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2017 Annual Report



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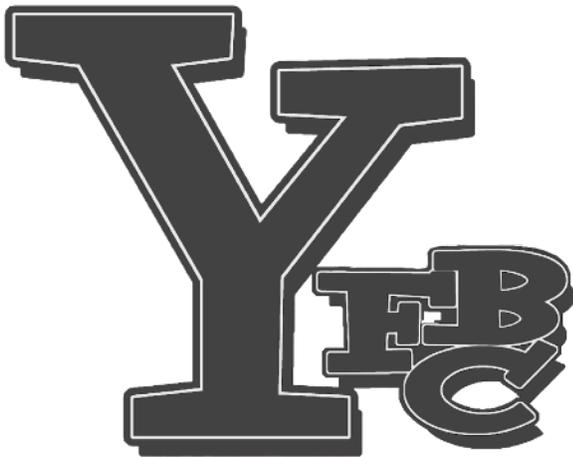
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So Loved

BY HOLLY EPP

2017 YFBC THEME

For God loved the world so much that He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

The theme we chose for this year was **So Loved**. This theme came from the desire echoing Paul's words to the Ephesians for our own campers, staff and volunteers. At YFBC this year we wanted to grow in our knowledge of God's HUGE love for us. We wanted to grasp the understanding of the greatness of His love and the fullness of life and power that comes with this understanding. We wanted to EXPERIENCE this love! We wanted to hang out in the love that God has for the world. A love so big that He would send His One and Only SON to die in our place. John 3:16 is such a familiar verse. Often the first one memorized by children in the church. But do we fully understand this love? **Agape** love. A word created for just this purpose, to define God's love as only His love can be defined. To describe the essence of love.

Often we believe God loves us. But all of us? Every part of us? That ugly part deep down? That area of life we keep

over on the side to control on our own? The future us that is unknown? I believe that this past summer, no matter how new or unknown to faith in Jesus some were or how old and familiar others were, the Lord had a new song of His love to sing over us as we grew in the knowledge of love.

As a camp this summer we walked through the story of redemption. From our careful and beloved creation, walking with God in the garden of Eden, to the reality of the fall and sin. A separation that broke the Father's heart more than our own. He had a plan. A plan of hope and restoration. A plan to rescue us from our deep pits, where He already loves us. He sent His One and Only Son. That's right, we had a bit of Christmas each week this

summer as we heard the familiar story of Jesus coming from the heights of heaven to earth as a dependant baby to love us. Fully God, fully human. The plan in action, promises being fulfilled. But the wages of sin is death. Remaining perfect in every way, Jesus could and would go the lengths because He So Loved us to take our place on the cross.





But death couldn't hold Him. Three days later He rose, alive again! God **So Loved** us that He not only sent His Son to teach us in the way to live in relationship with the Father but gave Him over to the cross so that we can put our trust in Him and have eternal life because of the resurrection.

We are **So Loved** that we are called children of God! Now, knowing you are So Loved, how will you live like you are loved? The love of the Lord is wide. Wide enough for everyone no matter what they look like, where they are from, or what their background is. How will you live loved? How will you love others because He first loved you?

May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

- Ephesians 3:18-19

Memory Verses

Romans 5:8 - But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Ephesians 3:18-19 - May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Isaiah 53:5 - He was wounded for the wrong we did; He was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well was given to Him, and we are healed because of His wounds.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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2017 in numbers

30 staff

34 volunteers

36 junior staff

252 asn campers

286 children & youth campers

Adult Special Needs Camp

ELIZABETH WIELINGA

This past summer was my second summer counselling for ASN camp. The theme for this summer was **So Loved**, and as the summer progressed, I learned and experienced God's love for me in incredible ways. Understanding more of God's love gave me the opportunity to love the ASN campers even more because I wanted to somehow display God's love to them so that they could feel it too.

One of the things I enjoy the most about ASN, and why I have a passion for them is the continual love that they give me. I always feel so loved and wanted by them. One particular conversation I had with one of my campers this year reminded me of how much I enjoy and value their love. I told my camper that I was going to miss her when she went home and this was her response, "I want you to come home with me so you can live with me because you are like my sister." This is just one example of a time when campers made me feel loved and made me know that they were feeling so loved as well.

This summer God spoke to me during the ASN weeks by changing

my heart. I realized I have a huge passion in my heart for adults with intellectual disabilities. After I realized that, I began to search for a job where I could work with adults who have intellectual disabilities. I have now started a job at a group home for adults where I have been able to take the passion I was given this summer at camp and display it in the group home where I can continue to grow that passion. It is amazing how much God can do in nine weeks, not only in the campers' lives, but also my life.

Having the opportunity to work at camp once again this past summer was life-changing for me, and I look forward to many more opportunities to work with adults who have intellectual disabilities, whether it is at YFBC or other places.



Elizabeth has served at YFBC the past two summers as a cabin counsellor. She was also a part of our 2017 Mexico Mission Team.



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Children & Youth Camps

JOELLE WIEBE

This year was an amazing summer at Youth Farm Bible Camp! The Christ-centred goal of YFBC is to Love God and Love People, namely our campers. The theme of the year was **So Loved** and this was especially impactful as it is the most important message we could share with the campers who came. The curriculum showed the essence of Christ's love for us. God's love for us is so wide, long, high, and deep that He sent His Son to die on the cross and pay the penalty for our sin. But Jesus did not stay dead; He rose to life, conquering sin and death!

Chapel and campfire are essential aspects of children's camp which are personally my favourites. We had many great speakers come this summer who shared God's amazing love with the campers present. Our

theme song this summer was called "Love Goes On", and it emphasizes the truth that God's love for us is eternal; that nothing can separate us from His love.

It was so exciting to see the campers in their excitement to learn about God and the Bible! One of the really neat things we do at YFBC is giving Bibles to campers who do not have one. The one girl I gave one to brought her Bible with her wherever she went for the rest of the week; during activities, she could be found off to the side reading God's Word. During quiet time in the cabin, all of the girls would spend the hour reading their Bibles together. The girls in my cabin also had great questions during devotions, always curious and hungry to learn more!

Something I really learned this summer was the joy to be found in serving. One of my favourite verses is Mark 10:45 which says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve". Camp has challenged me in my own walk with God, and He has worked in my life by showing me how to be a servant for His Kingdom. I pray that following this summer, the Bibles handed out will continue to be read daily and that the children who attended camp this summer will seek to live for God, sharing His love with those surrounding them.



Joelle served this summer as a cabin counsellor after 3 summers as a CIT. She is currently studying at Millar College of the Bible.



the 411 of the Youth Farm Bible Camp



We exist to share Jesus with people & provide a place for people to serve

1. Camps we run

We are excited to welcome children to camp as young as age 5. We offer day camps for little ones, ages 5-8, wanting to sleep in their own beds at night. Once campers are ready for overnight camp they can join us for one of our kids camps, ages 6-12. But teens want to be a part of camp too! We have junior teen camp, teen trail ride, and horse focused day camps.

Since the 1980's YFBC has also run and expanded our camp program for adults with special needs - running 5 weeks throughout the summer.

2. Activities

Making use of this amazing farm yard YFBC sits on, we run outdoor activities everyone will enjoy. Let me list them for you (ok, maybe not ALL of them,

but here is a start.) Horse riding, swimming, archery, wide games, canoeing, jumbo pillow, climbing wall, water games, corn maze, petting zoo, and low ropes.

Because we desire for Christ to be the centre of what we do here at YFBC, after breakfast we start the day with chapel and end each day with campfire, a time for singing and a Bible story from our camp pastor.

3. Get Involved

Maybe you are too old for camp or you have a desire to serve here at YFBC. There are a few opportunities for you! Our junior staff program runs for young leaders, ages 14-18, wanting to help out in the cabin, the kitchen, or the horse program. Summer staff positions are for anyone finished high school. And we can always use kitchen helpers!



Junior Staff Program

CHEYENNE WIEBE

In my eighth summer at Youth Farm Bible Camp God surprised me with a deeper understanding of His love, proved Himself faithful once again in the challenges, and reiterated the value of this ministry. Every summer it is a privilege to serve alongside the staff and live out our mission of loving God and loving people.

Every day our theme **So Loved** was proclaimed in chapels, at campfires, and our interactions with the campers throughout the day. John 3:16 contains the simple yet complex message of the Gospel, and each camper was told of a God who displayed His incredible love for every individual in sending His Son to die as payment for our sins. Throughout the summer I was able to witness the power of the Gospel and see the impact of God's love. One moment that stands out to me was when I got to share the Gospel message with 58 ages 5-8 day camp

children during chapel one morning. While these children have boundless energy and a short attention span, I just saw attentive faces and was humbled to be able to share a message with little ones who are so dear to the heart of our Lord. I'm so thankful to serve a God who loves with a love that is so wide, long, high and deep!

God's faithfulness was evident in the legacy of servanthood displayed by the junior staff. My third summer as Jr. Staff Director saw campers who were now old enough to come volunteer, many returning CITs and WITs, as well as Jr. Staff who were now filling senior staff positions.

Every year I pray for God to fill our Jr. Staff positions with youth who are excited to serve and ready to learn. And God always provides beyond what I can imagine! This summer as Jr. Staff we looked at what it means to be a servant leader, modeled after John 3:30, "He must become greater; I must become less." I saw these 36 young leaders live out this verse! They all volunteered weeks of their summer, had their patience tested by difficult campers, and persevered through situations that made them uncomfortable. Many of

these 14-17-year-olds have never experienced our Adult Special Needs camps before, and yet they take this step of faith to serve when they are uncomfortable and come out stronger in the end. Over and over I see them excited to come back next year and continue to serve!



This summer I spent a lot of time reflecting on the value of camp ministry, and specifically what happens at Youth Farm Bible Camp. I see our Adult Special Needs campers so excited to come back every year, and I see the children coming to camp counting on it as a safe place that will extend unconditional love. And why? Because God's love, the love that goes on and on, is for all of the

world and that is the message He has called YFBC to share.



Cheyenne has used her many talents to serve at camp for the past 8 summers as a CIT, cabin counsellor and Junior Staff

Director. We want to give her and Connor a huge congratulations on their recent engagement!



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Reflection

from a Camp Pastor

BY JESSE DOELL



The Youth Farm Bible Camp is an amazing place to be. There is no place in my life that I have seen God work as powerfully and lovingly as he does at the Youth Farm. At camp this year I had the opportunity to be camp pastor for two weeks and I loved it! I love being silly with campers, I love the deep conversations, I love it when kids pester me to "tell another story," but more than anything I love telling kids about Jesus' love for them.

This last year there was one boy who found a special place in my heart. He came to the camp without having anything to do with Jesus. He didn't grow up in church and didn't come from a Christian home. One time after one of my camp fire talks, he hung back to discuss a problem with me. He was having regular nightmares and wanted to know if there was anything Jesus could do about it. I told him there was, and we had a time of prayer together at the camp fire, asking Jesus to get rid of the bad dreams that were bothering him so much. The next day this boy came to me and said he had a great night of sleep without any bad dreams. After seeing Jesus' power at work in his life, this boy began to read his Bible every night (he had never owned or read one before) and came to me with deep faith questions regularly. The love of Jesus had touched his life, and he grew in his faith more that week of camp than

some people do in decades of their Christian lives.

At camp I get to tell campers about Jesus' great love. Jesus loved us enough to come from heaven to rescue us! He loved us enough to suffer and die on a cross so that I could have eternal life! He loved that boy at camp enough to listen to his simple prayers and take his bad dreams away. He is a great saviour and he is living and active today. Join me in praying for this boy and the many other campers who have been impacted by Jesus at camp this year. The Youth Farm Bible Camp is a vessel that the Lord has used in mighty ways to pour out his love of his people, and I am continually blessed to be a part of it.



Jesse has been involved at YFBC in many ways. Serving as summer staff, year-round staff,

volunteer, and currently sits on the camp board.

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Beyond the Summer Months

BY MARK WURTZ

Mexico Mission Trip



the continent to learn from another culture and to build a home with them.

For the last seven trips, we have hired Francisco Ortiz, a local lay pastor who we first met when we built his home in 2008. Francisco is our interpreter and bridge builder with the family that we connect with. We use only hand tools and work side by side with the family during the build. This year the home was build for a single mother who is a hairdresser. She thanked us by giving seven of us haircuts while we built her home.

We have learnt a lot about mission trips from the book "When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself." The organization that we work with - Amor Ministries - has also used it as a manual for adjusting their ministry in Tijuana. We recognize the need to give dignity, power and influence to the people we are seeking to help.

The adults and youth that came on our last trip took time to struggle with helping the poor in a way that does not hurt. We started changing our long-lasting paradigms that we use to stereotype people groups and the materially poor. We also recognized the value of relationships and how this can give redemption to both the helpers and those helped. We also recognize that a key message of both the Old Testament and the New Testament is to help the poor.

During the Easter Break, 19 people (10 youth & 9 adults) from the Youth Farm Bible Camp went to Tijuana to build a home. It was an amazing experience for all of us. It was also the 10th trip that we have taken to build in Mexico.

- Over the years, we have learnt a lot about what it means to help the materially poor in Mexico. If you would ask someone with material wealth what poverty means, they usually mention lack of food, lack of shelter, lack of health care or lack of another material item. When you ask the materially poor about what poverty means, they respond with a lack of hope, a lack of respect, a lack of dignity. We need to understand this cultural discrepancy when we cross

Youth Farm Corn Maze

The Youth Farm Corn Maze has been in operation for TEN falls! From the humble beginnings in 2008, we have seen so much change, growth, and ministry opportunities.

It is a humbling experience when over 1600 people visit the corn maze all in the same day - September 30! This is more than we had in the entire first year of operation. We had lineups and very busy staff, and great reports from the people that came out - even with all the crowds.

It is our desire to see families come out and enjoy life together at our facilities. We have a jumbo pillow so that mom and dad can join with the kids in having fun and exercise. The wagon ride, climbing wall, corn maze, potato launcher, pedal

karts, yard games, petting zoo, and candy store are for all ages to enjoy and experience. As we go forward with adding more activities, we will seek to develop ones for all ages. We want to see families playing together.

The theme for the year at YFBC was **So Loved**. We use the same theme for the Mexico trip in spring, the summer camp and the corn maze experience. The design for the Corn Maze emphasized how God **So Loved** the world. That is the message we were seeking to give to everyone who came to visit. As staff, we also tried to go the extra mile in customer service. We are made in the image of God. We are used by God to show others his kingdom values. We get to have conversations with people about why we love God, about why we love people, and we

seek to show these values by the way we respond to our customers.

It was special to see our season pass holders come many times throughout the season. One family came 10 times throughout the fall. We love that this is a place that people can keep coming back to, that it changes throughout the years and always has a new surprise on the next visit. We were also able to support many organizations through financial donations to the Rosthern District Food Bank, produce donations to Valley Action Rosthern, Stobart School Duck Lake, Beardy's Schools, The Zone - Hague, and day passes donated to the Cancer Society, Batoche, MC Sask, and other organizations. It was a blessed year for the Maze at Rosthern.



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A Few Words

FROM OUR YEAR ROUND STAFF

Executive Director

MARK WURTZ

It's been humbling and exciting to be a part of the ministry at the Youth Farm Bible Camp for the last 20 years. There have been challenges and many celebrations. There have been additional ministries added and exciting growth in our summer camp program. Over the years, I have come to depend on the fact that we are sustained by God. When we need staff or financial aid, God sustains us. When we need energy to get through a 14 hour corn maze day, God sustains us. When we need wisdom to make some choices for the future of the ministry, God sustains us.

We seek to be a ministry that "shares Jesus with people and provides a place for people to serve". That has been the heart of this place for the last 76 years, and the ministry has been sustained by God for 76 years. We sacrifice our own will and desire to follow the will of Christ. We serve others and put their needs ahead of our own. We seek to know God more and to develop integral relationships with people. We share the gospel message with words and actions. And God sustains.

One practical way that I have experienced the sustenance of God is by reading the scriptures. By starting each day reading about God's history with humanity, one gains a deeper sense of the character of God. We serve a just God who is full of mercy. I feel that the world around us needs followers of Jesus that show mercy, act justly and walk humbly with the Lord (Micah 6:8). Through scripture God sustains.

I enjoy working with a great group of staff. It has been a real joy to be on a team that includes Bev, Holly, Michael, Jacob and over 100 additional staff and volunteers. We have also added two more people to our year round staff. Gustavo Araujo immigrated from Brazil to work with summer programming, corn maze activities and year round projects. He brought his wife Susan and son Lukas along with him. We have greatly appreciated his heart for ministry, his desire to serve, and the compassion he shows. Cheralyne Gibson has also joined our staff as the Horsemanship Director. She lives on site with her husband, Aaron, and she has lots of energy to develop the horse program here at

YFBC. We now offer riding lessons, clinics, more horse camps, and Equine Assisted Learning. It is great to see both Gustavo and Cheralyne live out their dreams at the camp. Through people God sustains.



Mark Wurtz has been YFBC's executive director since 2001. A summer's day is an extra good day if it has included a water fight.



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Introducing

THE ARAÚJO FAMILY

Hello, folks! I'm Gustavo Araujo, a guy from Brazil! I came to YFBC with my family, Susan, my wife and Lukas my son. We arrived here this past May. We are a very common family that has accepted the challenge of fulfilling our vocation. We got rid of everything we had and we dived in! We always wanted to serve in another nation with our lives. So this place is Canada, it is YFBC. We are serving and living at the Youth Farm Bible Camp, where I do many things.

We love being here, and we love to serve with this ministry. Although the challenge we have because of the language, we are very glad to learn daily, not only the language, but much more than this and be able to serve. Besides we can see the passion, zeal and the excellence which everything is done and everything is done here by God. We love to join in with what God is doing at YFBC! See ya!



During the summer I served as a cabin counsellor, one on one caregiver for some of the adults with special needs, and as part of the worship team. From summer and beyond I have helped with maintenance of the camp, taking care of the animals in the petting zoo, and serving in the kitchen. In all activities! And ah! I'm the guy of the rock climbing wall!



Gustavo served at YFBC during the summer of 2015. We are delighted to welcome him back with his family as they start their Canadian adventure and pursue the calling God has given them.



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Horsemanship Director

CHERALYNE GIBSON



The Youth Farm has been a recurring part of my life story. From starting here as a camper, to volunteering as a WIT, to being employed to teach lessons on the weekends to the public while being the wrangler for camps, I am once again back at the Youth Farm to work with the horses, but this time in an even BIGGER way! This past spring Mark and I met up to discuss the possibility of me returning to the Youth Farm to develop a year round, professional horse program. I was between jobs and was considering starting up my own lesson program. After having worked for Ranch Ehrlo Society (a non-profit therapeutic group home) as the manager of the Equine Assisted Therapy program there, I wanted to develop my own program, using horses to help and heal people, while being able to talk about God. I felt that is where the secular treatment program fell short - God was not involved. I knew that the Holy Spirit had led that meeting with Mark.

This summer was excellent. We saw a lot of happy campers learning how to ride and experiencing a connection with the horses. Our teen trail ride week was a blast, with each day presenting a new equestrian discipline to the teen riders to provide them the opportunity to dip their toes in the deep pool of activities you can do with your horse! We also added two 3-day horse day camps. These camps were also awesome, with both the campers and parents very impressed with how much they learned in those three short days! Needless to say they all wanted camp to go for another 3 days!

As summer progressed word began to spread that I was also teaching riding lessons to the public, AND that the lessons are for all ages, riding levels, and disciplines! Some weeks I was so busy teaching lessons that my very skilled and hardworking Assistant Wrangler Janelle Martens took over the camp riding skills (along with the help of our lovely WITs) while I taught lessons alongside the camp program in the second arena! Throughout the summer we expanded our horse herd, expanded the size of our outdoor riding arena to accommodate jumping, and expanded our inventory of arena equipment (we now have the ability to set up a full jumping course, or a full trail course!). We have been busy! The next project is to build our own indoor riding arena so that we can continue to run equestrian programming year round.

Through September and October I remained just as busy teaching riding lessons. We had a couple of demo days

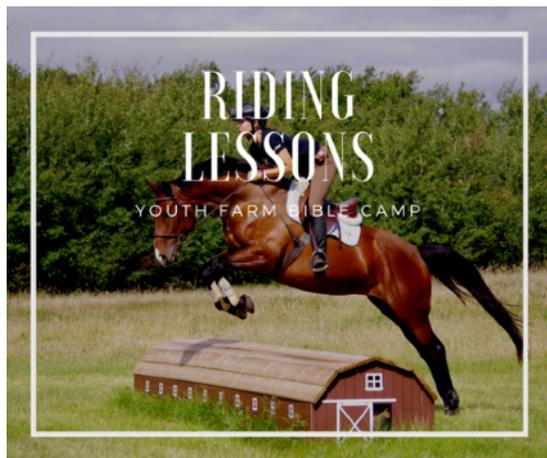
during the corn maze for people to have a chance to try out riding lessons. These demo lessons were a hit! We also officially named our new riding program the Valley Equestrian Centre (VEC - look us up on Facebook!), which is a branch of the Youth Farm Bible Camp.

The Youth Farm has rented lesson time at Matali Equine Riding Center near Hague, owned by Alissa Fehr, so that I can continue to teach. Alissa provided the VEC with the opportunity to continue our lesson program throughout the winter and gain new clients via her generosity. As a new year draws near I am planning on focusing more on building the therapy aspect of VEC, with hopes of bringing in groups for Equine Assisted Learning sessions. This program is soooooo exciting and I have waaayyy more ideas about what we will be doing here!

I hope to meet many of you reading this throughout this next year!



Cheralyne joined the YFBC year round staff in June of this year. Iced Matcha is what gives her superpowers all summer long.



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Associate Director

HOLLY EPP

This past year was filled with no shortage of tasks and 'to dos'. When the new year roles in we are off and running in preparation for the year ahead, already in full swing getting ready for our Mexico Mission Trip, and setting in motion the pieces for camp. Fundraising, prompting, hiring staff - the lists are made and I delight in crossing things off. I love a good productive day at my desk when I can see what I have completed by the time I head home. But I love that at YFBC this isn't where the work stops. We are here, in all we do, to love God and love people.

Let me tell you a bit about the loving people! When I sit here to reflect on the annual seasons we walk through as a camp, my highlights and joys are all about relationship. The new get-to-know you ones, the old comfortable and familiar ones. I adore my one-on-one conversations with campers, staff, volunteers and donors. Constantly weaving between the tasks listed on my yellow post-it notes are pauses and pleasures to stop and interact with the people who are YFBC.

It's easy for me to get caught up in what needs to get done. I hate, HATE, to leave a

job partly finished. But the needs of people don't come in an orderly fashion or on a schedule. Relationship means stopping in the middle of 'I just need to get this done' tasks and lending a hand, providing medical care, or just being present. I love in the summer when I get to sit for a while with a special needs camper to sing their favourite songs, or show up with a popsicle and laughter for a camper with an injury (it pays to know someone with those kind of connections!), or take a counsellor into town for a catch up and coffee. I welcome extended phone calls with supporters and volunteers and late night texting with summer staff during the 'off season'. I love these people because the Lord first **so loved** me. I love that at the core of my purpose in being here is an invitation from the Lord to love His people along side Him. Sometimes through the tasks on a list, but thankfully, mostly through relationship.



Holly has been part of the year round staff since 2014. Summer days are the best accompanied by ice cream and loud laughter.



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As I reflect on 2017, I need to start with this year's theme **So Loved**. Our value in who we are, according to Romans 5, is based on our hope because God has poured out his love into our hearts and demonstrated His love for us by dying for us sinners. This fills me with motivation.

Going into 2017 with this in mind, helped me to focus on trying to bring this hope and value into everything I did. What an honour to be used by God in this way. We did not only go to Mexico to build a house, but to build relationships to display that hope we have in God. I was reminded that, "Everyone, no matter how poor they are, has the ability to contribute..." It was exciting to see this at work in Mexico.

Hosting birthday parties and school groups, weekend retreats, and summer camps - these were all opportunities for us to be used by God to create value and significance in lives. The corn maze also carried that theme and created many

discussions. Coming to the corn maze was not just an activity for people, but an experience that they felt blessed doing because the staff was upholding this theme of **So Loved**.

To make all this possible, projects also needed to get done. Thank you to all who volunteered their time during this past year. This was very much appreciated. This past winter a lot of work was done in the basement of the chapel, including making a wheelchair accessible washroom, the elevator is in full use now, and the sanctuary was painted. The corn was harvested and replanted in the spring. An old building was moved from a back field this summer and was converted into a chicken barn. This now gives us room to expand our petting zoo area. Lots of fencing was moved around to help our growing horse program. The potato launcher, a new activity during the corn maze, was built, as well as a woodshed to store all our firewood. The large swing set



was moved from the nursing home area and is now part of the corn maze. In between all that, there were always things to repair and toilets to unplug.

May God be given the glory for 2017. It was wonderful to see His love on display at the Youth Farm. Despite our weakness, He was powerfully at work. 2017 was all about God on display, changing people's lives.

Jacob has served as the camp's site manager since the summer of 2016. A boost to his summer day is a text saying the soft serve is ready.




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