



## FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIP

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Dear First Nations Partnership Teammate,

In C.S. Lewis' allegorical tale, The Chronicles of Narnia, the phrase, "*Aslan is on the move*" appears every time some good thing astonishes the children who found themselves in that mysterious land of Narnia.

Seven First Nations Christians have joined the ranks of NAIM in 2011. Our Lord of the Harvest is on the move, calling First Nations brothers and sisters to join the ranks our NAIM team.

He asked us to pray for more laborers. Even after one hundred years of ministry among Native people in western Canada, ninety-five percent of our country's indigenous people remain estranged from their Creator.

Last week, 14 First Nations Christians and a handful of Native and non-Native NAIM staff, gathered in Tacoma, Washington. The atmosphere was electric with passion for reaching their own people for Jesus. They knew about NAIM Ministries from years of relationships with NAIM.

They came to tell their stories and listen as two Native colleagues associated with NAIM told the stories of their partnership journeys. All are currently involved in ministry among their own people. And all are interested in the idea of coming alongside in some form of partnership with the work you pray for and give to. Jesus is on the move in what one elder Native believer called *Indian country*.

This has been a year, a season, of Native voices and faces speaking good changes into the ways we do mission at NAIM. Your prayers and your gifts have made a difference. Native Christians are watching with anticipation. One of our senior staff said the other day, "We've seen more Native staff come to NAIM than we can support. That's a good problem to have."

So we thank you, our ministry partners in this mysterious adventure, for being in our lives and on the NAIM team. Leaning into 2012, I'm asking the One who called seven new co-workers in 2011 to send twice as many into His Harvest in 2012 and for the funds to support them. Will you join me in this confident prayer to the One who also told us to use His name when we pray?

With a heart full of praise,

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