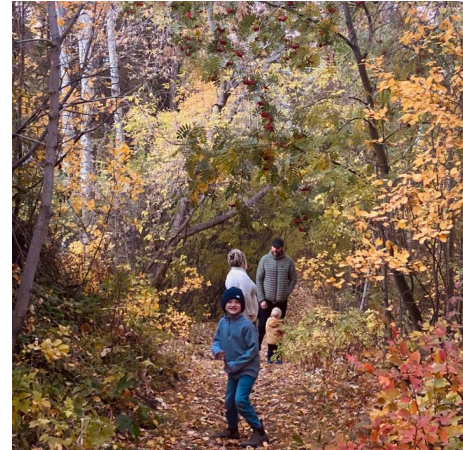


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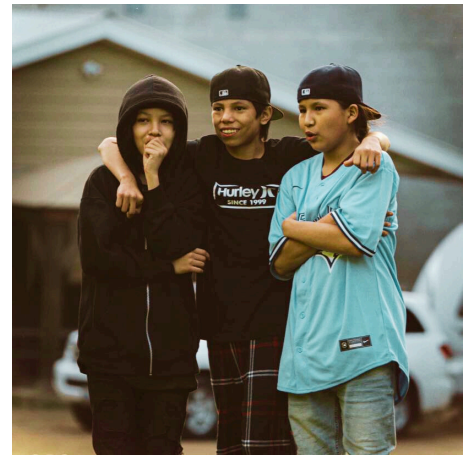
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This season has been an interesting one to say the least. My sister and I decided to leave our house in Lacombe after nearly three years. We did this in faith that this was what God was asking of us. The kicker was not having a new place lined up. We are thankful for our parents who allowed us to move out to their property at Gull Lake. Here I have been basking in what it means to trust God fully. I am reminded daily that the most important thing we can do is love and obey Jesus. I have also been soaking in a really beautiful, life-giving season of Maskwacis ministry, a girls' bible study with close friends on Monday nights, and spending many evenings visiting with my parents by the fireplace. I have really been enjoying fall at the lake—it is so tranquil and refreshing. While this is a special time, **please pray for Sarah and I as we trust God to provide a house in the coming months, our hope being to land in Ponoka.**



I feel an overwhelming gratitude when I think about the small group of boys I lead at Life 360 each week. Aged 12-14, my love for them, inspired by Jesus, is astronomical. After one youth night, I came home and wrote a heartfelt journal entry to the Lord. While I usually keep my deepest thoughts between me and the Lord, I want to take you there with me. I wrote: "Ministry feels so healing in this season. It's hard to put into words what all that the youth of Maskwacis mean to me. The reason I do what I do is because I love them. I want them to find Jesus. **I want to hang out with them in heaven.** I want God to use me—empty, average Emma—to bring this group of boys to Jesus. I am absolutely awed that you would choose to use me for this, the most unlikely to reach the most unlike me."



One evening after youth, I drove who I'll call "Jake and Cole" home. It was Cole's first time joining us, and when I asked if he'd come back, he enthusiastically said, "Oh yeah, of course!" I asked him what his favourite part of the night was, and he replied, **"Learning all those things about Jesus; I never knew those things."** When I asked Jake, he told me he felt good and safe when we prayed. I nearly cried at that moment. It's heartwarming to see these kids not only learning about Jesus but truly experiencing His presence. Our number of young boys at programs has been rapidly increasing!



I know that as our youth come to our weekly groups, **they are experiencing the love and community of God's kingdom.** Recently, I have noticed that when mentioning I work with youth in Maskwacis, people are taken back and surprised. As I ponder this frequent reaction, I realized that this is a place that not many people venture to—but I would highly encourage you to venture there. I have seen such beauty in the faces of the people I have met. The people of Maskwacis are strong, resilient and spiritually hungry.

I want to personally thank those of you who have given to this ministry or have prayed for me. There are young people growing up knowing hope and wholeness is found in Jesus because of your generosity. If you'd like to be one of the 10 monthly partners I am seeking to join me, please send me a message. I would love to grab coffee with you or hop on a phone call. If you feel God stirring your heart, you can scan the QR code to give today or visit <https://www.cayu.ca/give> and find my name in the dropdown menu.

I, and our youth are deeply blessed by your care and generosity.

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