
A new season...

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For everything there is a season...Ecclesiastes 3:1



July 2026

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we write this letter, our hearts are filled with many emotions – gratitude, reflection, sadness, and also peace as we trust the Lord for what lies ahead.

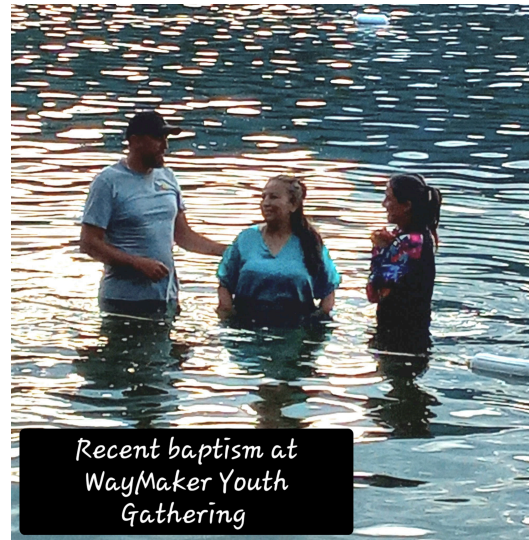
After much prayer and consideration, we have made the decision to retire from our ministry with North America Indigenous Ministries effective September 30, 2026. Due to ongoing health challenges, along with the realities that come with age and this season of life, we believe this is the right time to step away from active ministry responsibilities.

For the past 25 years, serving among First Nations communities and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ has been one of the greatest privileges of our lives. The people, the relationships, the ministry opportunities, and the many ways we have seen God at work have shaped us deeply. We have witnessed His faithfulness over and over again.



As we reflect on these years, one of the greatest blessings has been you – the many individuals, families, and churches who have faithfully stood beside us. Through your prayers, encouragement, financial support, letters, visits, and friendship, you became part of this ministry journey with us. We could never have done this alone.

There were seasons when your prayers carried us through difficult days. These were moments when your encouragement reminded us that God was still at work. We are deeply thankful for every way you have invested in our lives and ministry over these years. Some day in glory you will get to see Shuswap believers that are there because you supported this outreach of God's love towards them.



Although this chapter of ministry with NAIM is coming to an end, we are remaining in the same area and will still be engaged in evangelism and discipleship as God provides opportunities. We would still covet your prayer support and would love to keep in touch with you.

We are thankful that the work of the Gospel continues through many dedicated servants who are reaching communities with the love and hope of Christ. As you have financially supported our ministry with NAIM, we would encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting the ministry of Tim and Charity Johnson who are also serving Secwepemc First Nations communities. Below is a brief introduction into the work they are involved in.

Thank you for loving us, praying for us, and walking this journey together with us for so many years. Your partnership has meant far more to us than words can fully express.

May the Lord richly bless you for your faithfulness and kindness.

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Howard and Jannie

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July 10, 2026

Dear friends of Howard and Jannie,

You probably already read the Johnson's letter and know they will be retiring from formal ministry with North America Indigenous Ministries at the end of September.

It is difficult to put into words just how much the Johnsons mean to our NAIM team and family. Their service has never been about seeking recognition or standing in the spotlight. Instead, they have quietly and consistently lived out the faithfulness of Christ, shining the light of Jesus among the Secwepemc First Nations.

Jannie is the personification of gentleness and quiet strength! Howard is a unique mix of theologian, artist, encourager and workhorse. He has a "missionary James Bond" air about him.

One of the things I've appreciated most is the consistency they have brought to ministry. They have simply been there—faithfully serving, encouraging others, and carrying out the work God entrusted to them with grace and perseverance.

We rejoice that retirement does not mean 'goodbye'. As they remain in the area, we'll have occasion to continue to enjoy relationships and ministry. While their ministry role is changing, their friendship and influence will continue.

To those of you who have faithfully prayed for and financially supported their ministry over these many years, on behalf of NAIM, "THANK YOU!" Your faithfulness has made it possible for Howard and Jannie to bring hope, truth and love to countless lives.

NAIM will continue to receipt funds directed to the Johnson's ministry project account until September 21, 2026. Donations received after that date will be directed to Tim & Charity's ministry. Automatic donations will be stopped on the 15th unless we hear from you otherwise.

I invite you to continue being a part of what God is doing in the Secwepemc Nation through the ministry of Tim and Charity Johnson.

To support T & C Johnson ministry financially, checks should be made out to NAIM with Project #627 in the memo line. Donations can also be made online: naim.ca/donation/tim-charity-johnson/

Thank you for standing with Howard and Jannie in their ministry. I pray that we will continue to connect with you in the months and years to come.

God Bless you!

Ron Hartwig

Executive Director



Hello! We are Tim and Charity Johnson. We have had the privilege of working alongside Tim's parents, Howard and Jannie, in Indigenous ministry with NAIM for the past 12-1/2 years. Along with our 4 teenage kids, we are passionate about serving Jesus and investing in the lives of Indigenous youth. That's 3 generations sharing the same Gospel message!

Praise God!

I was approached by the the Reserve over 12 years ago and told "whatever you're doing with our youth is working and we want you to be the youth worker for our band". I told them "the only reason why it works is because it involves our faith, so if I come on as the youth worker, the kids are going to hear about Jesus". They said "we expect that". It has been a great opportunity over the years to build relationships and share Jesus with so many kids but over time God has been pushing me towards more deeper discipleship with these youth and young adults.

The past leadership that understood and expected me to share Jesus has moved on and I have quite a few people that don't support that same goal. Currently with the 'Youth Worker' position I cannot devote the time and energy involved to take them to the next steps. My hope is to be able to be fully funded to leave the Band position and pour more time into taking these youth deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

We are so blessed to be able to have worked alongside my parents over these years, and even more blessed that it doesn't stop with their retirement. We are able to continue the work that God has started in the Secwepemc people over 25 years ago. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us as we invest in the next generation of Indigenous leaders and followers of Jesus.

Tim and Charity Johnson

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