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BY ARNOLD &
NATTIE FLETT

FROM OUR TRAPLINE

Most of our Tribal Trails TV recording takes place in our program guests' communities, or in our Prince Albert studio. When we interviewed Arnold & Nattie Flett we were in one of the most remote – and beautiful – locations we've ever visited.

The Fletts live in Garden Hill, a fly-in community of about 5,000 in north-eastern Manitoba. Each fall they spend time on their "trapline" – about 120 kms from their home.

Arriving by float plane, our Tribal Trails recording team spent a few days with them. Along with their fresh fish and moose meat, here is a condensed version of what the Fletts shared with us on camera.

ARNOLD: We come here every fall around this time – end of September, beginning of October – to harvest fish and moose meat, most of which we bring back to Garden Hill to share. We also come here to reflect on God's creation, and it is also a time of prayer.

We came to know Jesus Christ about 35 years ago. Before that we were living a life of sin. Things were not working out right for our family, and for our marriage, but God intervened.

We didn't have anything to do with the church back then, but I remember hearing the Gospel through some young people sharing their testimonies on our local TV station. Then one night I heard my wife crying and praying. I didn't say anything to her about it.

The next day I found it strange ... she was much calmer. The Lord was working on my own heart, and I could only think about God. I asked Nattie, "How does one become a Christian?" She said, "Ask Jesus to forgive you." That was the extent of my prayer, but it led to a complete change in my life.

NATTIE: Things were not good in our home before that. We had two children at the time, and they were not secure or happy. It was a time of darkness for me, and I even thought about suicide. But it seemed as if God spoke to me about my dark thoughts and said, "What are your children going to do? If you leave, who's going to look after them?"

>>> I had been in residential schools for many years, and I knew the feeling of loneliness, of not having a mother or father close by, and I didn't want my children to go through that. My parents were Christians, and I knew that they had been praying for us. Even though I had been hostile to the Gospel because of what I'd gone through as a young child, the Lord broke through. I remember crying and crying, and giving my heart to Jesus one night. Such a feeling of peace overcame me. I didn't say anything to my husband right away, but I knew something had changed.

ARNOLD: I had gained a strong desire to seek God and His Word, and every chance I got I would read my Bible. We started to fellowship with the believers in Garden Hill, where Nattie's uncle was the pastor. I had a strong desire to share what had just happened in my own life. Our church has an hour every Sunday on our local station, and that's where I gave my first public testimony. Then each week I began reading the Bible a bit on the air, and eventually started preaching. People listening knew about my former lifestyle, about the drugs and all that stuff. They ridiculed me at first, and kind of expected me to fall back, but I kept going.

We felt called to attend Bible school in Alberta. We both had high-paying jobs, but we made a choice to go by faith. After we returned to Garden Hill our pastor got sick, and they asked me to take over as pastor. Later we also pastored in Weagamow Lake for a few years, but about five years into ministry there I had two heart attacks, and we returned home to Garden Hill to rest. Besides serving our church, we also felt called to minister more in our community. At that time there had been many suicides, so we counseled many individuals and families. I also formed a Gospel singing band, and we traveled to neighboring communities.

A few years ago people asked me to run for chief, and I was elected to a two-year term. That was a challenge, but I thank God for many opportunities to pray with my fellow Band councillors. Nattie was very involved with a Christian school in Weagamow and still ministers to children and their families through her day care work in Garden Hill. All these years, and as I continue to pastor, we have been members of Native Evangelical Fellowship (NEFC).

As we share our life story with Tribal Trails viewers out here from our trapline, I'm reminded that Jesus called His followers to be fishers of men. One of the things I know about fishing is that you have to know where the fish are. Here's a story from our lives to explain what I mean:

One summer people were walking by our house, drinking and waking us up a lot. So I prayed about it, and one night I took my lawn chair and sat on it beside the road at about two a.m., praying and waiting for these guys to come by. Sure enough, two guys came by and I said, "Hey." I scared them so bad they went off screaming, but then one of them who I recognized came back. I said, "Come here, I just want to pray for you."

Years later I heard this same fellow give his testimony. He told about me praying for him that night! I don't remember my exact prayer, but I believe it was that he would eventually get saved. Well, he did and even went to Bible school.

Being a fisher of men comes in many forms. We go out and share the Gospel one-on-one. We share with families, with couples, and Nattie has shared one-on-one with ladies. I have shared with men's groups and sometimes in large conferences, and in church meetings. There's a need out there. People need salvation and they need to hear more about Jesus, about what God can do for them. ●

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S

Who is Tribal Trails,

really? Those who appear on camera are Indigenous Christians sharing what Christ has done for them. The majority of NCEM-TV staff are rarely seen on screen. They work behind the scenes, giving opportunity for First Nations believers to share their thoughts and experiences. Through testimonies, songs, and interviews, our guests are effective communicators.

Our staff are happy to enable others to share (some are especially thankful that they never have to appear on TV!). Our present staff are from different cultures and walks of life. We value the variety of viewpoints that this brings to ministry.

Some of our staff will be traveling over the next few months. Conrad Flett, who you see on Tribal Trails almost every week, spends much of his time on-the-go. He recently flew with Native Evangelical Fellowship (NEFC) leadership to visit churches across northern Manitoba and Ontario, encouraging them as they stand as a light in these remote communities.

Thank you for serving with us through your prayers and donations. Pray for us as we prepare programs, and please also pray for viewers who have shared with us their struggles in living for Christ. God is able to help each of us shine as a light for Him in any situation we are going through. ●



Brent Wahlstrom
NCEM-TV Administrator

WE ARE PLEASED TO INCLUDE

with this newsletter a DVD that has our interview with Laura Mowatt from Norway House, MB. Hear her tell how she prays for her community over local radio. The DVD includes two additional interviews: Nicole tells how she was rescued from the streets; Pascal speaks about being an unwanted child. We trust this DVD will challenge many to know God as Savior and Lord, and be an encouragement to continue following Him.



Ask us for additional copies to hand out (free of charge).

JOIN US AT THESE TWO TRIBAL TRAILS JAMBOREES

Contact us for details

- THE PAS, MB — July 7
- THUNDER BAY, ON Area — Sept. 28-30

Real People... Real Hurts... Real Hope!

Besides TV, Tribal Trails is also being viewed on our website, on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. We hear back from viewers in various ways, too: phone, letter, email and Facebook.

Here are a few responses (adapted for space & clarity), prompting us to pray ... and to thank the Lord for the work He is doing in viewers' lives:

- "It's been two and-a-half years since I used alcohol and cigarettes, but I still have problems with worry about things like family, friends, money, health. It is hard for me to trust people because I have been hurt. I always watch your show every time."
- "I enjoy your TV show. It's so uplifting. I'm from Northwest Territories and am thinking about Bible school, but some days I feel lonely and depressed. I want to live for our Lord."
- "I just recently came across Tribal Trails on TV. I am deeply moved by this program, which I pray and thank God for. Jesus Christ is the answer and only He can heal the terrible hurts so many have suffered by our 'inhumanity to man.' God bless."
- "The reason I like Tribal Trails so much is that it is real ... real people who have real problems ... that's what makes it so appealing. Thank you to all those courageous souls who tell their story to the rest of us. Tell them it helps. It makes a difference."
- "I hear the testimonies of lives changed through faith in Jesus Christ. I also appreciate the quality of teaching on the program. I pray for your ministry regularly."
- "Why doesn't Tribal Trails do a full music program?"

OUR RESPONSE: We seek to bring what we believe is the world's most needed message of hope to everyone who will tune in, but particularly to North America's First Peoples, so we use music primarily to enhance the presentation of the Gospel. We do value the ministry of music and will gladly send you a catalogue of music CDs recorded by some of our Tribal Trails guests, available for purchase. ●

Elaine's Journey

ELAINE HOLLAND TELLS OF ABUSE, CONFUSION, AND FEELING UNLOVED.

Wrong relationships resulted in pregnancy and abortions, and for years she felt ashamed and unable to talk about it with anyone. Now, rather than feeling a victim, she considers herself a victor through the love of Christ.

Elaine's desire is to help others to become free from the effects of abortion and personal hurts through the healing that Jesus Christ brings.

If you know someone who needs to hear this message, ask us for "Elaine's Journey" (three-program series on DVD) ... or search "Elaine Holland" on TribalTrails.org. ●



PRAISE & PRAYER

We praise the Lord for each of you who join with Tribal Trails through your gifts and prayers. Your prayers empower the witness of our program guests as they tell of Christ and the significance of His Word in their lives—not only because God's Word is powerful and unchanging, but because it changes those who read it!

- Our weekly half-hour program is broadcast on numerous stations and over the internet, but it is the Holy Spirit who draws people to Christ. We must never underestimate the importance of prayer in seeing viewers saved and restored.
- We need prayer as we interact with viewers who call or write. When possible, we seek to arrange face-to-face visits. Each week we take numerous phone calls, and offer to send literature and other resources.
- This summer our Tribal Trails staff appreciate prayer as they travel to visit supporters, work in Bible camps, and travel to record testimonies and Bible messages at First Nations gatherings.
- Pray for Native believers who face ostracism from family and peers because of their stand for Christ. Pray for them to stay strong as traditional beliefs in opposition to the Bible are being promoted around them.
- Pray for our staff as we plan and edit programs. We need the Lord's guidance as we select and arrange portions of interviews (there is always more interview material than can fit in a program).
- Pray for our viewers who are struggling with various difficult life issues. Pray for those whose faith is weak, that God's Word will penetrate & strengthen them.
- Pray for the technical aspects of our ministry. We use cameras and computers, but know that we must rely on the Lord to keep them working properly.
- Our overall vision is to see churches planted and strengthened in Indigenous communities. Pray for more labourers for this area of God's work in the world. Pray for sufficient Tribal Trails TV staff as we seek to fulfill our role. ●

This summer our schedule again includes previously broadcast programs. Meet these guests again, or for the first time!

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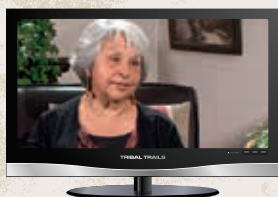
Let My Light Shine

Lawrence & Diane Cook tell how God helped them through depression by regular study of God's Word and fellowship with believers.



An Unprotected Child

Although Sunni Hunt didn't know it at the time, her family was far from normal. She shares how she was healed from her abusive past.



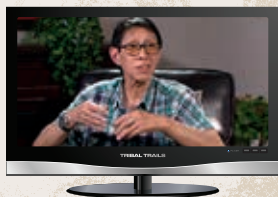
A Father's Role

Three First Nations fathers share about their relationships with their children, and the importance of time spent with them, teaching them about God.



The Cross

Unemployment, addiction, poor health, inferiority and hatred drove Michael Hopp to the Lord. Today he reaches others through a street ministry.



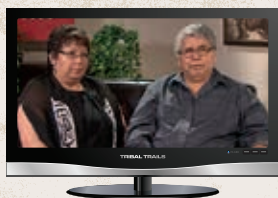
God's Hand in Our Life

Peter & Charlene Constant tell how they decided to leave good jobs to attend Bible school and pursue ministry. They now serve in Peter's home community.



Marriage on the Rocks

Glen Nisyok's carefree past and drinking threatened to destroy their marriage. He and Andrea tell how God intervened and restored their marriage.



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TV BROADCAST STATIONS

Nationally	Vision TV	Mon.—Fri. 1:00 pm & Mon. 2:30 am ET	\$400/day
Maritimes	CTV Atlantic	Sun. 10:30 am AT	560/week
Burlington, ON	Yes TV Ontario	Sun. 12:00 pm ET	1050/week
Thunder Bay, ON	Global Thunder Bay (CHFD)	Sun. 9:00 am ET	360/week
Winnipeg, MB	Global Winnipeg (CKND)	Sun. 9:00 am CT	1172/week
Winnipeg, MB	HopeTV 11 (CIIT)	Sun. 1:00 pm & Sat. 9:00 am & 3:30 pm & Mon.—Fri. 2:00 pm CT	400/week 200/day
Saskatchewan	CTV (CKCK, CFQC, CICC, CIPA)	Sun. 11:30 am CST	1865/week
Lloydminster, SK	CITL	Sun. 9:00 am MT	215/week
Calgary, AB	Yes TV Calgary	Sun. 12:30 pm & Tues. 6:00 am & Thurs. 10:30 am MT	165/week
Edmonton, AB	Yes TV Edmonton	Sun. 12:30 pm & Tues. 6:00 am & Thurs. 10:30 am MT	165/week
Lethbridge, AB	Miracle Channel CJLL	Sat. 2:30 pm MT	300/week
Medicine Hat, AB	CHAT-TV	Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am MT	154/week
Dawson Creek, BC	CJDC	Sun. 9:00 am PT	130/week
Kamloops, BC	CFJC-TV	Sun. 6:00 am & 10:30 am PT	167/week
Prince George, BC	CKPG	Sun. 6:00 am & 10:30 am PT	167/week
Terrace, BC	CFTK	Sun. 1:30 pm PT	135/week
Vancouver, BC	JoyTV 10 (CHNU)	Sun. 6:00 am & 4:00 pm & 11:00 pm & Mon.—Fri. 11:00 pm PT	412/week 200/day

COMMUNITY CABLE STATIONS

Check your local TV listing for air time:

British Columbia	Prince Rupert (CityWest Community Cable 10)	Sun. 11:00 am & 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Saskatchewan	Regina, North Battleford, Meadow Lake, Yorkton (see myaccess.ca for more information)	

RADIO STATIONS & NETWORKS

CKTP The Wolf	(Fredericton, NB) 95.7 FM	Sun. 11:00 am	Special thanks to stations who air us at no cost.
The Rock Radio	(Yorkton, SK) 98.5 FM	Sun. 4:00 pm & Mon. 11:00 pm	
CIOT Lighthouse	(Nipawin, SK) 104.1 FM	Thurs. & Sat. 7:00 pm	
Reindeer Lake Communications	(Southend Reindeer Lake, SK) 97.9 FM	Mon., Wed. & Friday 9:30 am	
CFNK Minahik Achimowin Radio	(Pinehouse Lake, SK)		
Muskawaches Radio	(Hobbema, AB) 89.1 FM	Schedule varies	
CIJA-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	ciamradio.com		
MBC—Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation (SK)		Sun. 8:30 am	\$170/week
For info and complete station list visit	mbcradio.com		
CFWE	(Alberta) FM	Sun. 5:00 pm	150/week
CIWE *NEW*	(Calgary, AB) FM	Sun. 5:00 pm	90/week
For info and complete station list visit	cfweradio.ca		

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