

# BEYOND THE SCREEN



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Jesus is the most important person in my life. But simply saying I believe in Jesus is not enough to save me. It isn't about what I have done but what He has done. Would reading my Bible, praying, attending church or tithing save me? What about being kind to people and outweighing my bad deeds with good? Nope, none of what I listed saves me from the wrath of God.

If I were to answer the question, "How did you get saved?" and I started with what I did, it would be a great error on my part. The only answer to "How did you get saved?" is to state what He did for me. Jesus Christ died for my sins and took the punishment I deserved. This is the Gospel in simple terms, and I only know this because the Holy Spirit revealed it to me through Biblical teaching/reading.

At the time of my interview with Generation Hope, I was interning with Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (NCEM), and in the fall of 2023, I applied for Bible college. I was accepted and attended one year at Millar College of the Bible in Winnipeg, and I plan to do two more years to achieve my Bachelor of Biblical Studies. I am thankful that I am receiving sound teaching from a trusted school, and I want to pass that knowledge and understanding on to the next generation.

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# UPCOMING TESTIMONIES

Arianna shares about how growing up in a Christian home doesn't always mean it's easy to follow God's path.



Leeland reminisces about his great-grandfather and the godly impact he had on his life.

Skylar explains how he has often felt like God has a plan for everyone but himself. He testifies how God is helping him see otherwise.



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# BLESSINGS IN THE POTHOLES

by Jordan Blodgett (videographer/interviewer/editor)

It was the day before my wife, Linsey, and I were about to make a road trip North of Edmonton to shoot some interviews for Generation Hope at the Native Youth Conference. I had a lot of stuff to remember and pack, and these things were already taking up a lot of space in my mind. But, before that, we still had Bible Study that we needed to host with our Young Adults group.

Knowing that we would have to leave immediately after work the next day, I was already slightly torn, and I wondered if we should cancel Bible Study. We decided that Bible Study should still be prioritized over packing and preparing. So, we set out to pick up one of our adults and make our way to the Church.

The sun was setting, bright in my eyes. The bridge was casting a dark shadow over the roadway. It wasn't until it was too late that I saw the massive hole in the road; I had nowhere to go. With a loud bang, I was left cringing at the damage I was sure it had done. But the car still drove straight, the tire hadn't exploded, and most of all, we didn't crash.

It wasn't until we got to the Church that I opened the hood to check for damage and discovered the strut had been punched out the top of

Using social media to bring the  
**HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST**  
into the next generation of  
First Nations Peoples!

**GENERATION HOPE**  
WHO ARE WE?

Generation Hope is a social media ministry committed to partnering with young Aboriginal Christians. We share the hope of Jesus Christ through the creation and sharing of video testimonies. These videos not only inspire and strengthen faith but also provide a supportive community, reminding individuals that they are not alone in their challenges.



Camp Nakamun Lodge



its mount. Not good, and certainly not something we can drive for 8 hours the next day. I realized that there was no way I would be able to get the parts and be able to fix this in time, and I felt extremely stuck. I felt stressed. I felt frustrated. Someone in our Bible Study group prayed for us and asked the Lord to show us whether we should even go. Sometimes, I feel relieved in situations like this, knowing I wasn't supposed to go. This wasn't one of those times. I knew we were still going but didn't know how.

I was at work the next day, only a few hours before we were supposed to leave, and I started wondering about rental cars. They would be too expensive, I thought. Then I learned that the Lord had put it on

someone's heart to send us money to rent a car! (and additional funds were provided to fully cover the cost of the trip).

I learned that when the Lord has a plan, it isn't destroyed by earthly things. I also learned that sometimes things are out of control and that I really need to trust God, even when it doesn't make sense.

The rest of our trip was thankfully uneventful! We got there, shot a few interviews, fellowshiped, and returned home without any significant stories, for which I'm very thankful. It turns out that God can solve problems a whole lot better than I can, if only I would decide to step out of the way.



Leeland and Skylar



Recording a testimony



NYC youth lining up for supper

## IN THE COMMENT SECTION

*Hear from some of our viewers!*

(L) "From what I've seen, the testimonies have done an amazing job and definitely shown me I am not alone. Oftentimes following Jesus can be seen as a "white man" religion, and definitely prohibits native peoples to pursue Him. I know it did me, and hearing other people in my same situation has been a major encouragement that I'm not the only one."

(B) "I love your (Dimitri's) testimony. Thank you for sharing it with us. It is so inspiring!"

(L) "Wow, It's so good! The production is superb! Well done you guys. The young man's story is so relatable to so many young people. I'm so glad he is sharing it so willingly. I pray the Lord uses this well, and I'm sure He will!"

(F) "Amen, Thank You for these words of encouragement. May My dear Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your family."

(S) "Powerful testament to the Living Word reaching right into our very soul, and bringing us to repentance. Thank you for sharing brother, so that others might find freedom and the narrow road."

## WE HAVE A WEBSITE

Did you know that Generation Hope has a website? You can check us out at:

[www.GenerationHope.ca](http://www.GenerationHope.ca)

There you will find all of our full testimony videos, our backstory, how to donate, and even how to apply to share your testimony on the channel! Through this website, you can also sign up for these newsletters to make sure you continue receiving them twice a year.

### 1 Timothy 4:12-13

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.*

Paul's advice to Timothy reminds us that young people have incredible potential to impact God's Kingdom. Today's youth are spreading the gospel in innovative ways, one of which being through Generation Hope. They are not just the future of the church—they are the church here and now.

Consider how your support and encouragement to the youth around you can amplify their efforts. You too play a crucial role in nurturing their potential. The energy, passion, and perspectives that young people bring are invaluable. They remind us that no one is too young—or too old—to make a difference for the Kingdom.

Consider taking a young person out for coffee or bringing them along on your daily activities like grocery shopping and gardening. Through small acts of mentorship, we can help raise up the next generation!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for all of the people we have interviewed. Pray for them to continue strong in the Lord and to grow deeper in their faith daily.
- Pray for more people to come forth with interviews and testimonies of God working and giving hope in our dark world.
- Pray for those who watch the testimonies online. Pray the Lord softens hearts and uses these testimonies to bring people closer to Himself.
- Praise the Lord for the people who have already been impacted by the stories of these young people.
- Praise the Lord for how He works behind the scenes to make all things work together for His glory.

## JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY

If you love what we are doing, join our online community through Facebook, Instagram, TikTok or Youtube! You will get behind the scenes content, a chance to share your own experiences with young believers, opportunities to be encouraged by short videos, quotes and posts, while also finding like minded people who love the Lord!

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