



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES

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Every day, as I drive down Main Street, I see the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol on our neighbours. MBCM and the Indigenous ministry team are committed to sharing the gospel message of Jesus in Winnipeg's north end and northern Manitoba. We wish to continue building relationships with community elders and their people.

This team is dedicated to ministering to the new community of Jetai, and the established communities of Pukatawagan, Kenora, Cross Lake, and Roseau River. We have recently been welcomed into reserves in areas surrounding Kenora, Ontario. These are just some of the communities with which we have had the opportunity to build relationships this year.

The Indigenous ministry team exists to promote reconciliation of individuals and communities to Christ, the Church and to the community, while honouring Indigenous culture, language and customs.

Our team consists of dedicated followers of Jesus Christ whose passion for the mission comes from their own transformation and reconciliation stories. Together we visit communities and encourage folks to gather, share and support one another. During these visits, we pray and discern with people who have the potential to emerge as church leaders within their community. These emerging leaders are supported and trained, equipped and mentored. The team also partners with MB churches, to form long term ministry relationships between established and fledgling ministries.

We gather and share stories from church communities where Jesus has been transforming lives and restoring the local church. These stories serve to encourage those who are still hesitant and recovering from past hurts and bad experiences.

In 2016 we were able to bring the love of Jesus to over six different reserves, and this year we hope to double that. New disciples in these new areas of ministry are excited to go to their neighbours and spread the good news. Within three years we hope to have reached over thirty communities, establishing churches and healthy cell groups. To do this, we need more local churches to join us in this ministry.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers.