

Truth and Reconciliation

The voices of those who survived residential school were finally acknowledged and given space to share their stories.

They were able to bring to light what many Canadians didn't even know had happened.

So loudly did they speak that the government couldn't ignore them anymore and agreed to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The government and mainline churches have publicly apologized for the actions that took place to deliberately attempt to assimilate and "Christianize" the First Nations.

Reconciliation: Formal apologies given and accepted are just the first step of the healing journey.

Showing unconditional love, being a good listener, creating space for people to be heard and acknowledged are important aspects we have as NAIM missionaries to serve alongside our First Nations friends but also the manner in which we should treat one another.

The power of the gospel is evidenced in the lives of those we have had the privilege of knowing and working alongside; despite the difficult things they have experienced, our indigenous brothers and sisters choose to believe in the One who brings freedom and power to forgive.

May we continue to come alongside to: minister, serve and do what Jesus did; love God and love others, thus true reconciliation can take place.

