



# LORNA S TAKE... AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

By Lorna Dueck, host of "Listen Up"

The best survival tool I know is thankfulness. For some of us, it's a command of which we need to be reminded. For others, it seems to flow more naturally, like in the case of an eight-year-old I interviewed who has left a lasting impact on my heart. I met young Lane Barsi in Louis Creek, British Columbia, and settled in to visit him as he stood amid the ashes of his house and backyard. His family is one of 70 who lost their homes in Louis Creek, just a small corner of the devastation that more than 2,000 forest fires left behind in the province's interior this summer. The scene in Louis Creek looked like Armageddon to me, but Lane's attitude of gratitude fought back.

As I wondered how a family would ever recover, Lane scrambled amid the ruins to show his parents, Mike and Lori, partners of *100 Huntley Street*, wreckage he thought he could recover, including perhaps even his treasured bike. His optimism made us all smile, and the warmth of his thankful heart stays with me to this day.



Lang recovers his wrecked bicycle from the ruins of his demolished home.

While praying for those fire victims, I realize there are no easy answers; the rebuilding will take years. The Barsi's were fully insured, but other *100 Huntley Street* partners in their 80s who lost everything, were not. The only insurance I can think of that can pull a person through that kind of disappointment, is to find a way to say thank you to God. I'm not saying, "Thank you, God, for these fires."

Rather, I would stubbornly accept the Bible at its command to give thanks regardless of our circumstances. The command is spiritual medicine for the most broken of hearts in the face of such loss.

*Listen Up's* program, *Tested by Fire*, aired last month. It reminded us all of our need to count our blessings and choose an attitude of gratitude.

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