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"I feel very empty", a young man told Mike Hartman, a member of the Keewatin-Le Pas NET team during his lunch break. Mike's team was visiting his high school and he was bursting with questions for the team.

Mike sat with the young man, shared his testimony and how he came to be doing ministry there. That evening, the young man attended a youth event that Mike had invited him to.

"This guy approached me *right away* because I had chatted with him at the high school.

He desired prayer for God to transform the emptiness in his life into joy. We prayed with him. At the end of the prayer he said, **'I don't feel sad anymore.'** He expressed to us **that he felt filled.**" Praise God!

It really takes an open mind to be present with the people and to show compassion. **There are still many wounds that people carry, even against the church, and especially with residential schools. Sometimes all you can do is listen to their story and hear about the ways that they've been wounded and invite them to bring that to the Lord.** The members of Team 4 have discovered how *ready* God is to heal and set people free; they simply need to be bold and *ask*.

This is just one of the *many* instances where Mike has witnessed God moving in the North.



On his second NET year, Mike had been on a team that worked out of Yellowknife, NT, and looking back, he said "I really, really enjoyed myself... I really enjoyed the culture, the indigenous people."

When asked if he felt called to this new specific mission, Mike responded "Definitely."

Mike is different from the 60 other missionaries with NET Canada this year. This is his third year of mission with NET. Mike served with NET (2013/14 and 2014/15), then worked as a mechanical designer and engineer for three years. This is when he was presented with the idea of serving for a third year. NET wanted experienced missionaries to serve in the diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas for this special mission, and Mike was the ideal candidate.

"In the Northwest Territories, the majority of the population is in Yellowknife itself. Whereas, in Keewatin-Le Pas, there's not really any big population centre—all the communities are very spread out."

This year, Mike and his team of six missionaries (called "Team 4"), have travelled across the vast diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas which covers a land mass of 430,000 square kilometres in northern Saskatchewan, Manitoba and a small corner of northwest Ontario.

Geographical isolation is their greatest obstacle in ministry. They've discovered that the people who they minister to, these "people of the North", desperately desire to be loved, to belong, to be a community, and to be heard.

The response to the team's presence has been truly positive.

"People in the communities have a big heart for the youth because they see the struggles that they're going through. There's not a lot of help for them, so our presence is really encouraging and empowering for them to see."

God has been preparing the hearts of the people of Keewatin-Le Pas and creating fertile soil for the Gospel. After only one year of ministry in this diocese, there has been so much fruit. Thanks to your prayers and support, Team 4 is able to spread the Good News and plant the seeds of evangelization and hope! We look forward to what God has in store for this diocese in the coming year. ✙



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5 WAYS NET CHANGED MY LIFE

It all started during the Fort McMurray wildfires where I had a “St. Paul conversion moment.” I was raised Catholic but I came close to leaving the faith. I prayed, “God save my house and I’ll do whatever you want.” Returning home, I witnessed the damage the wildfires had done, but my house was still standing! Through prayer, God revealed to me that I should apply to NET. The wildfires were just the beginning of me allowing God to work in my life.

My journey with God on NET has taught me **5 things that will change my life forever.**

1 HOW TO HAVE AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

I learned it is not enough to just know *about* Jesus, but I must **know** Jesus personally! I came to know Christ as my king, friend, and brother.

2 HOW TO BE A MAN OF GOD

I learned what being a man of God looks like, and how to better relate to women. I learned how to accept responsibility for my actions, not to be passive, how to love better, and to be a courageous leader. ***As iron sharpens iron so man sharpens fellow man.***

3 WHAT TRUE FRIENDSHIP LOOKS LIKE

Before NET, I saw friendship as just having a good time. In high school, there were times where I couldn't truly share my feelings because my friends didn't care, whereas on NET we share authentically with each other and **learn how to lean on each other** as we grow in holiness.

4 THE NEED FOR EVANGELIZATION

Many people are broken, Christ is like an oasis of water in a desert. I think of my friends back home who have not had this water and are so thirsty. Why would I not give them the water too? **Everyone needs to be evangelized.**

5 THE TRUE END GOAL

The goal is to get to heaven. Through NET I learned what it means to desire to be a saint. **If I did not get into heaven it would be the greatest tragedy.** I learned that my life is not my own, I live for the sanctification of my brothers and sisters, and my baptismal call is to be a missionary disciple.

So, what's after NET for me? I would love to publish my own books one day, with Christian allegory to spark curiosity in readers and point them towards Scripture. Secondly, being a teacher. I'd love to see more faithful teachers in the Catholic education system. Lastly, I am discerning the priesthood. All in all, if it weren't for your generous support my life may be on a much different trajectory. These five things I learned through NET changed my life. **You made that possible.** 🙏

— Elton Jarvis

BECOME A NET MISSIONARY!

“Applying for NET was never in my plans. I had my own plans already figured out. Through conversations with people, prayer and desires on my heart, it became clear that **the Lord was calling me to drop my plans and follow His plan for me!** He put NET on my heart and before I knew it, I found myself joyfully discerning a year on NET. **I cannot wait to embark on this adventure!**”

— Yohan Louise
2019–2020 missionary

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Children 12 years and older - \$10

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Commissioning Mass

September 28th, 2019

Join us as we commission our new 2019-2020 missionaries before they set out on the road evangelizing the youth of Canada!

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Time: 7 pm

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