

# native new life TRAINING CENTRE

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Future generation of Labrador!



Volunteer, Joy Brant helping with our display at OVPC For Missions Sunday, July 6 2008.



Four students and a sister in Labrador



Congregation at North West River, Labrador

The training program at NNLTC is being so positively received as one of the many ways to train and help individuals study the Word of God. Our personnel have travelled to many areas of interest where good friendships and relationships were developed with many nations.

Coastal Labrador was one of the ministry points where our program with Native leaders and pastors was shared. Lorna Maracle-Dodge, our Academic Coordinator, had opportunity to visit a congregation in the community of Postville. She writes: "Friday evening and Saturday morning I shared a financial seminar with some in the church and community. It was a unique experience for me. It was my first time on a ski-doo which is their normal mode of winter transportation. I survived and enjoyed the time there. Several people showed interest in the program."

Much of our ministry is "sowing the seed!" In October 2007 one of NNLTC's board members, Bill Rendell, visited Prince George, British Columbia to attend the Native Summit there. A number of contacts were made back then and out of that endeavour Pastor Deborah Chien began a study centre in Vancouver. Deborah currently meets with the students at the Potter's Mission on East Hastings Ave. in downtown Vancouver. These students are doing very well with several courses already completed.

NNLTC was privileged to have representation at the General Conference earlier this year. This

gave an excellent opportunity to network with people interested in partnering with us through various aspects of the program. The future holds potential for furthering the program beyond study centres and to include the aspect of modular classes. This would help our students to feel better connected to the program and, with an actual teacher in the classroom, would be such a great encouragement. Please pray for all the logistics to be worked out for this part of the plan.

We are excited to see God's plan worked out for our students and the program. Jeremiah 29:11-13 is our promise from our God: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Participation in various venues gives open doors to profile this vital ministry. Ottawa Valley Pentecostal Camp was one of these places. The interaction with people at the camp was wonderful with lots of encouragement to continue the ministry to which God has called us!

Thank you all for your prayers whether on the road traveling or being available to spend time in prayer and evaluation. Time spent with God is immeasurable for our preparation to spend time with people in many opportunity settings!

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## scripture verse:

**ASK OF ME, AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE NATIONS FOR  
YOUR INHERITANCE, AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH  
FOR YOUR POSSESSION.**

**PSALM 2:8 NKJV**

# christmas greetings

## FROM THE BOARD

Many years before Jesus was born the Prophet Isaiah penned these words: "For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." (Isa. 9:6) How wonderful to know that this "Child" is our Saviour and Lord! We celebrate His coming to seek and to save the lost! Jesus paid the price of redemption for whoever would believe on Him!

It is a special delight to greet you at this Christmas time! May the blessing and the peace of God to fill your lives throughout this special season and beyond!

Native New Life Training Centre has experienced an incredible year. God has granted us miraculous favour! The ministry to First Nations peoples is increasing! From Labrador to British Columbia 35 students have enrolled in courses of studies. One native, young man from Pennsylvania recently signed on as a student. NNLTC works in cooperation with the Assemblies of God, USA as it relates to Aboriginal Ministry.

Early in 2008 there was some very interesting statistics released from Stats Canada. The information reported that in Canada, for the very first time in history, there are more than one million First Nations people...actually 1.173 million! More than 50% live in urban areas and they are a very young people group, the median age being 24. More than 60 languages are spoken in the

various Nations! These are challenging facts as ministry strategies are planned.

Your partnership with NNLTC is deeply appreciated! It makes ministry possible across this nation! Thank you for your faithfulness throughout the year. The Centre is blessed by your generosity!

Thank you so much for your prayerful support! It is never taken for granted. Please continue to pray for our present students and the recruitment of new students. Pray for new ministry outreaches on various native reserves. Pray for the Aboriginal Pastors, leaders and churches across this great country of Canada. Please be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in your praying so that He would teach us how to pray in these challenging times!

Finally, would you consider a special gift at this Christmas time? There are many demands that come your way but, perhaps, you can something for this national ministry. Anything you can do is a significant helps as we continue the work that God has called to do! The Training Centre depends on your generosity. Thank you for your consideration!

On behalf of the entire Board and Students we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cal Anthony, John E. Maracle, Bill Rendell, Carl Brant and Jeff Hillier

## eventful summer

The facilities at Tyendinaga were used by a number of groups over the summer of 2008. It was a great delight to welcome the First Annual Reunion and Seminar to be held at the Centre. The event brought together former students and graduates of what was then National Native Bible College as well as supporters of the Centre. During four days at the beginning of July the participants enjoyed teaching seminars, evening rallies, music and great fellowship. Speakers for the weekend were all graduates who had benefited from the training they had received over the years. Special thanks are extended to Alex Wesley and his committee who worked hard on the launch of what is expected to be an annual time of refreshing, renewal and retraining. Evangelist Chris George assisted the committee by providing the tent and his overflowing enthusiasm!

In the fall, the Centre played host to the Native Women who were traveling across Canada to bring awareness to the general public about the plight of missing First Nations women. What a delight it was for us to extend hospitality and concern to them as they made their way to Ottawa during the Federal Election campaign. Before they left the Centre to continue their journey there was an opportunity to pray for First Nations people from a variety of backgrounds and to seek God's grace on their behalf. It was a blessing for us to receive letters of appreciation from them expressing their heartfelt response for the welcome extended by a Christian facility.



Two students in Kahnawake, QC



Students at the study centre



Debbie, a student located in Napanee, ON