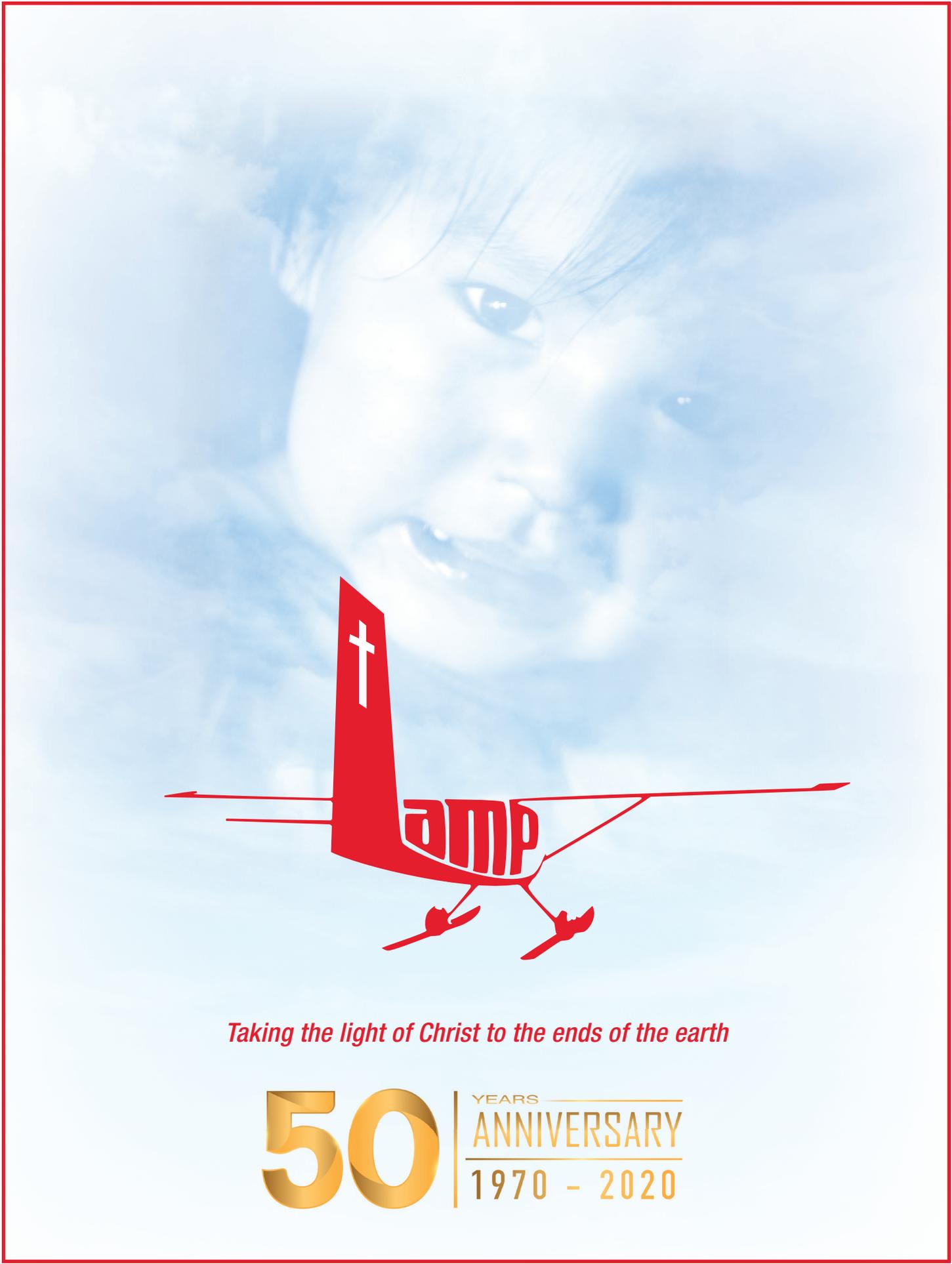


GOD'S GRACE
FOR THIS GENERATION

LAMP LEGACY FUND



Taking the light of Christ to the ends of the earth

50 | YEARS
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1970 - 2020



A MESSAGE FROM LES STAHLKE

Dear Friends of Ministry in the North,

People often call me the founder of LAMP, but I didn't do this alone! From the very beginning, I was surrounded by others who also believed that airplanes could give wings to bring the Good News to people in isolated places in Canada's North.

It was an agricultural instructor in central Wisconsin who saw an article in the Lutheran Witness about my flying in the North as a mission pastor in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Roger and Shirley Nichols made that first gift. Back in 1970, their \$500 provided the first two weeks of support for an infant ministry. LAMP was born on March 15, 1970. The gospel had wings. It seems impossible that it's been nearly 50 years since that birth. LAMP is now a mature ministry.



Sunday school children send offerings to "Fuel the Mission". The Lutheran Women's Missionary League at the local, district, and international levels supported us through infancy and youth to maturity. Now thousands of individuals in Canada and the United States and their churches sustain the ministry of LAMP.

Almost 400 volunteers work year-round but mostly in the summer months to witness to the love of Jesus. Indigenous Christians in over 40 villages across the North host our teams and invite us to return again and again. Today we can't keep up with the invitations from band councils and Indigenous villages.

As we approach 50 years of ministry, thanking God for that first gift of \$500 and for the steady stream of volunteers, the Board of Directors has approved the LAMP Legacy Fund. It's a serious effort to gather a legacy fund to assure the next 50 years of ministry.

Children who went to our first Vacation Bible Schools are now elders in their community. They want LAMP to keep coming for their grandchildren. We want to keep flying. As you pray for your own children and grandchildren, I invite you to pray for the children in the North. I invite you to participate in LAMP's legacy to keep LAMP in the air and on the ground in ministry.

Les Stahlke, D.D.

Pastor Emeritus—LCC

LAMP Founder (one of many)

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A GENERATION IS SLIPPING AWAY.

LAMP has ministered for nearly 50 years because of the faithfulness of God's people who have been committed to taking the gospel to the North.

The population in northern Canada has grown rapidly, particularly among Indigenous people. Currently, nearly one million Indigenous people live in isolated areas of northern Canada, reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Today, about half of that population is under the age of 14. At the same time, the number of local clergy and missionaries has declined dramatically. There is currently an entire generation of children and youth that have not been taught the Holy Scriptures and the hope that is theirs through Jesus.

These children and youth are facing worldly influences and challenges that often lead them to hopelessness and despair. The internet, available to even small children, has replaced the godly wisdom of elders. Young children are receiving corrupt information they are unable to process. Social media, bullying and worldly values cause youth to feel worthless, and they are giving up hope. Prospects for the future seem bleak, with limited opportunities for education and employment. Sunday school, Christian youth programs and regular worship services are rarely available.

Parents and grandparents of this generation were raised away from home in residential schools. The traditional family structure was torn apart, and the younger generations lost a model for parenting and family life. On Indian reserves, employment is limited, and housing is inadequate. The rates of violence, HIV, drug and alcohol abuse, fetal alcohol syndrome, and diabetes are



significantly higher than most of the world. Life expectancy is only between ages 45-55 years.

The most alarming statistic is the rate of youth suicide at epidemic levels where over 15 percent of children and youth will actually take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. We now are seeing younger and younger children and preteens committing suicide.

Parents, elders, community leaders, children, and we are praying that God will send help before this generation is lost.

The sad reality is that unless LAMP goes into these communities to hold VBS, do Bible studies and provide one-on-one testimony to the hope available through faith in Jesus, they likely will not have any source of personal organized Christian education or witness to the gospel.



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THE NEED IS URGENT!

Thousands of children and youth need to be reached with the gospel before this generation is lost. Christ can transform nations, and we have an opportunity to bring hope and healing. Lives and souls are at stake. Jesus can and wants to save children from senseless death. By God's grace through faith, Jesus gives them salvation and life eternal.

A new future for the people in the North is possible. Your financial support will allow more missionaries to serve and meet urgent needs. LAMP depends on the support of its friends and volunteers.

“For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Because Christ compels us as a church, we must go! We must go, because people who need our help are asking and welcoming us. We need to go because the gospel needs to be taken by missionaries who share it through their presence, words and actions. The gospel needs to be taken by missionaries committed over the years to support this generation and making disciples as the Spirit works faith in their hearts.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you to the end of the age”
(Matthew 28:19-20 NIV).



With your support, LAMP is acting in response to this generation in need of God's grace and Jesus' Great Commission to go to all nations. LAMP is planning to call and place career missionaries and pilots in strategic locations to reach these people across the vast, remote area of northern Canada.

These missionaries and pilots will recruit, train, and support hundreds more volunteer missionaries that will serve year-round teaching and ministering to reach this generation of God's children.

By the grace of God and with your help, LAMP's staff and volunteers will be able to reach more communities and to visit those communities more than once a year.

Over LAMP's nearly 50 years of northern missions beginning with pastor pilot Les Stahlke, we have gone to often forgotten people with the gospel message. Pastor-pilots like Steve Dreher, volunteers like Sue Folger and hundreds more volunteer missionaries have given years building strong relationships of trust and sharing the love of Christ.

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FROM CHILDHOOD, CHILDREN WERE TAUGHT THE SCRIPTURES.

LAMP has discipled many Christian leaders in communities. Pastor-pilots responded to crisis in time of tragedy, comforted those that mourned in times of grief, and celebrated God's blessings as these friends grew in faith.

The community of Cross Lake declared a state of emergency after six suicides in two months and 140 attempts in two weeks alone. The community of 8,300 was traumatized and asked for immediate help. What did LAMP do when we received this terrible news and a cry for help?

We did what we believe Jesus would have us do. We prayed and asked friends like you to pray with us. We sent our pastor pilot and a team of volunteers to show support by our presence. We shared words of assurance and comfort from Scripture. We proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus, which is our only true source of comfort and hope. Things changed in Cross Lake. Local leaders were encouraged and built up to serve their own people. Youth shared their pain with LAMP's missionaries they knew loved and cared for them. We returned over and over again. Things began to change as children and youth choose Hope in Christ over suicide.

In the community of Red Sucker Lake, volunteer Sue Folger has had the privilege of being on a journey of faith and friendship with the Harper family for more than 30 years. Sue and her family encouraged and discipled Scott and Sean Harper from a young age as they became Christian family men and servants among their people. Sean is now serving as the local pastor, and Scott is a social worker serving in northern communities as well as serving as a LAMP board member.



LAMP is currently offering parenting workshops and bereavement care training in northern communities. LAMP plans to expand its summer Vacation Bible School program now serving nearly five thousand children each summer to reach the many more communities asking for Christian teaching for their children. LAMP is reaching out to pre-teens, teenagers and young adults through expanded youth outreach, sports camps and Christian support for youth at risk.

Because of the favor the Lord has given, LAMP is poised for more impact than ever. We invite you to join us in making that impact.

You can make a difference. You can share the hope of the gospel with children who haven't yet heard.

In order for LAMP to fulfill this mission in the next few years, we will need to expand our staff of full-time missionaries to four or five. LAMP will need to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least five years. Our pilots will need high-performance aircraft able to fly in northern conditions year-round.



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GOD USES PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES IN THE NORTH.

LAMP has brought attention and an opportunity for both supporters and volunteers to be hands-on doing significant and effective ministry among Indigenous people in the North.

Volunteer missionaries that serve, grow in faith and service, knowing God can use them to change lives now and for eternity. Many return better-equipped to serve in their home congregation.

Donors provide prayers and financial resources knowing that their gift will impact a generation of young people who will be transformed by the gospel.

If LAMP is to grow and respond to reach this young generation in the far North with the gospel, we must call more full-time missionaries and train many more volunteer missionaries. To do this, we need to have stable annual income and funds to take advantage of urgent needs and opportunities.



You can be among givers of hope to the next generation. We are in a time now when the church is aging, and LAMP's supporters are aging. The saints that have supported LAMP for many years are dying. Younger members and families from the church are actively involved in LAMP's mission work as volunteers but are unable to support the mission financially.

LAMP has been blessed by our most faithful donors through bequests and planned gifts. LAMP has prayerfully sought to be good stewards of these gifts by carefully managing our annual expenses and investing major gifts in LAMP's Legacy Fund for future mission work. The Legacy Fund is managed by a professional manager directed by a conservative investment policy statement.

Income and needed capital from the Legacy Fund would provide monies to be used now to fund new missionaries who will immediately begin work in the northern mission field reaching as many of this generation as God provides.

Your contribution will help save a potential lost generation in the North. Your support will enable the next generation of volunteers and called missionaries to serve the church in missions.

Jesus said: “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send workers into his harvest field”
(Matthew 9:37-38 NIV).

The LAMP Legacy Fund is an internally restricted fund and not an endowment fund. Donor designated gifts will not be accepted. Surpluses as a result of major gifts in the General Mission Fund, and at the discretion of the Board of Directors, will be transferred to the LAMP Legacy Fund for investment to fund future ministry from income or transfer of capital.

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HISTORY OF LAMP



In the late 1960s, pastor and pilot Les Stahlke, formerly of Michigan, was called to plant a Lutheran church in northern Alberta, Canada. Northern Canada is vast and sparsely populated with few Lutheran churches. During his time in northern Alberta, pastor-pilot Stahlke flew into remote villages supporting his mission work as a bush pilot. In these villages, he met adventurers from the south and Indigenous people who had lived off the land for generations.

People in the North prayed for pastors to come and minister to them. Pastor Stahlke recalls flying

for hours over the northern wilderness and then seeing smoke coming out of the chimney of a trapper's cabin. His heart ached for a people he had come to love that were like sheep without a Shepherd. At that moment he promised God he would not forget the people of northern Canada, and the vision of LAMP became his passion.

LAMP was born in 1970 when the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League, churches, and faithful saints from the US and Canada supported the vision of pastor pilots taking the gospel message to Canada's northern frontier.

"To the ends of the earth" (Acts 18b).

The mission grew rapidly; pastor-pilots were called to remote bases across Canada. Hundreds of volunteer missionaries were trained to serve. Indigenous people of many tribes welcomed LAMP's missionaries. Thousands of children were reached through LAMP's Vacation Bible School program. LAMP spawned and inspired many other missions and ministries including those in Alaska.

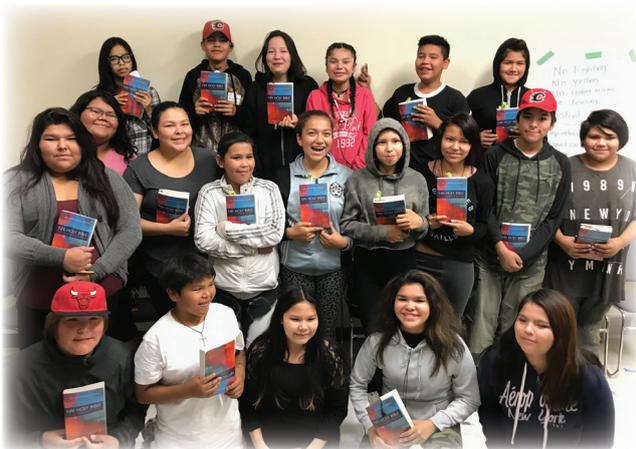




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LAMP will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2020. Thousands of God’s people of all ages and races have been reached and touched with the gospel through LAMP’s ministry over the years. Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of those first attendees of LAMP’s VBS are now being ministered to by LAMP. Volunteer missionaries who served for many years share how serving with LAMP was formative to their Christian growth and service. Only God knows the souls that have received salvation through faith in Jesus and the many that are now with their Lord in heaven.

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9a).



In 2003, Ron Ludke became the executive director of LAMP serving both the Canadian and US organization. Strong governance and complete cooperation and communication with the Canadian and the US arms of LAMP for one common mission became a reality. Policies of good stewardship were put in place. LAMP has no debt and has operated with a balanced budget or surplus on an ongoing basis. LAMP has established a Legacy Fund to ensure financial stability for future ministry.

It became evident that the need for LAMP’s ministry would require hundreds more missionaries. LAMP began a recruitment, training and deployment program finding nearly 400 volunteer missionaries pledging to serve at least five years.

Pastor-pilots and staff missionaries would provide support for volunteer missionaries serving in communities by providing significant hands-on ministry. LAMP is becoming the most significant source of gospel proclamation, Christian education and spiritual witness in remote areas of northern Canada.

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RE: GOD'S GRACE FOR THIS GENERATION

As the LAMP pastor-pilot serving northern Ontario and eastern Manitoba, I have seen the spiritual needs of the Indigenous communities first-hand. So many of the communities lack a regular Christian presence and encouragement in the faith of Jesus Christ. The repercussions of the past continue to make life difficult, particularly in family and parenting. When I ask community leaders how LAMP can assist, the number one request is help with families.

This winter will be the third year I have been invited to return to communities to conduct family and parenting workshops. Word of this workshop has spread from community to community with more requests for it.

The Anglican Bishop of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh Diocese asked me to teach this workshop to the pastors at their winter ministry school. The hope is that by "training the trainer" these pastors can teach and mentor families in their own communities.

Beside this necessity, the ongoing need is growing among the people, not just for evangelism, but discipleship in the faith. Many of the people and children have heard of Jesus and want to learn more about Him, His life, His sacrifice, and His promises for them. They need to know of the forgiveness Jesus offers through faith.

Volunteer mission teams conduct Vacation Bible School during the summer, and teams have also made visits with me during the "off season" to continue to minister to the children and community they serve. Going into schools, sponsoring evening youth events, and meeting one-on-one with teachers, parents, and



community leaders gives encouragement to the people in a way that no government program can. In the past few years when suicides crippled many communities, we offered words of assurance and comfort from Scripture and visited during Holy Week to pray with and for youth and community leaders.

One statement made by many in the communities, including the Chief and council members, is "LAMP can come back anytime and as often as you can." That speaks volumes to their need and desire to welcome LAMP. It also speaks to the growing need to support LAMP with prayers and finances so we can keep ministering to the people with the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

In The Service of Our Savior,

Rev. Dennis Ouellette
LAMP Pastor-Pilot

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LAMP came to my community when I was just ten years old. I saw the dedication and love of the volunteer missionaries. The volunteers are a reflection of Jesus in the community, and we all have been blessed by their service.

We welcome the LAMP mission team as they pray, encourage and spend time with our children and our families. Our culture deeply values family and community. My family and our community are very grateful to LAMP for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the North.

Please pray for our families in the North and how you might have a place in this ministry to bring the light of Christ to many for years to come.

Scott Harper

LAMP (Canada) Board Member

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I have been involved with LAMP for the past seven years as a volunteer teaching Vacation Bible School in the community of Lac Brochet, Manitoba. During the last three years, our team added a spring trip to meet more people and do devotions in the school.

building relationships between volunteer missionaries and those they are called to serve. LAMP’s requirement that a team spend at least five years in a community is essential to creating those life-changing relationships. This is a costly project because everything to these remote and isolated northern communities north is expensive, but the value is priceless as those Jesus died for come to know how much He truly loves them.

I sincerely and wholly recommend you consider donating to LAMP to leave a legacy to share Jesus Christ with the Indigenous people in northern Canada for years to come!

Dana Naumann

Volunteer Missionary

LAMP Ministry (USA) Board President

I have also been on LAMP’s Board of Directors for the past four years and have seen how LAMP’s influence in northern Canada changes the lives of the people.

LAMP’s primary purpose is to share the love of Jesus with the people in the North, through



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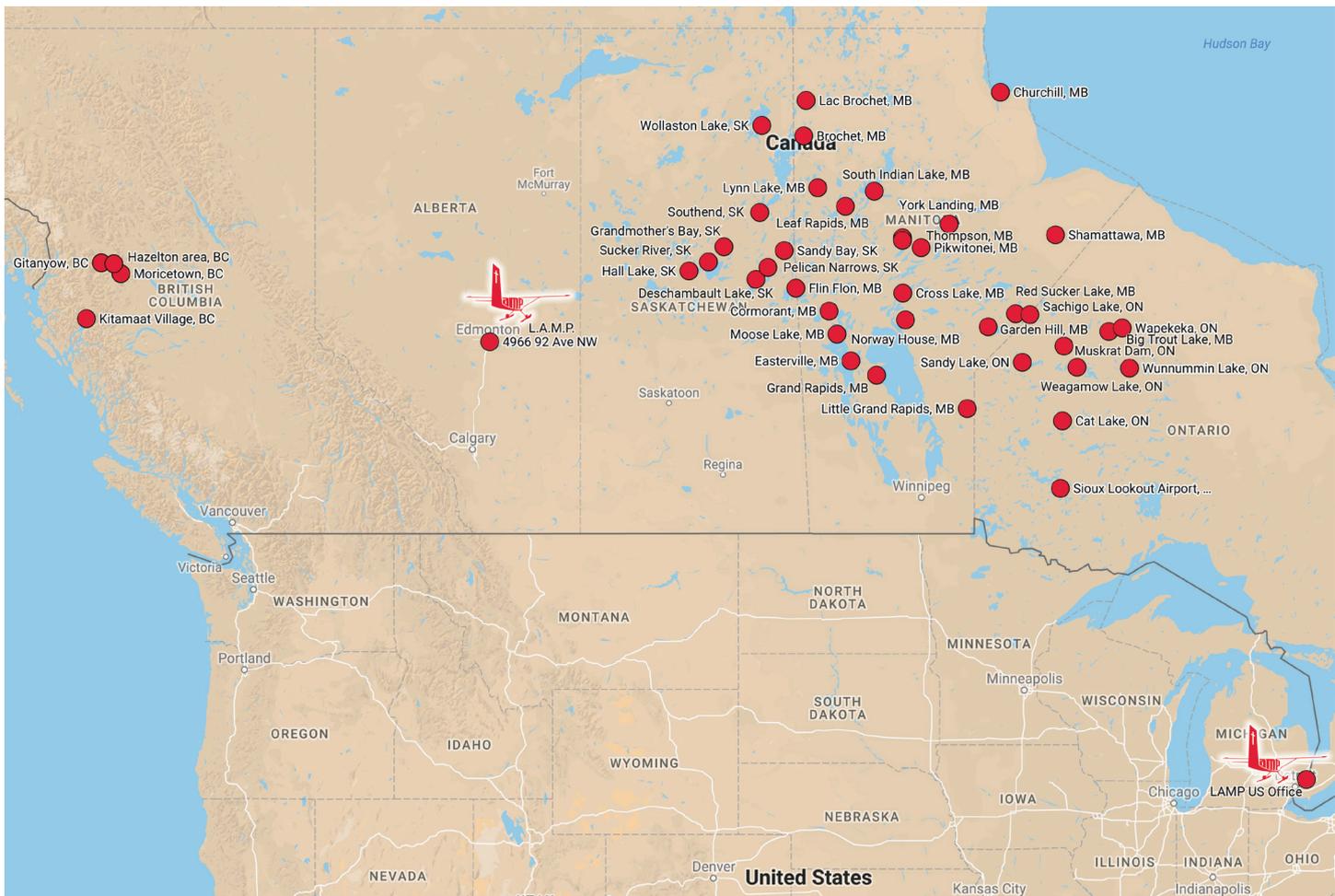
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