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*Assignments…* All my life I’ve lived with assignments from the Lord. This time He used my children to bring me to my next one. Having not been well for some time, they decided it was time for me to live near one of them. So here I am in Welland, Ontario, 25 minutes from Niagara Falls and 5 minutes away from my son Jon and family. Leaving Manitoulin Island was not my choice, however it was clear care was required to build wellness.

Summertime was a whirlwind as after five garage sales family packed up my belongings assisted by dear Wiky friends. August 23 was moving day. A caravan of two trucks and three vehicles headed to 163 First Street in Welland.

Remember how God moved Abraham out of his own country to a place unknown to him? For the fourth time this was my experience for a major move. All arrangements had been made. No planning or choices were mine. The Lord opened each door so quickly, thus proving His plan for now.

Now that I’ve settled in my sweet little townhouse unit #4 in the independent living area of a retirement community, it’s time to share with all of you where I am. I’m not retired but in spite of this unit having several people in a waiting list, it came to me. My health has greatly improved. My neighbors are friendly and welcoming and already I’m sharing Jesus. Besides my opportunities here locally, my intensions include trips back and forth to Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory for ministry where I’ve left my heart. Already long-distance connections are made with band members. An encouraging phone call came from a dear friend saying, “I really miss you. As I drive Wiky Way I think of you. The feeling grows when I reach Monument Hill. Your spirit is here. We feel it. You will always be here.”

During the most difficult months of illness, my book editor continued editing, revising, and checking timelines. Twenty-one chapters are written. Now with creativity returning, a new excitement for completing the job abounds. The book has several purposes: A memoir, ministry life, and education on Canadian Indigenous peoples. It will bring both laughter and perhaps a cry, a challenge, and most of all point people to Jesus. It is hopeful that book launches will begin next Spring when my time with DayStar will be completed.

Never have I been more thankful for my supporters and encouragers, both churches and individuals, than now. You have blessed my life and ministry in many ways. From Hebrews 6:10 – For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

In warm fellowship and love,

Shirley Hamilton\_