



*His destiny was the cross... His purpose was love.... His reason was you!*

We realize some of this 'news' will be repeated for those who receive our updates by email, but we want to 'fill in' those on our mailing list of what God has been doing in our midst. We rejoice at the many opportunities God provided to encourage, challenge and equip campers and staff in their personal Christian growth and to achieve a more effective life in Christ this summer. The greatest joy comes in seeing how a week at camp has changed the eternal address of some of these precious young people and we praise God for our prayer warriors and countless answers to prayer.

The closing campfire with the staff following their appreciation dinner was definitely a highlight. The meaningful worship, sharing and time of prayer encouraged us of what God had accomplished in their hearts. We felt like camp had been their 'training ground' and that we were sending out a mighty army equipped to serve and live for God and impact the various places He was leading them. It's always so encouraging to receive emails of how God continues to work in and through them.

**PRAYER:**

and

**PRAISE:**



- For Bill and Bev McCaskell who have moved into the National Director role and our new MB Branch Director--Wayne and Judy Eisbrenner
- Urgent need of a camp board chairman, several new board members and others to stand in the gap on our prayer and fundraising committees
- Wisdom for the building committee who are drawing up plans for the new kitchen/dining hall facility
- God's guidance, timing and enabling with the abundance of work involved in the Capital Campaign in preparation for the new facility. We recognize these endeavours are impossible apart from HIM!
- That God would provided the needed financial supporters
- That campers and staff continue to grow in their faith and desire to have their lives be a strong testimony to others



- Excellent fall rental groups
- Provision of a new **push lawnmower**
- **Donation of stainless steel kitchen equipment** and a place to store it
- Good progress has been made on the new archery site
- Abundance of work accomplished this fall due to wonderful **weather** and **volunteers** who lent a hand siding the stables & 4-plex, building cupboards, installing flooring, painting, making games for campers, etc. (Shilo basement, 4-plex, Swan Suite and Nurses Nook all had renovations)
- Last two cabins were sided during the spring/summer
- Gravel delivered to put on the RV sites next spring
- Plans for several walkways to alleviate muddy conditions
- The purchase of additional land to the north of the lake
- Opportunities to share in area churches off-season
- God's marvellous provision of a **staff home (for \$15,000)** for the future site manager! (*someone to lift the maintenance/facility responsibilities from Howard*)



All men... even snowmen have trouble buying good Christmas presents. *Think Ice for Snowmen??*

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After buying her kids a pet hamster - and after they PROMISED they would take care of it, Mom, as usual, ended up with the responsibility. One evening, exasperated, she challenged her brood, "How many times do you think that hamster would have died...if I hadn't been here to look after it?" After a moment of reflection, the youngest son replied quizzically, "Once?"

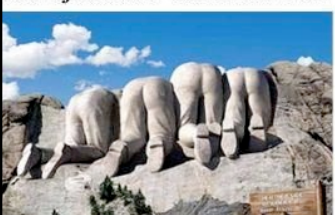
**FAMILY UPDATE:**

answer to prayer and is doing much better following his surgery at 10 days. He is growing so quickly (rolling over) and loves to smile. We celebrated Madelyn's 2nd b-day and she enjoys the outdoors, books and dolls. We miss her hugs and hearing, "Nana, Papa, Park! Park!" each morning. Sherri is doing much better following her extremely difficult pregnancy and is waiting to see a specialist regarding the rash & itch that is still an issue. Chris is presently working at Staples and they are prayerfully considering ministry opportunities.



**Jen & Felix** - Are excited to be presenting "Grandma & Grandpa" with their 1st 'mocha baby' next June! Pray for health and safety of mom and baby. The heat wave in Zimbabwe (40-49 celsius) was extremely difficult. Pray for God's provision of a needed vehicle soon. Jenni is taking a photography course and has done a wedding and some school pictures. Felix is also furthering his education. Pray for them as they work with the "Amatelaz Project" teaching orphans drama. It is difficult being so far away from family and friends and know emails would be a tremendous encouragement. [felixandjenni@gmail.com](mailto:felixandjenni@gmail.com)

*You know, there are some things that you just never think of ..... like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.*



**Keith & Kristi** - Praise for full time employment at House of James for Keith and Kristi's job as a chef. It was wonderful to have Keith come as a chapel speaker at TMBC for a week this summer. We anticipate a special time with them at Christmas and it will be nice to not spend another Christmas at home alone.

**Howard & Kathy** - We praise God for enabling us to purchase a 2010 Dodge Journey with 54,000 km, providing us with a reliable vehicle for our trip to Ontario (our van had 336,000 km). We came back refreshed with lots of wonderful memories (and pictures) celebrating Mom Weir's 80th birthday,

**The camp is looking for appliances in good condition for the Shilo basement and new staff home next spring.**

spending Thanksgiving with Kathy's family (*sure missed Mom as we were to celebrate her 80th birthday*) and of course our time with Sherri, Chris and our precious grandchildren. We also enjoyed a refreshing time at Wisconsin Dells along the way. THANKS so much for the tremendous blessing and encouragement you are. Your prayer and financial support creates a partnership that makes an eternal difference.

It's hard to believe that in 2012, TMBC will be celebrating **65 years of ministry**. We praise God for the thousands of lives of campers and staff that have been transformed over the years. We are encouraged and excited as we wait to see all that God has in store in the days ahead.

**May your Christmas be a celebration of the Saviour.**

**Consider Yourselves Hugged,**  
*Howard & Kathy*





### What's Happening?

Kathy is enjoying the theme JOY for the Bible lessons at Girls Club in November. Church and camp board meetings, lining up chapel speakers, preparations for sending the new brochure out in January, correspondence, updating the camp website and working on a new powerpoint and presentation to share in churches during the off season, are a few of the many things that fill our days. Pray for wisdom in the many decisions needing to be made each day.

Students were asked to write about the harmful environmental effects of oil on fish.

One 11-year old wrote, "When my mom opened a tin of sardines last night it was full of oil and all the sardines were dead."

**Man who runs in front of car gets tired. Man who runs behind car gets exhausted.**



My friend's husband is always telling her that housekeeping would be a snap if only she would organize her time better. Recently he had a chance to put his theory into practice while his wife was away. When I popped in one evening to see how he was managing, he crowed, "I made a cake and frosted it; washed the kitchen windows; cleaned all the cupboards; scrubbed the kitchen floor, walls, and ceiling; and even had a bath." I was about to concede that perhaps he was a better manager than his wife, when he added sheepishly, "When I was making the chocolate frosting, I forgot to turn off the mixer before taking the beaters out of the bowl, so I had to do all the rest."



\*FLEAS NAVIDOG\*

**There are two words in a person's life that will open a lot of doors for them... PULL and PUSH**



### Politically Correct Christmas 'excuse me' -- Holiday Songs

- All I Want For Christmas is a Dental Plan
- Chestnuts Roasting on an Environmentally-friendly Fuel Source
- Rocking Around the Recycled, Flame-retardant, Artificial Christmas Tree
- I'm Dreaming of a Racially Diverse Christmas
- Frosty the Snowperson
- Rudolph, the Endangered and Exploited Specie
- We Three Politically Oppressive Patriarchs

**God doesn't improve; He perfects, He doesn't enhance; He completes.**

### CHURCH SIGNS

- Heaven's riches are tax free
- I'm also making a list and checking it twice--God
- We're not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays
- He who farts in church, sits in own pew
- Too cold to change sign! Message inside
- Are you chilly? Let God be your Comforter
- Weather Forecast: God Reigns & the Son Shines
- People use duct tape to fix everything. God used nails!
- God will accept broken hearts, but He must have all the pieces
- Christmas comes once a year. How often do you?



Aunt Ethel's present!

**With FAITH, we see Him, with JOY, we receive Him, with PRAISE, we adore Him.**

### BUSINESS SIGNS:

- **John Deere Office:** The only machine we don't stand behind is our manure spreader.
- **Maternity Room Door:** "Push, Push, Push."
- **Front yard of funeral home:** "Drive carefully, we'll wait."
- **Vet's Office:** "All unattended children given free kitten"
- **Vet's Office:** "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

A young man was sitting next to me in one of the two "husband chairs" in a ladies' clothing store.

After 30 minutes and five outfits, the fellow's wife came out of the change room again.

He looked at her and immediately said: "That looks good on you. Get that one."

"Honey," she replied, "this is what I was wearing when we came in."

**If you look for Me at Christmas you won't need a special star -- I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are. You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations -- You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you. You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came, And you'll find me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.**  
Love, *Jesus*

**It's what we do for Christ in the HERE and NOW that will make a difference in the THEN and THERE.**

The pastor asked the farmer, "If you had a horse, would you give it to the Lord?"  
"Yes."  
"And if you had a cow?" "Absolutely."  
"And a goat?" "Sure."  
"A pig?" "Now, that's not fair!"  
protested the farmer. "You know I have a pig!"



This is for eating my brother!

