

MANS Signing Group Shares at Camp Meeting, Accepts Invitations for Fall

Student representatives of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) communicated a powerful Christian message during the first Sabbath divine service of Camp Meeting without saying a word: they used sign language.

“These students absolutely love music and performing together,” says Cheri Notice, MANS Grade 6 teacher and American Sign Language performance artist.

After their Camp Meeting performance, the signing group was invited to perform at Mountain View Church this fall.

Another group of students that acts as MANS’ Cree culture ambassadors will be performing at the Ft. McMurray Church’s annual fundraising dinner in October.

Notice, who leads the group and selects the Christian music they learn, has seen tremendous growth in the group on many levels. “They’re serious about it—there’s no messing around, and they keep themselves in line when we’re working on a song,” she says. “Coming together in this way is a highlight of the day for all of us.”

Braydon Omesoo, who performed a signing solo during the divine service at Camp Meeting (left), with some of Mamawi Atosketan Native School’s cultural ambassadors.

