



Sharing Jesus

Two Very Real Needs



A girl lives in poverty with nine other family members in a housing co-op in Toronto with no stove in their small kitchen. She hasn't seen her dad since she was a baby and her mom shows up randomly for short periods at a time. Thousands more, like her, live in our province.

There is a fly-in reserve of 300 people in North-Western Ontario. It can only be reached by air or on "ice roads" during the winter months. There is no church there. There are many more communities like it across Ontario.

Two very different circumstances, two very real needs; one for basic necessities; the other for the gospel.

As a para-church organization working alongside the local church it is always a blessing to see the church make every effort to meet both physical and spiritual needs.

On the fly-in reserve, a couple of Christian men were working hard to restore the water filtration system when it went down this summer. They were also helping to make sure bottled water was being flown in for the community. One of those men lives on the reserve with his family. They are the only Christians there. That man connected with us and *Transformation Church* in Thunder Bay, to help bring the gospel to the people there.

At the housing co-op, a Christian woman, provided the girl and her family with a stove. This lady attends, and works with, *All Nations Christian Fellowship*. For over twenty years she has been making regular visits to the co-op and running a "Kids church" program. She sends many of those kids to *Camp Good News*®. She is a light in the darkness.

These are just a couple of the life-giving ministry opportunities we have had this summer. They happened because **you prayed**. They happened because **you gave**. **Thank you for your faithfulness.**

As we begin the school year, new ministry opportunities abound. We are launching new *Good News Clubs*®; training more children's workers; planning for growth in our camp ministry; and trying new ventures to better support the local church in reaching boys and girls with the gospel.

None of this happens without you.

Would you continue to pray for the ministry and for God to lead us? 2019 has been a financially challenging year and unless God intervenes, as He often does, it could significantly reduce our ability to continue these ministry opportunities.

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Provincial Director

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." - Ephesians 3:20 NLT

Flying for New Ministry

By David Guyatt, Area Teams Director



In February I met a man that had come down to Thunder Bay from an isolated native community called Marten Falls.

It is a fly-in reserve with a population of 300. He told me that he and his family were the only Christians in Marten Falls and that there was no local church there.

He excitedly accepted the offer of having a team of CEF summer missionaries fly into his community to run a day camp this summer. From July 29-August 4, a team of *Christian Youth In Action*®, myself, and two others from *Transformation Church* in Thunder Bay (Pastor Gene and Jeremy) ran a day camp and two church services.

The first thing you notice walking around are all the broken-down vehicles that have been left behind because it is so difficult to get them out. Many of the houses are empty and it costs \$5 to buy 5 bananas. On top of that, the water filtration system for the community was broken for most of the week we were there and bottled water had to be flown in. The community is in such need!

Nonetheless, the people there were incredibly friendly and excited about us running the day camp. One boy, Daniel, was in my small group one day and we were talking about things we could pray for when we get worried. I watched him as he seemed to have an “Aha moment” and said “I can pray that my mom stops drinking!” God is showing these kids that He is the answer. In total, we had 21 children attend the day camp (which is most of the kids in Marten Falls).

Please pray as we continue to work alongside *Transformation Church* to see how we can help with ongoing ministry in Marten Falls.

“I learned that God’s doesn’t look at the outside. He looks at the heart.” – Eric

Summer Ministry Update

By David Pinkerton, Summer Director



Summer 2019 was challenging but it was a summer that saw God’s hand of blessing in some dramatic ways: our Junior *CYIA*® program doubled from two young people to four. They blessed us by their enthusiasm and willingness to go beyond what was

expected of them. As a result of our Fundraiser Breakfast in Thunder Bay, Hannah and Darren were challenged to serve with us this summer. Mariana, Gabe, Estella, Heather, Yvette and Emily, *CEFOntario* staff members, took up the challenge to teach this summer, thus allowing us to work alongside more churches. New churches partnering with us this year were *Norwich Baptist*, *The Church of the Messiah* (Ottawa), *Beckwith Baptist* (Carleton Place), *The Gathering House* (Chesterville) and *Camp Cherith* (Lanark).

What a privilege to be able to reach over 1634 children this summer through many clubs and Vacation Bible Schools. To be able to partner with many pastors and volunteers throughout Ontario who have a passion to reach kids with the Gospel and see them mature in their walk with the Lord is truly a blessing.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making summer 2019 happen. We really appreciate all you did.



Marten Falls Team



Outward Expression, Inward Change

By Joshua McGuire, Frontline Ministries Director



Our camp theme this year was “Heart Check” and we encouraged children to take an inward look, and to live for Christ in a way that is genuine and not about putting on a show.

We were amazed by how we saw God using His word in the lives’ of children. One evening, a staff member came to us concerned about one of our older campers.

“Nathan is acting really strange,” he said to us. “He’s just staring off into the distance and won’t respond to me when I’m talking to him. I*

wonder if he might be sick.” Shortly after this, we discovered Nathan wasn’t sick. “I’m just really feeling the weight of all my sin,” he told his leader.

We were all a little shocked- we didn’t know of anything that had brought this on, and we’d never heard a kid say something like this before! As we continued to work with Nathan over the coming weeks in our Leaders in Training program, it was clear that God was doing something in his heart. Just as clear was the struggle that was going on inside of Nathan - while he desired to follow God, old ways of living were pulling him back to the sin that he knew was wrong.

Would you pray with us for Nathan? Pray that God would continue to give us opportunities to speak truth to him and to encourage him, and that God would give him the strength to follow Christ!

*Not child’s real name

“I learned that holy means God is different and is set apart from everything” – Noah

Emma was reassured of her faith and said to her sister, “I believe in Jesus, do you?” Emma was being a missionary and she is only 6!



2019 Stats

29
Christian Youth
In Action®
Served

50
Clubs & VBS Hosted

1634
Children Attended

595
Unchurched
Attended

135
COUNSELLED FOR SALVATION!

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP OF ONTARIO
2019



Shout it from the Mountain Top



"I get here and there are 26 other youth who are passionate about serving God and love God... that [in] itself is an experience... My only regret by the end of it is, why I didn't join this program sooner." - **Shawn CYIA**



"When I came here I had very little passion for God. I wanted to follow Him but I wasn't too enthusiastic about it. But after coming to CEF and seeing all the people here and witnessing how Christ has affected their lives and the children's' lives, and how children can learn about God.... It really helped me to grow as a person and a Christian. I really enjoyed my time here even if it wasn't always easy." - **James CYIA**



"My relationship with God has been revived again. Especially seeing all the other teens here from everywhere [all] over Ontario, going out and doing the same missions work all over Ontario reaching thousands of kids."
- **Hannah CYIA**



"It was amazing seeing these kids accept Jesus into their lives. I will never forget the joy and excitement of the kids and I thank God so much for showing us His greatness."
- **Lilly CYIA**

Announcements



Happy "Retirement" Helen!

A special thanks to Helen Rietberg, who retired this summer, for her 9 years of faithful service at CEF Ontario. We already miss you but we hope to see lots of you still.

Thank you!

Our Camp and Conference Centre looks so much better! There are so many people to thank for their contributions to making it that way. So many people volunteered their time and gifts to make this happen. Everyone who sees the building is blown away by how much better the hall looks!

We can't thank everyone by name but we pray you all know how much of a difference your contribution and time is making.

Advisors with Purpose Donor Information Call

On Sept 26 at 3:00pm, *Advisors with Purpose*, will be hosting an information call. This is a great opportunity to learn more about estate planning or to have any questions you may have answered about this free service.

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