



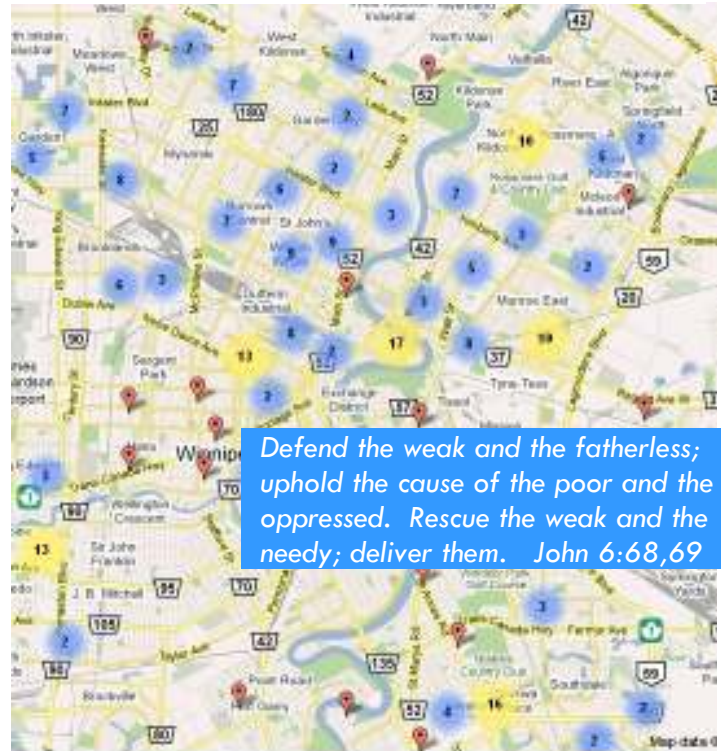
## A Vision For Their Future

Don Roe

The board has put together a Vision plan for 2011-2015. It was agreed that we are not looking for the camp to get larger or fancier but the goal was to keep improving our ministry to “those who have the least chance to hear the gospel. There were four main emphases but I was most encouraged by the focus on better follow up.

Looking at a map of where our 9-12 year old campers live shows that there are clusters (yellow) all over the city. While there are several ministries trying to reach the North End, we don't know of efforts to reach out to children in other areas. We are planning to do monthly follow-up with the goal of getting area churches involved with these non-churched families. I am so excited about this opportunity as better follow up for our campers has been on my heart for years.

Ken left a lot of his clothes behind this summer. His mother had labeled them so I was able to return them to his home. When he saw me knock on the door this 10 year



ran across the house and jumped into my arms he was so happy to see me! Ken lives with his step-family and has lots of fears. Last year he prayed and confronted his fear of lightning. But his fear of the dark is so strong that he starts vomiting every evening and needs to be heavily sedated to go to sleep. He cries a lot. It is very sad. He also has a fantastic imagination so seems a bit “weird” for the other campers. During one skill time each day I followed him around the “wilderness” of our camp as he hunted for crows, squirrels and foxes. One day he went fishing with a stick and string. Another day we dragged an old canvas from a shed and made a make-shift “tent” to stay in that night so we could catch a fox when one came by. He was so completely involved and excited in the adventure that I was very disappointed when

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## Our Faith Journey

*Jake & Martha Friesen*

As we approach this joyous time of the year called CHRISTmas, let us consider the blessings of the past year, but also take hold of the opportunity we have to proclaim the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At Christmas many around us are more receptive to hearing the gospel than any other time of the year. People are seeking the truth about what this season is truly about. There seems to be a genuine desire in others to seek more than what the world has to offer. Maybe it is the realization that material pleasures do not give lasting joy and that true joy and peace can only be found in Christ and Christ alone.

We have been blessed with an extended fall season which has allowed us to complete the outdoors responsibilities before winter snow and temperatures are upon us. The season for hosting retreats is well underway and we continue to see how this ministry changes lives and blesses families.

As in previous years, GBC hosted the annual Widows Banquet which has become an amazing outreach opportunity in this community. Families in the Arborg community are not only involved in preparing and in serving this wonderful meal but they also take this opportunity to present God's Word and to minister to this group.



From our personal corner of life, we are thankful to God for families. Our grandchildren bring us great joy and laughter. Very recently our oldest grandson Zach underwent surgery on Nov 10th to remove a large cyst from his thyroid. Please pray with us for quick healing and no further thyroid complications. For our Christmas celebration this year, all our children & grandchildren from Alberta & Manitoba plan to come home for the holidays, Lord willing. If counted correctly, that is 32 of us! Our grandchildren range in the age from 3 months to 20 years old - what a joyful noise that will be! We are very excited to see them all and we look forward to the precious memories of the season.

Our prayer for you this season is that you may all enjoy great fellowship with families and friends! Our prayer is that you will be blessed in a special way and that you will cherish what is most important-- the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. ( Luke 2: 10 --15.

We thank you for giving financially and prayerfully, we know that God will bless you for your commitment and support.



# Greetings From Our Corner of Heaven

Charlotte Roe

## *A Tribute to my Father*



“Hello this place”, “So round so firm so fully packed with plenty of locked in goodness”, “A loong cup of tea”, “Oh for Pete’s sake”, “Bah humbug”.

These are the many sayings from my Dad that my family and I have heard all our lives. My dad has been gone now for about eight months. It is interesting how

sayings and words become more cherished after that person moves on. Its like you cling on to anything that was unique about him.

My father was a typical father in many ways. He wasn’t big on conversation, and didn’t use words to tell us he loved us. He showed it with time and action. My Dad was a lot of fun! It was always a joy for us kids to hear his deep laughter, and he laughed a lot. Dad loved games of all kinds. I remember many times where all ten of us were sitting around the table as he taught us various card games, like “Chase the Ace” or “Bug”. This instilled a spirit of fun in all of us to this day. In the later years of his life, the card game we always played was Hand and Foot. It is still hard for me to play that game without missing him greatly.

Mom and Dad loved to dance, and whenever they could that’s what they would do. That wasn’t enough for Dad, however, as I remember the time that he taught us kids how to square dance. I’m not sure how the boys enjoyed this, but I had a great time. Watching my parents dance was always a treasure.

Often in summer Dad would come home from work and take us all to the beach. Then there was the yearly trips to the big city to see the most recent Disney movie, which sometimes even included an ice-cream.

Dad loved sports of all kinds. The family baseball games were lots of fun. He also taught us how to play Cricket and Croquet. His favorite sports were fishing and curling, which of course we all learned too. Right from the time we could push a rock with both hands we were curling. Dad took great pride in the fact that all of us were curlers at one time. We even got our picture in the paper for it. It was a great blessing to Dad and the rest of us that he got to curl right up to the end of his life. In fact Don and I were signed up to curl with Mom and Dad the day of his funeral.

I don’t think my Dad was ever bored, as I always saw him busy with something. Whether it was crosswords, jigsaw puzzles, or going out for breakfast, he did everything with gusto. The last eight years of his life, he surprised all of us by teaching himself a craft. It was called Intarsia, wooden pictures with patterns made into animals or scenes. It surprised us even more when we saw how good he was at it. This was something he enjoyed immensely, and we have all benefited from it. Even the camp has been blessed, the cross with the dove over our fireplace was made by my Dad.

Christmas was a time we kids all looked forward to. The stockings always had a comic book in it, so we wouldn’t wake Mom and Dad up too soon. After Dad had his tea and said “Bah humbug” a couple of times, he finally played Santa. When all the presents were opened and the excitement would die down, we would pull out the new Christmas game of the year and start playing. We often had several different games going on at once. Our cousins would come over and join us. We would play for two days straight. It was always so much more fun when Dad was right there playing and laughing with us. What an awesome way to think about our Heavenly Father as well, just enjoying His kids!

Dad came to know the Lord in the last five years of his life, and became even more gentle and loving. He loved and honored Mom greatly. In my opinion he was one of the greatest people of all times, because, he was my father. Thank-you Dad for the best years of my life!

### Prayer

- ✦ For the implementation of the follow up program
- ✦ For spiritual safety of our campers and staff as they live out their lives in this world
- ✦ God would be raising up staff for this summer
- ✦ For God's safety and blessing on family over the holiday season

### Praise

- ✦ For the gift of life God gave through His son
- ✦ For the awesome fall weather that allowed us to get so much outside work done
- ✦ For the maturity of staff as they desire to better minister to the campers all year
- ✦ For the prayer support that keeps this camp going

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dusk approached and he became too afraid to try it. I was actually looking forward to lying on roots under a moldy tarp all night! But, like last year, he got his cabin leaders to pray for his fears and on Thursday night he sat on the dike with the rest of his cabin watching the stars late into the night. Very powerful. We need to do better follow up for Ken and dozens of other children whose highlight of the year is the Christian environment at camp. They need to see and feel that God can be part of their lives all year long.

To make this follow up program work we will be hiring another full time missionary to run it. There will be "clubs" for children and teens in the areas of the city where they live and that will require extensive coordination of volunteers, facilities and interested churches to run. We are expecting that summer staff, our leadership develop-

ment program teens and other volunteers will do spend more time than just the monthly program with the campers and their families to make follow up effective. We will have to be raising new funding for the follow up coordinator position but the potential for ministry is so great that we are trusting that the money will not be too difficult to raise. We are already praying and searching for the right individual to join the mission. We will be organizing trial meetings this spring with the goal of extensive ministry in the fall.



### Needed !

- ✦ Two 17' Kevlar canoes
- ✦ 8 kid friendly kayaks
- ✦ 70+ Stacking chairs for lodge

### and wanted...

- ✦ Commercial floor cleaner/polisher
- ✦ Material for the expansion of our play structure
- ✦ Solid wood screen doors for cabins
- ✦ Materials to build a toboggan / water slide at the lake-front
- ✦ Mitre saw
- ✦ Small arc welder

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