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This summer has been a blast with youth camps and finding God in the wilderness. I was blessed to spend this time with awesome fellow leaders Tom, Sean, James and Caleb. From climbing to the peaks of mountains to hear heartfelt moments shared, to challenging some youth in river rescues in glacier streams in the rocky mountains, to impromptu mud slides on the banks of the Red Deer River. While we can do all these incredible camps, they would amount to nothing without sharing the story and the love of Jesus Christ. This year I have felt blessed by God, to be able to witness His spirit at work.



Starting off into the stories, I was blessed to hear a small exchange between two siblings who shared a moment of mourning and placed a stone to memorialize their thankfulness for their mother. I love that I get to guide young people to these places and for them to have these graspable moments of healing with God. I know in those moments all the struggle, and pain make a little more sense. A few days later we trained the youth on how to paddle canoes down the river. This year had far more water flowing through than I am familiar with. There were whirlpools in places I don't remember them having whirlpools. These caught leaders' canoes off guard and tipped them which resulted in a leader without his glasses and a runaway boat floating down the river. During this ordeal a youth and myself were right in tow doing our very best in the rushing water to pull it to shore. We struggled with all our might to pull it



into an eddy then getting it to a safe area to load back up into. This was a challenging feat with a young man who pushed himself to beat every challenge that came before him the entire time he was with us. I can very easily and honestly say that I am proud of him and his determination. And I pray that he would know through this experience that Jesus is there for him and that he has a God who wants to be there to help him through every challenge the world has before him. I pray he



would know God's love as He is the best Father there is.

Now I know it sounds like everything we do is challenging, but I do enjoy every minute of our trips. It's a blast and though the wilderness is a harsh and difficult place, it offers wonderful opportunities and memories. We had to endure pouring rain nearly all day

on the Red Deer River on this particular trip. While we were paddling down, we stopped on shore and created the banks to turn into the best muddy slip and slide. Suddenly all the complaining of being wet and cold was immediately forgotten. The kids were all mud and smiles shooting down the banks that day. All of these trips and memories allow us to display and make known the loving God that made it all...Who in the midst of this awesome creation has seen us as human beings as His masterpiece. When He was done with creating us, He not only said it was very good, but He then willingly gave Himself up for us to make right what we couldn't. So that we may be with Him and not apart.

Isaac

Our summer has seen the greatness of God while we were quite honestly, literally homeless. Under the trial of trying to figure out housing and finances we have been able to buy our first house! We now have a home with three bedrooms, a fenced yard, AC(!), and an undeveloped basement. We cannot believe how blessed we are! We got possession of our home on August 1. While Isaac was moving everything home, my boys and I went up to Beaver Lake to welcome my niece into the Nation during their pow wow. She's now placed in her permanent family and I made her first jingle dress for her to wear there. Her family she resides with now are Christians, and we know them as friends of the family while I was growing up. Ministry hasn't been on my radar this last while with Isaac being gone most of the summer, trying to figure out where and how to move, and then finally settling into our new home when we did figure things out. While we've been nesting, we have been dreaming about how to shape our home into a place where ministry can happen. I look forward to the fenced yard, and the open basement for young moms, and young adults to come visit our home and do Bible study. I had one young mom and her family visit and she quite often is at home on reserve with no car to go anywhere most of the time. She stays with her two littles that are just toddlers. I will hopefully be helping her reconnect with the church, (as she was a former youth that came to girls' group and life360) and help her in different ways to succeed in getting her high school diploma, housing, and other paperwork that can help her be more independent. I also have had the unique opportunity this summer to reconnect with my biological family in Louis Bull and share my beliefs and family life with them. My one cousin in particular, has two girls around the same age as mine. We have a lot of common ground to build on, and I look forward to sharing more of the gospel and why I've come to believe in Jesus the way I do. I have had one verse I've read over the summer that's kept my heart steady. Mark 5:34 "He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'"

Dene

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Prayer requests:

- My sister Maggie had her fourth child in July while homeless in Edmonton and has had her baby apprehended. She is placed with extended kin. Pray for Maggie and the father of her child (Carl) to find the willpower and strength to go to rehab, and rebuild their life. Please pray for them to have God's love and peace poured out on them as they are now experiencing the trauma of having their daughter apprehended. For Maggie, this is the fourth time she has had to have her child taken. My heart breaks for her.
- We ask for youth and young adults/families we serve to press into another year of Bible study where lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit.
- We give praise for our new home! God continues to astound us, and be gracious to us. We Give Him ALL the glory and thanks to be housed finally.



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