

"We're here to help each other, and make big things happen."

Elizabeth Tym, Personal Representative of Mary Krysowaty, MANS & iPad library donor Elizabeth Tym acted as her aunt Mary Krysowaty's Personal Representative through a Power of Attorney. When Mary was no longer able to make decisions about her money, Elizabeth acted appropriately because she knew Mary's giving patterns.

She was able to ensure that Mary's philanthropic way of life continued. "She gave her church dues each month until she passed away," says Elizabeth, citing an example. "I know that's what she wanted."

Elizabeth loves that she was able to help her aunt accomplish good in ministries that mattered to her. As a teacher for 35 years, Mary recognized the value of Adventist education. When she was alive, she gave the founding gift to build Alberta's mission school, Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS), which was recognized at MANS' Milestone Celebration in April. Because Elizabeth knew of Mary's passion for education and evangelism, she was also able to make additional gifts for her aunt that covered both ministries.

When Mary passed away, the estate went to the Alberta Conference to be used for evangelism or education. Thus, the iPad teaching library was created. Through her gifts to the Alberta Conference, Mary and her heart for teaching continue to touch young lives. Elizabeth thinks that Mary would be thrilled to know that her contributions impact students. "She would have been so happy," beams Elizabeth. "People are already benefitting from her gifts."

Acting as Mary's Personal Representative required time and effort, but Elizabeth wouldn't have done it any other way. "It was worth it—very much. I'm just happy that I was able to help her," she says.

Elizabeth's effort to continue Mary's giving nature has helped "make big things happen" in Alberta through Conference ministries—something Aunt Mary would certainly be happy about.

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