talk for great lengths, exchanging stories and bursts of laughter. A happy person, he had a good sense of humour.

Sam was a proud man and very independent, always wanting to do things for himself, right up to the last year or two, whether it was shovelling the driveway or banking the house. After his heart attack, he was told he would do no more lifting or heavy work, and this he found very difficult because he had always done things for himself. On the other hand he was grateful for those who offered to help him.

One thing that even his illness could not stop him from doing was playing Bingo. Sam loved Bingo whether it was TV or radio or Bingo down at the hall, and he would win quite often. When he did not win, he would laugh and say, "By golly, I'll win the next time."

Today, we are paying our last respects to Samuel Chilton. We will no longer see him in this life. In our hearts he will always remain with us, in his love for each one of his children and grandchildren and more so his love and faith in God Almighty. It will be difficult to let go in the days, weeks, months and even years ahead, but over time we will learn to accept that Sam's purpose in life had to come to an end. He has gone to a better life, where there is no more pain. We should all be thankful to have known Samuel for as long as we have. We thank God for that. If Sam had a wish to make before departing this life, it would be for his family to go on living a meaningful life, sharing the love that Sam gave so freely. Sam, this is not good-bye, but until we meet again.



*Samuel enjoyed hunting geese both
in the Fall and Spring.*

UPDATE

ON THE GO WITH DR. JOE

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my book on grief, and a few tapes and CDs. They also included me in their talent and variety show to sing a couple of songs.

After Chisasibi I went on to Mississauga, where I was invited to do a grief workshop and individual counseling during their Wellness Awareness Week. I had the joy of leading a young man to the Lord. I was also encouraged when a Native woman shared with me that the grief seminar I did last summer really helped her to go through her grief when she lost her mom.

During the last week of March I went to the General Hospital in Ottawa to visit a Native man who was sick with cancer. He must have known his life would soon end because he did not hesitate to pray and accept the Lord. A couple of days later he passed away.



Addiction Awareness Week in Chisasibi.



There was a good response for the grief workshops in Chisasibi, Quebec.

On April 2nd Sheila and I had the joy of praying with a Native woman to accept the Lord in our home. She came to church with us this past Sunday.

It has been busy for both of us the past year, but we enjoy the work especially when people are hearing the gospel and getting saved. Easter weekend starts a new year of travels and ministry, from Waskaganish now to Edmonton, Alberta, next summer, and much more. The prayers of God's people are a vital part of our work. We go forward, depending on both you and the Lord.

MESSAGE

Looking Outward

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moved to tears over the condition of lost mankind? How can we not be moved when every fifteen minutes, 2000 people perish without Christ? God sees from his perspective a never-ending procession of people passing, one by one, to an eternity separated from him. How many do you suppose have passed into eternity without God in the sixty-three generations of the Christian era? A conservative guess could be forty billion people.

But weeping alone is not going to solve the condition of man. It needs the divine remedy. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. It is not just an intellectual change of mind; it is a spiritual transformation. The power of the gospel sets people free!

My grandfather was an alcoholic; he was an angry man. He came out of a government boarding school where the culture and identity of our people were literally beaten out of them, leaving a broken, angry people. My grandfather was so filled with anger and rage over what had happened, he turned to alcohol and it consumed him, almost destroyed him. But then missionaries came to our reservation, and my grandmother came to Christ. She was transformed by the preaching of the gospel. And when my grandfather got saved, it was the very last day he ever touched alcohol because he was set free.

The power of the gospel revolutionizes a life with a whole new source of power to live. As one person begins to walk in obedience before the Lord, things begin to change in the family. Lives and relationships are put back in proper perspective and obedience to God's word. My dad had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. He went on to Bible school, where he met my mother, and they raised five boys in a home with Jesus Christ at the center. I came to Christ at a young age, and began to walk with God. Later He blessed me with a wonderful wife and family of my own. All three of my children love Jesus. Had it not been for the gospel penetrating my family two generations ago, I would probably be in my grave right now, like most of my school buddies.

There is a lot of garbage in our past, and many issues that we need to deal with. But when Christ comes, the potential is that every subsequent generation exposed to the power of the gospel is further removed from

the garbage and pain of the past. That is the powerful side of missions. We have the potential to reach out into the future and change the future. My life verse is Psalm 102:18: "Let this be written for a future generation that a people not yet created may praise the Lord." If we are faithful in our generation, generations to come will rise up and give praise to God in their time because we were faithful in Christ. That is changing the future.

The commission has not yet been fulfilled. Matthew 24 says the end will come when this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. The gospel has not yet gone to all the nations. God is still sending, and we must continue to go.

The very first thing that we should do is present ourselves before the Lord and say, "God, could you use me?" Not as the after thought, not as, "If this doesn't work out, maybe I'll give missions a thought, or serving God in some way." No, what he has done for us should put serving Him right at the front because we have a command. Then we begin to say, "God, how can you use me?" For some he may say, "I have a call for you here." For others he may say, "I am going to equip you to equip others. And what I give you as a job to do, may be in a secular field, but the whole divine purpose is for my glory."

The command is there for all of us. How do we respond? "Oh Lord," Isaiah said, "Here am I." I am available. May God help us all to be available to him.

Lord, we live in a challenging world, a lost world. And as we go out of our doors, we are standing on foreign mission soil. This is not the home turf; this is the outermost part of the earth. Help us to see that when we share Christ with a neighbor down the street, or with a colleague at work, we are doing so, not in Jerusalem, not in Judea, not in Samaria, but way over here in the outermost parts of the earth, in Canada. Yet you do call us to cross over into other countries and to other places, and the church is continuing to respond to that commission. Oh God, would you move upon the hearts of your people in a fresh new way, continuing to challenge us with the ongoing responsibility of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Give us the strength and wisdom and knowledge to know our unique place in that call, that command you have given to us, in Jesus name. Amen.

