

Quick Facts

Ken and Lina Yadlowsky

Years at NBI – January 1990 to April 1993

Where you grew up – Iron River/Bonnyville (currently in Lac La Biche, AB)

How you met - At a dance

Who was interested in the other first – mutual attraction

Date you were married – June 17/78

A favorite hobby or interest for each of you– Ken: fishing, inventing - Lina: painting, flower gardens

Your dream vacation destination – Ken: Ukraine Lina: Ireland

A favorite bible verse or passage – Ken: Jos 1:7 Lina: Phi 1:21

J: It sounds like you had a really great time with your “growing” family over the Christmas holidays. I can’t help but notice you’re really starting to grow a few roots in the Nipawin area. Did you ever imagine you’d have children on staff at the school, or does that just make you feel old?

K&L: No, we never thought God would send any of our kids to NBC as a teacher but out of the three we would have to say from very young we would have also chosen Adam (it's his gift of the gab).

J: You both came to the Lord a little later in life. Do you think you have a soft spot in your hearts for the lost because of those years you lived without knowing Christ?

K&L: We feel that whether you were saved later in life or not, every Christian should have a burden for the lost if you don't HMMMMM???? Are you really saved?? Being saved later in life just gave Ken and I understanding of some people’s struggles but in truth we wish we wouldn't have experienced that.

J: Ken, I understand that your struggles with alcohol were overcome immediately upon giving your life to Christ. Am I accurate in my understanding, and how would you challenge or encourage a believer who might be still struggling with some sort of harmful addiction?

K&L: Sometimes we just have to look at our struggles moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day. I have to often ask myself "who am I putting my trust in for this situation, God or myself."

J: Tell me about how God worked in both of your hearts simultaneously to close down your business and bring you to bible school.

K&L: I was working in Lac La Biche at the time putting a water system in at Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute. While observing and working alongside the staff, particularly Mr. Dave Anderson, and seeing their service to the Lord in reaching the lost, the Holy Spirit started to speak to me about becoming more involved in missions. But I own a business which would mean selling it, moving, and then there’s Lina and the kids to consider as well! How would they feel about all this? So I prayed, "if this is your will Father you talk to Lina because I don't want her saying 5 years from now

‘YOU PUT ME IN THIS’ when hard times come.” And so HE did. Back in Iron River the Holy Spirit was speaking to Lina. She began to feel that there had to be more in her walk with the Lord other than Wednesday night bible study and Sunday church services. The best way she can describe it is a rocking chair Christian (moving, but not going anywhere)! God began to speak to her that she needed to learn more. The thought was, go into missions / schooling. So now she returned the same thing to God (YOU HAVE TO TALK KEN) because that meant selling the business and moving. She knew God would work the thing out with the kids. The kids and she came up on one weekend to see me and as soon as we put them to bed, I asked if the Lord had been talking to her. So we both shared how the Holy Spirit had been moving in us. We knew this was God's call for us to go. We applied to NCEM (Northern Canada Evangelical Mission) and they told us we needed schooling first. Our pastor had an application for NBC and we applied and were accepted. We came in January 1990.

J: In today’s society, it often seems like many couples struggle to spend enough time with each other. I think you’d probably land somewhere on the opposite end of the spectrum. Running your own business, you spend a lot of time together – and that’s just during work hours! You still have the rest of your day 😊 . What are some of the challenges of being together so much and what are some of the rewards.

K&L: There are times when we’re feeling sick of each other - the spare bedroom comes in handy (kidding), but seriously, the one thing we both work on or try to practice is communication, honesty, trust, and forgiveness. And, you have to learn to laugh.

J: You initially got out of running your own business because you wanted to get involved in ministry and missions. 20 years later, you’ve gone through a couple different chapters of life and now find yourself back again running your own business. As you’ve come back “full circle”, what has God taught you along the way to prepare you for “going back to where you started”.

K&L: We’re learning that this is all HIS, and putting HIM first in everything doesn't mean we’re exempt from trouble or hard times but it does make it easier to know HE IS with us. We don't always know why - a person could go nuts asking “why, why, why?” What we need to remember is that God, in His overruling guidance, has allowed us to be where we are at this time for this moment.