



# DAYSTAR NATIVE OUTREACH

“Serving Ontario’s Native People with God’s Love”



## ENCOURAGEMENT

His name was “**Joseph**” with a tag line “the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “**Son of Encouragement**”). He could have been lost in obscurity BUT he walked with the Apostle Paul in his introduction to the church in Jerusalem, brought Paul from Tarsus to Antioch as the key Teacher, and then accompanied Paul on the first missionary journey ever! We often forget that the most important place is NOT the “first place” but the “last place”! To be reminded of Jesus words to His disciples - “**The greatest among you must be a servant**” - **Matt. 23:11**. As we walk in our native communities with the Gospel, it is easy to become “self important”. But God calls us to “raise up” our native workers and leaders who have responded to the claims of Jesus and have given their lives to Him. We are to encourage and disciple them to move among their people with the light of the Gospel. We are to be their “support”, their “champions”, as they take up the task that Jesus left His Church - “in your going, make disciples.”

Oh that we would strive to not be filled with our own “importance” but filled with the “heart of encouragement”. Here are some of those that DayStar is seeking to encourage and raise up and how you can be part of that journey. **Enjoy the read and allow God to touch your heart!**

*Bernie Prinzen – DayStar Director*



**Cheryl Peltier**

My work at DayStar began in the clothing depot and later I became the Office Assistant. This year I became the **Center Manager/Outreach Worker**. God has brought me to the place which He showed me many years ago, but in His time. In the new position as **Center Manager**, it’s been wonderful to be a servant of God to encourage and help the staff to walk and live for Jesus. Everyday is a new day to help build them up through His Word. I can see the changes in their lives. I also see the attacks of Satan in their lives and their families. We always begin our work-day mornings with prayer.

Moving outside the walls of the Center, I am **visiting with people who do not come to DayStar**. There are so many in our community that are getting tired of their ways. I said to someone just today that “it’s good that we are coming to you, but our prayer is that you get hungry for Jesus”. They

need to take that first step towards Jesus.

I have joined in the **community prayer walks**; there are three for the different seasons and for the different parts of our community.

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We also have our staff prayer meeting on Thursday noon, and recently we started another Wednesday prayer meeting for those that want to get together to pray here at the Center.

I also have been **messaging on Facebook** to encourage many of the ladies through Jesus' words. They look forward to the messages and some have said that this is what they really need to hear.

We have also been asked to sit on or attend different committee meetings in the community. Being able to "witness" for Jesus in the governance of our community is a privilege!

**Our community is changing!** We need to continue to pray that "Jesus" spreads and that the Christians who live in Wiikwemkoong stand for Jesus.

## Our Newest Staff Members

Aanii/Hello:

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is **Tanya Pangowish**. I live in Wiikwemkoong, Ontario and I have three wonderful children. I grew up here and am the oldest of three children.

When I was growing up, I always looked forward to summertime, because I was able to attend the DayStar Children's camps that were held here in Wiikwemkoong. I always had a great time, as the people who ran the camps were so kind and friendly. As I got older, my mother would attend the DayStar Ladies' programs, and I would often tag along. When I was old enough to attend as a mom and young woman, I started going to the programs more regularly. It was a happy place and again, everyone was so kind and friendly. I always looked forward to going even though I was shy. It really helped me to meet other ladies and get out of my comfort zone. My children have attended the day camps as well.

I started working at DayStar doing Community Placement, which is offered here in Wiky through Ontario Works. It is seventy hours a month, doing three hours a day. I took advantage of the program for two years, from September to June. My two older children were in school, and my youngest was in daycare. I then did Employment Placement, which is a year-long program, which gave me full-time employment at DayStar. I worked mostly in the Clothing Depot and kitchen. I had a great team to work with and learned a lot. I was able to get an extension after the first year.



By the time my contract ended, everything had shut down for COVID, in 2020. After a year off, I was asked to come back to work for DayStar on a six-month contract from February 2021 to September 2021. DayStar has extended my employment.

I really enjoy working at DayStar. The staff is great to work with, I am learning a lot about office administration, and by also being involved with the programs here, I can meet a variety of people in the Wiky community. I am no longer as shy as I once was and feel that I have come a long way in my personal growth and ability to fit into many work situations. I am hoping that it works out for me to continue to work at DayStar.

Aanii/Hello

"My name is **Sheldon Migwans**. I am from M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island. 13 years ago I had an encounter with the Lord, my God, Who has changed me and walks with me and teaches me. It was the Lord who mentored me in my journey, and still is. I only give



credit to the Lord. He deserves all the credit. The Lord speaks into my life, and He lives, and I stand strongly in Him. Through visions and dreams, He has taught me to always rely on Him solely. As my walk continues, I share my experience, strength, and hope with others in hopes that they might join me. I have volunteered my life to help those who still suffer from addictions.

I want to give back what was so freely given to me. Many in my community suffer, but I hope to point them to God, who is a God of love, the one and only Creator who loves them. God Bless."

## **THE BIG QUESTION?**

### **HOW ARE THESE INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED?**

DayStar functions as a **"faith-based" mission** that relies solely on the gifts and generosity of the children of God, given either personally or through their local church, in order to accomplish the vision that God has called us to fulfill.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

The **vision of DAYSTAR** is to impact the culture and communities of Ontario's Native people with the love of Christ, by carrying the whole Gospel in personal and practical ways. Resting in the Holy Spirit's work, Native peoples will accept Him as Savior and own Him as Lord. In maturing through life example and teaching from the Word of God, **they will experience the transforming Gospel in personal balance, peace, and wholeness, able to be effective witnesses.**

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## **WOULD YOU SUPPORT US ?**

### **BY CHEQUE** Made payable to

DayStar Native Outreach and mail to the  
Manitowaning Office address

### **ONLINE DONATIONS** Made through

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/daystar-native-christian-outreach/>

**CREDIT CARD GIVING** Call the DayStar office at 705.859.2623

### **AUTOMATIC BANK WITHDRAWAL**

Please contact us at the Admin. Office via mail, phone or email to:

[admin@daystarnativeoutreach.com](mailto:admin@daystarnativeoutreach.com)

Once the form is completed, return it to the office with a void cheque

### **EMAIL TRANSFER** Send emails to

[admin@daystarnativeoutreach.com](mailto:admin@daystarnativeoutreach.com) and a follow up email with the "password" to release the funds.

**MEMORIAL CARDS** are available upon request for use in memory of loved ones or friends. Donations are also received in honour of an esteemed person. A memorial or honour plaque will be placed in the DayStar Center of the DayStar House. Please call or email for information.

Our native believers have neither the personal finances nor the personal support base to step out into "full-time" ministry as God leads them. They must rely on the resources of the rest of the body of Christ to begin that "faith" journey. What greater way to agree with the responsibility of reaching our native community with the Gospel, than to share the resources God has given us with those that God has called to be that light and witness.

**We welcome your personal gifts** - earmarked specifically for "**Native Staff Support**". Your monthly gifts and support will help DayStar to be financially responsible in these individuals' lives as they labour for the sake of the Gospel.

We also encourage **participation through the local Church** and your "**missions budget**" deliberations to see "national believers" raised up and supported so they can reach their own communities with the light of the Gospel. If you are in the position to "encourage" that process, please connect with us and we would appreciate sharing the ministry of DayStar.



## **RIDE UPDATE**

We encourage involvement in the RIDE fundraising initiative to widen our "connecting points" and to give others who may be new to DayStar, the opportunity to be involved. If you have not participated

to date - here is an incredible opportunity in which you and your friends can be involved --- on a yearly basis. Whether "on a walk", or through a "ride", or through another "creative form of activity" - we encourage "action" to raise funds and awareness. Simply email us to "sign up" for next years' fundraiser!

**To date, through the RIDE initiative, friends of DayStar Canada have raised \$16,265.00.** These funds will be allocated for our "Native Staff budget". Many of those who have given are friends and co-workers of our larger DayStar Community. They are now involved in this ministry!