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Transformed

THE THEME FOR OUR 2015 CAMP SEASON WAS *TRANSFORMED*. WE SPENT THE SUMMER HOPING FOR, PRAYING FOR, AND EXPECTING TRANSFORMATION IN THE LIVES OF OUR CAMPERS AND OUR STAFF. WE WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED.

We serve a living and active God. A God who does not only welcome us into relationship with Him just as we are but who clothes us in a new nature as His child. This is not all done automatically as Paul explained in his letter to the Romans. He told them not to copy the world but to **let God transform** them by changing the way they thought. This encouragement and direction is for us today as well.

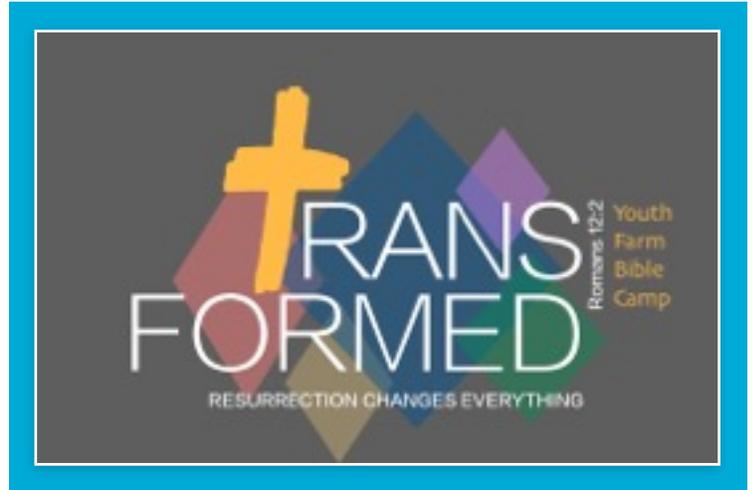
As a camp we heard about a few transformed lives in the Bible. Matthew the tax collector is a great example of the Lord's grace and His desire to

transform us from rebellion to righteousness. Matthew had said 'no' to his family's Jewish traditions and expectations but when invited by Jesus to "follow me and be my disciple", Matthew gave his "yes". He even had a party that night to share Jesus and tell his friends he was saying goodbye to the behaviours and customs of the world and hello to a life as a new person, a disciple of Christ.

The woman at the well was also transformed by her encounter with Jesus. She went to the well in the heat of the afternoon so no one would see her and shame her further. According to the law she was an outcast of outcasts. Jesus surprised her, knew all about her, and transformed her from an outcast to being accepted. He asked her to exchange the law for living water. She did! She met Jesus, learnt about Jesus, believed Jesus, and ran back to her village to share Jesus. A Samaritan village was also transformed because of this encounter.

Do not copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2





Peter was an emotional, presumptuous, bragging fisherman when Jesus came by his boat with an invitation to become a fisher of men. Peter's transformation was a process. He said 'yes' to Jesus when invited but we looked at how his relationship with Jesus transformed him from a focus on everyday life to everlasting life. Peter went from a fisherman to a disciple to an apostle. This relationship shaped his character, allowing him to not only imitate Jesus but be transformed into a new person. From a person who was outraged at the idea that Jesus, the Messiah, would be crucified on the cross, to a person who understood that resurrection changes everything. Jesus, alive, seated at the right hand of the Father, sending His Holy Spirit to lead and guide the apostles on a great witnessing adventure. Peter writes in his first letter, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Jesus paid it all so we could be transformed through a relationship with Him.

On Thursday we asked the campers and staff to be the lead in the transformation story - their transformation stories. Letting God transform them by changing the way they think. Who doesn't want to know God's will for them? It's good and pleasing and perfect! We don't want to be rebellious like Matthew, hiding as an outcast like the woman at the well, or leaning on our own everyday life understandings like Peter. We want to be transformed from the inside out! Living in righteousness, accepting living water, hoping in everlasting life.

Each of the stories we talked about had something great in common. The transformation didn't stop with the transformee. They shared what happened. They shared Jesus with others with a party for co-workers, an excited message to a village, letters we are still reading today! Let God transform you! And pass it on!

Memory Verses

Matthew 5:16

In the same way let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, oh God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me on a path of everlasting life.

Colossians 3:10

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.

Romans 12:2

Do not copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Adult Special Need Camp

WHAT A GREAT TIME WE HAD WITH OUR 245 ADULT SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPERS THIS YEAR. DURING OUR FIVE WEEKS OF ASN CAMP WE WERE EXCITED TO SEE MANY FAMILIAR FACES RETURN AND MEET FIRST TIME CAMPERS AS WELL.



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I have experienced camp for three summers now and I have taken on different roles. I have been in the kitchen, on maintenance, and a children's camp counsellor, so I had experienced Adult Special Needs Camp as a person in the background. This summer I was a counsellor for the adults' camp. Through all of my experience with these campers, God has been speaking to me a lot. I have been taught so much about faith and life. I feel that I have had a look at a perfect world.

Lessons on faith: the campers have a faith that is true. It is absolute and it is sure. It is knowing that God will make everything alright even though they are sitting on a hospital bed in pain. It is being incredibly excited that Jesus is going to come back soon and take us to our glorious home in Heaven. It is recognizing the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and giving us peace and rest. I cannot say that all of them have this level of faith, but most of them do, and it is inspiring to see.

Lessons on life: the campers live a simple and honest life. They can be content in all situations. They can be happy even if they cannot hear anybody. They can show love and kindness to others even when they do not know them. They can be humble even knowing that they need help from others to do everyday tasks. They are not afraid to show their emotions. When they are happy, I see it. When they are angry, I hear it. They laugh; they cry; they smile; they yell. They say what is on their minds. They show their true selves; they do not hide behind

masks and pretend everything is groovy when they are actually hurting inside. I have been challenged in my own life as I have observed theirs.

The way I live is very different. I am too proud to ask for help and to receive help. I am not content until I get what I want. I pretend; I fake; essentially, I lie about how I feel. I wear masks and hide my feelings. I should be like those campers. I should take off my masks and stop hiding. Who has the disability? It is me.

In my opinion, a perfect world is one of people like those campers. People that have real faith and are their real selves. People that are honest with each other, showing their faults and weaknesses. Only then can we pray for each other and encourage each other (James 5:13-16). In this way, Christ's Church is formed and built up. In this way, the world becomes perfect.

- Michael Unger

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Children & Youth Camps

WE WERE SO DELIGHTED TO WELCOME 260 CAMPERS ONTO THE YARD FOR OUR SIX WEEKS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH CAMPS DURING THE SUMMER OF 2015.

Whew! Another summer come and gone...but far from forgotten! I absolutely love watching the joy and excitement that fills each camper during the week, and how different situations and activities bring different reactions. For most of the kids, the skills time is the favourite. they have the opportunity to ride horses, learn a little bit of archery, spend time with the petting zoo animals, take in a hour or two of canoeing, experience cooking over an open fire, try their hand at crafts, test out some upper body strength on the climbing wall, check their balance on the low ropes course, and get completely lost in the corn maze. But even more, I have watched kids get extra excited over the cabin team activities.

We always put out a little competition between the cabins. They earn points for having clean cabins, memorizing scripture, and other evening activities like putting on an air-band performance, or seeing how many counsellors they find during the counsellor hunt. I have witnessed some pretty impressive teamwork from kids, who less than a week earlier, didn't know anyone in their cabin. And yet there are a select few that get really pumped to memorize the verse of the day. The really hardcore ones will memorize all of the verses from the week!

Our Pastors for JuniorTeen and Day Camp were Harold Stephan and his wife Diane. The kids called them Grandpa Harold and Grandma Diane, which was very fitting for this awesome couple! Grandpa Harold likes to fill his down time with making cross necklaces. They used these necklaces at camp and they challenged the kids to memorize a set of given verses to receive a necklace of the kids choice, I thought it was a pretty good incentive...the kids blew my mind. Nearly everyone went home with a cross. One boy had three necklaces around his neck by the end of the week which would have required memorizing nearly 30 verses!

You know, there are over 60 verses in the Bible that talk about committing scripture to memory...and yet it's something that, in this virtual "I have the Bible on my phone" culture, isn't done anymore. Honestly, the kids at camp are memorizing to impress, not necessarily that they are striving to commit God's word to heart, and no one can blame them for that. But for us, the ones that have committed our lives to following Jesus, far too often, memorization of scripture is left out of our daily routine. I challenge you to memorize one verse a week, and watch how your spiritual walk changes. - Jon Epp



2016 Camp Dates

- Children's 1 - ages 6-9 July 3-8
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Reflection from a Camp Pastor

BONGANI MAHLANGU (BO) HAS A PASSION FOR TEACHING GOD'S WORD AND THE GIFT OF COMMUNICATING IT WELL. THIS SUMMER WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME HIM AS A GUEST SPEAKER DURING STAFF TRAINING, JUNIOR STAFF TRAINING, AND ONE WEEK AS CAMP PASTOR.



The article from the Canadian Mennonite magazine was titled “Camp is Only the Beginning”. I was paging through it earlier and now it had fallen open and was perfectly propped up against the wall so I could read that title from across the room. Have you ever known that God was speaking to you, and that there was nothing for you to do other than to just walk in obedience?

A couple of weeks earlier my boss asked me to join him for a quick presentation at the Youth Farm Bible Camp. For me, an aspiring young preacher, I jumped at the opportunity to open my Bible and talk about God’s Word. Having been deeply blessed with monthly preaching opportunities in our Church for about a year, the stage was set for me to eagerly walk through any doors God would open. Shortly after our presentation at the Youth Farm Bible Camp, I was invited to come serve as “Camp Pastor” for a designated week. I was overjoyed and excited, and completely unprepared for what I had agreed to.

Honestly, I was challenged beyond myself to preach to young people. I was exhilarated by their hunger for truth and the boldness of their professions of faith. I was moved by their interest in God and desire to hear more after sessions and during recreational times. I was humbled to see that God had plans for each speaking engagement, and that though I was unsure and sometimes lacking confidence, He would speak through me because those were His kids and they would hear from Him by His own wisdom and power.

My family and I were deeply blessed to be a part of what God does at camp. It was an honour to be one of God’s vessels for that week. It has been a profound blessing to be welcomed back this coming year. The call to serve in this way is an invitation into where God is working and where He works through His people, and those He works through are enriched wonderfully. God confirmed some special truths for us as a family in this opportunity, and I praise Him and thank Him for His power to work through our own limitations.

A couple of months later, I received a curious phone call. It was a man who was now the Executive Director of an agency I worked for some 8 years ago. After a brief discussion, prayer and more prayer, I accepted a new position of employment. What was so bizarre about this opportunity was that he was not interested in my references or qualifications, but the positive reports he had heard from his camper children. After much prayer, he felt I was the man for the job. Who knew that these young campers would give the right testimony to just the right dad, and become God’s conduit to answer my prayers for employment.

“Camp is Only the Beginning” was what I believed God spoke to my heart through that article. It stirred my heart to walk in obedience with my loving Father, and in that submission He has greatly blessed our family in many ways, and those blessings abound. My encouragement to anyone is broad and timeless: when He gives the invitation to join Him, do so with great anticipation that He will work things that you cannot.

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord.

Trust Him, and He will help you.

Psalm 37:4-5





Junior Staff Program

CHEYENNE WIEBE TOOK ON THE ROLE OF JUNIOR STAFF DIRECTOR THIS SUMMER. SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED AT YFBC AS A CIT AND THEN SENIOR COUNSELLOR. SHE WAS EXCITED TO STEP INTO THIS NEW ROLE AND LEARN A NEW ANGLE OF MINISTRY.

Once again I was reminded of God's faithfulness as He brought 43 teenage girls and boys out to volunteer at YFBC this summer. Junior Staff between the ages of 14 and 17 filled three different positions: Counsellors-in-Training, Wranglers-in-Training, and Kitchen Help. All three of these positions are vital to the ministry of YFBC, and God used these junior staff to impact the lives of the many campers that came through our doors this summer.

Counsellors-in-Training assist the senior Counsellors in leading the cabins by loving the campers, dealing with various challenges as they arise, and sharing about Jesus through the way they live and evening devotions. A Wrangler-in-Training helps out with YFBC's horse and petting zoo program as well as spending time with the campers.

This year I chose the passage of 2 Corinthians 4 as the theme for our junior staff to focus on during their summer of ministry. Writing the first verse of this chapter on the wall of our devotional space was a reminder that doing camp ministry is a privilege, and we persevere on the Lord's strength. "Therefore since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." (2 Cor. 4:1)

Every afternoon I was given a chance to lead devotions with the Jr. Staff and we would dig deeper into God's word and discover who He is and how He desires that we live our lives. My highlights of the summer were being able to watch as things "clicked" for these teens like when they got a better grasp on how big God is, or they realized what their life was lacking by not spending time in His word. God did a work in the lives of these junior staff, and in turn they were able to pour into the campers at YFBC. Some of the teens were able to lead campers to the Lord, and those moments will forever be significant.

The junior staff came to work at camp from various backgrounds, and they were given the opportunity to be a part of the Great Commission Jesus gave in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." As Christians, we have a call to make disciples, and it is an urgent call that cannot be ignored. I absolutely love the atmosphere camp creates to share about the transformation Jesus brings, and how His death on the cross and resurrection really did change everything!

I was incredibly blessed by the young men and women who came out this summer to passionately serve and enthusiastically learn more about God. May we all seek to be disciples who make disciples.

If you have any questions about our Jr. Staff program at YFBC or are interested in joining our program next summer, please email cit@yfbc.ca or apply online starting January 2016.



Mexico Mission Trip

THIS TRIP IS A SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP BASED ON SERVING THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MEXICO, WHILE CREATING CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH DIRECT EXPOSURE TO THE MEXICAN CULTURE. WE ARE NOT JUST BUILDING A HOUSE IN A DEVELOPING NATION. WE ALSO ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF POVERTY THROUGH IMMERSION.



The 2015 Mexico Missions Trip brought a whole new plate of experiences to the table. I felt more comfortable going down as it would be my second time. The idea of driving to Mexico from Canada may seem unreasonable at first, but it added so much more to the trip. The drive down doesn't just give you excellent views going through the mountains, but it gave us the time to bond with those whom we would be spending the next week with. The ride consisted of many enjoyable moments that included singing, playing cards, taking pictures, and most importantly sleeping. The occasional stop at the gas station to stretch was much needed as well.

Once we hit the US-Mexico border all is still. It is a difficult transition going from the beauty of the States right into what looks like the slums of Northern Mexico. That's the first time reality hit me. Realizing that we have so much more than most Hispanic people could ever imagine. The new Amor camp where we would set up our tents was much larger than the previous one. There were many more groups and larger groups as well.



2015 Team

Probably one of my favourite experiences from the whole trip was the church service. The intensity of worship and dance was incredible. Of course, our group being the guests, we were put right in the front and participated in all of the dancing as well. As the pastor went up to give the message, I was pleasantly surprised by a woman who had translated the message for us. It was a very interesting and relatable message, and I thought we could have applied it to our group on the trip down.

The first day of work is always the hardest, but the most productive as well. On the job site we don't just try to build a house for a family in need as fast as we can and then get out of there. We take the time to get to know the family thanks to our translator. As said, the first day is the hardest and the most productive, but that's because we don't just have people working on mixing, pouring, and spreading concrete. There are some who started working on framing the wall and roof pieces. The family's and neighbours' involvement to help us brought a smile to my face. The work some of them put into the house must have been more than we could ever do. I always remind myself that this is more than just a house - it's a new life for the family receiving it.

Saying our goodbyes to the family after we're done is never easy. There's a part of me that wants to stay and continue to help out, but I know that place is not mine to call home. That's why I'm going on the trip for the third time. Not for the views, or the food (even though the food is really good), but for the satisfaction of knowing that I helped build a home for a family that truly needs it. The way that God may work in our lives is not always clear, but at this time I feel drawn back to that place. Drawn back to Amor and Mexico, and drawn back to help out and get to know a new family in need.

- Dawson Dueck

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Youth Farm Corn Maze

IT WAS SO EXCITING TO SEE SO MANY FAMILIES AND GROUPS COME OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR TO TRY THEIR NAVIGATION SKILLS IN THE CORN MAZE. OUR PETTING ZOO ANIMALS APPRECIATED IT TOO!

The Youth Farm Bible Camp’s corn maze was a happening place this year! There was something for everyone. Beyond having the two multi-acre mazes made of corn...obviously, there was the petting zoo, bouncy castle, sumo wrestling, photo booths, Rider Pride barrel train, “hay” rides (using straw bales...), the Corn Pit, bean bag toss, pumpkins, numerous concession items including caramel apples, Margaret’s Concession food truck, and more! People came from all over—anywhere from Rosthern, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford, and Shell Lake, to La Crête and Calgary, AB, and even Texas! And they helped set record attendances, with over 1100 people on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend! Even on the cold and rainy days there would often still be over 100 people attending.

Working at the Corn Maze was definitely one of my highlights of the fall season. Not only did I meet a lot of new people, I was also able to reconnect with many friends and acquaintances that I would not have had the chance to otherwise. Being able to serve in any way I could—from admission, to hay rides, sumo wrestling, the barrel train, and, of course, unicycles—was definitely a privilege!

Speaking of unicycles, in the process of demonstrating, giving kids rides, and teaching others to ride, I received many opportunities to connect with people and have time for some more in-depth conversations. For example, sharing life-skill parallels in learning to ride: those who did not think they could ride evidently were not able to; while those who thought maybe they could and were determined to learn, soon found themselves making headway! One of my unicycle highlights was teaching and watching Margaret from Margaret’s Concession learn to ride my electric Self Balancing Unicycle (SBU) with enthusiasm and determination! I am sure there’s a way to incorporate the SBU as part of the marketing strategy for her food truck services...

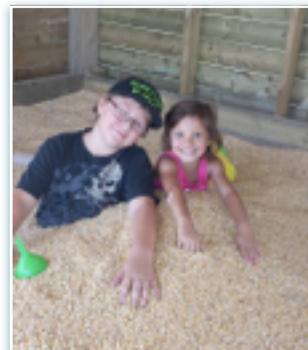
Many people enjoyed the relaxing 20 minute hay ride that was pulled by the camp’s open-cab International tractor. Having grown up on a farm but now living and working in Saskatoon, I probably spent more hours on a tractor this year than I have in the last eight years combined! And the temporary upgrade to a newer John Deere tractor during the John Deere days turned me into a pretty happy “city-slicker” farmer! The one Friday I met my grade 6 teacher with her current grade 9 class and had the privilege of also taking them on a hay ride and teaching them some farming (and unicycle)

The corn maze was an experience enjoyed by thousands of people. The positive attitudes of the staff and working as a team with each one’s strengths definitely played a huge role in its success. I trust that, in some small way, we have been a part of planting seeds for God’s Kingdom as we allowed the Gospel to shine through us!

- Peter Tieszen



A fun new addition was added to our corn maze this year. A corn pit! Filled with corn from last year’s maze, this play area was a popular hang out for kids of all ages.



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Mark's Report

MARK WURTZ HAS BEEN YFBC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SINCE 2001. WHEN ASKED WHAT SUPER POWER HE WOULD PICK IF HE COULD HAVE JUST ONE, HE ANSWERED - INVISIBILITY.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

I am so blessed to work in the ministry called Youth Farm Bible Camp. Every summer we see God answer our prayers. In May, we consistently prayed about five camp needs – campers, counsellors, junior staff, finances and rain. At times, I was anxious and worried about all the needs we had. However, each one was answered before it became a crucial need! I need to live in faith, realizing that our Saviour lives in us, replacing anxiety with joy!

We had an amazing staff team that included many veterans along with some first time camp counsellors. It was a great mix, and I saw the staff serve our campers needs (both physical and spiritual), share the message of Jesus, sacrifice their own desires and seek to be a stronger disciple. The mission statement of YFBC was lived out – Share Jesus with people and provide a place to serve. It was exciting to see a record number of Junior Staff (well over 40) serve this summer. Our future is in great hands with the maturity, energy and compassion shown by these youth.

This fall we had Jesse and Kelsey Doell finish their employment at the camp. They have been working at camp since 2008 and earlier. They have also made it their home and have worked on year round staff roles since 2013. We will miss having them in our camp community. Jesse and Kelsey have a passion for the summer camp ministry, and I hope that we will see them come back in some capacity for 2016 (even if it is only for one week!).

I am excited about the future as we continue to grow the Summer Camp, Corn Maze, and Mission Centre. We are planning our ninth Mexico Missions Trip, Summer Camp 2016, a learning tour to Israel in January, and next year's Corn Maze adventure. It will be an exciting time where we live in the faith of Jesus Christ, daily surrendering our will to His!



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Jon's Report

JON EPP - ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN A YEAR-ROUND STAFF MEMBER SINCE 2011. IF HE COULD HAVE ANY SUPER POWER, HE WOULD CHOOSE THE ABILITY TO FLY.

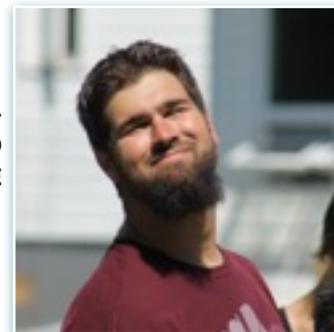
Summer of 2015...where to begin? It was a whirlwind of a season, but really, they all are. This season was a bit different for me. Even though I was directly involved in some Children's weeks and one or two ASN weeks, my focus was on maintenance.

This spring we took down the old petting zoo pens, rototilled and planted grass, and began constructing the new petting zoo expansion, 190 feet south of where the old pens stood. This involved many posts needing to be pulled and new ones pounded in, rails being painted and nailed up, wire being strung and tacked, and a little bit of landscaping.

This expansion brought a huge positive change to the camp program and also to the corn maze! For the camp, it deterred kids from running to see the animals unsupervised, and allowed us to be able to keep skill groups separated without needing to use authority. For the corn maze it was even more of a positive change! We added just over 46,000 square feet to the courtyard area in front and beside the barn. On a busy weekend it is very noticeable!

I have never spent so much time on a roof as I did this summer. Our barn needed attention, and we were blessed to have a donation of tin to cover the entire barn! I had some awesome help from Adam Friesen, Greg Redekopp, Tyler Janzen, and a special mention of Tyler Martens – who gave a week helping rip cedar shakes and nail down sheeting, and Kevin Bartel – who spent the better part of two weeks helping put the tin on! If it weren't for these men, I would still be up there!

We, along with the whole province, had the privilege of seeing what God's idea of greenhouse was. Despite the lack of rain we had here at the camp, the heavy smoke cover created a greenhouse effect, and the corn and everything else grew as if it had rained. The Lord answers prayer! That is my lesson of the season - the Lord is faithful. I cannot think of a need we had that we lifted in prayer that was not met. Our barn needed a roof - it was donated; our corn needed moisture - we had a smoke greenhouse; we needed Junior Staff - they came in when needed; every morning I pray for safety - not once have I had an injury due to work, and I have been here for nearly 6 years...Praise God!



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Holly's Report

HOLLY EPP - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, HAS BEEN A YEAR ROUND STAFF MEMBER SINCE MAY 2014. THERE IS ONLY ONE SUPER POWER HOLLY WOULD DESIRE, THAT IS TELEPORTATION.

If I used only one word to describe my 2015 I would choose *fun*. Short and simple and true. I mean, I work at camp, it's a no brainer! We play. A lot! There is lots of laughter, joyful singing, crazy ideas, and campers with the best sense of humour.

I had fun going on the Mexico mission trip for my first time. I had fun getting to know some of our junior staff better through this experience, fun playing games around the camp fire, and fun building a house for the kindest family with generous hospitality.

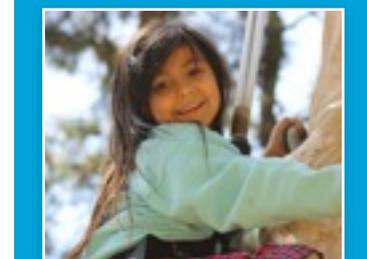
It was fun preparing for camp. Fun building a new wagon for hay rides, painting along side wonderful volunteers! (Thank you!) Fun putting together our *Transformed* curriculum as the Lord spoke Truth and lessons into my own life. And even fun cleaning forgotten spaces and organizing storage, but I will admit that is probably unique to me!

I had fun welcoming campers and hearing their stories. I had fun investing in returning staff and getting to know the new ones. Transitioning to corn maze was fun too. Watching families enjoy the afternoon together, driving the Rider Pride Train, and making homemade caramel apples.

I am looking forward to having even more fun with our intern, Susanah, over these months ahead. This program was something I hoped to start here at YFBC, and it's amazing to see it come together. Susanah is our very first 3E Intern, and I look forward to leading this program and investing in young leaders, encouraging them as they serve at camp and grow as disciples of Christ.

I suppose my choice of the word *fun* could be replaced with some of its synonyms as well to be more descriptive and because I very rarely, if ever, use just one word. Enjoyable, amusing, entertaining, pleasing, cheerful. But even more, my prayer for all these fun things I get to do is that they would be for God's glory as I continue to serve here at YFBC.

**Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.
Colossians 3:17**



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Volunteer Experience

CRYSTAL DUECK, A PARENT OF YFBC CAMPERS AND JUNIOR STAFF, JOINED US THIS SUMMER BY SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER IN THE KITCHEN. HERE IS HER REFLECTION ON GETTING INVOLVED.

As a parent of children who have attended and benefited from the YFBC, I have seen first-hand the amazing opportunity children have to know & grow in Jesus Christ. I have always wanted to help at the camp in some capacity but was never able to do more than donate cookies. Although this is a great need and is a welcome treat for the staff and campers, I was hoping for a fuller experience to volunteer.

In June of this year all things changed for my family. I had just left a job that I had poured my heart into but was not fulfilling whatsoever. I was looking to God for something that could fill that void I had been desperately trying to fill, where I could do a good job & praise Him for it. It's a fault we as God's people have. We fill our time with worthless things. If we truly looked to God to fill those needs, He would give us not only what we need, but so much more!

A new part-time business opening opportunity came to me in July, allowing me more time with my family. God was indeed working in my life! Then, I read an announcement in our church bulletin still looking for kitchen help volunteers. What? They still need more help?

I felt a strong tug on my heart. "God, is that you?" All the years I had been consumed and time-constrained to not do more at the camp - and here was my opportunity to finally do something more.

My first week I struggled to find my footing. But I didn't give up. I could feel God pulling me to stay. So I stayed. God provided the opportunity again for me to help. My second week I started building relationships with other volunteers, staff & campers. I delighted in sharing my kind smile & good laugh with them. I felt at ease to be myself & found little windows where I could connect with the staff and campers alike.

One particular connection I made was every day I would greet everyone with a warm smile & a greeting when they came to retrieve their food in line at the kitchen window. The first few days I had little response. But by the end of the week everyone

was returning the greeting- some would say it before I did. Campers were even playing 'peek a boo' through the openings in the cupboards while I would be putting away dishes.

Joy and love filled my heart that week of camp! Imagine my surprise & warmth feeling the abundance of God's love wrapping around me there at YFBC. I was asked if I could stay a 3rd week. My cup overflowed! If you have ever thought about helping but didn't know how, listen to God - He makes all things possible!!



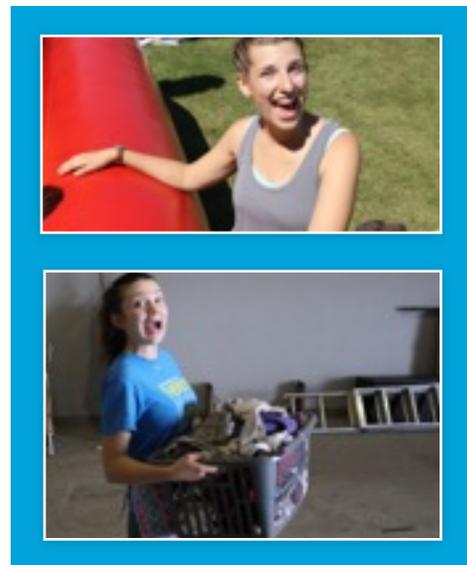
Get Involved

THE MISSION OF YFBC IS TO SHARE JESUS AND PROVIDE A PLACE TO SERVE OTHERS. THIS IS NOT A MISSION WE CAN COMPLETE WITH A HANDFUL OF STAFF BUT IS A MINISTRY THAT NEEDS A GROWING COMMUNITY TO SACRIFICE, SHARE, SEEK, AND SERVE TOGETHER. WE COULD NOT CONTINUE THE YFBC MINISTRY WITHOUT THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF SUMMER STAFF, DONORS, AND VOLUNTEERS.

Summer Staff

First and foremost, YFBC has a summer camp that provides 11 weeks of programming for all ages. Our staff has the huge role of making these weeks valuable for the campers as they run activities, build community, and lead devotions (just to name a few responsibilities). Joining our junior staff program (voluntary position; ages 14-17) and filling senior staff positions (such as counsellor, program director or cook) allow youth and young adults to serve at YFBC hands on. Gaining experience in leadership, growing in your own relationship with Christ, and making amazing friends are just some of the benefits to working at camp.

This past summer we had almost 75 junior and senior staff at YFBC to make the 2015 season a success. **If you are interested in being part of the team in 2016 visit our website, www.yfbc.com, and apply after January 1st.**



Donate

In order to have this ministry, we need to have many people own the vision and support the organization financially. Twenty five percent of our budget is raised through donations. We are always spending money in order to improve and grow our facilities so that we can serve more and more people. We strive for financial integrity and to be good financial stewards. A few areas supported by donors in the past are: the summer camp program, developing young leaders, our annual Mexico mission trip, school programming for at risk youth, and the Rosthern community youth program.

There are a few ways you can get involved as a donor. One way is by giving a one time donation at your convenience, as many of you do and we say a HUGE thank you! We also run two fundraising suppers, one in spring and one in autumn which are always well attended. Again, thank you! This year we have also established a monthly giving program inviting our supporters to become YFBC Cultivators.

Through monthly giving, Cultivators provide the Youth Farm Bible Camp with a reliable and steady funding source. This allows us to plan ahead for programming, projects, and maintenance. Monthly supporters are a significant part of keeping our ministry going and growing. We call our monthly supporters Cultivators because we know that these individuals and families are the ones whose monthly gift will ensure we are prepared to serve, will foster the growth of our camp, will improve our facilities, and will encourage us to further the ministry we know changes lives. That is a Cultivator.

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ministry

More information or to sign up online visit
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3E Internship

In autumn 2015 we launched a new program at YFBC for young adults ages 18-25 who want to give one year to intentional discipleship. We have called it the 3E Internship because we want to equip the saints, empower servant leadership, and extend Christ's ministry.

This is a full-time, year-long (September-August) experience involving behind the scenes work, up front interaction with campers and guests, training in youth ministry skills, academic training, out of the country service trips, and personal and spiritual development.

More information about getting involved by being a YFBC Intern visit

www.yfbc.com/3einternship



Volunteers

We could not meet all the needs of our camp weeks, building projects, or corn maze without the help of our fabulous, hard working, servant hearted volunteers. We have a great group of helping hands to call on and are always delighted to see this list grow. Two significant areas you could get involved in are summer camp and corn maze season.

During summer camp alone we need close to 30 volunteers to help feed the hungry campers and work on building projects while the weather is warm and bright. This is a great way for parents, donors, and prayer supporters to get involved and experience camp for a day, two days, or even a whole week.

Corn Maze season is another busy time of year with great opportunities for you to serve alongside us as we welcome families, class trips, and group events to YFBC. As the popularity of the corn maze grows our team needs to as well. Volunteers are an asset to this being possible as we need help to direct parking, run attractions, and keep the grounds clean and ready for our guests. Volunteering an afternoon at the corn maze helps us keep the proceeds pouring into the YFBC ministry and not into operational costs.

More information can be found on our website, www.yfbc.com, or email holly@yfbc.ca if you would like to discuss or be contacted about volunteer opportunities.



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