

September 2011

SCA Blueberry Ministry Center & Bible Camp

Guard the good deposit
which was entrusted to you –
guard it with the help of the
Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:14

From the Director –In viewing the picture that Kerri-Jo has of the wall climber on the front page, I am reminded of the ministry development at Blueberry. The climber is seen as stretching / reaching up to higher heights. The goal is in sight, it is attainable, though the footholds are scarce, small, smooth and odd shaped. Reaching requires the body to be fully stretched ... straining, fully focused on his attaining the goal. I see him trusting not only in his abilities, but in the safety equipment that will catch him if he slips. What a great picture of the young people developing and growing at Blueberry. We desire to challenge them with the discipleship of following Jesus Christ, becoming more Christ-like. As Kerri-Jo has mentioned, we are not there to “baby-sit” anyone. We are already planning and developing our 2012 camps. We continue meeting to debrief the 2011 camps. How can we improve the camps with staff training, in order to share the precious news of the Gospel, as Jesus Christ would? The 2012 Summer Camp theme appears to have been agreed upon last week at the bi-annual SCA Staff / Missionary Conference held at SCA Eagle’s Nest. The curriculum needs reviewing and brochures to be designed and printed. We require these to items to be ready for hand-out in January as we start to visit colleges, schools and trade shows. Will you stretch with us in prayer support, volunteering, fund raising and encouragement as we strive to offer the opportunity to campers to meet the Prince of Peace?

Staff development and growth: Four SCA BMC 2011 summer staff are not only attending Bible Colleges, there is one in Hong Kong with YOM and now Andrea Braun is going to Guatemala on a short-term mission trip with a group from her school, Anchor Academy . Andrea shared in her email as follows: “For the past couple of years I have wanted to go on an over-seas mission trip and since the beginning of this year I have been seriously praying about it”. Would you pray with us for these energetic, dynamic young people, desiring to serve the King of Kings in a more excellent way? I share their names with you so that you may pray intelligently for each one. Perhaps you could send them an email sharing with them that they are on your prayer list. What an encouragement that would be for them! We can give you their email if you ask.

Mary Noble at Prairie Bible College; Kerri-Jo Fehr at Peace River Bible Institute (PRBI); Dillon Braun at PRBI, Jessie Keim at PRBI, Stephanie Loney (yes, a granddaughter) serving with YOM in Hong Kong, and now Andrea Braun to serve shortly in Guatemala.

*Invite to Jesus;
Connect in Community;
Equip to Lead.*



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MINISTRY CENTRE & BIBLE CAMP

Why Work at a Bible Camp?

A common stereotype is: let the young teens and people who don't already have work take care (*baby-sit*) the kids at camp. Is this maybe a misconception of what the ministry of a Bible camp is about? Is it not to lead children to Christ, teach them to understand His decrees, and finally to empower them to live according to His precepts? There is no denying that the energy, ideas and availability of youth are a huge asset to camp ministry. On the other hand, who is to say that a well seasoned parent might not add some perspective to a camper's life? Consider it a mission to your people. May I encourage you to consider using your gifts here at BMC. There is a need for mentors amongst us young people. We need a staff that has the advantage of age and experience in order to facilitate the energy of the youth at camp this coming summer. Please pray that God would provide them for us!

Note: Keep posted for updates on SCA Blueberry Ministry Center's Hockey Outreach program!

BMC Staff Go to Bible College

For many young adults, camp is a great place to be and minister during the summer months. It is considered a privilege to share the love of God. Yet, what is maybe more important is how the staff follow through in their faith during the rest of the year. Sure, a five week spiritual fling is amusing and invigorating; sadly many of us leave camp with nothing more than fond memories. Are we seeking a spiritual high without the foundation for a lifelong walk in the faith? Are we making the deposit, as Paul puts it when he is talking to Timothy, real for ourselves? Are we guarding it? In essence, for ministry at camp to be effective, our staff members have to be devoted to a lifelong walk with God. For numerous young adults, Bible School can serve to equip Christians to make real and guard their treasure.

Going to Bible School after working a full summer at camp can be stressful, but it is also a special way to recognize how God provides. Now, after taking the opportunity to be renewed in the mind (in this case at Bible School) the returning staff are much more equipped to serve God at camp and equip others with the Gospel.

All in all, it is important to have staff aiming at being holy, looking towards God.

Please pray as we plan for next year.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to be doing a work in the hearts of both the campers and the staff.

Pray for the Hockey Ministry as well as the other winter events that will be taking place.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar and plan on being involved!

Oct. 2nd through to March 11, 2012 - BMC Outreach Hockey Program: a weekly recreation hockey game for those 16 and up, with devotional and prayer times included. Four young men in their twenties (past BMC Summer Staff) have organized this program to share the lifestyle of Jesus to recreation hockey in the Fort St John area.

Dec. 3rd - Annual Year End Appreciation Event, Christmas Celebration fund raising banquet

January 27th to 29th - Annual BMC Winter Freeze Hockey Tournament Fund Raiser. All net proceeds will go to establish a continual Summer Staff College Bursary Fund. This is to benefit our college students who volunteer for summer staff programs.

Feb. 11th - Annual BMC Valentine Supper

March 9th to 11th - Girls Weekend Retreat

Trade Shows

April 13th to 15th - Fort St John

April 20th to 22nd - Dawson Creek

May 4th to 6th - Fort Nelson

Visit our booth or volunteer to help