



FNRC SPRING/SUMMER 2017

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends: “Recovery , Renewal and Restoration” has always been the goal of First Nations Restoration Center. Our work with First Nations people continues to happen in various ways. Whether working with youth, children, single moms or couples, the message of hope in Christ is presented. We are excited at the new and ongoing opportunities in the coming season to see lives changed. We invite you to join us through prayer, work teams, financial support and encouragement to advance our mission to “Recover, Renew, and Restore.”

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Bible Study

At Bible Study, we have been studying King David in a 12 part series to learn more about being a person after “God’s own heart”. We have seen an increase in attendees this past season, with people driving up to an hour to attend Bible study. We especially enjoy our once-a-month potlucks, which has created a sense of community among participants. We are especially grateful to have some Elders from the community attend our gatherings.



SPRING WOMEN’S RETREAT

We had an amazing Spring Women’s retreat with 24 women in attendance. We have been doing these retreats twice a year for 6 years now and we are always amazed at the new things God is always doing among us.

One of our favorite times during retreat is when we give the opportunity for participants to share their testimonies. One woman told us it “helps to hear other people’s stories” because she feels encouraged that she is not the only one who struggles and that there is hope.

Plans are underway for the fall retreat!

One-on-one Support



Jenna has continued to work with women in Lac Seul through life skills and life coaching sessions.

One comment from a participant was that she enjoyed her sessions because she liked speaking with “someone she can trust”. Comments like these are so encouraging! In a small community it can be difficult to find a safe space to share your heart. We are so honored to be apart of these women’s journeys.

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First Nations Children's Ministry



Our children's ministry continues to thrive as we focus on children ages 5-13. This past season we had amazing support from local teachers who drove children from neighboring communities to attend cookie club. Going into the new school year we will be enlarging our tent once again as we alternate Cookie Club between the communities of Kejick Bay and Whitefish.



The mission team from Mapleview Community Church in Barrie, Ont will be coming in August to help with VBS!



We continue to work with pre-teens by driving them into Sioux Lookout for youth group and by hosting fun events, such as "spa night" to develop relationships. We also partnered with New Life Assembly in Sioux Lookout and their youth pastor to send four boys to a youth conference in Winnipeg. The boys mentioned that they enjoyed meeting new kids from different communities. We are doing another VBS this summer in August with a mission team from Barrie, On. We are so excited to have them come and serve with us this summer!

Moms Helping Moms

Last year we handed out 37 Baby Bundles to new moms. This year we have handed out 27, so far! Originally, these bundles were being distributed to mothers from fly-in reservations, but now we have begun to also distribute in our own community of Lac Seul. These bundles give us the opportunity to meet new mothers and to connect with them. Thank-you to everyone who has supported this growing project!



New Program starting in September: "Mom's Group"

In September, we are excited to be starting a new program for moms! We will be meeting every other week with mother's from Lac Seul to discuss parenthood, share ideas, and ask questions in a safe space. We are looking forward to this new program and where it will take us. We hope to be a support and encouragement to the mothers of Lac Seul.



Meet Jack!

Charles and Jenna are proud to announce that their baby boy, Jack, was born March 12, 2017 in Sioux Lookout. We are very excited to have him living with his Mom and Dad at the Restoration Centre this year!

We invite you to get involved!

As a charitable organization we rely on your generous donations. This season, please consider donating to FNRC. You can donate by cash, cheque or online at www.firstnations.org/donate. Cheques can be made out to "First Nations Restoration Center". We are a registered charity and you will receive a charitable receipt. Also, please take a look at our current "wish list" of items:

-Chainsaw -Lawn mower -Wheel Chair Ramp (Cost Approx \$1200.00)

As always, your prayers are appreciated!

Have Questions? Feel free to email or call us. We would love to chat with you!

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