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Stories of God's work in people's lives are always an encouragement ... and they give us hope!

The testimonies of our Tribal Trails guests are broadcast far and wide, but these aren't people who necessarily like being in the spotlight. Liz Garcia is one who wasn't sure she wanted to be on our program.

Read here what prompted her to go through with it.



by Liz Garcia

# FINDING what I was LOOKING FOR

I HESITATED TO DO MY TESTIMONY FOR TRIBAL TRAILS. I'd never really shared my testimony like this before (on video). The morning we were to record it, I asked God what to do.

The first thing I do each morning is read a few verses from the Bible, and I read from "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklet. The title that morning was "Tell Your Story," so I knew I had to keep praying about it! It told about a former prisoner and relatively new Christian who was asked to give his testimony in a prison. After he spoke, some inmates

came to him and said, "This is the most exciting meeting we've ever been to!" The man was amazed that God could use his simple story.

The devotional also told about the Apostle Paul who shared his personal testimony to encourage the young man Timothy (1 Tim. 1:12-16). Paul told about God's mercy in his own life, and what God had saved him from. The Lord is able! That is what Paul wanted Timothy to see, and what we need to see, too.

The devotional ended with this: "If God could use someone like Paul, He can use us ... Our story of God's work in our lives can encourage others. Let those around you know that the God of the Bible is still at work today!" So that was what encouraged me to give my testimony.

I'm originally from the Cold Water Band, which is about 10 minutes south of Merritt, BC where we now live. My husband is from Upper Nicola band. I grew up in a family of nine kids. Alcohol became part of my family's life, and there was always weekend drinking. When I became of age, that's what I did.

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>>> I was sent to a residential school when I was 10 and quit before I was 16. I think it did something to me. There were 400 kids there, but it was very lonely for me. I missed my family and, as a result, I didn't know how to raise my family later when I had children.

Soon after I quit school I met my husband. I had gone to work on a ranch where I helped with the cooking. Bob and I were together for a few years before we got married. We've been married now for 57 years. We have five children and seven grandchildren, and we love every one of them. Bob mainly did logging, working hard to bring in money to take care of us. He felled trees that would get hauled into the mills.

It was around 1976 that I gave my life to the Lord. Of course I knew "about" Him before that, but that year I went to a Bible study one

night because I had been in touch with people from the Nicola Valley Fellowship. I had felt the urge to go. That night a lady asked me if I knew the Lord as my Savior, and I told her I didn't. She asked me if I wanted Him to be in my life and I said, "Yes, I do." We prayed together and I knew that I had given my life over to the Lord!

The first Bible verse that I remember after that was Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved, through faith – not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." To me that verse made sense. I was brought up to say prayers for our sins. But I realized then that I couldn't be saved by "doing" prayers – I was saved by grace. I knew it was real. That night I went home and Bob was already in bed because he had to get up early in the morning. I sat by the bed and told him, "I did something tonight." Right then he sensed that I was a different person.

God took away my desire for smoking and drinking. Bob must have liked what he saw in me after that. He started coming to church with me and soon after he also became a Christian, and the Lord took away his desire for alcohol, too. Being Christians helped our marriage. We're not perfect and we still have our differences, but we learn to forgive just as God has forgiven us.

We are part of the Fellowship, and have brought our children. We attend Bible studies and enjoy time with other believers. They seem to have peace in their lives. That's what I had been looking for, and that's what drew me to Christ.

My message for viewers (and readers) is this: Don't be afraid to listen to God. He's always knocking on the door of your heart. If you are looking for something – I know that's what I used to do, looking in parties, but it didn't fill me up – I encourage you to listen to that inner voice that God puts in us. He will make Himself known to you, like He has done for me. ●

*This article was adapted from our video interview with Liz Garcia.*



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With Tribal Trails being a media ministry, it means that most of our communication is "one-way." Our program guests tell about their walk with the Lord through TV and internet ... but we only hear back from a portion of our viewers. That's why, when we receive letters like the following, we're re-energized to keep doing this work that God has called us to!

"Just wanted to drop a line," wrote missionary Tony Ens, "about how Tribal Trails has had impact recently at the Whitehorse Correction Centre. Two weeks ago I showed a couple of segments about Buddy Bird (on DVD). We didn't have a lot of time for discussion after, but one inmate said that he was powerfully touched and moved by Buddy's testimony.

"Then last week I used an episode that featured Dione Lacendre and Cliff & Liza Bird. This was with a group quite new to me. When I asked for comments about what stood out to them in the program, one young man said, 'Their faces.' I asked what he meant and he said, 'They were able to smile.' Despite the challenges that they had faced – the loss of a son, or not knowing how God would provide – these Tribal Trails guests all had a joyful radiance, and this impacted the inmates. I hope this blesses you in the good work you're doing."

Thank you, Tony, and thanks to each of our supporters whose prayers and gifts make this ministry possible. ●

**Brent Wahlstrom**  
NCEM-TV Administrator



**TRIBAL TRAILS GOSPEL MUSIC JAMBOREE!**  
July 9 from 2-5 pm at The Pas, MB

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! ... and there is a special invitation to all those who have appeared on Tribal Trails since 1982 when we began.

The Jamboree is a scheduled part of the Native Evangelical Fellowship (NEFC) Annual Conference, July 7-10.

For accommodations, check out Clearwater Campground, and various motels in the area.

Visit [www.tribaltrails.org](http://www.tribaltrails.org) for more details.



## FROM OUR VIEWERS...

The phone calls we receive on our Spiritual Helpline come for various reasons. Some callers need someone to pray with them for their concerns. Others also need the truth of God's Word. Any advice given must be based on God's Word ... so that's what we share! Here is a sample from recent calls:

- A married couple called in, and the husband admitted to having been unfaithful to his wife. He said that he has accepted Christ, but longed to feel the presence of God as he once did. We read Psalm 51:1-2 together (King David's prayer of repentance following his adultery) and the husband prayed a prayer of repentance.
- A woman called in whose desperation was high. She said she was finding life unbearable – all her friends and family had either died or moved away. She doesn't know what happened to her relationship with Jesus. She felt surrounded by ungodly people and was too distressed to even read her Bible. However, she seemed to feel ministered to when we read Psalm 80:1-7 to her: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved" (vs. 3).
- A caller told of struggling with alcoholism, and resulting depression. Prayer was a part of the caller's life but, when asked about a relationship with Jesus, the answer was vague. When we read 2 Peter 1:3-4 ("His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness") and talked of living in the power of the Holy Spirit, the caller indicated never having heard of that concept. This caller wanted to continue communication with us via email.
- This call came with a question: "How is a person supposed to 'feel' if they are saved?" We responded with a question: "How is a person saved?" and the answer was: "Obey the 10 Commandments," showing little understanding of salvation by faith in Christ. So together we looked at Acts 3:19: "Repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out." We also looked at Galatians 5:22-23 (the fruits of the Spirit) and explained how these are the signs of the Holy Spirit, rather than a flush of emotions of outward expressions. ●

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

Hebrews 4:12



# Praise & Prayer

- **PRAISE** the Lord for Tribal Trails viewers who are responding to God's Word, reaching out for salvation and freedom from sin.
- **PRAY** for our staff & volunteers who take phone calls from viewers. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help ... to gain understanding of the caller's heart and situation, to know which Scriptures to use, to pray in faith for difficult circumstances. Also pray that we would have sufficient staff to take these calls.
- **PRAY** for upcoming video taping trips this summer and fall - for prepared hearts of those who will share.
- **PRAISE** the Lord for Tribal Trails staff serving faithfully either in the public eye, or behind the scenes.
- **PRAY** for viewers receiving follow-up materials. Pray that Bible study and devotional books will be well used, helping many to grow in the knowledge and love of God.
- **PRAY** for the daily administration of Tribal Trails, including: financial & station broadcasting matters, working with recording guests, and the spiritual care of staff and guests.
- **PRAISE** the Lord for financial givers whose donations cover our station airing costs.
- **PRAY** for our adjustments to new equipment and technology. Pray that we will have sufficient staff in technical areas.
- **PRAISE** God for building His Church! Through Tribal Trails it's exciting to connect people with the Body of Christ in many places.
- **PRAY** for the financial needs of Tribal Trails staff (donations to Tribal Trails do not pay workers' salaries - each worker is supported by designated gifts from churches, family, friends).
- **PRAY** for God's Light & Truth to impact viewers struggling with spiritual darkness and depression - to bring freedom and wholeness to them and their families. Pray for viewers to understand God's Word and plan for their life.
- **PRAISE** for the prayers of many viewers and supporters! Through prayer God can change lives and build up the Body of Christ in Indigenous communities. ●

This summer our schedule again includes previously broadcasted programs. We know you will be blessed as you meet these guests ...

# AGAIN OR FOR THE FIRST TIME

## Fully Doing It For God

Henry McKay tried to live in two worlds – for Christ, and the world. It kept him from fully serving God, until he realized an emptiness in him that only Jesus can fill.



## The Book Of Life

The Word of God planted into a child can change a life. Daily feeding on the Word has continued through Joe & Louise Belleau's adult lives.



## God's Way, Not Ours

Alice Cote's mother enrolled in Bible school, and then became a full-time missionary. With the difference in her mom's life, Alice saw the reality of God's love for her.



## I'm On the Right Track

Parry & Angie Stelter were both adopted by Christian families off the reserve at a very young age. After drifting, they returned to the Christian foundation they gained as children.



## The Value of Life

One suicide affects many lives. Howard Jolly talks about factors leading to suicidal thoughts, about the role of parents, and about freedom through fully trusting the Lord.



## A Blessed Life

Though raised mostly by his Christian grandmother, as a teen Chris Steinhauer got involved with drugs and alcohol. In the resulting financial crisis, he cried out for God.



## TV BROADCAST STATIONS (local, satellite & cable stations)

Nationally	Vision TV	Mon.–Fri. 1:00 pm & Mon. 2:30 am ET
Maritimes	CTV Atlantic (CJCH)	
	(also CKCW, CKLT, CJCB)	Sun. 10:30 am AT
Burlington, ON	Yes TV Ontario	Sun. 12:00 pm & 11:00 pm ET
Thunder Bay, ON	Global Thunder Bay (CHFD)	Sun. 9:00 am ET
Winnipeg, MB	Global Winnipeg (CKND)	Sun. 9:00 am CT
Winnipeg, MB	HopeTV 11 (CIIT)	Sat. 9:00 am & Sun. 1:00 pm & Mon.–Fri. 2:00 pm CT
Saskatchewan	CTV (CKCK, CFQC, CICC, CIPA)	Sun. 10:30 am (summer) & Sun. 11:30 am (winter) CST
Lloydminster, SK	CITL	Sun. 9:00 am MT
Calgary, AB	Yes TV Calgary	Sun. 12:30 pm MT
Edmonton, AB	Yes TV Edmonton	Sun. 12:30 pm MT
Lethbridge, AB	Miracle CJLL	Sat. 2:30 pm MT
Medicine Hat, AB	CHAT-TV	Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am AT
Dawson Creek, BC	CJDC	Sun. 1:30 pm PT
Kamloops, BC	CFJC-TV	Sun. 6:00 am & 10:30 am PT
Prince George, BC	CKPG	Sun. 6:00 am & 10:30 am PT
Terrace, BC	CFTK	Sun. 1:30 pm PT
Vancouver, BC	JoyTV 10 (CHNU)	Sun. 6:00 am & 4:00 pm & 11:00 pm & Mon.–Fri. 11:00 pm PT

## COMMUNITY CABLE STATIONS

Check your local TV listing for air time:

Alberta	Calgary (Shaw Cable - Multicultural Channel)	Fri. 11:00 am & Sun. 10:00 am
Saskatchewan	Regina, North Battleford, Meadow Lake, Yorkton (see <a href="http://myaccess.ca">myaccess.ca</a> for more information)	
Manitoba	Virdein	

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CKTP "Station of the Nations"	(Fredericton, NB) 95.7 FM	Sun. 8:00 am
CIOT Radio	(Nipawin, SK) 104.1 FM	Thurs. & Sat. 7:00 pm
Minahik Achimowin Radio	(Pinehouse Lake, SK)	
The Rock Radio	(Yorkton, SK) 98.5 FM	Sun. 4:00 pm & Mon. 11:00 pm
Muskawchees Radio	(Hobbema, AB) 89.1 FM	Schedule varies
CI AJ-FM Aboriginal		
Christian Voice Network	(Prince Rupert, BC) 100.7 FM	Sun. 9:00 pm PST
CIAM Radio	(BC, AB, SK)	Sun. 3:00 am & 2:00 pm & 10:00 pm & Fri. 11:00 pm
For info and complete station list visit <a href="http://ciamradio.com">ciamradio.com</a>		
MBC (Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation)		Sun. 8:30 am
La Ronge (89.9 FM) / Prince Albert (88.1 FM) / Saskatoon (104.1 FM) / Regina (90.3 FM) / Yorkton (92.2 FM) / North Battleford (95.5 FM) / Meadow Lake (89.9 FM) / visit <a href="http://mbcradio.com">mbcradio.com</a> for complete list.		
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Visit <a href="http://cfweradio.ca">cfweradio.ca</a> for a complete list of communities.		

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