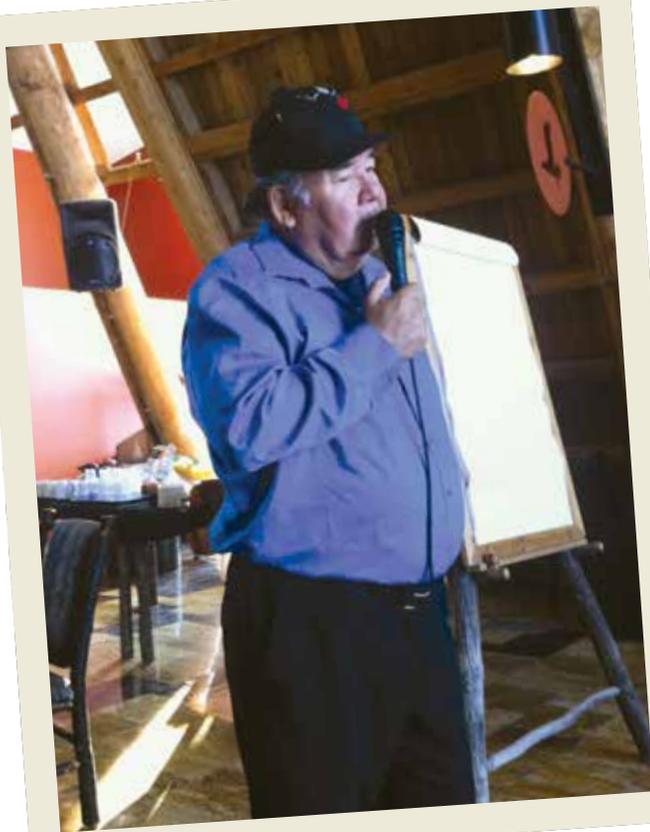


## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15

I went to Moose Factory, Ontario, on November 17–21, 2014, to a grief workshop for the MoCreebec Health Program. There was a good turnout for the workshop sessions, and some of the people who shared said that the different topics helped them to understand the grief process better. While I was in Moose Factory, I spoke at the Cree Gospel Chapel. As soon as I got back from Moose Factory, I went to Mistissini for counseling services on November 24–28. I always accept every invitation I get because it may be months before I get another call.



George Small, Director of MoCreebec Health Program welcomes the participants for the grief workshop.



Above: Joseph and his band Chief 'n Tribe at the Board of Compensation banquet in Gatineau.

Right: Ouje Bougoumou Pentecostal Church where I did the counseling sessions.



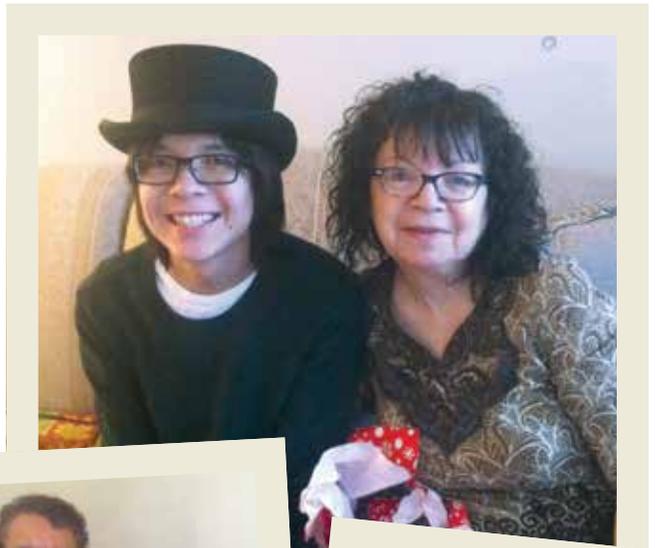
I went to Ouje Bougoumou on December 8–12 for counseling services. I was thankful for this opportunity because we needed some extra funds before Christmas. On December 18, Joseph Seth and his band performed at the Board of Compensation's Christmas banquet at the Hilton Lac-Leamy Hotel in Gatineau, Quebec. His desire is still to become a full-time musician. He is an exceptional guitarist and has a good voice; in addition, he is able to write songs. He has the ability to reach his goal with the right coaching and direction. For now, he occasionally plays on worship teams, which is encouraging to see.

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## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15 *continued*

We stayed home in Ottawa for the Christmas holidays. I was very busy from September to October, so I enjoyed catching up on my rest and relaxing at home with Sheila and Little Joe. One of my traditions on Christmas morning is to eat bacon and eggs. So the first thing I did on Christmas morning was to cook myself a good breakfast. I gave Sheila a chance to take a rest and just enjoy Christmas Day, so I also cooked the turkey with all the trimmings. Little Joe enjoys spending Christmas at home with us, and he was very happy to get everything on his wish list. He said it was the best Christmas ever, so what more can you want as a parent? Sheila and I enjoy watching Christmas movies during the holidays.

I was home for most of January, so I was able to get caught up with my NGM office work. This time at home also gave me the opportunity to work on my book. On January 19–23, 2015, I went to Mistissini to do workshops on the topics of depression and grief. While I was there, I also did individual counseling. On January 27, we had our



**Christmas Day 2014, clockwise from top: Joseph and his mom; Joseph opening his presents; bacon and eggs for breakfast.**



**I conducted workshops on grief and depression in Mistissini.**

fellowship meal in Ottawa, which was held in the party room where we live. My sister, Daisy, was in the city, and we invited her and her coworkers with Cree Justice to have a meal with us. We also invited some Native people we know in Ottawa to come for the fellowship meal. Sheila cooked her famous moose meat recipe, and I fried three lake trout that were given to me in Mistissini; our guests really enjoyed the wild meat. After dessert, we had some individuals sing songs. It gets harder to cook a fellowship meal, but it is worth it when people have a good time. Eating a meal together is one of the best ways for people to have fellowship with one another.

On February 10–12, I went to Chisasibi, Quebec. Cree Justice and Correctional Services wanted me

to counsel one of their clients. I had a good visit with the young man, and it helped that I knew his parents who are from Ouje Bougoumou. His father is deceased, but his mother still lives in Ouje Bougoumou. This man was brought up in a Christian home, so he knew some of the biblical truths we talked about. He appreciated my visit with him.

On February 16–21, I went to Mistissini for counseling services. Then on February 23–27, I went to Amos to visit the Cree inmates at the Correctional Institution. Whenever I counsel someone for an hour, I always try to make a point of sharing some biblical truths with that individual. Because of my theological training, I consider myself a biblical counselor. I have prayed with a number of people to accept Christ during my counseling sessions. Over the years, I have talked to literally hundreds of people during counseling sessions, and most of the time I have witnessed about the good news. February was a very busy month for me, and I had many opportunities to share the gospel.

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Christian Conference

**W**e had our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Native Christian Conference in Ottawa on July 3–5, 2015. All the sessions were in the theatre at the Metropolitan Bible Church. We have been using the theatre with its soft and comfortable cushioned seats because our services tend to go on for about three and half hours. No one seems to mind though

because the people really enjoy listening to the various testimonies, special music and the preaching of the Word.

The attendance this year was slightly higher than our last Conference. We had our regulars but every year there are always some new people who come. If we include everybody at the Conference we had Native people from British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Oklahoma and Los Angeles. As always it was a blessing for me to see my brother Harry at the Conference



**Left: Keynote speaker  
Dr. Emerson Falls**

**Right: NGM Board Member  
Richard Williams**

**Below: NGM Board member  
Richard Peltier (centre)**





Above: Pastor George Budd from Curve Lake, Ontario  
Right: Alfred and Hattie Coonishish from Mistissini, Quebec  
Left: Harry Jolly  
Below: *Living Stone* – Randy Jackson (left), Stanley Jackson (centre) and Randy's wife Evangeline Jackson (right)

again. The people always appreciate his presence at the Conference because he makes everybody laugh with his unique sense of humour. He has attended every Conference so far except for one. Harry is one of the most faithful financial supporters for the Conference.

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## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15 *continued*

I went to Amos again on March 9–12 to visit the Cree inmates at the Correctional Institution. I visit the Cree inmates from the Cree communities of Chisasibi, Mistissini, Nemaska, Ouje Bougoumou, Waskaganish, Waswanipi, Wemindji and Whapmagoostui. I knew most of them, but there were some I had not met before. Sometimes when I go to the Cree communities, I will see some of the men I have counseled in Amos. After serving their sentences, it is blessing to see them working and making an income for their families. While in jail, most of them claim to read the Bible and pray. We talk casually about what they were charged for, and most of it is alcohol related. Sometimes I talk to inmates who have serious emotional issues, which require therapy. To encourage them, I usually share something from the Bible. I have had several opportunities to share my testimony of



**Clockwise from top: Fellowship meal in Ottawa; Daisy Moar and Sidney Georgekish Watt, who is originally from Waskaganish; Lake trout for the fellowship meal.**



Elders residence in Mistissini.

how God changed my life and delivered me from all my sinful habits. I notice that they think a lot about spiritual matters while they are serving their time. A number of them have read the book that Sheila and I wrote on the grief process. The Cree Justice has purchased copies of our books, which they make available to the inmates. Most of them have Christian parents, so they have been exposed to the gospel. Pray for these men to find direction in their lives.

On March 18–22, the Buffalo Lake Evangelical Church invited me to their annual special gospel meetings. I took a direct flight from Ottawa to Edmonton, which was very relaxing; upon my arrival, Allan Howse was there to meet me. We went in his truck to the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement. It had been more than 20 years since the last time I spoke in their church, so I was really looking forward to going there and seeing the people. I stayed with Allan and June Howse while I was there, and it was good to fellowship with them. It was also a great blessing to see Pastor Joe Kuriatis and his wife and some of the

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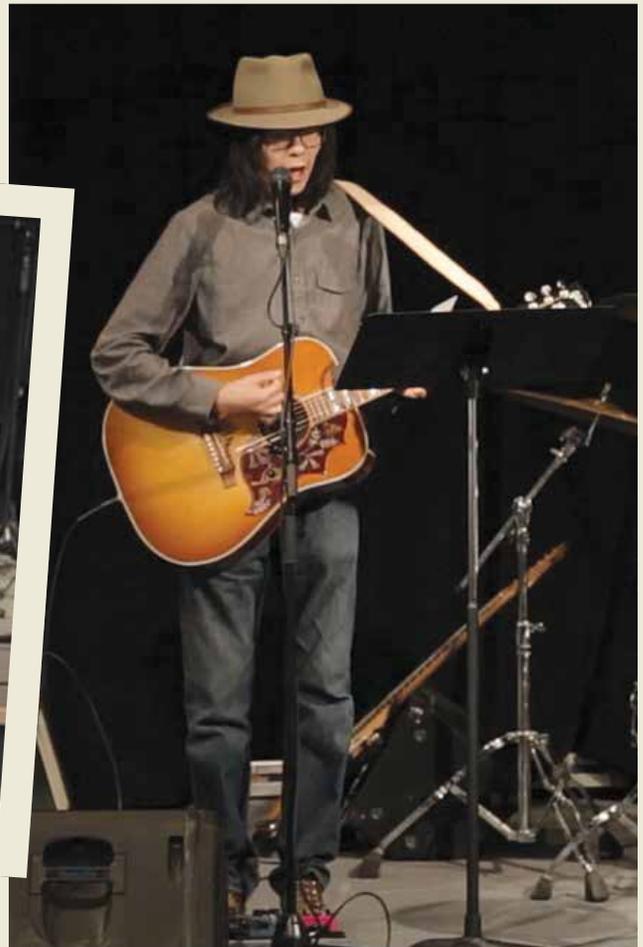
## 20th Annual Native Christian Conference *continued*

Our keynote speaker this year was Dr. Emerson Falls from Oklahoma City, OK. He was our speaker last year and we invited him back because quite a number of people commented of how much they appreciated his preaching. Dr. Falls is a second generation Christian and is of Sac,

Fox and Choctaw Native heritage. This is actually the third time we have invited Dr. Falls to be a special speaker at our Native Christian Conference in Ottawa. He always does a great job in preaching the Word of God and we were glad that his wife Shirley was able to accompany him again. Shirley has a beautiful singing voice and we invited her as a guest for special music. I always encourage all our speakers to bring their wives and we make sure all their expenses are covered. I always enjoyed having my wife with me whenever I go speak somewhere.

Dr. Falls preached four times at the Conference. On Sunday morning he preached twice at the worship service for the Metropolitan Bible Church. In the evening he preached in the theatre at the Metropolitan Bible Church for our closing service. It was encouraging to see quite a number of people from the Met at the evening service.

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Top: Dr. Joseph Jolly  
Above: Sheila Jolly  
Right: Joseph Seth Jolly  
Left: Shirley Falls

## 20th Annual Native Christian Conference *continued*

I should mention that Pastor George Budd from Curve Lake, Ontario was the speaker on Saturday morning and he gave a wonderful expository message on Psalm 33. We taped the Conference sessions again so you can hear Pastor Budd's whole message on DVD. You can also hear Dr. Falls' Sunday message on the internet. To begin your search first type *Metropolitan Bible Church* and then click *sermons - Metropolitan Bible Church*. On the sermon search type Dr. Emerson Falls. The message is powerful and is about 28 minutes long. Check it out.

For the special music we invited *Living Stone*, which is a Christian pop/rock band characterized by smooth, soulful female vocals, innovative guitar work, insightful song writing and solid tasteful percussion. Randy Jackson is the lead guitarist and his wife, Evangeline, sings and plays the bass guitar. They write songs that reflect their belief in the power and relevance of their faith and that cover a wide range of themes related to the spiritual journey. *Living Stone* did a great job for us last year at the Conference and we invited them back again.

My son Joseph Seth sang a couple of times at the Conference. I am sure he will want to share some songs again next year. On Sunday evening it was kind of nice to have Dr. Falls speak and all the musicians present that we invited for the Conference. The people from the Met who came to the evening service were blessed to hear the message and the special music.

We had our fellowship meal on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. It was an excellent meal and it was nice to see so many people volunteer willingly to help in the kitchen. NGM Board member Richard Williams and his wife Miriam helped out a lot again. It is a lot of work to have the banquet but it has become a fixture at our annual Conference. One time we had a banquet meal prepared for all our Conference quests at the Sheraton Hotel. This was back in 1997 and Dr. Emerson Falls was our Conference speaker that year. It would be nice to do that again.

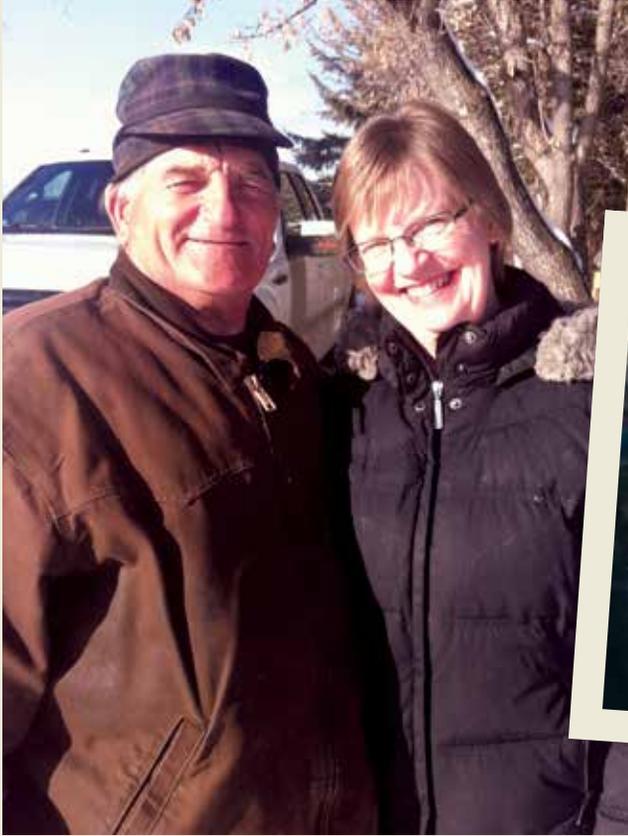
The Conference, as always, was free of charge. We rely upon the goodwill offerings and donations to cover the cost of the Conference. This year the total expenses for the Conference came to about 15,000. We praise God that we were able to cover all the expenses for the Conference through the freewill offerings and donations that came in through our office. It is always a miracle to see how God provides for each Conference and we want to thank you for your part.



Above: Cheryl Peltier from Wikwemikong, Ontario, with Dr. Emerson Falls and his wife Shirley

Left: Walter McIntyre, Initiatives Associate with the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec

## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15 *continued*



**Left: Pastor Joe Kuriatis and his wife Linda.**

**Right: Allan and June Howse from Buffalo Lake, Alberta.**

**Below: Potluck dinner at the Buffalo Lake Evangelical Church.**



**Below: Community feast in Mistissini.**



Native people we have gotten to know over the years. The Lord willing, when I go back there again, I would like to take Sheila and Little Joe with me as they met the Howses a few years ago when they ministered in music at our NGM Conference.

On April 12–17, I only went to Mistissini to do individual counseling for the Social Development Program. As you may have heard in the news, on April 2, 2015, five Cree men died in a cabin fire while out hunting in the remote Cree community of Mistissini. While I was there, I had an opportunity to talk to the bereaved family members of those who had died. While in Mistissini, I shared a brief message at the community service. In July, Alfred and Hattie Coonishish came to our NGM Conference and told their tragic story about the death of their son and grandson in the cabin fire. We will be giving them a copy of their account as we recorded their testimony on camera.

In May, I didn't go anywhere up north because all the offices and schools are closed during the spring goose hunt. I used to look forward to the spring hunt, but I haven't been able to go for the last three years. The weather has been so unpredictable because of global

warming; also, the geese are not as abundant as they once were. Most of the Cree hunters now come south to places like Cornwall, Alfred, and Ottawa to hunt geese.

May 7 was a sad day for our family when Joseph Seth's dog, Patch, died. We all felt the loss, and I had to be there to support my son during this difficult time for him. Later on May 20, I went to Montreal to help Mushkeg Media edit our 2015 NGM Conference. My being there saves them time, and it is quicker to edit the footage when

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## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15 *continued*

I am in the studio with them. On May 26, I did a live show from my home via telephone with the local radio station in Mississauga. There was a panel gathered at the radio station, and panel members asked me questions on the grief process. This is the first time I did something like this, and I was glad it went well.

On June 3, during the *Truth and Reconciliation Conference* in Ottawa, I was invited by John Counsell to

be a guest on his radio talk show. John is a truly unique voice on Talk Radio. In fact, there are no full-time pastors anywhere in North America doing talk radio in a non-religious venue other than John. He hosts a two-hour show on 580 CFRA News Talk Radio. During his interview, he asked me to explain what the *Truth and Reconciliation Conference* is all

about and to share something about the residential school system. I was very glad that I could freely share my testimony and my family's conversion to Christ on live radio. I was on his show for a full hour during which I shared both personal information and factual details with the listeners. Some people we know heard me on the radio, and they said they were encouraged by what I shared. Joseph Seth and his group *Chief 'n Tribe* played at the talent show, and Sheila read an excerpt from her book.

On June 4, Sheila and I celebrated our 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have been Christians for 40 years and have served the Lord in full-time ministry since 1980.

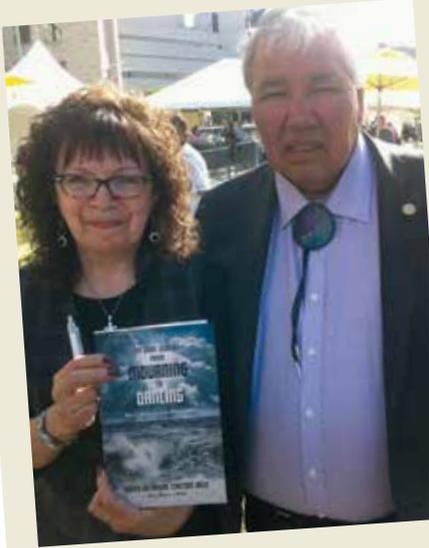


Above: Patch was a happy and playful dog.  
Left: Don MacLeod setting up his blind in Mississauga.

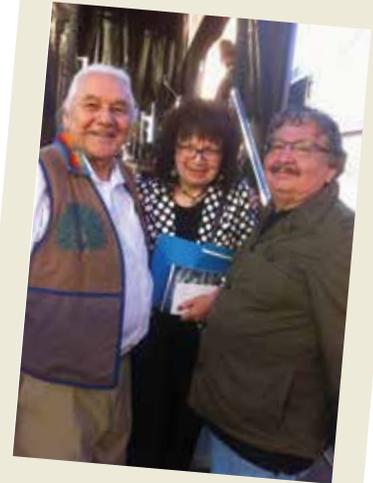
Below left: Editing the NGM Conference at the Mushkeg Media studio in Montreal.

Below: Joseph and Sheila on their wedding day when they were married on June 4, 1971.





Left: The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair received a copy of Sheila's book.  
 Below centre: Sheila with the AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde.



Above: Sheila with Winston Wuttunee and Moccasin Joe. Sheila loved their good sense of humour.  
 Below: Joseph performing at a talent show during the Pow Wow in Ottawa.



Left: Sheila with former AFN National Chief Ovide Mercredi.

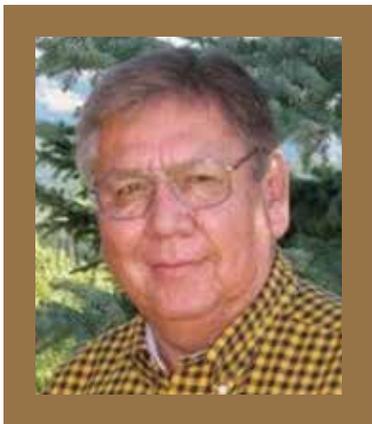


This past year, I started writing short stories about incredible answers to prayer in our ministry; I plan to assemble these into a book someday. I will put them in chronological order because my plan is to write an autobiographical book of our ministry. This will be an easier book to write than the other two I have written.

On June 8–12, I went to Waskaganish to meet with the Elders Council for the book project. As you know, I have been writing a book part-time on *The History of Waskaganish* for the past five years now, and it is almost at the stage of completion. (To write a book part-time and carry on my ministry at the same requires great discipline, and that's one of the things I learned when I was in residential school. Discipline to set goals and to complete tasks has always been one of my strengths in the ministry.) I took with me about 400 old pictures of Waskaganish

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# A New Life



DR. EMERSON FALLS

**I have the privilege of working with Native American churches in Oklahoma. We find it to be a joy to be called into the ministry among our own people. I am a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. A lot of people say they have never heard of the Sac and Fox. I don't know if, in Canada, you have ever heard of this guy or not: Olympic athlete, Jim Thorpe? Some say he's the greatest athlete that ever lived. Jim Thorpe was Sac and Fox. That's how you can remember my tribe. He was Sac and Fox: I am Sac and Fox. You can tell by looking at me that we are great athletes in the Sac Fox Tribe. My wife, Shirley, who is with me, is a member of the Chickasaw Nation. Thank you for letting us come to be with you.**

The Scripture basis for today's sermon is II Corinthians 5:11-17.

**11** *Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. Be Reconciled to God. 12* *For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. 13* *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14* *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15* *and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16* *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17* *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (KJV)*

In this passage, Paul is discussing the new life that we have in Christ. We've been talking in our conference about the Kingdom of God; in fact, we have talked about the two Kingdoms: The Kingdom of God and The Kingdom of this World. Although they overlap, one day the Kingdom of God is going to do away with the Kingdom of this World. The Kingdom of God is a forever Kingdom. When we become citizens of the new Kingdom, we don't fit down here anymore; we belong somewhere else. We are part of the new Kingdom of God that Christ established at his First Coming, which he will fully consummate in his Second Coming.

We have the big picture of what is going to happen at that time. We are told in verse 10 that "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive what is done in the body according to what he has done, whether good or bad." We understand that one day we are going to stand before Christ. We're going to give an account of what we've done in this life. Knowing the future—knowing the big picture—ought to change the way we live today. In verse 11, we read: "Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." You have a loved one, a relative, a friend... somebody you care about. You want them to see the big picture. You want them to be ready to someday stand before the judgment seat of God. Since we live in a society that is tolerant of all religions, people have an idea that, regardless of their religion or faith, they will go to heaven. Even Atheists believe everything's going to be okay. As Christians we try to persuade men to accept Christ as the only way; we need to understand that is what we do as followers of Christ.

In verse 17 we read: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ..." Being in Christ involves Christ's coming to live within us, and our living for Him. A radical change occurs in our lives because of Christ's direct involvement in our lives, an involvement that's a new love. In verse 14, we read, "...for the love of Christ compels us." That word compels means to hold in bondage, to

hold captive. You can't get away from the love of Christ. Just as Christ loved Paul, so Paul loved all people; he had that same love because Christ was in him. Because Christ was in him, he loved the things that Christ loved. So, just as Christ lay down his life for all people, Paul said that he, too, was constrained; he was held prisoner by the love of Christ. He had to tell people of the love of Christ. He had to do whatever he had to do in order for others to hear about Jesus Christ. It's a new love; it's a radical change. God's Word states clearly that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. We are transformed into something brand new. We didn't create ourselves the first time. Adam became a living being because God breathed into him. The second birth is the spiritual birth in which God breathes His Holy Spirit into us, and we become alive spiritually. This is what God does. Understand this: it's not our reforming ourselves or getting better. It's our recognizing our hopelessness and our helplessness, especially when we stand at the judgment seat of Christ, crying out for mercy. It's all done through God's grace. When God does something, He does something good; He transforms us into something that never existed before. I'm not a reformed Emerson Falls; I'm a brand new Emerson Falls because of Jesus.

One day I was dead in my trespasses and sin. One day I was doomed to an eternity separated from God, but I cried out to God to have mercy on me, and I gave my life to Jesus Christ. God did something supernatural in

my life: He came in, and He transformed me into someone who had never existed before. That's what this new creation is all about. Suddenly I become transformed. This transformation isn't brought about by my being better; it is brought about by God's Holy Spirit coming in His holy power and changing lives. If you're a follower of Jesus Christ, being born again means being born from above and, as a result, God spirit dwells within you this morning. It is changing you. In verse 17 we read, "If anyone is in Christ he is in a new creation; old things have passed away..." Something happens when we are transformed: we are changed, and the old is gone. Apart from Christ—in our natural state—we're pretty selfish people. If someone took a picture of us this morning and put the picture on the screen here, you'd look for yourself first, wouldn't you? And I would too. That's just our nature, which is all about ourselves.

But you know what? In Christ, that's no longer true. Look at verse 15: "... [Jesus Christ] died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." In Christ's transforming power, we no longer live for ourselves. It's no longer about me. It's no longer about my comfort. It's about Jesus Christ, about serving him, and loving him, and making him known to all people.

Poor theology teaches that we follow Christ so that Christ can do things for us, making us healthy, wealthy, and problem-free. There's only one problem with that: Jesus said that in this world we were going to suffer just as he had suffered. Paul was beaten; he was shipwrecked. He struggled. We want earth to be heaven. Heaven is not coming here, folks; we are headed there. The Kingdom of this World is going to be destroyed and, knowing that, we try to persuade people to be ready for that day. To be able to persuade others, we give up our selfish ambitions and our selfish desires. We care more

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about the salvation of others than we care about our own lives. That's why we are on a mission as a church; that's why we are missionaries. That's why we tell people about Jesus Christ because there's something within us that compels us. We can't help it. There's something within us that says we want people to know about Jesus Christ.

I was on an airplane a few years ago, and a lady was sitting beside me. I'm an introvert; I'm not one of these guys who just starts witnessing. But, there was just something within in me that caused me to turn to her and ask if she needed help. She said she didn't, but then she told me her story: she was going back home to live with her parents. Her husband had left her and had moved in with another woman, so she was going home. My heart broke as I heard her story. I told her that I wished I could help, but all I could do was to tell how I had found peace in my life. Then I shared Jesus Christ with her. Before we landed, she prayed with me and invited Jesus Christ into her life. I believe with all my heart that she was born again. I promised that I'd pray for her, but I knew I'd never see her again. We landed and I headed to baggage. All of a sudden, there she was again. She brought her family up to me, saying, "Here's the man who told me about Jesus." She introduced me to people right there in the baggage claim and gave me the opportunity to share Jesus Christ with all of them.

There's something within me that wants people to find Jesus the way I found Jesus. We're compelled by love to persuade people. The old has passed away; we're not selfish people anymore. I think of the words to an old gospel song: "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasure's all laid up somewhere beyond the blue." I'm staying at a motel right now. I'm not going to paint the walls. I'm not going to redo the furniture. Do you know why? Because it's temporary; it's not my home. My home is somewhere else. I'm not

going to get all excited about things down here because this is just temporary. But one day when we stand before judgment, and God says "my good and faithful servant," we are going to inherit the eternity that God has for us. And knowing that, not only do we want to be right, but also we want to persuade others. We'll pay any price; we'll do any thing so that others can find what we have found in Jesus Christ.

Everything becomes new; we have a new nature. That's why we do what we do. That's why we serve others. It's not done out of duty or obligation. We do it because we want to. We do it because it's a joy and a privilege to serve others.

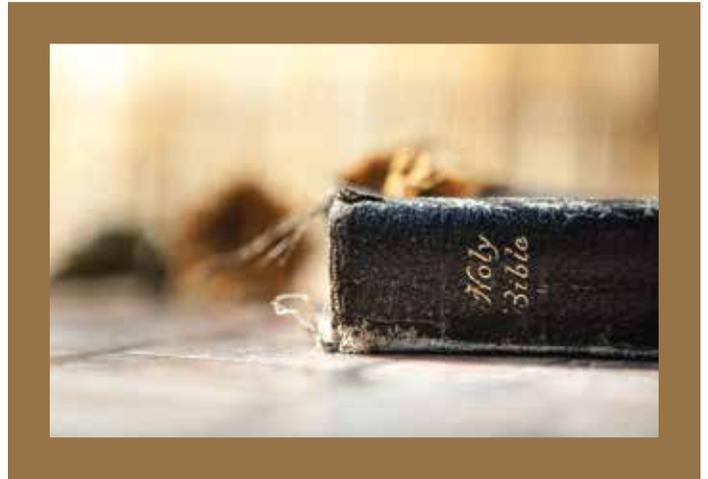
One of my favorite missionary stories is about a man by the name of Jim Elliot. Jim Elliot felt a burden to the Auca Indians in Ecuador. In the late 1940s, the Auca Indians were one of the most dangerous tribes of the entire world. No outsider had ever gone there and survived because they would kill anybody from the outside. But God loved the Auca Indians, and he laid it upon Jim Elliot's heart to go and to share the gospel. He took others with him, and they prayed about how to reach these people when they didn't even speak their language. They located a pilot who suggested they show them love by flying over and dropping baskets of goodies.



At first, not much happened, but the second day they came back and noticed that those gifts were gone. So, they left baskets day after day. Once the Aucas realized they were getting these gifts from outsiders; they begin putting gifts in the baskets in return. At this point, the missionaries decided that they had made a breakthrough and were going to venture across the river and to begin to befriend them. They went to the river every day and prayed, asking God to open the doors, so they could go into the Auca Indians. And one day some of the Auca people came to the other side of the river and just stared at them. They didn't seem to be upset or frightened or angry, so the missionaries gestured that they had come in peace and wanted to cross. Day after day, people came closer, so finally, Jim and his companions decided to cross the river. However, when they were halfway across the river, Auca warriors appeared with their arrows and spears and began to attack the missionaries. Even though Jim and his companions could have beaten back that attack of spears, they chose not to fire their weapons because they wanted the Auca Indians to know that they came in love. Sadly, they all died that day. They never had the chance to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As you hear that story, you must think of the waste. But, no. They were compelled by love and could do nothing else. They did everything they could even though it cost them their lives, and their goal fell short. Something happened, though, years later because of their selfless example of love.

Sometime later, another group of people, including some of Jim Elliot's relatives, were able to go in among the Auca Indians. These missionaries knew the language and were able to tell them about Jesus Christ. And today, in that part of Ecuador, among the Aucas and the Kichwa Indians, are some of the strongest Christian churches in the world all because Jim Elliot was compelled to go; he could do nothing else.

You and I have been transformed; we have been changed. And as evidence of that, God has given us a new love for people. It's no longer about us. It's no longer about our comfort. It's no longer about our wealth. It doesn't matter because that's all passing away. And one day the Kingdom of God is going to replace all that is a part of the Kingdom of the World. We know because we have the big picture. We try to persuade people today. God may be calling some of you to go to a mission field somewhere. God may speak to your heart because of countless people who have never heard the Gospel. Even in North America there are people who



have never heard the Gospel. Because we've been transformed, we're going to go where God calls us to go. That's the reason we have missionaries. That's why some of us have left family and friends and good jobs and nice houses to go to the mission field. We can't help it because we are compelled by love to go. Because we are new creations, we are compelled to go. The old selfish person has passed away, and we are new in Christ. And because of that we are compelled to tell people about Jesus Christ. Some of you need to say yes to God today. For some, God's not calling you to a foreign field far away. Your mission field is that next-door neighbor or the person you work with who doesn't know Jesus Christ. We are so filled with love for lost people that we are held captive by that love. We have to persuade them to find what we have found in Jesus Christ.

I pray that you'll say yes when God calls you. Some of you are not happy with your life. Some of you are hurting or just struggling. There's something missing from your life, and you don't know what it is. I pray that some of you will find what the Auca Indians have found through Jim Elliot.

I pray that you'll come to Jesus Christ as your Savior and your Lord and that you'll trust in Him and receive Him into your life. Allow God to make you into something brand new, so that you'll have a new joy and a new purpose for being. When we walk out of these doors, it's time to go to work. Because we've been transformed, that's exactly what we're going to do. We can't do anything else. We're compelled by love to persuade people.

## On the Go with Dr. Joe 2014–15 *continued*



**Left: Elders Council in Waskaganish have a traditional meal.**

**Below: Fellowship meal at the NGM Conference.**



as I wanted the elders to identify the people in the pictures. During my time there, I interviewed Johnny and Climie Weistche, who are both in their eighties. I feel blessed to write this book because it is helping me to know my people better. In my book, I am writing about how Christianity came to the James Bay area; I am also including information about traditional beliefs. While I was there, I preached at the Waskaganish Cree Gospel Fellowship, and they also wanted me to sing a few songs.

The month of June was quite busy for me because I went to Waskaganish, Mistissini, and Moose Factory. I was thankful for these extra engagements before our NGM Conference because we always make a point to make a generous contribution to help cover the costs of the ministry. On June 15–19, I was invited by the Social Development Department in Mistissini to do a grief workshop and individual counseling. On June 22–26, I went to Moose Factory to do a grief seminar and individual counseling. While I was there, I preached at the Cree Gospel Chapel during their mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting. The Cree Gospel Chapel has its own local TV channel, and we always send them the NGM Conference DVDs to broadcast on their program. The combined viewing audience of Moose Factory and Moosonee is about 5,500 people, so there are a lot of people who watch the program; a number of these have told me they saw Sheila and me on TV.

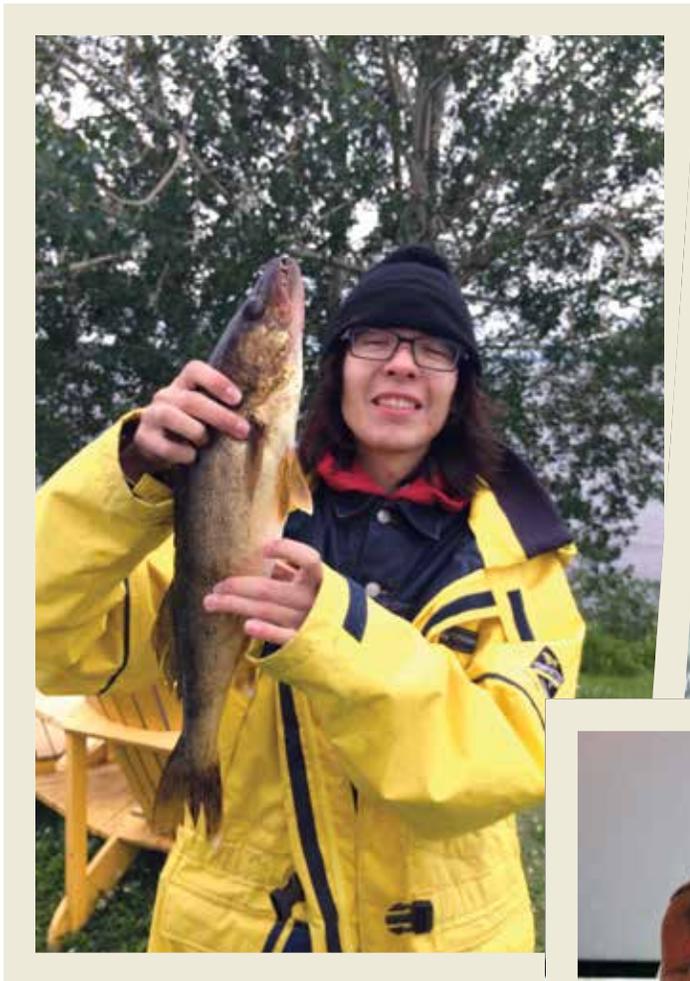
We had our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NGM Native Christian Conference in Ottawa on July 3–5, 2015. The attendance



**It was good to see my brother Howard in Mistissini. He went fishing with his friend Allan Cooper and they caught a lot of fish. It was a special treat to eat fresh fried fish at Mary Jane and Gordon Petawabano's home.**

was about the same as last year. We always get some new people, which is very encouraging to see. Dr. Emerson Falls preached some powerful messages, and *Living Stone* did an excellent job in providing the special music. Shirley Falls and Joseph Seth also provided special music. I should mention that Pastor George Budd from Curve Lake, Ontario, preached a good message on Saturday morning. On Sunday, Dr. Falls preached twice at the Metropolitan Bible Church's worship, which we consider as an extension of our Conference. There was a young Native woman who accepted the Lord after the last service. On Sunday evening, we had our closing service in the theatre at the Met. It was nice to see a good number of people from the Met at the service. We taped the sessions, and we will be making DVDs available again. One of the praise items for NGM is that we received enough funds to cover all the Conference expenses. PTL! We also held our NGM Board of Directors' meeting during the Conference, which is an important part of our ministry.

On July 12–19, Sheila and Joseph Seth came with me to Ouje Bougoumou, Quebec. I was invited by the Wellness Centre to do workshops at the MSDC for the



Left: Joseph showing off the walleye he caught in Mistissini. It was an answer to prayer.

Below: Grief workshop in Ouje Bougoumou.

Bottom: Cassandra Rabbitskin and Noah Cheechoo on their wedding day.



elders on topics of grief, cultural moral values, and elder abuse. I also did some individual counseling while we were there. The workshops with the elders went very well, and there was good interaction and discussion. Sheila shared her grief journey on multiple losses, which was tied to my lesson on complicated grief. After we finished the workshops in OJ, we went to Mistissini for the day to go fishing with my uncle, Don MacLeod. We caught a few fish, but our whole fishing trip was worthwhile when Joseph Seth caught a good-sized walleye. Now he has a fish story to tell his friends about. We had a good time being on the lake and enjoying the outdoors.

During the month of July, I only went to Ouje Bougoumou, so for the rest of the month I was home to spend quality time with Joseph Seth. He was still grieving the loss of his dog. He had his dog for ten years and often referred to him as his friend and brother, so he has taken this loss pretty hard. It affected him emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually, and he needed to talk to someone about what he was going through.

Sheila and I were affected, and we experienced the pain people go through when they lose a pet. Joseph Seth is starting to be himself again, but occasionally he will talk about his dog, which is okay. To give words of comfort to our son, I did some research to find out if pets actually go to heaven. C.S. Lewis and

Billy Graham are among the preachers who believe that pets go to heaven, so that's good enough for me. Today, I tell my son that we will see Patch again in heaven.

I performed a wedding in Gatineau, Quebec, on July 31. I always enjoy doing weddings because we get a chance to meet a lot of people from the various Cree communities. I was privileged to do the wedding for Noah Cheechoo and Cassandra Rabbitskin from Mistissini. I went to residential school in Moose Factory with the late Paul Rabbitskin, who is the father of the bride, so that was special for me. I was happy to hear that Paul gave his life to Christ before he died.

**Sheila Jolly** did not consult any books when she wrote her story about her grief journey. She did not want to follow someone else's model on how to deal with grief. Rather, she wanted to tell her story in her own words from a Native perspective. A good understanding about the grief process and the various stages of grief that she went through are central to her book. It is evident in her story that her grief through multiple losses affected her emotionally, mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.



When a person goes through a great loss like the death of a loved one, it is normal to grieve. Even spiritually minded people will grieve because it hurts when you lose a loved one. On

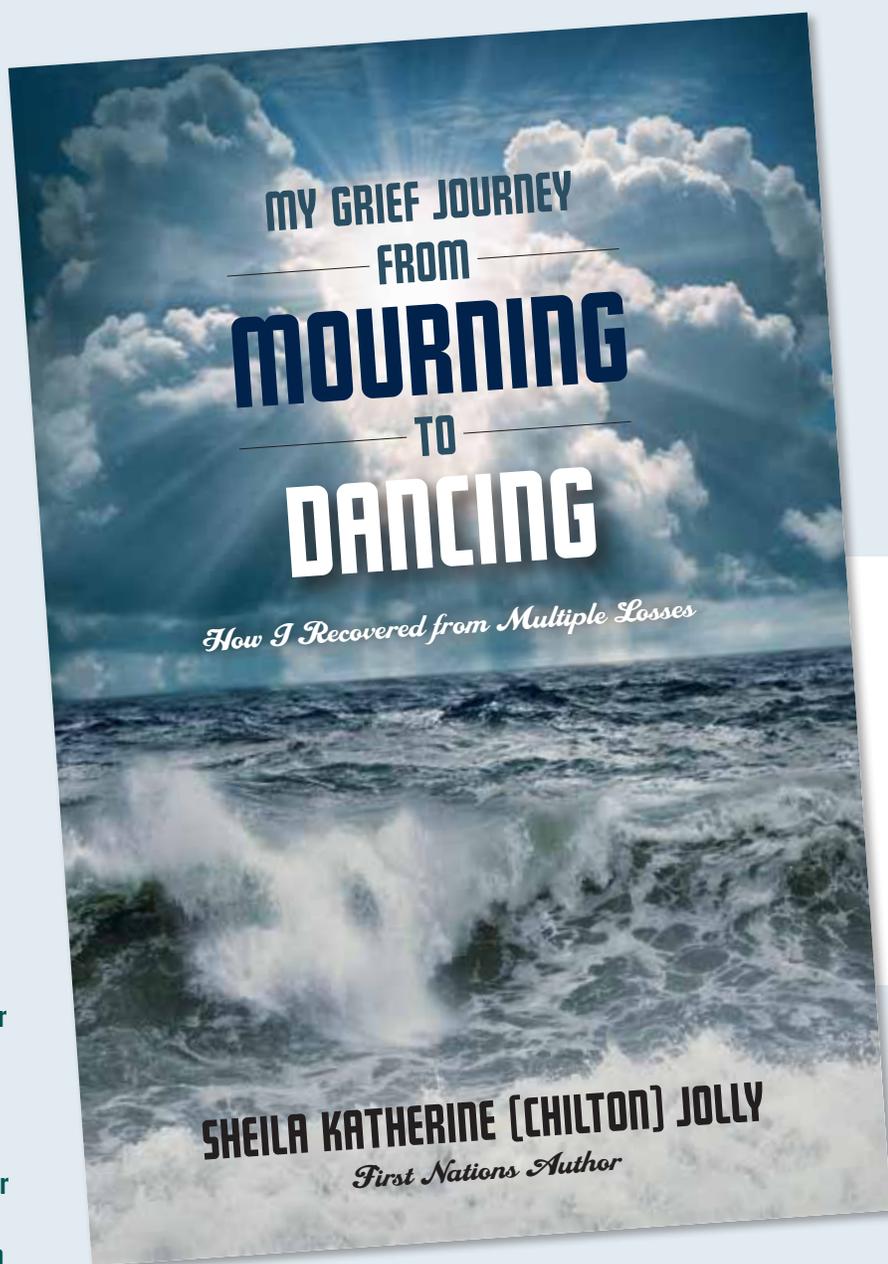
February 7, 2003, Sheila's younger sister, Daisy Mae Turcotte, died after a long battle with cancer. Two days later, her mother, Alice Chilton, passed away from ovarian cancer. She had also suffered with Alzheimer's disease for a number of years prior to her death. Ten months later, on December 19, 2003, Sheila's father, Samuel Chilton, died after suffering a massive heart attack.

The loss of three family members so close together had a profound effect on Sheila. Multiple losses fall under the category of complicated grief, which is more difficult to cope with than normal grief.

Studies show that it can take about two years for a person to recover from normal grief and to move on with their life in a healthy way. Evidence that a person has recovered from their loss is that they are able to move on with their life without the physical presence of their deceased loved one. On the other hand, it can take much longer for a person to recover from multiple losses. In Sheila's case, it took her six years to finish her grief journey.

As a grief counselor, I have always felt that there was a need for this kind of book to be written. Most of the books I have read deal with normal grief but very few deal specifically with multiple losses. There are many people in the Cree communities who go through multiple losses and do not know how to deal with their grief and sorrow. Some social workers are not adequately trained to counsel those who go through complicated grief. This book will be a valuable tool and resource material to share with their counselees.

Sheila has always had a strong faith in God and she says that this relationship was her greatest source of comfort and strength. The techniques of psychology are evident in her book but her personal views lean more toward a biblical perspective. Sheila has worked among her own people since April 1980 and she shares her philosophy on the application of the indigenous principles which helped her in her grief work. Her book is unique because it includes the principles necessary for the grief process, the indigenous principles and the biblical principles. —Dr. Joseph Jolly



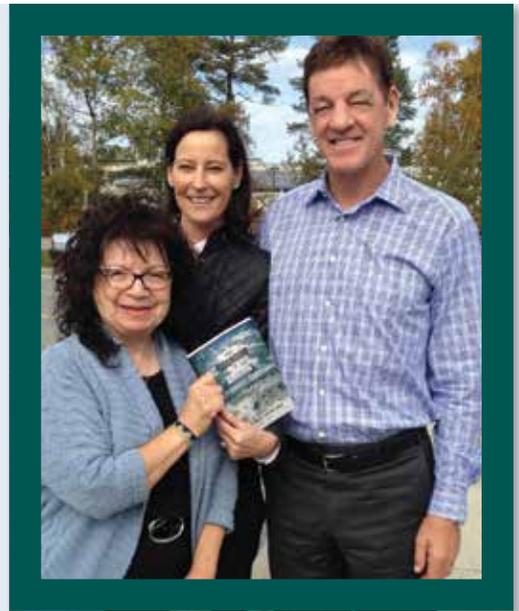
**Sheila Katherine (Chilton) Jolly** was born in Moose Factory, Ontario. She married Joseph Jolly on June 4th, 1971. They have one son, Joseph Seth, who was born on October 26th, 1995. A year after their marriage, they moved to Ottawa so Joseph could go back to school at Algonquin College. While they were living in Ottawa, Sheila and her husband accepted Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour at the Metropolitan Bible Church on October 13th, 1974. Their conversion to Christ brought a dramatic change to their lives.

In the fall of 1976, Sheila and her husband went to Caronport, Saskatchewan to attend Briercrest Bible College. Sheila graduated with a Bible Diploma in 1978 and a Bachelor of Biblical Studies in 1986. After her son started school in 2001, she decided to pursue further studies and began work towards a Master of Arts degree majoring in Leadership and Management. It was a dream that came true for her when she graduated with an MA in April 2009.

**You can order your personal copy of Sheila's book through our NGM office. The cost per book is \$25, which includes postage and handling. Make your cheque payable to:**

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Sheila and her husband have been married for 44 years and since April 1980 they have worked together as a team in Native ministries. She worked as Office Secretary for the Native Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Inc. from 1980–94, also serving a three-year term as Board Secretary/Treasurer for the organization. In addition, Sheila sat as a Board Member for Prison Fellowship Canada. Since 1995, she has worked as Office Secretary of the Native Gospel Ministries of Canada, Inc. Sheila's 35 years in Native Ministries have given her a wide range of practical experience which is evident in this, her first book, *My Grief Journey from Mourning to Dancing*.



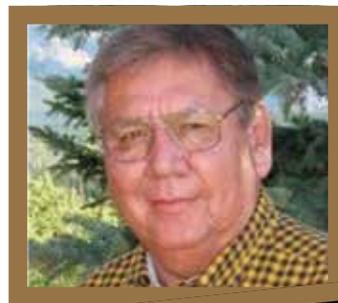
Sheila gives a copy of her book to former NHL player Bobby Smith and his wife Beth. Bobby Smith won the Calder Trophy in 1979 with the Minnesota North Stars and the Stanley Cup in 1986 with the Montreal Canadiens.

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Clockwise from top: Dr. Emerson Falls, Living Stone, Joseph Seth Jolly, Heidi Jost, Harry Jolly



