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## Year in Review

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## Ministry Newsletter – 2025 in Review

As we look back over this past year, we are grateful for God's steady grace and the many ways He allowed ministry to unfold in both ordinary and extraordinary moments.

### Discipleship & Bible Studies

A weekly rhythm of Bible studies with several women has been a true blessing. Sitting together with God's Word has deepened relationships, brought encouragement, and helped each of us grow in our walk with Christ.

### Community Care & Support



Much of the ministry this year happened in homes and everyday places – sharing meals, conversations, and prayer. We were able to:

- Visit people in their homes
- Bring meals to those who were sick
- Drive individuals to medical appointments
- Walk alongside several who are facing daily struggles

These simple acts of care opened many doors for gospel conversations and meaningful spiritual support..

## Funerals & Gospel Urgency

This year included attending many funerals – some with little or no hope in Christ. Over the years, we have seen a growing movement among the Shuswap People to try to find their own identity. For them, the past before the white man invaded, was an idyllic time. They long for a return of the “Old-Days”. In trying to recreate those days, they try to re-connect with their old form of religion. It seems like any ceremony or ritual is eagerly incorporated in their practice. The religion of the Anti-Christ is Universalism. Anything goes. Every religious ritual is accepted, that is except for Christianity. That is where the tolerance ends. We saw this 2000 years ago when Rome ruled. Here is where praise and thanksgiving come in. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was victorious over the universalism of two-thousand years ago, and it is still glorious today. Paul asked for boldness to preach the Gospel in his time. We ask God for boldness and faithfulness to stand as witnesses for Christ today.

## Youth Ministry

Partnering with Tim and Charity, it has been a joy to pour into the youth and equip them with practical life skills and spiritual guidance. One of the highlights of the year was the **Way Maker Native**

**Youth Conference**, a powerful outreach where Christ was boldly proclaimed. We were especially encouraged by the courage of one young woman who publicly shared that she had placed her trust in Jesus, despite facing opposition from her family. Her testimony was a beautiful example of God's transforming grace at work.



## Facing Our Own Health Challenges

This year also brought personal challenges for our family. Howard was diagnosed with Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma, a rare form of blood cancer. We are still in the process of learning what treatments will be needed and navigating the appointments and assessments ahead.

Jannie is scheduled for a biopsy in mid-December due to a suspected possible carcinoma. We continue to pray for clarity and wisdom as we wait for results and next steps.

Even in the midst of uncertainty, we have experienced God's deep peace. He has been present in every appointment, every conversation, and every unknown. We rest in the assurance that He is

faithful, He is near, and we can trust Him fully – both in ministry and in our personal journey.

## Looking Ahead

Through all the blessings and challenges of this past year, God has shown Himself faithful. As we move into the coming year, we do so with gratitude and a renewed desire to serve, love, and make Christ known in our community.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. May God bless you richly at Christmas in the year ahead.

*Howard and Jannie Johnson*



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