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Come Gather 'Round the Fire!



Campfire time at Lake of the Trees Bible Camp.



It's almost always the campfire! Ask any camper about his favorite part of camp and it's almost always that special time when they gathered by the lake to sing around the cracking flames and the glowing sparks rising into the night sky.

For our camp directors, I'm sure they would say the same thing, but for different reasons. There is no greater joy than to hear around the fire, the amazing testimonies children share about the impact that God has made on their lives!

So gather around with us today, imagine the fire and the songs, and listen in as we give testimony to God's faithfulness this summer at our BC CSSM Bible camps.

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Reaching

those of Canada who haven't heard

In eight weeks at **Lake Of The Trees Bible Camp** a total of 365 children heard the gospel message together with the 37 teens on the Work Crew. There were 71 campers who professed faith in Jesus Christ for the first time while 132 campers professed a recommitment to Jesus Christ. Can you imagine the great times around their campfire?

God provided great staff at Lake of the Trees as well.

“Sometimes staff arrived the day camp started,” shared Tom McIntosh, camp director. “This happens every year at almost every camp. Cooks, speakers, nurses, cabin leaders & assistants, lifeguard, Work Crew bosses, program & admin staff.

Sixty new campers arrived at **Maple Springs Bible Camp** bringing their total to 372.

“Over the summer we built amazing relationships with these children,” reported director Trevlyn Baerg. “Some of them just do not receive that kind of love at home.”

“We still have a very important ministry to the poor and needy as we sponsored over 35 children to come to camp.”

“The night time chapels and bed time devotions lead many children on a closer walk with God. Over 30 committed their hearts to the Lord and over 40 recommitted their lives.”

God’s faithfulness continued at **Clearwater Bible Camp**.



Clearwater campers at a “Utensil Meal”

“We had our biggest summer attendance in five years, with 251 campers!” Director Duane Bakken eagerly shared. “We saw 16 decisions for Christ and 29 recommitments.”

“Our staff was a larger and stronger group than last summer,” Duane continued, “led by Nathan and Chelsie. They relieved me of the burdens of directing program and other aspects of the camp. Pray that God will call them into full time ministry at Clearwater Bible Camp.”

Steve Duncan, director at **Echo Lake Bible Camp** eagerly shared about their summer.

“We had a total of 409 campers in our ten camp sessions, 137 of them first timers. 21 children made first time descions at camp this summer!”

“I just got off the phone with Mike Giesbrecht, “Steve continued. “Mike not only serves as our facility manager, but runs the local Awana club in Fort St James. He told me that just last night, a camper from the summer received Christ at the Awana club!”

The summer of ministry at **Hope Bay Bible Camp** continued with a combination of CSSM

camp and partnerships with other ministries.

“We had 248 campers altogether this summer.” Wrote Leah Granger. “52 of those were our kids camps, and amongst that group we had 6 kids commit their lives to the Lord and 13 made commitments.”

The balance of the children came through two weeks of partnership camps with the Nazarene church.

The staff also ministered to over 50 kids helping out with the Extreme Outreach Camp on Vancouver Island.

And, yes, *Amasa Camps* has not come to an end. This spring, Jackie Bolen, a staff member from the previous years took on the challenge of directing one week of Amasa camp at Maple Springs. They had 34 special needs campers! They are already planning next summer’s camp to take place at Okanagan Camp and Retreat Centre in West Bank - a facility more suited to the

special needs of each camper.

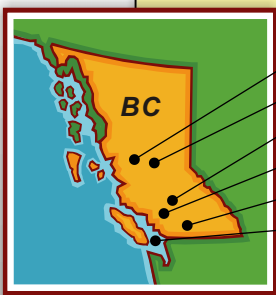
At our *Adventure Day Camps* we saw fruit where we had not seen it before. In our six day camps, one in each town, we had 177 children and 10 that gave their lives to Christ.

Paul Bailey, director at *Ness Lake Bible Camp* gave testimony of God’s goodness to the children of the Prince George area.

“There were 1,810 campers that participated in our 2008 summer program, including 195 at WilderNess and 49 Work Crew campers. We hosted 611 'first timers', and over 1,000 of our registered guests indicated that they have no connection with a local church.

“Over 500 children and teenagers responded to the Gospel, either by making a first time commitment to Christ, or by rededicating their lives or seeking assurance for their faith. *Praise God* for a fruitful summer of ministry!

How Many Campers Did God Send?



Camp	Number of Campers	Responded to Gospel
Echo Lake	409	42
Ness Lake	1810	*500
Clearwater	251	16
Lake of the Trees	365	71
Maple Springs	372	30
Hope Bay	**248	*19
Adventure Day Camps	177	10
Amasa	34	
CSSM BCTOTAL	3666	688

*1st time, assurance, and rededication combined

**196 in partnership with the Nazarene church

God led Him from Ireland to Echo Lake

It was 1994. With a passion for God and an Irish lilt in his speech, he traveled from Ireland to spend a year at Capernwray Bible School on Vancouver Island. But God had other plans for Steve Duncan.



The Ducans with their two children

The following summer, while staying up at Fort St James, Steve was asked to speak at a teens camp at Echo Lake Bible Camp.

“It was my first time ever at a Bible Camp” Steve confessed, “and first time ever as a speaker.”

God then led Steve to marry the love of his life, Jennifer of Fort St. James.

After volunteering at Echo Lake now and then over the next few years, Steve then directed for two summers before the Ducans became full time missionaries with CSSM.

“This was our seventh summer in full time ministry with CSSM” Steve reflected.

Jennifer has also played an important role at Echo Lake, serving as the camp registrar and many other places when the need arises.

God has blessed this couple with two children, Aden (5) and Nia (4), with the promise of a third in the months ahead.

There is no doubt as you hear Steve speak about Echo Lake that his passion for God and these children has only grown over the years.

“This past year we celebrated Echo Lake Bible Camp’s 40 years reaching children for Christ,” Steve



added, “25 years under the direction of the Canadian Sunday School Mission.”

We look forward to getting to know Steve and his family in November when they join us at our Fall Praise Banquet in Abbotsford.

Steve will not only be sharing about what God has done this past summer but also take us on a trip back in time, sharing with us God’s faithfulness at Echo Lake over the last 40 years!

If you are able, please plan on joining us on Saturday November 15th, at the Seven Oaks Alliance Church as we



Campers kayaking at Echo Lake celebrate God’s faithfulness over this past summer.

In addition to hearing from Steve Duncan, we’ll be sharing a presentation report from each of our Bible camps.

There is no charge for this event but please contact Roland McQuade for tickets to confirm your attendance.

Come Enjoy our Fall Praise Banquet

We look forward again this fall to sharing with you what God has done this summer in each of our ministries. Join us in Abbotsford for our CSSM BC Fall Praise Banquet.

Speaker

Steve Ducan
Director at Echo Lake Bible Camp



Music

Mens Trio from Abbotsford

Russ Bayley, Larry Locken, & Jake Neudorf

Place: Seven Oaks Alliance Church
Abbotsford BC

Date: Saturday November 15, 2008

Time: 5:30PM

For Tickets: Call Roland McQuade
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Stepping Down Having Served Well

June 30 marked the date. Having faithfully served as the provincial director of our BC branch for five years, Ervin Bergmann retired as Provincial Director.

These last five years before his retirement, Ervin has diligently taken on joys and challenges that come with this role. With a shepherd's heart, he along with his wife Adina have pastored the missionaries of BC, traveling many miles to reach us all. He has counseled many of us through the challenges and joys we face in each of our unique ministries.

With a heart still eager to pastor others, Erv will continue on in an part time advisory position until the position of director is filled.

Thank you Erv and Adina for your faithful love and service in CSSM.



Ervin and Adina Bergman retire

Faithful Servant Now in Heaven

Another kind of retirement happened this past spring. Joyce Scott, a long time worker and supporter of CSSM, stepped into the presence of the Lord.

She served with the CSSM back in the 1950's and '60's, bringing the message of the Gospel to the children of BC. In later years, she oversaw three CSSM prayer groups in the Greater Vancouver area.

Joyce Scott's passion for the Lord mixed with constant joy was always evident. We will always remember her words of



Joyce shares at Griffin's retirement encouragement and the little notes she would write to build up the missionaries.

We look forward to her smile again at heaven's door.

Full Time Missionary Positions Available

Ness Lake Bible Camp

Camp Director

This position is available immediately. The new Camp Director will work under the direction of the Executive Director (Paul Bailey), and will oversee the daily operation of camp and its various programs. Pray that the right candidate will fill this critical position soon and that they will lead and build a strong team!

Guest Services Manager

Available December 1, 2008. NLBC hosts 100 Guest Groups annually. The GSM will book and invoice all Guest Groups and recruit, train and deploy staff as required to meet or exceed the expectations of our guests. Time will be split between the PG office and camp. Special consideration will be given to applicants with experience in hospitality and marketing.



Helping a Ness Lake camper to climb



BC Provincial Office

Provincial Director

The purpose of this position is to oversee the work of the Canadian Sunday School Mission in British Columbia (under the direction of the Provincial Council), by ensuring the proper functioning of each missionary, ministry and facility while working out the future goals for the work as set out by the Provincial Council.

Please pray with us for the people of God's choosing for these missionary positions. For more detailed job descriptions please see our website www.cssm.ca/bc and look under *Career Positions*.

New National Director for CSSM

It is with great thanksgiving and joy that I can announce to you all that Canadian Sunday School Mission has a new National Director: Scott Kelusky. Thank you to all of you who have been praying for this need.

Our National Executive was unanimous in offering Scott the position of National Director. After considerable time of prayer and consideration, Scott and Ruth accepted the position for Scott as National Director.

Scott and Ruth have extensive experience in Christian camping ministry and with a Christian conference centre. Scott is a strong communicator, a good listener and a leader with a servant attitude. In his past professional life he was a business owner for 16 years, including the operation of a



Scott & Ruth Kelusky CSSM National

Christian bookstore. Scott's first day "on the job" in Winnipeg will be October 27.

Thank you to each of you who prayed faithfully for this need.

From Ferdi van Dongen
Chairman National Council CSSM

CSSM BC Monthly Prayer Guide

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer guide, please contact Roland McQuade at (604)858-5205 or by email rolandmcquade@cssm.ca

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Our Purpose:

To inform our partners in ministry of how the Lord is at work through CSSM Ministries in BC.

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