

*Merry Christmas, dear friends of BAF,*

In looking back over our past year there is much to celebrate! We would like to share a few highlights with you.

**Graffiti Artist:** The youth had an opportunity to work with a graffiti artist this summer. They drew the designs they wanted and then she painted their design on their tee-shirt. She talked to the teens about responsible graffiti art and also told them about Jesus being her best friend.

**The Worship Leaders:** The various individuals and groups who gave up their Sunday afternoons to bless us and bring us into the Lord's presence are truly a gift to us. There would be a huge hole in our worship without them.

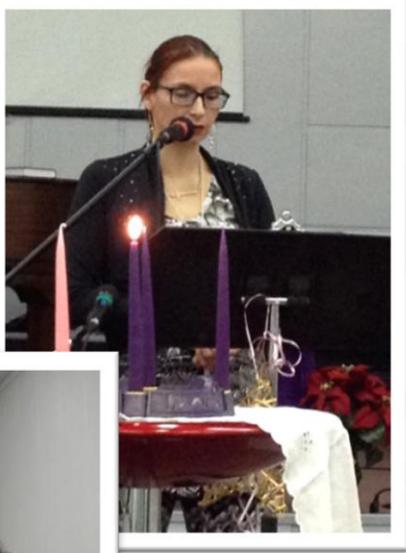
**Gifts of clothing:** Many of our sister churches as well as other churches/groups sent us baby clothes & blankets, scarves/mitts/hats and toiletry gift bags to name a few of the items we've received. Even some doll clothes. Our people are very glad to receive these as they help to stretch the dollars.

**Speakers:** We have had many anointed men and women come and share over this year. Each one brought a unique set of giftings and connected well with the congregation. We were blessed.

**CBWC Churches:** We are so thankful for the many sister churches and individuals across Canada who are supporting us in prayer and financially. Thank you for sowing into this North End ministry.

**Outreach with Linda Gerritsen:** In November we were blessed to hear the testimony of this indigenous woman who survived a horrific plane crash in which she lost both her legs and the sight of one eye. Her courageous story of HOPE encouraged all of us.





In the last year we have created a vision statement for BAF. We are excited about it. It is impossible for us to accomplish, just the way a vision should be! But with God, we know all things are possible. It is:

*To connect with  
our North End Community  
through experiencing and sharing  
the love of Jesus to overflowing  
so this neighbourhood is transformed.*

We don't know all the steps yet that are needed nor how long it will take to accomplish this dream but we do know that we can't do it on our own. We are so grateful for the many of you who have been so supportive of us. We will continue to develop and raise up our little congregation to believe in and use their gifts. At this time though, we are really in need of people resources. We often still use songbooks and overheads because we lack a technical person to set up the power point. It would also be wonderful to have help with special meals once in a while. Perhaps there are those who could mentor or pray with some of our people. If you feel you have a gift that you would like to use to come along side of us, you would be most welcome. Please contact us.

So on behalf of Bethlehem Aboriginal Fellowship, we wish you a joyous, Christ-filled merry Christmas!

Beth Wilton

