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REACHING A FATHERLESS GENERATION

Several years ago the late Billy Diamond, former Grand Chief of the Cree Nation of Quebec, had a life-changing encounter with Father God in a Catch The Fire Conference in Toronto. Billy was one of the many First Nations and Inuit people who had endured the horrors of the Residential School System. During his childhood years in the System, he suffered unspeakable abuse, but he said that the most painful and lasting trauma came as the result of the long time torn away from his family. He was essentially an orphan.

Years later, when Chief Diamond aged out of the System, he found he could no longer feel closeness or connection to his natural father, and he endured decades of deep bitterness and anger simmering inside him. It was not until his later years that the Holy Spirit led him to that Conference, where he literally felt Father God's loving arms enfold him, and heard His voice whisper, "I'll be your Father." From

that day forward Billy Diamond became a powerful voice of hope to his people, encouraging them to extend forgiveness, let go of the pain, receive the Father's love and live in wholeness.

This is the same truth that Steven Carleton and his Arctic Hope team have been sharing in Inuit communities throughout Nunavut this year. He has already completed about 2/3 of the Arctic Hope Tour to every community in Nunavut with a high school. In each school he visits he shares his own dramatic testimony of emotional and spiritual healing after abuse, and then in evening services that are open to the entire community, he invites hurting young people to discover Christ's healing power for themselves as they let the Holy Spirit minister to their deepest needs. We have been enthralled to hear wonderful testimonies of transformations in scores of young lives across the Arctic.

Steven Carleton ministering hope and healing to young people in Nunavut



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Billy Diamond called his people *A Generation of Orphans*. As we minister in cities and towns throughout our nation, we encounter many people who feel just as lost and hurting, although the circumstances are different. Many of today's families are broken, or parents are so occupied with careers and personal interests that video games or the TV become the chief baby sitter. Ungodly educational systems indoctrinate impressionable young minds with values that are in direct conflict with Biblical teaching. Busy schedules leave little or no time for Mommy and Daddy to give their undivided attention to their children, let alone spending time to teach their little ones God's ways and to pray with them to experience His love and saving grace for themselves.

We need a heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival in our land! This *Fatherless Generation* needs to experience the reality of the Father's love personally, and to know they no longer need to feel alone or forgotten. Each one of us was created with a need to *belong*, to be loved and accepted. We need a *safe place* to go where we can share our darkest secrets and deepest fears, and to know we will find forgiveness and love instead of condemnation and rejection.

That *safe place* is in the arms of our Father God. Psalm 86:15 says, "*But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*" And in Romans 5:5, we're told, "*Hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.***"

This is the message that is transforming young lives in the north, and it is the message every person, regardless of age or culture, needs to hear. That's why we continue to preach and teach the Word, filled with hope and healing, across Canada, and in communities throughout the north.

It's our greatest desire to work alongside Pastors and leaders throughout Nunavut, and to encourage them as they reach out to their communities with Jesus' love. That's why, thanks to our generous partners, we are underwriting the entire enormous cost to fly in as many Nunavut Pastors and promising young leaders as possible, from communities throughout Nunavut to Iqaluit at the end of September, to a special Leaders' Gathering. Inuit pastors who are already impacting the youth in their communities will share their insights, special guest speakers will minister, and those attending will have opportunities for input and sharing. This will be a powerful gathering as we hear each other's hearts and "*stir up one another to love and good works.*" (*Hebrews 10:24*).

We will not – we *cannot* – stop declaring the message of Hope and Healing everywhere we go. God is still changing lives and healing bodies today. He is still restoring families and binding up the broken. In the north, we are forging onward with the Arctic Hope Project that equips and empowers young people as they receive freedom from past hurts. We believe Jesus is still working miracles today, and that He wants to meet every need in *your* life!

Will you stand with us? Will you join your faith with ours for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit across the nation? Will you invest in the future of precious young lives in Nunavut? Will you help us continue to take the message of God's everlasting, embracing love to the *Fatherless Generation* in Canada?

May God bless you and make you a blessing!

Yours in Christ,



Steven Carleton & Bill Prankard

Canada Shall Be Saved!