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2014 MISSIONARY REPORT

From Our Missionary in the South: Bruce Wilcox

We continued to be blessed in 2014 in this work that the Lord has made us a part of, along with so many other brothers and sisters who are using their time and many different gifts and abilities in opportunities the Lord gives to minister His love in all kinds of ways, both to one another in the churches as well as to the unchurched and unbelievers from every social and ethnic background around us.

From grassroots community outreach programs like Kids Space and Teen Space which also include cooking meals for everyone, to musical community coffeehouses, to ministry at rodeos, a garlic festival, putting on community Christmas pageants, weekly Bible study, seniors' ministries, hospital visitation and care for the sick and dying, the prayer warriors, doing dishes, cleaning floors, fundraising, baking goodies every week, auto mechanical help, plowing the snow, cutting the grass, shopping and transportation for those unable, and a host of other encouragements and bearing of one another's burdens that fulfill the law of Christ.

As I write this, Dave and Linda Webber are in the midst of processing big changes in their lives as they step into retirement from many of the more specific routines and kinds of ministry they have been doing here for so many years, and into some much needed and deserved rest.

As I ponder the house churches and other worshipping communities of faith and outreach ministries scattered all over the place from Punchaw to Bridge Lake, many of which you will read something about in this newsletter, I'm reminded that it all really began as the result of something like "a nagging cough that just wouldn't go away", as Dave himself has described it. Something that started so

"small", with just a couple of people over 25 years ago, when God planted this calling, this dream, this vision in Dave and Linda's hearts, to minister the love of Christ to people in rural and remote areas in the Cariboo-Chilcotin who were beyond the reach of the traditional Church. And these rural areas can include entire villages that these days seem to be experiencing more and more the disappearance of any kind of visible or organized Christian witness that once upon a time was there for some of them. The harvest here is still very plentiful.

And what Dave and Linda knew then, the rest of us who have been called to be part of this know now; that this heart's desire and this vision was God-given, à la Psalm 37:4, meaning that this vision was inevitably "in synch" with God's will and His desires in the first place.

So we want to pay tribute and to honour and thank Dave and Linda Webber for their many years of faithful dedication and hard work here, in season and out of season, through the smooth times, if there ever was such a thing, and through the trials and difficult times. And the leadership, wisdom, encouragement and valuable teaching and mentoring of so many of us along the way. And we want to thank God for His vision and the gifts He has given them, and that Dave and Linda can say, as the Apostle Paul did before King Agrippa, that "I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven" (Acts 26:19).

And in light of this, I want to remind and encourage all of us that God has a plan and a vision for every single one of us in Christ! He wants to use us ordinary people in extraordinary ways. Let's be praying always, just as Paul did, to "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Col 1:9). In other words let's respond

to that “nagging cough” that only comes from Him and which is the part He has in mind for us within the context of His word, His body, and the Great Commission Jesus gave His people in the first place in Matthew 28.

And let us keep in mind also that if something comes from the Lord and not us, it may not always be exactly comfortable or even welcome to us at first; but as long as we are surrendered, willing and available to Him, He will make it work, He will give it a life of its own, He will grant the increase, in His perfect time and in His strength, which is made perfect in our weakness.

When Moses was told to take off his shoes at the burning bush because it was holy ground, could it be that God was also reminding Moses there that *He* was going to actually be the one to do it . . . but in Moses’ shoes? “The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it” (1Thess 5:24 NIV). Through Christ in us, God is “in our shoes” in every place we set our feet! May His will continue to be done in every part of this mission and through all of us wherever we are.

A huge thank you to everyone here and across the country who has become part of the Lord’s work here with us, through your prayers, gifts and support. We are always in need of that, and confident the Lord will enable all of us to carry on His vision and work here through all of you, as we totally depend on His agenda, sufficiency and Grace. Our prayers are for His richest blessings on you all!

From Our Missionaries in the North: Jon Wyminga

The year 2014 was one of several significant milestones in this mission here in the Cariboo. 2014 marked 25 years since the Cariboo House Church Ministry began, way back in 1989. As such it also marked 25 years since Dave and Linda Webber began their dedicated and sacrificial here. 2014 also marked 20 years since Shannon and I arrived on the scene, having joined this ministry when it was only five years old. What a whirlwind of adventure it has been since then.

The year 2014 was also one of significant transitions and losses. Two of our elders passed into God’s presence in 2014. Paul Mathura had served as a faithful elder in Lac la Hache until he moved to Prince George several years ago. He passed away on July 6. I still remember running into him from time to time after he moved to Prince George. We would have our kids in tow, who were still quite young, and Paul would insist on taking us out to lunch. The

second elder we lost in 2014 was Mary Krajczar, who passed away on October 6. I’m not exactly sure when Mary started serving as an elder because I wasn’t even in the Cariboo at the time. She was, I believe, the first elder to be elected from among the house churches and she was firmly in place by the time Shannon and I came in 1994 with our daughter Shelby, who was one year old at the time. We felt graciously welcomed to the Cariboo by Mary and her husband Ernie, even though they were away on holidays when we arrived. While they were gone they let us to stay in their home while we got settled in Williams Lake. What a blessing that was!

2014 was also the year the session (our meeting of church elders) and the presbytery (the meeting of other Presbyterian Church representatives in our region) granted Shannon and me a four month leave of absence which we took in the fall. After 20 years in the Cariboo we felt we needed a time of rest and refreshment, particularly in light of the transitions that were yet to come. The biggest of those transitions was that we were expecting 2014 to be the last full year that Dave and Linda Webber would serve as stipend receiving missionaries in the Cariboo. Though they plan to formally retire in March, they actually finished in early January, having accumulated quite a bit of unused vacation time. We are all deeply grateful to them and to God for their 25 years of dedicated and faithful service. We have been richly blessed by them and we wish them God’s riches blessings in their retirement.

Some communities in the northern Cariboo have also faced significant changes in 2014; changes that have had an impact on the part of our ministry we call *The Nazko and Area Dakelh Outreach*. First Nations elder Rosie Cassam, once a host to our Nazko house church before she moved away, was admitted to a nursing home in Quesnel in 2014. The First Nations villages of Red Bluff (*Lhtako*), Nazko (*Ndazk’oh*) and Kluskus (*Lhoozk’uz*) together lost five elders in the fall of 2014, followed by a sixth in January and a seventh in February of 2015: significant losses of much loved elders in such a short time. Many are still dealing with the grief.

Yet we carry on with the mission we believe God has called us to from our very beginnings back in 1989: “to reach out with the love of Jesus Christ to people who live beyond the traditional church in the rural and remote areas of the Cariboo-Chilcotin region.” And we have certainly appreciated everyone’s involvement and support. Even though I’ve just done a lot of “remembering what lies

behind”, I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul in the book of Philippians: “*forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I*

press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14). In 2015 may we all press on together!

2014 REPORT FROM OUR ELDERS

Clerk of Session Report: Penny McIntosh

The Session of the Cariboo Presbyterian Church met three times in 2014; January, May and November. The songbooks used throughout the Cariboo were updated by Jon. Thank you Jon. Unfortunately we had to accept Mary Krayczar's resignation as an elder in May, due to her health issues. We are very thankful for all her hard work and we designated her an Elder Emeritus. Sadly Mary passed away in the fall and she is missed.

We had two baptisms in the Cariboo, Cheryl Gunther and Adam Gunther of Sheridan Lake. In November we welcomed Mary Cornish into our congregation. She transferred her membership from Knox Church in Red Deer Alberta. Welcome Mary. Ginny Alexander has accepted a position on the Life and Mission Agency. Congratulation Ginny. With the retirement of David and Linda Webber taking place in March 2015, several changes have been made to the administration of the church. Various responsibilities have been taken over by members of the session, and we have assigned our financial work to Fraser, Bevez & Broughton Chartered Accountants.

The session wishes David and Linda much enjoyment in their retirement and we thank them very much for their dedicated service to the Cariboo Presbyterian Church.

Children and Flowers: Mary Krayczar

(Editor's note: Sometime before Mary passed away she sent me something for the newsletter. I set it aside for a future edition. Of course I didn't realize she would no longer be with us by the time it was printed. Here it is in Mary's memory.)



I watched my one year old great grandson Layne Steward pick flowers from some plants I had on the coffee table and it reminded me of a poem my Mum had in my brothers' room in Scotland when we were growing up. It went like this:

*God must have known how sad it would be
For a little child in a garden fair
To wander through its walks and ways
And never to pick a flower there.
And so he planted the hills and dales
With flowers for children everywhere.
(Author unknown)*

2014 HOUSE CHURCH AND MISSION REPORTS

For those of you who might us in the Cariboo you'll most likely be coming from the south. Here is a brief tour of the house churches and ministry points you could visit as travelled north!

Sheridan Lake House Church: Jody Malm

Greetings . . . Happy New Year and here's wishing each of you beautiful journeys with God. So are you ready for change? Well it is happening! That is how God works. Ready or not here it comes. So do we change gracefully or struggle with it? That's our choice and we can make it easy or we can make it hard. Hmm, what should we choose? Well let's pray on that and then we will get back to the answer in a minute.

Life is about changing. Some changes at Sheridan Lake house Church are babies. We love to hear them at house church. They make us smile and take life a little lighter when things are heavy enough

as is. I asked Dave if I should worry about the noise they make and he sent me an email saying “I never noticed Kenny's chatter and even if he was chattering, I haven't seen a day I can't out talk a kid and I was praising God for his and Amber's presence.” What a great answer!

So, we have babies at house church. We have elders who smile at Kenny and Echo and make them smile and giggle too. We are so blessed. So much so, that on some nights we are busting at the seams literally. It is great fun; I know for myself I love it. I can sit on the floor any day of the week and be happy; very happy. There is always room for more.

Some nights there are just a few of us depending on colds, flues, and all around life. This happens to each of us. We may miss a night but I know I pray that I get enough food (God's word) for the heart and soul that will last a week from my daily readings. Again, honestly, it isn't really enough but I make due.

As my mind goes around the circle that has grown, my heart skips a beat at all the kind, genuine folks that we have coming out as best as they can. We have a church family of anywhere from 7 to over 20. What a great comfort in knowing that we have some very amazing prayer warriors who keep us lifted up all week. I have come to rely on them to get me thru... (My vitamins are not enough).

Another change is that Bruce Wilcox will be coming as our new minister and we wish him well on this new journey. With Dave's high regards I know that this in time will be a great match for us. Bruce is the type of fellow who will give it his all to bring God's word to us.

Dave tells me that we will see him and Linda around. I think we will try and hold him to that as they have spent over 25 years here and we are *kinda* fond of them!

Changes are all around us. We have one thing that never changes, and that is God's love for us. He loves us unconditionally. That means all the time. Thanks be to God for this. I pray that this past year has been a year full of great journeys and that each journey has equipped you for the next adventure you are about to take. I also pray that in this year ahead you are equipped with all the tools you need to be close to God and know that we are never alone. We have great *families* in the Lord, whom we can go to for love, support, encouragement and who we can trust. That is what you will find at Sheridan Lake House Church; a real family. May you be blessed in 2015!

So change is happening, I think I'm ready, and I'm going to try my best with God's help to do it gracefully.

Kids Space/Teen Space/'13 to '93': Elaine Adams

In fleeting seconds it is easy to wonder what were the God moments in Kids Space and Teen Space in the year gone by; but in sitting down to write this report I think it would be fair to say that the God moments were powerful.

The God moments manifested themselves because of all those who helped in any way. I'd like to name our volunteers: Celia Visscher, Pat Lytton,

Celeste Faessler, Arlene Henzel, Kathy Cant, Rene LaFavor, Ginny-Lou Alexander, Alamaz Durand, Bill Adams, Coreen Caldwell, Deidre Davis, and Sharon Jensen. My hope is that these people know how much they were appreciated over the last year and how much their contribution has meant to Kids and Teen Space and the people whose lives it touches.

The God moments manifested themselves because of the children in Kids Space. To see the children during the Christmas Pageant with all the excitement on their faces was a joy. They are the hope of our Christianity. Understanding God's love for them comes from loving them in an imperfect adult way. When peace descends after a busy evening of story time, crafts, music, dinner and plenty of energetic running by the children this too is a God moment.



The God moments manifested themselves because of Kids Space Vacation. The summer vacation program was called "Weird Animals: Where Jesus love is one of a kind." All of us in attendance were encouraged to become aware of God sightings which we then shared. Discerning God in the sunset or the laughter of children counted as sightings. Not only did local children attend but those visiting resorts and grandparents came too. It was fun to meet children from the other parts of BC.

The God moments manifested themselves because of Teen Space. When Coreen and I gathered the Teens for activities of camping, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, eating, community service, Christmas shopping, and sharing God's word the God moments were truly instants to remember and to cherish.

The God moments manifested themselves because of '13 to '93'. How can having dinner together with friends not have God moments? We visit, we eat, we talk some more, then we watch a Ray VanderLaan video, we discuss, we share, we pray and we drink one more cup of coffee. Truly, there are

many God moments in a lovely evening spent with friends.

“But now, for a brief moment, the LORD our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary.” (Ezra 9:8a)

Forest Grove Church: Lorrie Meyer

(Editor’s Note: Sometime in the last year our Canim Lake House Church went through a change and now meets in the Forest Grove Legion. Here is report from them.)

The goal of the heart is most always relationship, with God and with humanity, whereas sometimes the goal of the well-meaning Christian underscores rules, responsibilities, and often reproof of the struggling.

Sometimes it is really hard to balance truth and love, but for sure without love, truth will be a sharp cold smack upside the head, resulting in a concussion of some kind.

At the little church meeting in the Forest Grove Legion, we do not ever see truth that is not presided over by love. Here is where dysfunctional people (all of us) can come to be accepted, encouraged, cared for, and taught truth that opens our eyes and makes us think. It is real, it is warm, and there are cookies.

Carefree Manor Chapel Service: Maggie Wiens

What a blessing it is to me to attend church services at Carefree Manor. Each person brings something unique and special to every service, especially their faithful presence. Pastor Bruce Wilcox always makes each week so interesting with his wonderful Bible teaching and worship leading with us all.

Ginny Alexander also attends services with us, always willing to fill in when needed, not just with Carefree Manor Church but wherever; braving icy roads in the winter to drive long distances many times. Ginny also organized a great Manor Christmas pageant again last year, much enjoyed by the church, staff, parents and kids alike.

We have many different denominations in attendance and I think the thing that stands out to me is the 'unity' of the faith despite so many denominations represented. There are no arguments, contention or denominational hierarchy, etc. There is simply true genuine love, care and appreciation of one another.

Reaching out in 'Seniors Ministry' for me was something I know God called me to, and as one dear precious lady said to me so eloquently “Maggie, just

bloom where you're planted.” That sums it up so well. May we all do just that by being led by His Holy Spirit in making our world a little better, one corner at a time by showing Christ's Love and serving as unto Him!!

Lac la Hache Community Church:

Sharon Hutchinson

Wow! It’s awesome to see what the Lord is doing at our little church in Lac la Hache. On Sunday mornings, with our leader Bruce Wilcox playing guitar, we sing praises to our precious God and it’s amazing how often the songs we choose are of the same theme as the message. The congregation has been steadily growing as more people join us to worship. Our parking lot is crammed full some Sundays . . . another member of our congregation said “we need some more property.” LOL.

Pastor Bruce gives us a great message as we get into the Bible, learning about the way God worked in the lives of those who followed Him before us, and how to walk in relationship with the Lord now. After we end our service praying together for our congregation, community, world and whatever else the Spirit lays on our hearts, we enjoy a fun time of coffee, goodies and fellowship getting to know each other better.

On Thursday evenings the ladies have been getting together for more blessed times in the Bible. Right now we’re checking out what Paul has to teach us in Romans. I’m so excited to be able to be part of the good things that are happening here!

Springhouse-Macalister-Williams Lake House Church: Reg Steward

The Lord continues to be good to us blessing us with rich fellowship, and excellent times of worship through music and the Word. We are still meeting in the Youth for Christ building, a converted home in the city of Williams Lake. The day always includes an after message meal and visiting lingers through the day. The integrated nature of our church meeting, with little ones staying in during the entire service, continues to be part of our identity. With Isaac and Christy’s son Abram and, praise the Lord, more babies on the way, we are delighted to see the children learning to be part of the church family from birth onward. We are very excited about supporting and sponsoring a “concert for a cause” in the late spring. The support extended by the leadership of the house church network to this worthwhile effort is greatly appreciated as we strive to see vision become

reality. The band “Wittenberg” (Isaac, Jesse, Jacob and Seth Steward) will be doing a concert and praise night in Williams Lake. The proceeds of the ticket sales and a love offering will all go to one of the Presbyterian Church missions and we are leaning heavily toward the water well project. We are excited about the support we anticipate from throughout our church network and look forward to seeing many of you there. We will advise you about the venue and date of the event once those are confirmed.

The Lord is teaching us so much as we grow. Our Wednesday night Bible study is a truly rich time with studies having been done on a variety of topics, including the book of Romans. Now we are doing an extrapolated study of the message from the Sunday morning worship times. This is enabling us to get deeper into the morning message and glean more from it. It is so amazing how God can instruct us when we let Him and often this shows up in the most basic of things. I can't help but reflect with great appreciation on the input of one of our young ladies in a discussion about trying to control things rather than letting God control things. After some discussion she simply said, “Maybe we need to ask if we were ever in control anyway?” Simple . . . but deep! Was I ever in control of that situation? Did I ever honestly have the ability to affect the outcome? Was the person I am trying to help ever willing to pass the reins and let me set direction? Simple truths, wisdom shared, much learned.

We continue to use imported video sermons and gain tremendously from those supported by a time of corporate prayer and the singing led by Wittenberg. We are truly blessed in this way. The Rendezvous plans for June the 13th have all of us excited about that time and we look forward to joining you then. Last year Mark Carter, a beloved brother in the Lord, moved to Vancouver to advance his studies in pursuit of the things the Lord has laid before him. He is truly missed and very much in our thoughts and prayers as the Lord grows and prepares him.

Our coffee time must be humbly boasted about, (Is that possible?) as we have our own expert coffee roaster providing freshly roasted “Dancing Goat” coffee for us. No sir this is not your aluminum pot, Styrofoam cup, just add powdered creamer kind of place!

Looking forward to seeing all of you as we connect as a united body over the next months. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers

Williams Lake House Church: Elizabeth James

In 2014 we continued to support our five children with World Vision as well as other church projects. The Cowboy Café, which is held in Lac la Hache every few months, is a big hit and very well attended. We are now holding our house church every second Sunday at the Seniors Village. Several of our members now reside at the Village and they find it more convenient to have the services there. Attendance at the Village services is growing and the residents who attend have mentioned just how much they enjoy having us.

Last year has also had its fair share of sorrows. We lost our beloved Mary Krajczar when our Father called her home. Mary led an interesting and very full life and passed away peacefully on October 6, 2014, which just happened to be on her and Ernie's 52nd wedding anniversary. As a member of her house church I, as well as everyone who knew her, will miss her terribly, but I am also sure she is watching from heaven to make sure we all behave ourselves. She was a great lady, always ready to help in any way she could and had a wicked sense of humour.

It was also with great sadness that we said goodbye to David and Linda Webber as they rode off into the land of retirement. We wish them both the very best of everything as they adjust to this stage of their lives. We also welcome both Ginny Alexander and Bob McIntosh who are now leading our house church.

McLeese Lake House Church: Cynthia Noble

Our McLeese Lake house church has predominately been three families this year – the Colps, the Carters, and the Nobles. We have seen one marriage (Stephanie Carter to Jesse Steward) and one family move away (Lesley Heppner and her family). We have seen answers to prayer for several requests that we have had in our small group. That is always so encouraging. Dave and Linda continued to bless us with their presence each week, good messages that made us think, and encouraging words to keep us going along our journey. Each week it is a blessing to meet together, share our concerns, and uphold one another in our daily lives.

Circle of Hope & Creator's Circle: Shannon Bell

Clients at Season's House in Quesnel come and go, and yet there remained a consistent group of people we interacted with before the Circle of Hope and even in the circle. Over the year we had very few times when there was no one to join us in the circle. Our leadership team had other concerns to take their time so often it was just me and a few participants. We had a few 'regulars' who participated well in the circle.

One of the struggles with the approach to ministry in town is that by meeting at Season's House, we lost the opportunity to encourage and worship with some of our church members in Quesnel. In returning from our leave of absence we felt the need to focus on building up those followers of Jesus who were left adrift. This has resulted in setting aside the Circle of Hope at Season's House for the time being. At the beginning of February we began meeting for a worship circle in homes again and one of our faithful ones from the Circle of Hope is also joining us. We will have an open circle for worship followed by engaging in *Freedom Sessions*, which is a faith-based 12 Step program. We look forward to growing together.

Nazko House Church: Dave and Raynelle McNab

The big news in Nazko is Jon and Shannon are back after a time away.

There were many times since September the community missed their presence. A number of the Carrier elders passed away in the fall which had made for a kind of 'changing of the guard' here. There has been much grief in Nazko of late.

While Jon and Shannon were gone they graciously allowed us to stay in their house where we kept the home fires burning and tried not to let Shannon's plants die (limited success on both counts). The house church remained active with Dave and Linda Webber making the long journey to Nazko for a Monday afternoon services and then on to Punchaw Lake to serve the folks even farther north. Dave and Linda were certainly a blessing for us and Dave's musical talents definitely rescued the home church attendees from my 'joyful noise'. Music leadership is not one of the talents that God has graced me with.

This is the first time Ray and I have not returned to Alberta at the end of October. It has been nice to get to know David and Gordon Clement and Hilda Sill who have been the main attendees at the home church here in Nazko.

Thanks again to Dave and Linda Webber for their gracious service and friendship to those of us west and north of Quesnel. Happy trails and God's blessing for you both. The torch has been passed.

Jon and Shannon have dived right back into the service of the community in the New Year doing visitations to Kluskus, Punchaw and Quesnel. One of the big jobs was preparing and distributing the annual gift baskets to families in Nazko. Thanks to everyone who donated gifts, teddy bears, supplies, sewing and knitted goods for the baskets.

Nazko Kids' Bible Class: Shannon Bell

It was definitely a vegetarian year in Bible Class in 2014. Throughout the year we watched a number of *VeggieTales* movies all based on Bible stories. However, we did eat meat for our snacks most days! The kids loved the characters; however I don't think that I will repeat this approach with our kids' ministry. I think it became confusing to sort out what was embellished and what was true to the original stories and didn't give the kids the best understanding of the Bible. While my own daughters loved *VeggieTales* and the clever puns and humour, they were very familiar with the original Bible stories so it was just a matter of making what they knew into something fun. When we work with unchurched children who aren't intensely knowledgeable about the Bible, I think we do a disservice in presenting the stories just as they are on the films. It was a learning experience. This year we will go back to what has become our tradition of telling the stories and having the kids act out them as I tell them. It gives them the chance to experience the stories with more than just their ears. They become the characters and remember the stories to a greater degree. If you have been the little girl that Jesus raised from the dead, you will remember the whole story on many levels. We look forward to sharing some of the parables of Jesus in the coming months.

Christmas gifts for the kids in the Ndazkoh and Lhoosk'uz villages were postponed this year because Jon and I were on a leave of absence until the end of December. Early in January we gathered faithful volunteers and had our annual wrapping party and delivered New Year's gifts instead. Many thanks to all those who collected and donated toys, clothes, books, school supplies, toiletries, jewelry and other gifts. Thanks to our faithful sewers in Cranbrook for the beautiful gift bags and to the many gifted hands that knit, knit, and knit all the warm cosy hats, mitts, socks, sweaters etc.

Kluskus (Lhooskuz): Jon Wyminga

Ink'ez yugha hoodul'eh ndo bulhni, "Nuwheni do, ndan 'ust'ah dahni?" 'Et Peter 'utni, "Nyun Christ, 'unint'oh."

What was that? What's with the gibberish? Was it some kind of computer malfunction or something? Well, you may not understand this passage but Bella and Marlene did when I read it to them in Kluskus (Lhoozk'uz) last week; at least if I didn't butcher the pronunciation in the process. These words are from Mark 8:29 in the Southern Carrier (Dakelh) translation of the New Testament. They come at the centermost point in the gospel. Before that everyone is desperately trying to figure out who Jesus is. Even his own disciples don't seem to understand him. But here they finally get it. Well, sort of! They end up spending the rest of the gospel trying to figure out what it all means, because it seems to mean something very different to Jesus.

Understanding the message of Jesus is hard enough if it's spoken in your own language and through your own culture. But what if it comes through a foreign language and a foreign culture? It sounds like gibberish. And it can result in major missionary malfunctions. I've heard about a lot of them over the years.

I continue to visit the First Nations village of Kluskus every other week or so. I drop in at the school, I visit in people's homes and I try to attend special community events; each time seeking to manifest the presence and love of Jesus Christ within the context of the culture of Kluskus. It's not always easy. Beneath the surface I can tell a lot of people have heard their share of gibberish. Sometimes they've even been victimized by devastating missionary malfunctions. And goodness knows I may speak gibberish of my own at times, with my butchered pronunciation and all. Yet I continue to trust that the Lord will take these meager efforts, which seem as small as a mustard seed, and use them to grow the kingdom. I'd like to thank John Noble and Dave McNab for visiting the village once while I was away on leave. And I'd like to ask for your ongoing prayers for the community and people of Kluskus. I know they would appreciate prayer too. They for it all the time.

Punchaw House Church: Anne Migvar

Hello everyone in the Cariboo House Church circuit! For the last four months of 2014 we were without our regular minister Jon Wyminga as he and his wife, Shannon took a leave of absence. Minister Dave

Webber and his wife, Linda took Jon's place. It was like old times as Dave Webber started this house church, way back then, so there was a lot of reminiscing of earlier years. Then we would get down to singing and studying God's word and praying for all those on the prayer chain and our neighbours. Then tea and cookies, a little more visiting and off for home on snowy icy roads. Now we have Jon back refreshed and ready to spread God's word.

World Vision Report: Linda Webber

I would like to thank all those who support our four World Vision children. They are as follows: Rong Xiu Tan from China (age 10); Ferdun Hasan from Bangladesh (age 13); Paukar Tjorres from Ecuador (age 11); Yandri Garcia Beltres from Dominican Republic (age 5).

A summary of the mission funds contributed during 2014 is as follows:

-January 2014 beginning balance.....	\$1,474.40
-Money raised in 2014.....	2,588.58
<u>-Money sent to World Vision kids in 2014</u>	<u>1,872.00</u>
Balance in account 12/31/14.....	\$2,190.98

Please Note: We donate \$156.00 per month. Please remember these children with your prayers and support. Thank you!

*******Announcing the Annual*******

Cariboo Presbyterian House Church Rendezvous

"A Good Ole Fashion Picnic"

June 13 2015

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Interlakes Hall 7592 Hwy 24

Bring along your favorite picnic food item for a potluck lunch – anything that can go on a bun. And don't forget your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, sun hats, comfy clothes, shoes to play in, water bottles and, of course, your smiles. Come rain or come shine. For more information contact Jody Malm at kjhomeranch@hotmail.com or 250- 395- 0836.

A Couple of Notes:

Thank you to everyone who continues to support through your payers and financial contributions. 2014 was a huge challenge as we had three missionary positions to support. That will drop in 2015, but **we continue to be able to do this work only because of your generous support.**

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