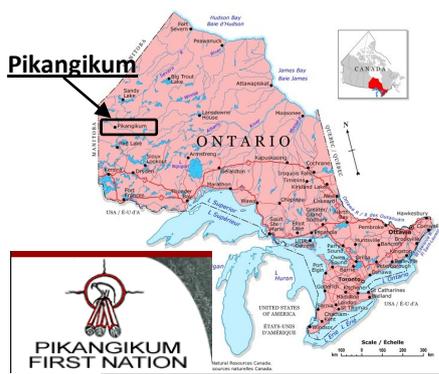


Jerry and Sharon Cummings

Jerry was raised in a pastor's home in southern Michigan. After being greatly impacted by the Charismatic renewal, he felt a call to the ministry and graduated from Spring Arbor University. He moved to Port Wing, Wisconsin to pastor his first church, along the shores of Lake Superior in 1980. At age 24, shortly after moving to Port Wing, he met Sharon Erickson who had grown up on a dairy farm near Barron, Wisconsin. At that time, she was working as a nurse in Duluth, MN. Jerry and Sharon became husband and wife in May of 1982. Immediately after Jerry became a new pastor, he met Paul Tucker. Paul was pastoring in Duluth, Minnesota and has become a life-long friend and mentor in Jerry's life. Thus Jerry was already relating closely to Paul when Paul and others took steps to form the IAM (International Association of Ministries) in 1982. While pastoring in Port Wing, Jerry became the Secretary/Treasurer of the IAM for a number of years, until he became the Vice-President. In 2010 he became the President under the oversight of Paul Tucker.



During the years in Port Wing, Jerry and Sharon had five children: Josh, Dan, Tim, Anna, and Steve. In 1995 the Cummings and the Port Wing church were greatly impacted by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was spreading at that time. Through a series of events in 1998, the Lord took them from their Wisconsin home to lead a new work which was beginning in Norton, Kansas. This church, Living Hope Fellowship, was birthed in the flames of renewal. Jerry and Sharon continue to lead the work in Norton at the present time. Besides homeschooling their children for many years, Sharon has been a major source of strength in the ministry both in Port Wing and now in Norton. Jerry and Sharon consider "presence-based" worship to be a central part of Kingdom life. Sharon has become the key person leading and facilitating this aspect of their ministry.



Around 2002 Jerry began to make a few trips to a remote First Nations Community in Northern Ontario named Pikangikum. Another IAM minister, Colleen Estes, was already working in Pikangikum. Paul Tucker was also traveling there from time to time. The Holy Spirit began to draw Jerry's heart to this community more and more. In 2006 Jerry, along with Pastor Earl Ready of Emily, Minnesota, made a commitment to travel to Pikangikum on a monthly or every other month basis. The goal of this ministry would be to establish, in partnership with aboriginal leaders, a life-giving ministry flowing out of relationship with God and one another. It was also the goal to model this life-giving, healing ministry in order to equip local leaders. The local leaders then named the ministry "Healing Eagle Ministry". Along with the church in Norton, this has become the second main thrust of ministry for Jerry.



On a personal level, Sharon is now working part time for a local youth center, as well as at a dentist office in Norton. She enjoys reading, visiting friends, and many other activities. Jerry does some substitute bus driving for the local schools, as well as driving farm equipment during the Kansas harvest. He enjoys hunting as a past time, especially pheasant, deer and turkey.

