



## Future Generations

by Don Roe

It has been encouraging to see the number of parents sending their children to camp that went to camp here themselves. We have a long history of fond memories and important experiences, many of which took place in our chapel. We spent quite a bit last year repairing the foundation and it should last us for a few more years. However, its long, narrow shape does not work well with fidgety young children in the back rows trying to pay attention to the speaker. We have been holding our chapels for the younger ones in the corner of the dining room for the last two summers. They are much more attentive sitting on a carpet very close to the speaker, much like story time in their school setting. It is a lot more work to set up and take down after every session but it has been worth it.

As you know, the last two summers have been very rainy and we have struggled with keeping the children active and dry in the space we have. Camps have this challenge every summer but the vision of the board is to better minister to our campers so we are looking to build a new gym/chapel addition on to the lodge to meet both of these needs. The lodge was designed 12 years ago with the goal of adding a new chapel some time in the future and we are planning that future now. In the following months the board will be asking for your input and if you sense that this project is in God's will for the camp.

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16, our theme verse for this summer*

505 campers registered so far despite the mail strike slowing things down! Camps are filling up and I am looking forward to seeing how much the children have grown this past



year. Every year as I get older I wonder at how *young* they are! So full of energy. So excited about new experiences. Some full of love, some full of anger. So cute, so innocent, so open to anything their leaders tell them. And I praise God as I see the leaders so enthusiastic to share their summers with them. It is such a privilege to be representatives of Jesus' love—but a responsibility to not do anything to lead them astray.



2011 camp staff

The 83rd summer at Gimli has started and we are trusting that all the needed volunteers will come. We know that God will supply but it is always difficult waiting to see who those will be! Pray for our summer missionaries as they trust in Him to enable them to love the way He does. Please pray as God invites the children to give their lives to Him

*Because kids are worth it*

# Greetings From Our Corner Of Heaven

by Charlotte Roe

**“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.” Psalm 63:3-5**

Something that I have been praying for, for these last couple of years, is that all the God stuff that I know in my head would move down into my heart. I know that God loves me, I know that I am His princess and He treasures me, I know that He delights in the things that excite me, I know that He is proud of my successes and even the ones I don't succeed in, for He loves when I try, and He is my refuge and strength during the hard times. These are the things that the Bible tells us about God. How awesome that we serve a God who is so intimate and beautiful.

So then, why is it that I walk as if I don't know these things? A lot of the time I feel defeated, fearful, and worthless. Knowing all that stuff about God just isn't enough. I think it is like going to school. For twelve plus years of your life you are learning all kinds of things, from English to Algebra to History and to Geography. Have you ever thought of how much of that stuff you know now? Sure most of us can read, write and do some math, but unless you are a chemist or an engineer or a geologist, most of what you learned will be forgotten in the years to come. So I guess what I am saying, is we really need to apply these biblical truths to our lives. You don't become a chemist by going to school and studying to be one, but only by going out and being one. You need to move all that head knowledge into action, that's how it comes into being.

The more these biblical truths become a part of our lives, the harder it is for the enemy to lie to us and lead us astray. We were made in the image of God, which means we are spiritual beings. There is a place inside of us reserved only for God. So when we are not filling that place up with Him, we start to feel very lonely and empty. So as people we do what comes naturally, we fill it up with anything that will get rid of that emptiness before it turns into pain. It will be different for everyone. Some of these things are; food, drugs, movies, friends, church, shopping, reading, travelling, exercise and even good works. All these things do help with the void, but it is only temporary relief. They only help us as long as we are doing them. We will never be satisfied, only He can fill our deepest longing.

My desire is that I would want God more than any of these worldly things, **“then my soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods.”**

How do we get to this point, where God is our biggest desire? Well if we read the rest of Psalm 63, you learn how David did it. **“ O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you” “my lips will glorify you” “ I will praise you as long as I live” “my soul clings to you” “But the king will rejoice in God”**

These are the words of a desperate man, a man that is choosing to make right choices for his life. Even when it gets really hard, David chooses to rejoice. That is the desperation that we need to live by daily. It is good to have knowledge, for that is how everything starts, but we have to move on from there to live out the attributes of God. We need to allow God to fill in that spot made just for Him, than we can be more like Him and less like us. If our focus is on God instead of us then our fears and inadequacies will hardly seem important.

I read a quote from Mother Theresa the other day, it read ;”Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.”

So there we go, that is a challenge for all of us. This is going to be my prayer for this summer. I know He loves me and I want everyone I come in contact with this summer to know that God loves them as well. What better vocation is there? Let us be desperate for the intimacies of God.



Don, Bekah, Nathaniel, Ian, Kris and Charlotte on new play structure



# Our Faith Journey

Jake & Martha Friesen

*Holding forth the word of life since  
1928*

Greetings from God's beautiful Interlake region! God is at work in the world and has called for each of us to join Him in serving both believers and unbelievers. Our mission involves two great privileges - working with God and representing Him. To fulfill this mission, God requires that we abandon our own agenda and accept His agenda for our life. Mathew 28: 19, 20 says "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

With the cool winter and spring months behind us, it is so hard to believe that our hosting season will wrap up in a few short weeks. Hosting has allowed us to meet so many wonderful and special people that God has allowed us to cross paths with throughout the season. We are grateful for all the friendships that have developed!

As our focus turns to summer camp ministry, we work on readiness and facility preparation. In spite of heavily saturated fields, our prayer is that God will use all this rain for His honor and glory. As we prepare our

hearts for summer, it is our desire that each child that attends camp will experience God's love in a new and real way through the Leaders & staff.

We cannot say thank you enough for all the helping hands throughout the year. Our hearts are so overwhelmed with love and joy as we see people, both young and mature abandon their own agenda and to give time and energy to work very hard at camp. We are so grateful for every hand that has touched our facility and for every prayer that has been lifted for the camp. There are days and weeks it seems that there are not enough hours in a day to do all that is required but yet, with the gracious hearts of others, we accomplish so much!

their own ministry workday(s). They run a program where they serve at different Missions organizations throughout the year and we are so glad that we can be part of their mission. The focus for this group of 33 students and 10 leaders was to paint cabins, fix and restore benches, wood splitting, window cleaning, repairing screen doors & windows, and many more tasks...the list goes on. May the Lord bless our volunteers richly. Phil 4:13 says, "We can do all things through Christ who gives strength".

We continue to be thankful for safety throughout the year as well as good health, including strength for each and



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This spring, we had a volunteer workday with our home church blessing our camp with ministry. We had 25 people come from Niverville to lend a helping hand. With their hard work and determination, we were able to put a new roof on the mini lodge; cut down trees that needed to be cleaned up before camp opened for the summer season; started installing a new play structure and the list doesn't stop there. Along with spring cleaning, many jobs were accomplished. We were also blessed with other churches that came that same day to help.

In mid June, West Park Christian School from Portage La Prairie ran

every day. Pray with us that our bodies will remain healthy and that we will be able to serve God in such a way that is glorifying and honoring to Him. Thank you to those that have given and supported financially and/or prayerfully. We know God will bless you for your commitment and support. Please continue to pray with us and for us and our family.

Home Church: Niverville CMC

*Herein is love, not  
that we loved God,  
but that he loved us,  
and sent his Son.  
1 John 4:10*

