

SEPTEMBER
2015



THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

"Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with joyful shouting...The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad." (Psalm 126:2-3)

Hello Partners and Friends,

We trust you are enjoying the change of seasons after a beautiful summer. This fall is an exciting time for Anita and I because we celebrate our 25th year of pastoral ministry and the Grand Opening of our new ministry facility! We are rejoicing about all the Lord has done in and through our lives. Last summer, the Lord spoke me about writing my life story. My autobiography, entitled MY NAME IS ROMA (Nindizhinikaaz Roma), will be released this month. This book chronicles the challenges of my youth, the impact of colonization and the residential school system; also my struggles with addiction, my salvation, the call to ministry and some of my ministry experiences. An important chapter of my book is about Spirit Alive. Here are some excerpts about how Spirit Alive came to Thunder Bay:

In October 2007, during our annual church conference, I received a prophetic word from one of our guest ministers, John Power, a Canadian Pastor and personal mentor. During his message he turned to me and said, "I see you on TV. I don't know if it's on internet or television. In a very short while you will be on TV across the land. God said that He needs a teacher and you're it!" A few months after this, I received a phone call from long-time friend and Mohawk Evangelist, Ross Maracle, from the Tyendgenaga territory in Southern Ontario. Ross informed me of his intention to retire from Spirit Alive, a television ministry he had pioneered for over 20 years. It was a program designed to be a "Native Voice of Hope." Over the years I had been privileged to be a guest on the program, sharing my testimony and delivering short teaching segments. During this phone call, Ross asked me if I would consider taking the reigns of this ministry. He thought I would be a good candidate to carry on the vision, being able to maintain a Native and Northern connection, as well as providing a strong church base. At first I was surprised by his request, but I remembered the prophecy I received through Pastor John Power only a few months earlier. It seemed surreal. This was something beyond my expectations or expertise. Nevertheless, I told Ross I was willing to jump in.

During the next few months I was faced with a huge learning curve. I had to learn a new role, both in front and behind the cameras. Our first priority was to establish our office in Thunder Bay, find and hire an editor, a TV crew, and create a set. There were programs to produce and deadlines to meet... With the support of many key individuals in our church and community, we were off and running! Although it brought some new pressures into my life, I felt God was in it and leading me through

Our *vision* is to be a voice to our generation imparting truth, instilling hope, and motivating positive change.

Our *objective* is to present God's Word in a practical, relevant way through:

Life-changing teaching.

Inspiring guest interviews.

Distributing newsletters.

Providing resource materials.

Hosting workshops & seminars in First Nations Communities.

You can help by becoming a *monthly partner*. As a partner, you can:

Apply your faith in prayer.

Make financial contributions.

Lend your time and skills to help in program production.

Promote the program by telling others about it.

Encourage us with your letters and praise reports.

the process. I've always had the attitude that you don't know your true potential until you push yourself to try something. I could have said "no" to this opportunity because of fear or my lack of expertise. I'm glad I stepped out with God's help. With God on your side, all things are possible! (Matt 19:26) (End of excerpt)

Spirit Alive has now been broadcasting from Thunder Bay since September 2008. Through many pressures and financial struggles, we have prevailed! As we celebrate this milestone of 25 years, I am sad that my two mentors, Ross Maracle and John Power are no longer here. I am forever grateful for their mentorship and the words of faith they sowed into my life.

-- Pastor Roma Fisher

SPIRIT ALIVE NEWS

• Come Celebrate With Us!

Annual Fall Conference & Grand Opening - September 16 - 20, 2015

At our new Ministry Centre, 360 Black Bay Road, Thunder Bay

- Grand Opening Celebration - Wednesday 6 pm
- Meeting Times:
 - Wednesday 7 pm
 - Thursday to Saturday 10:30 am, 2 pm, 7 pm
 - Sunday 10:30 am, 7 pm
- Spirit Alive Meet & Greet & Book Signing - Friday 7 pm

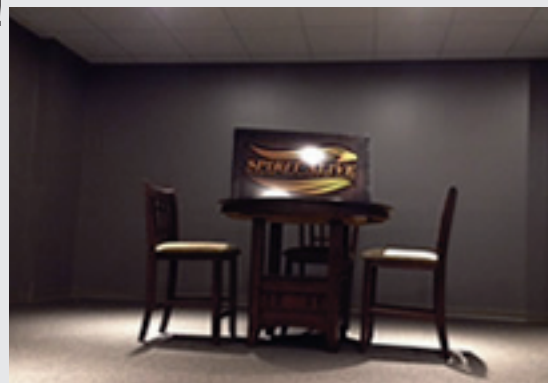


• Annual Spirit Alive Partnership Banquet Friday, October 16, 2015, 6:30 pm

If you are interested in sponsoring a table or attending the banquet please call 807-344-1956 or email spiritalive@tbaytel.net. See enclosed Partner Letter for more information.

• Spirit Alive Studio Near Completion!

- Completed:
 - Drywall
 - Painting
 - Carpet
 - Still to complete:
 - Build Backdrop
 - Install Lights
 - Purchase extra equipment (Tricaster, Camera, Cables, etc.)
- Approximate cost - \$12,000



Under Construction!

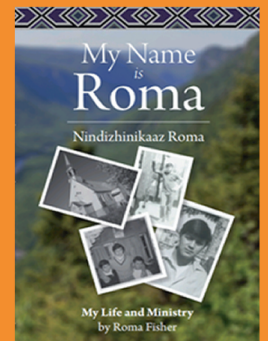
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Order your copy of *My Name Is Roma (Nindizhinkaaz Roma)* today!

Cost - \$20 plus shipping

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GLOBAL Thunder Bay
Sunday 9:30 am EST

CKPR Thunder Bay
Saturday Mornings
Times Vary

CKWS/CHEX TV
Sunday 5:00 am EST

HOPE TV
Sunday 3:00 pm EST
Bell 591
Rogers 174
Shaw/MTS 11

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