



DAYSTAR NATIVE OUTREACH

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

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“HOW DO WE WAIT?”

If we could have had a glimpse of this year, would we have welcomed the journey? The future, at best, is uncertain—we do and prepare as much as we can to minimize the risks and fears it brings—but Jesus constantly reminds us that “no one knows the days and the hours except for My Heavenly Father”. In Matthew 24, Jesus speaks about the future and He tells the parable in chapter 25 of the “Ten Bridesmaids” - five foolish and five wise. These ten were waiting for the “Bridegroom”. Waiting to meet the one who would escort them as His guests to the marriage feast. What could be more important? But only five were ready! To most of us, “waiting” means “lost time” in trivial detail, cell phone games, little stuff of no significance. But Jesus makes it clear that the “waiting” is as important as the feast itself. We are to be ready! This past year—specifically summer—would seem to many to have been “lost” as an opportunity to reach into our native communities. I trust you have not found it so. I hope you have been busy praying, writing notes, making phone calls, sending text messages, using “Zoom” opportunities, and even making smaller group visits if possible to each of your communities. Jesus closes His conversation with a simple truth—“waiting patiently” requires actively “helping the least of these My bothers and sisters” - vs. 40 and 45. The reality of “being the Gospel” is being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus as we continue to touch our native community with His love, forgiveness, and healing power. They cannot wait for a “brighter, more stable future. Let us not be afraid of the unknown future, but let us walk as ambassadors of the love and light of Jesus.

Bernie Prinzen

RIDE for REFUGE

We set a DayStar goal of \$10,000 for this year’s fund raising objective. As of the morning of September 29th, we have reached \$9810.00 of that goal. **Awesome!** For each one of you who participated, “**Chi-miigwetch**” for your labour of love. Some of these funds will be used in each of the communities the participants are involved in, to continue the ministry as God reopens the doors of personal contact and programming. Many of the persons who “donated”, were not previously involved with or knew the work of DayStar. What an opportunity to reach into a sphere of friendship, family and fellow workers to share the heartbeat of God for our native communities and allow others the privilege of walking with us in seeing precious souls won to Christ. We see this as an ongoing and expanding opportunity to not only raise much needed funds for the ministry but also provide an incredible opportunity of sharing (cont’d on back page)



CHANGING SEASONS

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS and IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Shirley Ohlman Hamilton



I am filled with gratitude when thinking of my privilege to serve the Lord in ministry for so many years. I'm thankful for my family who love Jesus, for my supporters who intercede and support me financially, for the churches which are my lifeline, for my staff, the DayStar Board and the hundreds of volunteers and interns throughout the years who have served our Native people with DayStar.

My marriages with men who were godly, gracious and gifted, Richard Ohlman and Don Hamilton, graced my life. Each one exhibited love and compassion for people. With each one, the Lord moved upon us to establish a pioneer and dynamic work among Canada's indigenous peoples. The first stirrings of this ministry occurred in the 1980's, then called the Mobile Ministry, run out of Stouffville, Ontario. A move to Sudbury enabled the spread of the work, especially on the reserves on Highways #69, #17 and then #6 on Manitoulin Island. After Richard (Ohlman) passed away on Easter Sunday 1995 (what a day to go to Heaven when celebrating the resurrection!), I continued the work alone. Mobile Ministry then evolved into DayStar Native Outreach, named from II Peter 1:19 which speaks of "the light shining in a dark place, till the day dawns and the **daystar** arises in your hearts" (KJV). Significant summer ministries were being held on several reserves with volunteer church teams. God dramatically brought Pastor/Dr. Don Hamilton into my life. His pastoral and management skills proved to be what DayStar needed. It's been eleven years since his passing. This year, 2020, marks forty years working with Native people, and twenty-two years of fulltime ministry on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (Reserve, Manitoulin Island, Ontario)



At a Team Leaders
SUMMIT Conference

DayStar is a firmly rooted Christian ministry to First Nations people in the mid-north of Ontario, with a divine mandate and mission to Canada's indigenous peoples. Every day results in an adventure. In the morning it's unknown. By evening I reflect on the Spirit's leading, rejoicing in the rare opportunities I have with my wonderful friends and acquaintances, including the broken, hurting, and the grieving. The trust they place with me indeed is humbling.

As of January 1, 2021, I'll be transitioning into a new role with DayStar, still as a fulltime worker, working in the areas of my passion and true calling. Bernie Prinzen will be assuming the role of Director at that point. When growing up in Prince Edward County, Ontario, Bernie was a 4th grade student in a rural school where my husband Richard taught religious education and had influence



Shirley with
Cheryl Fox Peltier and
Pastor Robert Soto
At Moody
Bible Institute

on young Bernie's life. Now things have come full circle. Bernie and his wife Elizabeth have served on DayStar's outreach team, Parkdale Baptist in Belleville, to Sagamok Anishnawbek (First Nation near Massey, Ontario) for twenty summers. Their hearts were increasingly burdened as they reached out to that community with great love.

My role will include community involvement in Wiikwemkoong, engagements/deputation with churches and organizations, initiate a new fulltime ministry at Whitefish River First Nation, and assist DayStar U.S. in beginning a ministry in Michigan. I'll be able to formulate my own schedule and have flexibility to visit my family and to do some creative writing. Yea! My goal is to write an informative book or manual as to Native people and culture, and effective ways to share Christ in their culture.



The years have flown by and Heaven has viewed your support and the notable impact it has made in real lives that have experienced transformation by the power of the Gospel. Individuals and families have HOPE and PEACE because of you.

Shirley Hamilton

Look among the nations (First Nations!) and watch, be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you will not believe. Habakkuk 1:5



A word from the DayStar Board Chairman—Greg Froese

Shirley Hamilton has been involved in the lives of Canadian Anishinaabe peoples for over 40 years. Early on there were various camp and day club outreaches amongst many different native communities throughout Ontario. During these early years, Shirley's heart was broken for Native People and God used her to encourage others to join in the work. In 1998 Don and Shirley Hamilton formalized Daystar Native Outreach. The organization has partnered with many churches in North America. Throughout these years we have seen Daystar Native Outreach used by God in many amazing ways to impact each native community.

As the Director of Daystar over these 25 years, Shirley has been a listener and a learner. She has shown in a genuine fashion the love of Christ, the need for Christ, the hope found in Christ, and the life that comes from Christ. During these years Shirley has served in humility and gentleness. She has been the constant throughout this entire time persevering through the death of Don Hamilton in 2009 and having to oversee the creation of a new board in 2008.

Over the last few years Shirley and the Board have been praying, planning, and working towards identifying a successor to become the next Director. The Board is excited and pleased to announce that Bernie Prinzen will assume the position of Executive Director on January 1, 2021. The transfer of Directorship has been in process for over a year. The Daystar Board is active and fully behind this "transferring of the mantle". On behalf of the Daystar Board, I solicit your prayers for Shirley, Bernie, and the Daystar Staff during these remaining months as we all seek God's counsel and wisdom. Daystar Native Outreach is not our own, but God's. We are humbly the stewards of what God has entrusted. We also know that God is at work in each of our lives and in the lives of precious folks in Native Communities. God is establishing His Kingdom and is on the move! Our desire is to faithfully follow Him and humbly serve Him and it would be with much joy to have you continue alongside.

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what God is doing and the ministry opportunities. Who knows who will give and who will hear as we share the message! Over the history of DayStar we have seen countless numbers of individuals respond to the opportunity—some have even come and laboured with us as part of our summer teams, interns, and fulltime staff. We often minimize the extent of our witness and testimony as we work out the Gospel in our lives. What an awesome opportunity to reach into the lives of those we know, live with and work with to share the impact of DayStar in our lives and in the lives of the children and adults DayStar has reached, and then ask them to be part of that journey through their giving. Each of you have been, and are, part of the “recruitment” team that is part of DayStar. Thank you for spending your time and energy and resources.

If you would like to be involved in this adventure next year (Lord Willing), please email us and we will definitely keep you posted.



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Things to pray for—Labouring with us

1. **DayStar Finances**— We have seen a significant drop in our “persons” support. Most of our “churches” have continued their support of DayStar for which we are thankful. We recognize the unsettling days that God has allowed financially. Pray that we would continue to fix our eyes again on the One who has called us to the harvest and has promised to supply.
2. **Our Staff**—That God would raise up “native staff” to walk with us in the work of the ministry as we diligently train them to exercise their spiritual gifts and as they walk in greater spiritual maturity.
3. **The “Transition” Journey** — We at DayStar want to be faithful to the call of God to reach deeply into the lives and framework of our native community to see the wholeness of the Gospel in transforming their lives. We desire to give Godly leadership to DayStar and each who partners with us for successful ministry.
4. **The Ongoing Outreach** into our native communities—What that looks like and how the “season” has affected the programming opportunities, we are not certain. Pray that God would continue to give us “great favour” and “open doors” as we seek to work in each community. Pray for wisdom and creativity for our team leaders as they discern God’s direction in each of the communities DayStar serves in.
5. **Our Internship Program**—We need to “retool” for these new days. Pray that God would give us wisdom and individuals would respond to the opportunity.

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