



*"It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work."*

*1. Corinthians 3:7-8 (NLT)*

**TAL AND CHRISTINA JAMES**

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## *News Update*

*Dear Friends,*

You have probably been wondering what happened to the monthly update of the James' family. **Me too!**

Okay, first it took some time to get the answers in regard to the Anti-Spam Law, then the busy summer time hit and then I (Christina) ended up working two **new jobs**. The first I accepted kind of as a favor to a friend (Homestay Coordinator), the second is more of a long time focus: I have been hired to develop a preventative program called 4SEY (4 Seasons Early

Years) for **Kw'umut Lelum** Child and Family Services. My colleagues and me are focusing on children 0-6 years old and their families on the Hul'qumi'num Language reservations, developing play and parenting groups based on cultural values and traditions. In this we work closely with the local elders and community leaders, seeking input and involvement of the community. I am very excited about this, especially as I get to focus on **Penelakut** and **Stz'uminus**, the two reservations Tal and I are most closely connected to. Tal and I actually get to work hand in hand and support each other, however I have found my own little niche. I thoroughly enjoy my new job, being able to work part time is great. As I am on contract for now, I set my own hours (within reason). The Homestay Coordinator job was very intense for a while, but is now reduced to occasional. As it is for the Christians School our boys attend, it helps me to stay in touch with them and my contacts there as well.

Some other news:

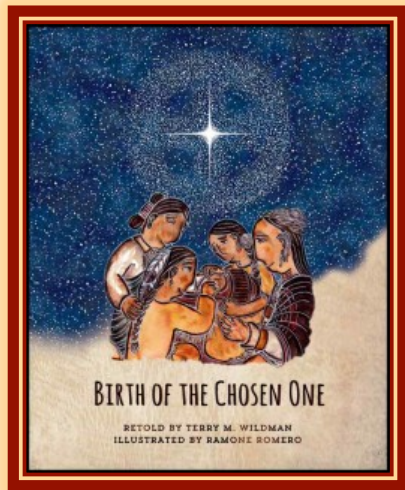


- Our summer interns have been here and gone. It was smaller groups this time, but no less valuable. The exciting news is that one of them has applied and been accepted to work fulltime with NAIM on Penelakut. She will probably work at the Penelakut School.
- As you can see on the picture, we have a freezer full of fish. Connor was involved helping with the distribution of the

food fish for a couple of reserves as his “new” uncle is the Fisheries and Hunting Department coordinator for Penelakut. Connor’s goal is it to become either a fisherman or a marine biologist ☺.

- There will be another wedding in the family: The said “new” uncle Kenny and Tal’s sister Nadine will get married in September; Tal is performing the wedding. We are very happy; Tal has been a friend with Kenny for a long time.
- In January we will officially propose the establishment of a **drop-in place** on Penelakut to Chief and Council (see Update May 2014). We have prepared the ground for this for quite a while and think there is a lot of openness and support for the idea. We hope to either renovate an existing house or building a cabin-sized place on property given to R.O.O.T.S.
- We also started trial archery classes with Hulh’etun Health Society as the Hal’alt reserve where they are located is considering a full time archery program.
- The yearly Snow Retreat was a full success, again Penelakut youth and community raised the funds for all 16 attendees, including travel and meals. This year both Corbin and Connor attended along with their cousins.
- Corbin is now officially half a head taller than me (Christina), has a deep voice (most of the time) and considers himself as all grown up (he is 14) and in no need of any more teachings from his totally outdated parents.
- Connor is not in the teenage phase yet (12) and to our relief in no hurry to get there. He is still “allergic to girls”, as stated about a year ago.
- Both boys play lacrosse, Connor in goal, Corbin in versatile positions though he (of course) prefers offense. Tal plays lacrosse from the sidelines; he is exhausted after every game!

Well, I still have to prepare a thousand more things, so I should finish up. Please know, that we are often thinking of all of you and the special place you have in our lives, hearts and work.



*Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas, may you have Jesus' Peace in your heart and His Joy in your smile!*

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*Huy'ch q'u Siem*

*(Thanks to all of you! / I raise my hands to you!)*

*Tal and Christina*

*with Corbin and Connor*

