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Happy New Year to everyone! My name is Kyle Larson. For anyone who hasn't met me (bio available at www.nipawin.org/alumni), I attended NBC from 2010-2012 and am a 3rd generation alumnus, with my grandma (Catherine Healey nee Crockett '45) having attended TRBI and my dad NBI for a semester.

I currently live in Prince Albert with my wife Raija-Liisa (nee Block 2008-10), and am currently undergoing my electrical apprenticeship. With Christmas just behind us, I'm reminded of the blessing of family; the delight that it is to spend time together and the memories or experiences that bond a family and make them stronger. I was privileged to enjoy this experience in November during Alumni Weekend. Romans 12:5 states, "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

As I think of my experiences at Nipawin, it seems to me I have definitely received more than I have given. This has been a great blessing, but also an inspiration for me to consider what I am doing now, and what I can do for those around me as well as for NBC. In 1 Thessalonians 5:11 it says, "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." My personal goal in serving as Alumni President is to connect with the school more, and to build into the school just as I would pour into my own family. I would like to challenge every Alumnus to make this a goal, but that is a decision each of you need to make on your own.

How were you built up in various ways through your time at NBC, and have you given in some way to the College?

Many blessings, Kyle Larson