

Maple Springs Bible Camp

Winter Newsletter - 2020



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Ministry Updated - Roots and Internship

Thank you friend for taking the time to read our letter. It means a lot to me that you care about what we are up to at Maple Springs. I say "we" but really we know that God is the one who is using camp for His plans and His kingdom.

We chose some values for camp a few years ago: Low-Barrier, Live Simple, and Love Jesus. This year has been a good time to come back to these basic values, when we are limited in what programs and operations we can do. These values mean that we include everyone, we stick to the basics and that Jesus is our hope and the focus of everything we do. Aside from an amazing summer camp this year, I think our Internship and Roots program express these values really well.



Roots began as a support group for youth who were struggling, and has gone on for 7 years! The activities have varied, and lately we have partnered with a local youth group, but the mission of being a safe place for teens to grow has always been the same. Just a few weeks ago we had an amazing small group. Dysen, our Assistant Program Director cooked up some fish sticks and fries, and Josh our Discipleship Coordinator shared a devotional about following the way of Jesus, instead of the crowd. It was a huge privilege for me to talk to a few kids about some really important and difficult things they were experiencing. With COVID-19 restrictions, and other cultural trends and technologies I feel burdened for youth and the pressure and challenges that they face. So many of our kids are experiencing anxiety, low moods, and challenges with peers. But God is not done with these brave kids. I see strong, resilient teens every day who support each other and share God's love around whether at school or on the internet. They remind me of God's promise *"You will find me, when you seek me with all your heart"* (Jeremiah 29:13)

At camp, we are a family and once a camper comes here we never forget them! We are committed to supporting each kid and family in every way that we can. Roots is one way we do this. I am excited about some creative ideas we are working on to continue to support and disciple our kids who need it most!

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Another amazing program this year is our Internship! Josh, Jakob, Trever and Bryson have been living out at camp since September! This week they are having daily bible study, serving our community, learning life skills like woodworking, automotive or financial management, cleaning at camp, shopping, cooking and eating together and all while doing college courses or part time jobs. These guys are so much fun to be around, I can't imagine this year without them. Dylan our Assistant Facility Director has taken on leading these guys, with the help of the whole camp team. My prayer is that these guys would grow in lots of practical skills, and grow closer to Jesus this year. My favorite thing to do with them is meetings, which can tend to get a little rowdy.



Capital Project – Staff Duplex

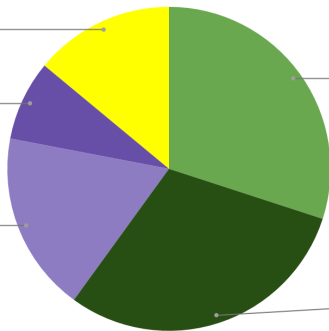
It is pretty miraculous that during a very difficult year we are around 85% funded for this vital infrastructure project for camp. Right now we have year-round staff living off-site, and in camper cabins! This home will provide for great staff missionaries to serve kids and families in the Okanagan for decades. We are planning many details and are beginning construction March 1.

Staff Duplex Project!!!

Left to be Raised
14.0%

Contractor and Suppliers
8.0%

MSBC Staff and
18.0%



Foundation Grants
30.0%

Individual Gifts
30.0%

Could you help us complete this project? We are really looking for some individual gifts as well as contractors and suppliers to pledge toward construction. We only have around \$80,000 left to raise to completely finish this amazing Duplex with a basement suite! This project was a hugely ambitious plan for Maple Springs, and then with the effects of Covid-19 brought even more challenges. But I am hopeful and excited for God to provide and for this amazing gift to camp to go up and complete in 2021. Thank you so much for being a part of it!

Church

We try to serve and support the church in the Okanagan as much as we can. As followers of Jesus we are the church, His body, and His chosen instrument for sharing His love in the world. What an amazing privilege! We are praying each week for the church, during this unique and difficult time. It was a privilege to host church small groups, and to volunteer at kids programs this year!

Peter writes *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* May we continue to live out this purpose in every season.

We exist to share the great news of Jesus, would you as a part of the Church, commit to pray for camp this year? **Maybe you could pray for an item each month for this season.**

- For all our camp kids and families to sense God's love. (December)
- For our camp missionaries: Mark, Darrel, Dylan, Kierra, Josh, Dysen, Nicole and Johanna (January)
- For Health, and the ability to operate valuable programs for kids (February)
- For our Staff Duplex Project that is starting! (March)