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Let me tell you about my Jesus. It was our theme song this summer. As we sang it over and over the words resonated in my heart. I thought, no, let me show you the love of Jesus, with no words. Feel it. Summer camp began after months of planning, preparation, connecting and praying. It was hard to bring together this year. Now that its over we know why.

Patience. She came to camp with her buddy Salem. She seemed to be a tough kid, rarely smiled at first, quiet and seldom spoke. A week together changed that. We canoed through waves and rain, fried fish and boiled spaghetti over the fire, poured over the Bible by campfire, ran through the bush and wrote scripture on bookmarks, drank lots of hot chocolate and played board games. Eryn shared the story of the Bible during the evenings of our time together with excitement and passion. The youth caught it. We sat for hours answering questions and discussing the message. On the last evening the group dispersed to the outdoors to play one last round of outdoor games while Patience remained. Quietly, with her head down and a few tears, she began to speak. She shared how she knew Jesus was coming into her life and how happy she was to know she was coming to a Bible camp. Her story and statements touched us deeply. She left camp now a sweet friend and sister in the Lord, full of smiles and laughter.

Curtis, the big brother to Asher! These boys came to camp with a much larger and rowdier group of mostly girls so had their week cut out for them. It was incredible to watch them become comfortable at camp, enjoy the activities, become friends with other campers and leaders, and ask questions. The last evening around the campfire Stacy led us in songs and *My Jesus* was loved especially by Curtis. He asked repeatedly for Stacy to keep playing it. After the sixth time Stacy opted to just reading the lyrics digging in to see what was grabbing the boys attention. *His love is strong and His grace is free* was the line that stood out to him the most. Back in the boys cabin late into the night these guys talked about Jesus and His love.





The hard work, spiritual opposition and challenges we face in planning and facilitating these camps is always worth it when we have stories like this to share in the end. Relationships built will last a lifetime along with the opportunity to continue speaking into the lives of these kids. Pushing through



the two solid months of preparing for this was my own exercise in digging deep into the love of Jesus as I sought His direction! He blessed me with personal strength and an absolutely amazing team to do camp with. The campers all came with their own stories, questions and experiences and left a little, and for some, a lot closer to the Lord.

God is good.



Praise God for

- our marriage partnership! We experienced many adventures this summer that drew us closer to each other and God. We are thankful that He is leading and directing us.
- A very blessed camping season.
- Pray blessings on those who came and helped and the youth. Pray they will remember what they learned about God and the friendships they made.
- Excellent family time for us. It was so good to have family around so much this summer. Our hearts are full. Pray for protection and blessing on our families as they work, raise their kids, go to school, and experience life. Pray each one knows God more every day.

Pray for

- protection on us as we seek to continue in the way God is leading us. Wilderness camping comes with risks so pray we are always well prepared and protected.
- us as we study Gods word personally and with mentors – that we grow in truth and sound doctrine.
- For excellent relationships to continue and that we can be a blessing to all we meet.

We are already plugged in to fall activities that include being a part of the local youth group, helping in a high school on reserve, building friendships locally and continuing in relationship with our summer campers. Keeping in touch with our support team is crucial to this ministry and we are deeply touched by your willingness to walk in ministry with us.



We look forward to meeting with many of you to continue sharing what God is doing as the fall and winter arrive.

Thank You for your strong support and especially your prayers! We need you!

**With much love and
thanksgiving.**

Stacy and Nikki

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