



## How can they?

By Catherine Williams

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"* Romans 10:14-15 NIV

You and I have a worthy calling to share the gospel, especially in these difficult times. If you're like me, you have probably thought, "What can I do or say that will make a difference?" Here's a recent story that shows how important our words of encouragement or the simple act of reaching out can impact a person.

A young woman named Charlotte\* (\*name changed) living in a remote community had broken up with her boyfriend a few months ago. She was not feeling well and discovered that her health issues were due to her being pregnant, not stress-related as she had thought. Due to complications with her last pregnancy, the woman was advised by her physician that she will not be able to carry the baby to term. Given the whole situation, she felt hopeless, discouraged, and didn't know what to do. Life was truly looking bleak.

That morning, a volunteer felt called to contact this young woman who lives in the northern community she serves. Because the volunteer showed care and concern through her message and the conversation that followed, this young woman made the decision to leave her pregnancy in God's hands. She then asked the volunteer if she would pray for her and said, "You have given me hope!"

I pray Charlotte's story encourages you to share the hope you have in Jesus with others. Her story is just one of many over the years. The ministry of LAMP is entering its 52nd year of being invited by the Indigenous people to share the life-giving hope and love of Jesus Christ!

There are few churches and even fewer clergy in the remote and isolated communities where LAMP's staff and mission teams serve. Sunday school, Christian youth programs, and regular worship services are rare. You and I know Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (John 14:6). But how can people call on Him if they've never heard of him?

In spite of the pandemic still being with us and the unknowns in the year ahead, LAMP looks to God for the strength, guidance, and wisdom to find innovative ways to minister. Staff and volunteers stay connected through social media, texts, email, phone calls, parcels, and more. Communities are hoping the teams will be able to return.

On one of our Sucker River (SK) community contacts' trips south to get supplies, staff missionary, Rev. Randy Heide, loaded up his trailer with baby layettes, hygiene kits, and quilts donated by ladies groups from southern Saskatchewan. Staff missionary, Gord Gilbey, drove over 4000 km in six days to deliver much-needed donated warm clothing and bedding to various northern Manitoba communities. Another trip North is in the works for the winter months.

Our desire is to walk with our northern family through their struggles and help them learn about the abundant love of God and saving grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. They need God's healing presence now more than ever.

**Wouldn't it be amazing if you could help people build a relationship with Jesus? You can through your prayers and support of the ministry of LAMP. Read more stories in our newsletters online at [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org) or call 1 (800) 307-4036 for more information on ways to partner with us to bring the good news North.**

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