

Kakabeka Falls Bible Camp Report - 2017

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This ministry has continued to provide annual summer camps for children and teens. For the last two years, we have also had a Fellowship for the Thunder Bay and O'Connor Free Methodist Churches but have not restarted Family Camps. A small number of workers have laboured diligently, with the Lord's help to maintain the grounds and buildings. The Lord has provided a few generous donors and several rental groups which has allowed the camp to remain financially solvent. The money from the sale of a lot is being, as needed, to improve the buildings which are aging and in need of ongoing maintenance. We pray that the Lord will continue to provide and that we can meet our budget from year to year.

The annual Blue Grass Festival, organized by King's Highway, a trio of Free Methodist musicians, has been a regular rental group and has brought recognition to the beautiful grounds. Various church groups have used the campgrounds for either children's or teen camps including United Reformed Church and Redwood Alliance. The Northwinds Ministry, a non-denominational Christian organization with a focus on ministry to Indigenous children and youth had a series of successful camps in the summer of 2016.

CHILDREN'S CAMP (Director Linda Sheplawy-Woodcock):

"...your Father in heaven is not willing that any one of these little ones should be lost." Matthew 18:14. Children's Camp has operated for the last few years with 15 – 19 campers. Our camp is from Sunday evening to Friday evening and is packed with activities. Our chapel lessons are done by CEF Summer Missionaries (Child Evangelism Fellowship) and there is prayer, singing, Bible lessons and an evangelist story. Our counsellors and workers are wonderful people who believe that this ministry is where God has called them to work. We have craft time, sports activities, swimming at Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park, night games and dorm devotions. The local Free Methodist Churches help by sponsoring campers, sending squares or cookies, and praying. We appreciate the sponsors and the goodies, but we covet God's people praying above all else. So many of our campers have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and we are now seeing more and more Children's Camp campers coming back to be leaders in our program. We believe that God continues to work on these campgrounds. We are part of this ministry and are truly blessed!

TEEN CAMP (Directors Wes Fidler, Andrew Turk)

Teen camp had 21, 20 and 25 campers in the last three summers. In 2014 Rev. Cameron Montgomery spoke about 'The God of Yes', then in 2015 pastor Robert Montgomery spoke about 'The Way of Yeshua', and last summer, 2016, pastor Cory Rettaler from Teen Challenge, spoke about 'Overcoming'. God has blessed our camp with outstanding, dedicated volunteer staff. We pride ourselves in being a camp where everyone is accepted and loved.

We, as the Board of Directors of Kakabeka Falls Bible Camp, desire to serve our Lord in this ministry as long as He draws children and youth to us from our community. It is validating to see the impact that a short camp where they encounter Jesus Christ can have on our children and youth. Please lift us up in your prayers.