

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP
PRAYER & PRAISE
May 2021

PRAISE:

- God's miraculous provision in the reality of the **NEW FACILITY** (we can't wait to have it operational & PRAYING the OCCUPANCY PAPERWORK will be completed soon)
- **5 new BOARD MEMBERS** the past few months (pray for wisdom for decisions being made & opportunity to soon have a 5-10 year 'big picture' planning meeting)
- Unexpected donation of a new **FIELD SPRAYER** for the horse pasture
- Our year round **EQUESTRIAN DIRECTOR** Stephanie Zylstra (Daniels sister) started this month. We have had several horses die over the past 2 years & she will oversee the horsemanship program, care for & evaluate our horses to be sure they are 'sound' for the campers. Stephanie is very experienced with horses, but also has a passion & heart for Discipleship of wranglers & campers.
- **NEW BUNKS** are built & ready to install in cabin 5 (only 3 more cabins to go!)
- Provision of **MEAT** for camp (Beef & chicken)
- God's blessing to stay **FINANCIALLY STABLE** during a year filled with so much uncertainty & not being able to operate 'normally'
- **REGISTRATIONS: 2 of our Family Camping sessions are currently at capacity with waiting lists.**
- **MANY THINGS BEING ACCOMPLISHED** at camp presently (raking, gardening, sealing/waxing basement flooring, landscaping & seeding/watering new lawn & trees around Bartsch home, emptying barn, needed work on zip line, installed new water tanks in main washroom, new pump in well, work on baffles & sound systems, cleaning windows & facilities, office work, planning programs.....)
- Working with **Municipality regarding ROAD CLOSURE** (TMBC having the use of the road allowance would be an enormous answer to prayer)
- **FUNDS** coming in **to enable work to move forward with needed renovations on Bartsch home & towards their missionary support needs**
- **BRENDA** is well & it is a joy having her part of our summer team **working in the camp office**
- Unexpected donation of a **COLOUR COPIER** from a supporting church
- **VOLUNTEERS:** A cell group in Killarney 'divided and conquered' & did a SUPER CLEAN of the Shilo building & main washroom facility
 - Anne fixed the hall curtains in the Shilo building & prepared several meals for our spring crew (our head cook for the summer had to cancel, resulting in us having to spend a lot of extra time in the kitchen this spring).
 - Several ladies sent some baking &/or meals which have been greatly appreciated & enormous help!
- **MB GREEN TEAM GRANT** towards support for some of summer missionaries...PTL!
- God's miraculous & unexpected provision of an **exceptional SOUND/PA system** that will also connect & work with our siren/emergency system. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Eph 3:20

PRAY FOR:

- Trusting & Praising God in advance for **needed RAIN** for camp & farmers (our lake water level is extremely low & many fires due to dryness)
- It has been heartbreaking to cancel rentals, school groups, retreats & normal on-site camps again this summer. We are waiting to hear if Day Camps will be able to operate,

- We were so disappointed to postpone our **JOY CAMPS** that were to held in June. We are rescheduling them for September, Lord willing. Pray for **wisdom & creativity as we we prepare music, devotionals, videos/pictures & activities to post on-line on a TMBC you-tube site.** (tmbc.ca & go to JOY CAMP ON-LINE) We trust this ‘connection’ will encourage & minister to our seniors since we are unable to gather together & allow many others to take in this unique ministry opportunity.
- Constantly **changing regulations** & that God will **open doors** to offer **4 on-site FAMILY CAMPING** & possibly other day events that won’t have such limitations in sizes of groups (as presently staff are included with the number of guests)
- God’s **PROTECTION for health & safety** of summer missionaries, campers & guests involved in TMBC ministries
- **FOLLOW-UP** of campers & missionaries to keep connected & encourage when we can’t minister in person
- More to **register for the Ignite/Youth programs** in the evenings in various locations throughout the summer
- Pray for **needed CERTIFICATION of the ZIP LINE & WALL** so we can use these activities during our Family Camps & Day events
- **MANY SUMMER MISSIONARY NEEDS:** Cooks & kitchen helpers (praying churches can provide even part of a team to volunteer to help for a session), Day Camp & youth leaders, lifeguards, maintenance, janitors, Day Camp Administrator, Media person
- We had to cancel our DNT programs, so are proposing **Crew 22** (young volunteers) to help meet urgent need to equip future camp workers
- God’s continued provision of **FINANCES** (*to complete several needed projects, missionary support & ongoing camp expenses*)
- **WORK BEES:** Pray for willing volunteers to come to lend a hand at camp with yard work, cleaning of various facilities & exterior work needing attention, where social distancing can easily happen.
- A ‘**Little House**’ was donated to camp. We would love to eventually see this completed to provide accommodations for volunteers or guests). It is presently on ‘hold’ as an estimated cost of \$10,000 to complete the insulation, siding, plumbing/septic & electrical in this facility.
- Pray for His **PEACE** amidst the many ‘unknowns’ as we **Prepare, Plan, Adjust, Repeat** . . . while working towards holding events at TMBC along with week-long Day camps & evening Ignite-Youth programs in 7 communities (trusting regulations will change by July to allow these to happen). **PRAY for opportunities to make Christ known in the midst of many “limitations” and restrictions.** **God’s Word is not bound** & we long to see lives transformed by the Gospel this summer. Also, pray for many challenges in following all the protocols required for cleaning, dining, activities, etc. Trusting many will **experience GOD’s PRESENCE** where they can be encouraged, make memories, grow in their faith & for some to begin a personal relationship with Christ.

Thank you for PRAYING, INVESTING & PARTNERING with us to further His Kingdom