

Cam Asman – Serving with e3 Ministries

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Cross Lake First Nation

Our trip to Cross Lake went very well this year as we brought a team from another church in the city. The pastors in Cross Lake did an amazing job of leading us throughout their community and created many opportunities for the team to step out of their comfort zones but also to utilize the gifts that God has given them. Examples were one person from the team reaching hockey players by playing in a hockey tournament that just so happened to be happening when we got there. Hockey is a large part of the culture of Cross Lake it is a sport that the community lives and breathes. Some other team members were also able to help out and care for kids at a daycare and also utilize their musical gifts to share the love of Jesus with the community. The opportunity was given to go and share testimonies and teachings of Jesus in the three schools in Cross Lake which was an excellent opportunity to build relationships with the community. There were also endless opportunities to share the Gospel and pray for the community throughout the week. We did many house visits to pray for the sick, dropping off clothes for families, praying for people in the Northmart and also delivering a bag of beaver meat for an elder. One of the men we went to visit was in his last days of living. As we prayed for him there was a great amount of peace in the room, a peace that felt like he was safe in the arms of God, despite whether he was to be healed or not.

We saw a few people come to know Jesus and a man's knee healed during a breakfast that we prepared on a Saturday morning. One of the people who accepted Jesus was a traditional Indigenous woman that was very proud of her culture. As we were talking with her the pastor that I was with invited me to share about Jesus and embracing her culture to worship Him. After she heard what I had to say she was shocked but relieved to hear such good news about Jesus and she accepted Jesus in that moment. The Saturday morning breakfast consisted of a meal but also a time to look at various clothing that was brought from Winnipeg. The event ended up being a success and well over 130 people showed up. The team was able to advertise the event when they were welcomed to go on the local radio station to share testimonies and sing worship songs.

Sunday consisted of going to another local church with the intention of building unity with the churches of Cross Lake. Uniting the churches in Cross Lake is one of the dreams of the pastor that we are working with. The time at the church ended up having many of the team members invited to worship on stage and the sharing of scripture and testimonies. The church we visited was very moved by the team coming and created the invitation for the pastor that we are working with to be able to use their building and ultimately built a stronger unity between the churches. Later on Sunday Pastor Matthew held a gathering at his brother's home for prayer, worship, as well as the opportunity for the team to encourage the church, share with the church about themselves and Jesus working in their lives. The trip also consisted of getting an in-depth tour of Cross Lake by an elder, visiting elders, as well as singing and cleaning up garbage at the elder's lodge. Just when we thought that our trip was complete our final night in Cross Lake turned into another great opportunity to build relationships with the community. Pastor Matthew planned a spare of the moment volleyball night at the high school. The night opened up with a group of teenagers jigging and a pizza night. The night was a great time to get to know some of the youth (some of the youth remembered the people from the team last year) and I truly hope that some of the relationships built that night will go further in the future!

Prayer

As we continue the journey that God has placed us on we have seen our leadership team grow significantly. Pray for us as we begin new gatherings in places that God is leading us to.

Also, please pray for me as I head out to Dominican Republic to continue to help with church planting with the local church and helping with a construction project.

Thank you so much for everything,

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