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A summer to remember

How can it be that every year camps get better and better? Each summer I come to the conclusion that this was the best camp ever...and every summer including this one I say "THIS was the best camp ever"!!!! Every camp I plan I consider these things: fun, friendship, food and fellowship. This year the camps had a lot of all of these things. Summer started off as usual with opening the Nemeiben Lake Bible Camp, getting boats, canoes and gear ready, planning schedules and drafting registration forms. Then the fires began and wouldn't be stopped. Consuming forest fires raged through the north and camps were cancelled, residents evacuated, and people pulled together to care for one another and protect homes.

The camp was only slightly touched by fire and enormous efforts were put forward to save it. So much land burned as well as homes, cottages and businesses. Finally, things slowed and summer began as well as camps. Kids camp at Nemeiben was a blast with a wonderful team travelling from Victoria, Minnesota and Saskatoon to volunteer and minister to the campers. The camp was very full, busy and fun. The whole crew including the local young campers loved engaging in all the activities and so many were loved, blessed and encouraged in faith.

Quickly cleaning up after this packed week of kids' camp, a small local team (of absolutely amazing people) turned our attention to a canoe trip for northern youth. We met, picked a route, and planned our week in the northern wilderness. I cannot do the experience justice with words or pictures, but take my summary and multiply it exponentially. God sure does use these times to speak to us when we



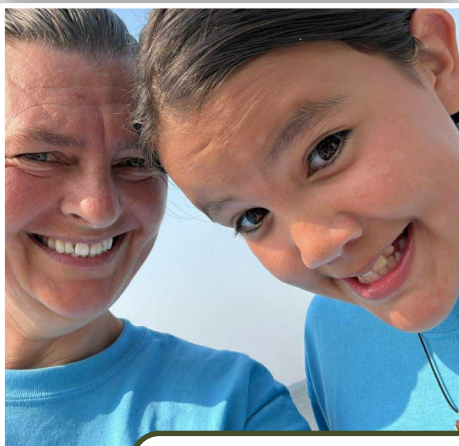


are open to Him. Our trip began with a decent but long drive on a gravel road, sunshine and calm waters. We quickly adjusted our itinerary as the weather changed...times under a tarp shelter around a campfire enjoying hot drinks and good food bonded our group along with paddling madly through some waves to hit the next beach or hide behind an island for a quick snack or drink. We climbed beautiful sand hills and sat in awe of majestic landscapes, hiked a trail and gazed at roaring rushing waterfalls, watched black bears as they watched us, caught and ate fish, and had many good times of devotions around the fire. Short, sweet and frequent times in scripture and prayer kept us mindful of whose Hand

holds us. Personally, God spoke to me a few times. One time I was reflecting on the difficulty in my previous summer and how hard pulling things together was for me as well as my own personal life struggle. God told me that the hard part was His work and He would do it, all I had to do was my part. He would do the hard part. Reflecting on my summer and past year I was able to say to others that if I had a glimpse last year of where I would be this year I wouldn't believe it. I am in awe of the growth, peace and strength in my life as well as the incredible blessings I have experienced. I have been strongly supported and provided for, and have experienced the most beautiful times with amazing people. So personally, I can echo my sentiment regarding camps. Can it get any better? And I imagine God just smiling...saying..."watch this" ...



Thank you to each and EVERY one of you who has supported, encouraged, sacrificed and blessed this ministry, myself and my family. I am incredibly grateful and so excited for the future and for us as a team as we continue in this ministry and life living it for our amazing God.



To each one who has prayed, increased and given financially during the matching grant – THANK YOU!!! There is plenty of room and some time remaining for the grant so if you'd still like to participate the donations will be doubled for the next year. Your gifts help by allowing me to fully give of myself to the work, and to bless those in my path, especially in the camping ministries.

With much thanks, love and JOY, Nikki

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