

Soul Winning With The Sealys



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Ed & Theresa sing at Cree Family Camp

Nemaska Bible Camp

Since our last newsletter much has happened. The summer, of course, was spent at Nemaska Bible Camp in Nemaska, Quebec, Canada. This year we conducted five weeks of camp. More than thirty young people trusted Christ as their saviour. One adult also came to Christ. We dedicated two babies (or should I say four parents) to the Lord as well. After Christmas the kids in this village start counting down the days until camp opens. It is the highlight of their lives. What a privilege just to be a channel of God's love to these dear young people. God gave us a strong ministry team. Cameron Donaldson, Glenn Johnson, Elizabeth Tozer, and Ed and Theresa Sealy made up the Furtherance Team. In addition to the Furtherance team, Andrew and Nellie Coonishish, Suzie Wapachi and Alice Wapachi were a great part of the local team.

Nemaska Bible Camp is a lighthouse to the community. The camp is now drawing kids from other communities as well.

Why people do not trust Christ as saviour?

Ed Sealy

1. People do not trust Christ as Saviour because their minds are blinded

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (II Cor.4:4)

The word “*blinded*” means to blunt the mental discernment.

People are born with a natural propensity towards God but are turned into foolishness (Psalm 14)

“The fool, hath said I his heart there is no God”

The word fool in the Hebrew suggests that one is turned into foolishness. A child never rejects God but is many times more than willing to hear about Christ. As one grows older things are planted in the mind that blinds us to the truth.

Satan, the God of this world, tries to place many false teachings and philosophies in our mind. The result is a turning way from God and a complete denial of God

The ancient cities had high walls with towers strategically placed on the wall. Those who occupied the towers could shout out instructions to those inside the city to where the attack was coming. If the enemy attacking could take the towers, they could then take the city.

Our minds are like a strong tower. If the devil is able to plant lies in the mind, he can then control the live.

How does the devil do this? The truth is that he is more evangelical than the church. Note the three things he does to get his message out

A. The Devil has a message which is a lie. It is called the doctrine of demons:

1Ti 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”*

- Evolution
- Atheism
- Humanism

No religion or a religion of works is his message. It is sometimes a message of truth which is watered down or sometimes an outright lie. He attacks seminaries Bible schools and churches where truth is taught

B. The devil has a Messenger (II Corinthians 11:14,15)

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

He has professors in seminary, teachers in school, TV preachers and even parents who further his lies. He has a propaganda machine called the media which includes radio, TV, books, magazines, bill boards, the internet, etc.

The cults which come to our doors have a measure of truth but there is enough poison in their message to cause death. The devil is willing to place a pint of poison into a lake of truth. His message is a message of death.

C. The devil has a Method

As the god of this world the devil is involved in world evangelism. He wants to blunt the discernment of those who are blinded to the reality of hell and coming judgment so when they step out of this life they face a Godless eternity in hell.

If we are saved we have a **Message**. (The gospel) We are all considered **ministers**. (II Cor. 4:2) and we have been given a **method** (World evangelism) The gospel message brings light to the darkened minds as Christ comes into the repentant heart and causes the eye to see clearly. In other words he sharpens our dulled discernment.

The devil keeps the mind of the church blinded to the lost and he keeps the mind of the lost blinded to Christ.

The church of the last days does not have good eyesight

Revelation 3:18 *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that e rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

When you put drops in your eyes it smarts at the beginning but the end result is clearer vision.

So it is with sin. God’s Holy Spirit brings the sting of conviction. As we repent of our sins, our eyes are opened to God and his word. He now clearly see the lost world around us.

We see men as trees

Mark 8:24 *And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.*

We cut down trees and we burn them. People are going to hell. Do I see the value of their soul or do I just see trees which have no lasting value?

What produces blindness?

1. A lack of growth produces blindness (II Peter 2)

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

If I am not growing in my Christian life, I can even lose sense of the assurance of my salvation.

2. The good life produces blindness

Revelation 3:17 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

We sometimes consider all the material things we have as a blessing from God. In reality these may be the very things that take us from God.

3. Sin produces blindness

1 John 2:11 *But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*

Someone has well said that the three sins least talked about in the evangelical church are Greed, Gluttony and Gossip. To have unconfessed sin in my life is to be in darkness.

4. A lack of prayer and bible reading produces blindness (Lk.24:15,16)

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. The men in this passage had not been in fellowship with Jesus for a number of days. As a result blindness had crept in to the point where they did not recognize him when he came along side him. When I am not in fellowship with God I am blind and do not have that sharp discernment I have when I am still walking with God

How is this blindness removed?

a) When I cry out in prayer for God to open my eyes (II Kings 6:17)

2 Kings 6:17 *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

I need to cry out in prayer myself and then I ask others to pray for God to open my eyes. Elijah's prayer caused God to open the mind of the man with him to see the protection that was all around him. Jesus opens blinded eyes. Have you asked him? He will allow you to see the lost as he sees them.

b) When I spend periods of time reading my Bible in deep refection upon its truths (Ps 119:130)

The entrance of thy words giveth light

c) When I allow God's Holy Spirit to convict me of the wrong in my life (John 16:8)

And when he (The Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove (Convict) the world of sin

d) When I move out of my comfort zone into the world where lost people live (John 4:35)

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest--."

Our Saviour moved among lost people from all walks of life. As he made contact with the lost he brought them love and life which they had never seen before because their eyes were blinded

We have looked at one cause of blindness in the world of lost sinners. **The devil is in the business of blinding the lost to their need of Christ.** We have also looked at the causes of blindness in the life of the family of God. The devil is also in the business of blinding believers as to the condition and fate of those outside Christ.

Why do people not trust Christ as saviour? It is because of blind sinners and blind saints. May God grant you eyes to see the lost and a constraining love for them which would find you actively involved in reaching them while there is yet time.

Family News

Ed is struggling with some throat issues. So far the doctors have not found the problem. Matt Sealy is still struggling with pain and weight loss. Initial testing has not revealed anything serious. More tests are scheduled. Another grandchild arrives in January.

Theresa is well. Our boys in the west are very busy in their business. Sean is a great builder and Chris is in business carefully navigating his business through a troubled economy. Our grandkids are growing and the joy of our lives.

Cree Soul Winning Project

We are pleased to announce one of the most exciting outreaches so far. The Cree people of the north have grown to the point where they are now involved in evangelizing other areas. This coming May and June a team of ten Cree believers will travel through Eastern Canada visiting all of our native reservations presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ through message, song, and skits.

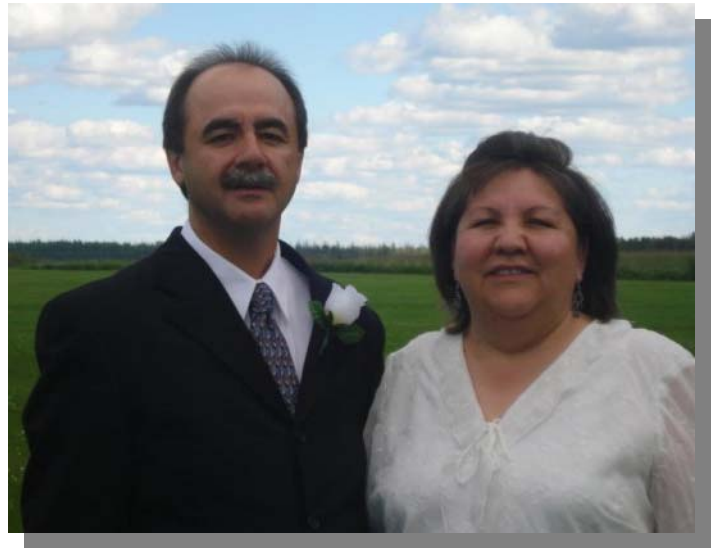
The team includes Pastor Paul Moses and his people from Waskaganish, Quebec. This is a mammoth undertaking. The cost of travel, accommodations and food is beyond our ability to underwrite. This is a step of faith. Would you join us in prayer now for this project? This is a blessed chapter in modern day missions. In just a few years the Cree People have gone from embracing Christ to evangelizing for Christ. Should God lead you to invest in this project, mark the enclosed envelope “**Cree Soul Winning Project.**”

Feeding the Hungry

This spring Furtherance Ministries will hold a number of dinners throughout the Maritimes. Christian's can come only if they have an unsaved guest with them. Furtherance will provide a good meal in a good restaurant and evangelist Ed Sealy will speak on “*Finding Life In A Dying World.*” Materials will be available for follow up and referrals of decisions sent to local churches. We trust that local churches might be pleased to help with follow up.

Highways and Hedges

Since our last newsletter we have seen God do some amazing things. We have seen hundreds of Christians vow to become interested in reaching the lost at home. We have done five weeks of camp, tent meetings, mission conferences, evangelistic meetings, revival meetings. We have helped some come to Christ, have assisted people in gaining victory over various addictions, traveled thousands of miles, repaired my garage, preached a lot of messages, sang hundreds of songs, wrote many new songs, painted a number of pictures, prayed a lot of prayers and read a lot of scripture. I have personally shared Jesus with a lot of people apart from our public ministry.



Paul and Hannah Moses Head up Cree Soul Winning Project

Cd's are available for Christmas Presents

The cost is \$15.00 each. Make check or money order out to **Ed Sealy**

Northern Trek

We are doing another trek into the northern part of Quebec Dec.7-14th. We will preach in 3 villages, Mistissini, Nemaska and Waskaganish, and do a camp rally where we will encourage the kids who made decisions this past summer at Nemaska Bible Camp and present the gospel to kids who have yet to respond. We want to be a blessing to the churches as well. I will be behind the wheel for 35 hours in total beside the time spent in ministry.

Christian Coffee

My wife and I will be purchasing gift certificates from Tim Horton Coffee shops to pass out as free gifts on Christmas Eve. We place the gift in an attractive envelope along with a gospel tract and hit the shopping malls. We select people as the Lord leads. I say, “*Do you like coffee?*” The answer is usually in the affirmative. I then say, “*My wife and I did not buy any Christmas presents for ourselves this Christmas. We have decided it is more important to give to others. This gift is only worth \$10.00 but trust you will enjoy it. Perhaps in all the busyness, you have not had much time to think about Christmas. Christmas is about giving. We have also placed a gospel tract in your gift as well. It will explain how you can receive the greatest gift of all this Christmas.*” Sounds like **Good Christian coffee.**

Have a Blessed Christmas and A Spirit filled New Year

Keeping on keeping on for Christ

Ed & Theresa