

Wadhams Lummi Journey

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Dear friends and partners. The slow beginning of summer accelerated into an

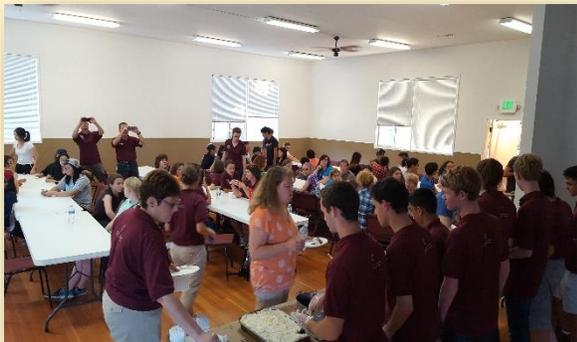


extremely busy two week mission project that yielded blessings and new challenges. For some it was a first time Native experience, and for

others it was a return to old friendships. The summer started off with a visiting group from CHIEF. The team consisted of Navajo and Apache youth from Arizona who shared their remarkable testimonies and the gospel with Lummi families.

Then our teams arrived for our *MTW Lummi '15*. Two weeks and 200 people. The mission weeks were embraced by the Lummi who reciprocated by sharing the paddling experience and took teams across the bay to Lummi Island. In addition the Hoskin and Jefferson families organized La Crosse and softball games for intercultural sports.

Throughout both weeks there was Gospel sharing through VBS programs at Smokehouse, Kwina/Tiopi Loop, and the Lummi Youth Center. A total of 120 Lummi children



were taught about sin and humanities only hope through God's Son – Jesus Christ. The Bellingham Fire Department

participated with fire trucks. Speakers from the Oak Harbor Fire & Rescue team instructed the tribal teenagers in CPR and God's ability to bring spiritual life out of death.

Teams hosted Bible studies, and on both Sunday and Friday night's we were blessed to have Lummi Pastor Steve Finkbonner preach, and Joe Fransin, from our mid-week Lummi men's prayer meeting,

speak at the *Hy'shque's* (Thank you). Both delivered extraordinary evangelistic messages to the community

and teams. It was remarkable to see the small Lummi Christian community participate in our summer ministry endeavors.

This year our home construction projects included the veterans and community with a total of 20 work sites. At each site teams shared the purpose of our presence and Christ's love for the nations.

We were also blessed to have new kitchen staff who labored tirelessly for two weeks – thank you Susan Bolyard, and Derek. I'm sure many people left the mission field with a few more pounds.



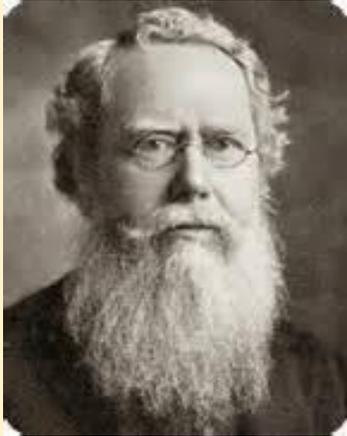
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From planning each year to the arrival of teams, and all the business that ensues, we continue to believe that we are moving closer to the point of God softening the Lummi nation by way of our short term mission efforts to see the wonders of His kindness that will lead to tribal repentance. (Romans 2:4)

To this end I firmly believe that one of the most important ingredients to our collective ministry labors must be unceasing prayer. Our efforts will seem so much harder and obstacles so much greater unless we pray.

Particularly as the Lummi Nation is well aware that a competing spiritual world view has taken root, and is pulling down strong holds and casting aside every high thing that exalts itself



against the knowledge of God... (2 Cor. 10:3). The Gospel truth is advancing in Lummi, and all means of hell are seeking to oppose what is being established, but it shall not

depose God's kingdom. Hence, the need for prayer as summer starts winding down and the cold returns to the North West and with it the months of Syewen when the spiritual darkness is amplified.

Writing on this very subject Hudson Taylor said, *"The power of prayer has never been tried to its full capacity. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine power and grace wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let us answer God's standing challenge, 'Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.'"*

Our God who loves the nations of the world (John 3:16) has written Himself into the story of history, and as He moves within the nations drawing the many into His



kingdom we are privileged to participate in this magnificent drama. Come let us continue to seek the full power of our prayers and pray for that eschatological vision wherein the Lummi participate with the nations of the world in that heavenly worship of glorifying our Triune God.

Thank you to each one of you that joined us this summer, and those who pray and support us as we labor for the Salish nations.

In Christ alone,

Michael, Lindie & the Girls

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