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Newsletter

From the Directors Desk.....Rev. Burton Kewayosh

I have been the President of Arctic Mission Outreach Trust Fund (AMOTF) for 18 years, at David Ellyatt's recommendation to John Spillenaar. During this time, I have had the honor of working with a prayerful and faithful Board of Directors, and David as Director. I took on this responsibility, to help the first peoples of the respective territories in any way, in their personal and collective empowerment. I have a personal experience with this process of healing and autonomy, as I am a First Nations person, Odawa (Anishinabe) from Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island First Nation) in Southwestern Ontario.

On January 1, 2019, I became the Director of AMOTF, the position that David Ellyatt held for 18 years. To God Be the Glory for David's faithfulness and excellent work ethic, during

all the developments in Nunavut, Nunavik, and First Nations over these 18 years. David replaced me as the President of AMOTF. He is still available as a resource and will provide oversight for two building projects this year. There is a transition process required for me to fully assume the day to day responsibilities as Director, and David is available to advise me in a mentoring and coaching capacity: this is familiar to me, in that David has been my Pastor and Bible College Teacher.

The original mandate of AMOTF was to be part of Planting, Building, and Governing the local churches in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. This mandate continues at the request of the local church leadership and the collective leadership of KUUT Uumanaqtut Fellowship of Churches. AMOTF is

available to work with all the local churches, KUUT, and all the other visiting ministries. I see my role as affirming and encouraging the church leadership, for their full autonomy. At the request of Pastors Sarah and Billy Tooktoo, I have ministered in Umiujaq with my wife, Lucille, where we held Healing Services February 3, 2019 to February 8, 2019. The services were amazing (see my wife's article in this newsletter).



Burton and Lucille Kewayosh on our flight back home from Umiujaq, Nunavik.

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**Upcoming
Meetings:**

**KUUT Uumanaqtut
Tutsiauiit Easter Bible
Conference**

Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut
April 18, 2019 to April 22,
2019

**A Note from the President
Rev. David Ellyatt**

I am so glad to announce that the transition of the responsibilities of the Director is going very well.

Burton and his wife have already been to Umiujaq and the reports back have been exceptional. Burton will be leaving once again to head up into the Arctic Circle for the Annual Easter Conference in Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut. It is expected to be an exciting conference with people attending from across the north.

My doctor has been very pleased with my recovery from the Neuroendocrine Cancer of the Bowel. Treatment continues and I continue to feel stronger.

This past Sunday, April 7th, I spoke at the Anniversary Service in my home church.

In May our National Convention will be held in our home church and we are expecting many Inuit pastors to be in attendance.

Reports from the North continue to come in. Elizabeth Annahatak from Kangirsuk and Heather Paton from London are ministering in several Nunavik School Assemblies and Churches on Emerging Leadership in the Christian Community. The first reports are indicating that there has been a good response. It is good to see the Schools in the North are still open to the Gospel Message.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their faithfulness in supporting this ministry with your prayers and finances, to God be the glory



Elizabeth Annahatak from Kangirsuk and Heather Paton from London

Summary of Trip to Umiujag – Lucille Kewayosh

Burton and I had the pleasure of being invited to minister at the Full Gospel Church in Umiujag, Nunavik the first week of February 2019. The invitation included the need for healing in the church and the community.

This was my first trip to the north; I went with great excitement, as Burton had always mentioned the hospitality and openness of the people in the North when he returned from his travels to the different communities.

Pastors Sarah and Billy Tooktoo graciously shared their home with us for the week. We got to share their food, shared many stories, and had great fellowship with them and their grandchildren – Lizzie and Randy. A special thank you to their daughter Sandra, for the great meals she prepared.



Noah Crow, Board member, Pastor Sarah and Billy Tooktoo standing in front of a painting done by a community member.

My expectation was met in a greater way than I could have imagined. First, all the beauty and vastness of the land were breathtaking. Second, being with the People was like travelling back to my early days at my home on Muskoday First Nation in Saskatchewan. Hearing the Inuktitut language being spoken in the home, in the church, and in the community by people of all ages was so beautiful. The communal atmosphere also struck me.

In my daily work as a Life Skills Coach, my job is to affirm, encourage, and empower people. However, I normally don't have the opportunity to share the Word as the foundation for the teaching and sharing as openly as I was able to with this body.

I was able to use my own healing experience from the trauma of the residential school experience and basically overcoming the colonized mentality, in the workshop sessions. From that basis, there was a heart to heart; spirit connection in the workshop sessions. I called it **Expectancy met Expectancy**. Both them and us were fully anticipating a move of the Spirit. It has been my experience that

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when these two collide, great things happen. We co-taught every day from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.; and Burton shared the Word every evening. We began our teaching on **“Walking with God”**, brings healing - from the beginning – God created us for His purpose and how closely He wants that communion to be us; then we moved to identifying the blocks in us that need to be overcome, and tools to build this relationship; and we ended the week with how this relationship is evident in our daily walk.

The Move of the Spirit

Within the first hour on the first day, the Holy Spirit joined us when we were talking about how God walked in the Garden and talked face to face with Adam. From that moment on for the entire week, His presence was evident. The church leaders attended every session, and they were built up in their Spiritual walk. Other people joined us for some of the sessions. I observed that as people joined the session, the Holy Spirit switched the presentations to address their personal needs immediately.



The desire for healing – to know more about God and to know who they are in God – drew out a deeper teaching from within us. Many people were healed spiritually and emotionally in the workshops and preaching. People were testifying of their healing on the local radio station, people were healed from suicidal thoughts, and one young man from bullying. People were reporting on healing in family and work relationships.

Burton shared the Word each evening with translation from Billy. Hearing the Worship in the Language was so inspiring. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in each service, manifested in people in many ways. The evidence was through speaking in tongues, liberty in the Spirit to testify of God’s goodness, and much joy, laughter, and dancing.

We both coached the leadership in the practice of organizing and implementing a communion service. Visiting minister or others

held the previous communion services. Communion services will be ministered regularly as the leaders are now empowered to conduct these services.

We also got to meet the Mayor and to pray for him. He was very receptive to prayer and asked for specific prayers for the community. We visited one young family and prayed for them in their home.

Final thoughts

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to Sarah and Billy for the invitation. Not only did they open up their hearts, their home and church body to us but they gave us the experience of surrendering to the move of the Holy Spirit in a deeper way.



“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:4