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## ARE THESE THE LAST DAYS BEFORE JESUS RETURNS?

These are both the worst and the best of times.

Recently we have been hearing shocking reports of the atrocities and wars in the Middle East. It is causing believers to ask, "Is the end of the world near?"

2 Timothy 3:1 tells us, "*In the last days perilous times will come.*" He describes prophetically the social and moral conditions, and they are an apt description of today. Throughout scripture we read prophecies of horrendous wars, political unrest and persecution against His people. Taking all this into consideration, I believe we are in *the last of the last days*.

But take heart! God has also promised revival in the final days! In Joel 2, after describing Israel's struggles and victories as her enemies come against her, the prophet adds, "*And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on ALL flesh...*". He prophecies a great revival and in-gathering of souls before the end comes! No wonder some of Jesus' last words to believers was the Great Commission. We must "*Go...and preach the Gospel,*" everywhere we can!

My life's calling has taken me far and wide around the world, but the Holy Spirit specifically laid Canada on my heart. It has compelled me to preach the Gospel, pray for those who are sick and in bondage, and see lives transformed and filled with the Holy Spirit, "from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth." I have poured much of my life into Canada's indigenous people, and in recent years, we

have raised up *Champions of Hope* teams to do the same. Countless lives in Nunavut are being evangelized, equipped and energized by the Holy Spirit and they minister under His anointing. But as I recognize the signs of the times I know there is so much more to do and little time to do it!

**That's why we feel such a great urgency to broaden our Champions of Hope teams and outreaches beyond Nunavut.**

For several years in the past, we sponsored a wonderful couple, Ray & Juanita Whalen, who spent many of their senior years living and ministering in Nain, Labrador. When they retired there was nobody to take their place, and Nain has been without a functioning full Gospel church ever since. Nain is the most north-easterly Inuit community in Labrador and is seen as a gateway from the Atlantic to the Canadian Arctic. How sad that, with the lack of a consistent Spirit-filled witness, **Nain, Labrador has the highest suicide rate in Canada!**

Juanita & her daughter, Nadine



It is such a critical need that we have assembled an **additional Champions of Hope team** to travel to Nain as soon as possible in the new year. We are thrilled that Juanita Whalen, with her daughter Nadine is going to Nain on an advance mission with Jacob and the COH team's leader for Nain, James Park, to train him for the Champions' first outreach there! In spite of her age, Juanita is determined to minister to her beloved Inuit friends and former neighbours in Nain one more time. Afterward, when James leads the entire team, they will stir up the fires that once burned in the hearts of those whom the Whalens reached, and they'll declare the Good News to many more who have never known the love of Jesus.

For Giving Tuesday we set a goal of \$25,000. for the Nain outreach, but with doing the advance mission with our team leader, the cost for both trips will be close to double that amount. The flights and accommodation costs in this remote area are enormous but we serve a big God! Whether you can give little or much toward the Nain outreach, or if you prefer to give to support the Champions of Hope teams in general, every donation will help us to invest in precious Inuit lives and come against the terrible scourge of suicide. While the Labrador team focuses on Nain, our other Champions teams continue the work they are doing throughout Nunavut. God is steadily raising up an army of on-fire, Spirit-empowered Inuit believers to take the Gospel to Canada's "ends of the earth"!

As the Christmas season approaches, we remember that God gave the greatest gift when He sent Jesus to be our Saviour. Many will be giving gifts to family and friends they so dearly love, and what a perfect time to express our love and appreciation to Jesus by giving to the work of reaching precious souls in these last days before He returns!



As we all do our part, I believe **Canada shall be saved – including Labrador!**

From Gwen and I, Jacob and Julia and our staff and Champions teams, I declare God's richest blessings on you and yours this Christmas, and thank you for your faithful partnership.

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*Canada Shall Be Saved!*