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WHAT IS IYDT?

IYDT is a mobile discipleship ministry that holds annual training in arctic communities. Its goals are to see the next generation to be empowered within their individual calling and gifting. Because of its evangelistic edge to it, the training do not necessarily stay in one northern community. The purpose of these annual sessions is to bring a structural training program where the participants learn to become actively involved within the body of ministry. It is not exclusive to youth, therefore anyone hungry to grow and to be challenged may get involved.

Vision

To raise up leaders with purpose

Mission

*Build equipping, resource and revival centre
Build network to break isolation
Build teams (locally and regionally)*

Goals

*Equip and support existing and emerging church leaders
Discover individual and team purposes
Foster deep relationships
Gather annually to refresh and equip base*

A TIME OF BUILDING,
EQUIPPING, EMPOWERING
AND MENTORING

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
So are the children of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.
Psalm 127: 3-5*

THE PAST YEAR

by Elizabeth Annahatak

What a radical year of stepping up and stepping out! With some twists and turns, we had to depend totally on our faith. God really had us in a place where we had to believe. The ministry grew some more and it was quite a stretch not being able to see the pieces come together before hand for the third annual training.

To be honest, I was unable to start any preparations for the 2019 training for a good few weeks, when I knew I was suppose to start, because it just felt too large for me to handle. A miracle phone call came by Jane Watrich, from Christian Association Services.

This was certainly a divinely inspired telephone call because she felt the Lord impress upon her to get in touch with me to tell me that the Lord had been highlighting the Arctic to her in her devotional prayer time. Christian Association Services partnered financially with us towards sponsoring participants' airfares to be able to attend the 2019 annual training. I knew this moment of their decision that God had already gone ahead and this meant that it was time to prepare without any further details in place.

God brought everything together and greater ground was gained for His glory and Kingdom. This was also the first year where we began seeing individuals sowing financially towards this training which allowed needs to be met.



Heather Paton praying with others (above photo) and Elizabeth teaching (both bottom photos)



Heather Paton teaching in schools (photos on far right); Elizabeth and Heather (photo to right)

MARCH AND APRIL 2019: BRANCHING OUT TO COMMUNITIES

By the spring of 2019, two communities (Kangirsujuaq and Quaqtuq) were visited, in Nunavik (Northern Quebec), as a part of the vision and mission of Raising Arrows, Inuit Youth Discipleship Training.

Apart from the annual discipleship training, the Lord called for us to begin with some church visits, beginning with few communities, to introduce what God had revealed and commissioned us with.

The purpose of these visits were to introduce this IYDT ministry by casting vision. This included a visual presentation of a diagram of what the vision consisted of, back when He had revealed it in the spring of 2016. The purpose of this ministry was to come along side local pastors, emerging leaders and youth ministries. This could be in the area of supporting youth gatherings, equipping emerging leaders through mentorship and relationship and through building a network of young leaders - who then connect with other young leaders and receive opportunities to receive equipping and mentoring through annual discipleship training.

Another part of these visits included an outreach component, as crime prevention within schools. As part of crime prevention with youth, workshop teaching lessons were given to classrooms with materials that focus on building up confidence. Heather Paton with her life coach training, lead these workshops in the primary/elementary sectors in both of these communities.



MAY 2019: INDEPENDENT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CANADA

The annual national meeting of the Independent Assemblies of God Canada was held in London, Ontario. This year there were opportunities to share and update the pastors on the progress from the youth ministries committee. The beginning of this youth ministries committee began at the same time as the IYDT in May 2016. I felt that there was a correlation between what God was doing among our people (Inuit), and with what He is doing among the nations; which is for nations to walk together as sons and daughters together.

There is an outcry in Canada, as there is in the arctic, about empowering a younger generation to take their place and we are in a season now to see this preparation process of older generation to raise up the younger generation.

God has been tearing down walls between denominations, ministries and nations, drawing people groups closer together for His Kingdom cause. As young leaders on this committee, we heard this call to rise up and take our place.



(left to right) Elizabeth, Heather and Jewel Williams

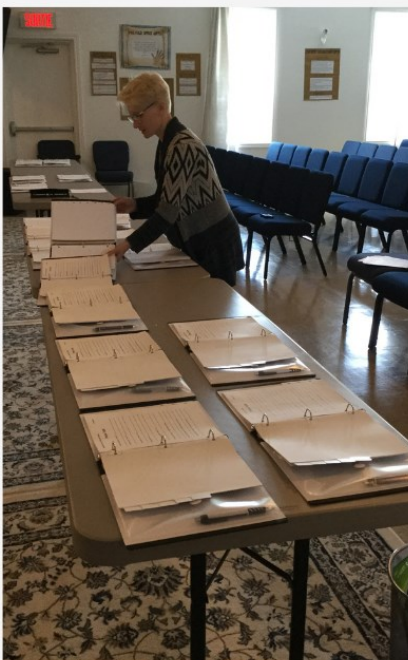


The new logo for IYDT

JULY 2019

We were introduced to Johanna Manninen back in May in Cobourg, Ontario. When I shared with Johanna about IYDT's vision and revealed strategies, Johanna felt she would be able to offer assistance through her media skills. This work progressed to assisting with the administration for the August 2019 annual training and designing an official logo for this Inuit Youth Discipleship Training, Raising Arrows, according to Psalm 127:3-5.

IYDT's Facebook page was created to keep people updated with work being done throughout the year and other upcoming events. We welcome her on board!





**Community of Qikitarjuaq
(above and behind text)**



Elizabeth speaking (above)

AUGUST 2019: ANNUAL TRAINING IN QIKIQTARJUAQ, NUNAVUT

The third year of the annual training was held in Qikiaqtajuaq, Nunavut. As the Lord had revealed that this ministry would be mobile to serve both regions, we felt that the time had come to launch into Nunavut. We are thankful for pastors Billy and Daisy Arnaquq for hosting this school in such a short time notice! Plans were first made to go to Pond Inlet but it was diverted to Qikiaqtajuaq because of unforeseen logistical reasons. Fifteen people, both from Nunavut and Nunavik, registered - emerging leaders and young people, including some pastors.

The teachers and speakers came from all across Canada and one from Florida, USA. The support from the local leadership towards these younger leaders was both empowering and inspiring. The hunger from the young leaders is precious, a confirmation that now is the time to gather them and to see them equipped. We believe that it is time to see God-given gifts unveiled in them and time for them to discover that they were born for a purpose with a purpose.

A fresh touch of Holy Spirit ignited a deeper hunger in the ones that attended. What an incredible opportunity this was. We watched as the young people gained more confidence in their callings. Many stepped out of their comfort zone to the point where they went into the community to pray for people, bringing encouragement and prophesy.

We believe that God calls us to equip others to do the work of His ministry. We are so much better together and the plan for this upcoming August 2020 will be another stepping stone.

We are a faith based ministry and ask you to prayerfully consider sowing financially which will help us plan for this years training as well as work with local churches that are prepared to partner with us through this ministry. Pamphlets and flyers will be complete soon with information about the annual discipleship training for August 2020.



Inuit Youth Discipleship Training August 2019 Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut

MY EXPERIENCE WITH IYDT

by Johanna Manninen

Last August I had the opportunity to be part of an amazing ministry in Canada's arctic. Pastor Elizabeth Annahatak, from Kangirsuk, Quebec, asked me to assist her in a training program for emerging Inuit church leaders. I got to know Elizabeth through my parents', and their many trips up to the Arctic to help over the last 20 years. God had given Pastor Elizabeth a vision several years ago of starting a training program for leaders to be taught, mentored and equipped. This week-long school would teach different topics, mentoring sessions and include worship and prayer meetings.

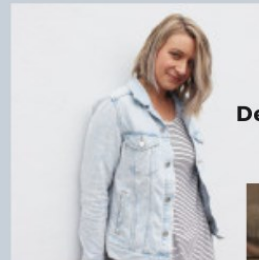
My part began with designing a logo for the ministry and other design projects. I helped to start the Inuit Youth Discipleship Training (IYDT) Facebook page to help keep others updated, but also a place to hear about other events and programs in the Arctic. Then Elizabeth asked me if I want to teach on media ministry. This was something God had been putting on my heart for a while and I knew I had to say "Yes Lord". And am I ever glad I did!

This experience was life changing. It stretched my abilities and got me out of my comfort zone. It also tested my faith and made me realise that everything is possible with God's help. I had never taught before, but God equipped to do so. I still have many things to learn and improve for next time, but it was an amazing starting point. This opportunity stretched and tested me, to become more "brave".

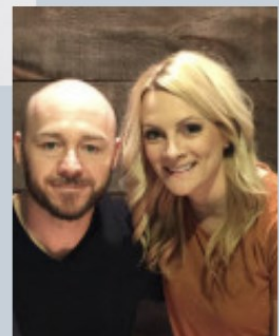


Johanna teaching on media

OTHER GUEST TEACHERS AT IYDT 2019



Destiny McDonald from Crestview, Florida



Jamie & Heather Paton from Edmonton, Alberta

WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!

We would love for you to like, follow and share us on Facebook. We continue to post different conferences and events happening in the north, and we love to share about what God is doing! Don't miss our "Thank you!/IYDT 2019" video now up on our page and don't forget to share it. We have been so blessed by your support and we can't wait for what God has for IYDT in 2020!

Find us at Inuit Youth Discipleship Training



AUGUST 2020

We have begun fundraising for August 2020 and we would like your help.

The past year we were were blessed by so many who reached out and gave. This ministry takes a great deal of planning, preparation, flexibility and funds. Communities are isolated by distance and transportation over long distances are at the mercy of the unpredictable climate.

So, we would like your support to help the body of Christ in the Canada's arctic, by providing the funds necessary to meet one another and grow in community and Christ.

All donations are tax deductible and if anyone would like more information on how they can sow into this ministry, please write to Elizabeth Annahatak.

SO HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Did you know you can donate Aeroplan points?

The same points that might cover a flight to Calgary could cover a flight to Canada's arctic, which costs as much as 4 times more!

Spread the word about IYDT!

Hold a fundraiser in your community and feature IYDT. The more people that know what we are doing, the more people can help us out.

Sponsor a student to attend IYDT 2020!

Students travel from remote communities and stay with generous host families. We need help to cover travel and living costs while they attend training.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND? CONTACT US

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or

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