

Pine Ridge

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WINTER 2019/20



## POWERED BY PRAYER

BY TABITHA WAHLSTROM, *PRBC Camp Director*

**G**OD HAS BLESSED US with another summer of camp craziness and amazing opportunities! This summer we were a little smaller overall in our camper numbers, but God was at work in the lives of the 215 campers who came throughout the six weeks. Our speakers shared from 1 John 5:4-5 how, when our identity is found in Jesus Christ, we have the power to live as an 'Overcomer' — because He is the ultimate 'Overcomer.'

We are not only thankful for our speakers and summer staff, but each

summer we are thankful for those who stand behind us in prayer! Your prayer support backed our speakers as they shared God's Word twice a day in truth and power and love. Your prayers echoed the plea that God's truth will not return empty, but will impact the hearts of these young lives for eternity. Your prayers empowered staff to answer questions regarding faith and sin and life. They empowered staff to continue on through exhaustion and sickness and tough days. Your prayers enabled us to continue on in Jesus' name, by His



power, and for His glory. We thank you for the amazing way that you partnered with us through prayer!

Let me share some highlights in my summer and the results of your partnership with us:

Our desire has been to see our campers returning as summer staff, and for the last several summers we have seen this happening more and more. This summer we had the joy of working with 11 campers who returned in various staff roles through the summer (plus many younger ones who came as LITes)! What an amazing reminder that God is faithful to accomplish the work that He begins! What an amazing answer to prayer! We thank God for the work that He is doing and we pray for protection for all of our staff as they continue to navigate life in a world that will do it's best to pull them away from Him.

A story that has stayed in my mind is a young girl who arrived as a camper one week this summer. Right from the start she pulled away from people, ran off from her cabin leaders, and would often refuse to leave the cabin. As the week went on

she would threaten to suffocate herself or harm herself when she didn't like what her cabin leaders had asked her to do. Past the defiance there was a hurting young girl — but she wouldn't let us in. What goes on in the life of a nine-year-old to make them think to threaten self-harm? We never did hear anything specific from her, but I did learn some from her brother — and it broke my heart. The last night of the week her leader came to find me again — this young girl was crying hysterically in the cabin and scaring the other girls. She was curled in a ball on the floor rocking and banging her head. As I knelt holding her in my arms and praying God's protection over her, she went from stiff and hysterical to limp and weeping. I do not know all that this broken heart has been through — only that she no longer lives in that situation — but I know that only God can bring healing in her young life. This is why your prayers are not only appreciated, but absolutely vital, both during summer and year round for these children.

**ON BEHALF OF PINE RIDGE BIBLE CAMP  
— THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP  
WITH US!** 🌲



**2019 LITe program**



## The Story of Noah

**W**E ARE EXCITED to welcome **NOAH WAHLSTROM** into Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (NCEM), and more specifically onto the team at Pine Ridge Bible Camp! Noah is no stranger to either as he grew up as an MK in NCEM and has spent many summers volunteering at PRBC. For the last three summers at Pine Ridge, Noah has been co-leading the LITe (Leader in Training) program for young staff ages 13-15.

In August Noah was accepted as a new career missionary candidate with NCEM! His roles will include flying for ministry trips with NCEM's aviation department as well as continued involvement at Pine Ridge. This winter Noah will continue in his maintenance position at Nipawin Bible College, while he focuses on building his financial support team with NCEM and continues his training in aviation. Lord willing, by spring Noah will have a strong support team both in prayer and financially and we will see him back at PRBC for the summer!

We have had the privilege of seeing Noah's heart for the teens at PRBC growing over the years. We'd love for you to catch a glimpse of how God is leading him as well. Introducing Noah Wahlstrom:

*The ages around 13 are a tough time frame for many young people as they are beginning to look outside the home for cultural input, affirmation, and acceptance (though these things are still vital in the home as well). When I started working at Pine Ridge in my early teen years with a friend, the nickname "stamper" was sometimes used by a few of the older staff for us as a description for those who were transitioning from campers to staff. As 'stampers' we mopped floors, cleaned out-houses, helped with odd projects, occasionally helped in the kitchen, and got to join for one swim time and evening games. God worked in my life through some of the older camp staff who kinda took my friend and I under their wings during our early teen years. This is now*



the privilege that I have: to build friendships that enable me to walk with former campers, and other young people who join us, as we grow closer to God and improve in our leadership skills together.

Pine Ridge started an official LITe (Leader in Training) program four years ago. Our LITe program may be different than most in how it works and who comes, but we love LITes and the people who help lead the program. To be honest, I still wonder sometimes who learns more – the LITes or the LITe leaders. But either way, the glory goes to God. You know, when I started helping at camp over ten years ago, I never thought that I would be in the place God has brought me to today. Reflecting on the years, God used my time at Pine Ridge – mostly the relationships formed with other staff – in my life in many ways. Among other things, He is developing passion for Himself. He is also helping me to see that I can be part of building His kingdom, despite my weaknesses and imperfection. For the last three years of co-leading the LITe program at Pine Ridge, I have been part of building relationships with young people while teaching (or mentoring) in leadership and how to use their God given abilities to serve others and to lead. But the most important part of leadership is learning to follow the Good Shepherd. As we follow His leadership and teaching we will learn to lead as He did.

A few highlights for me this summer would include seeing two of our LITes ask Jesus to be Lord and Savior of their lives, and knowing that He will walk with them as Father and friend (I still nearly shed tears of joy when I think of their joy and stories). The other times would include a few discussions with the guys and the times they would either open up and share what was going on in their lives, or ask question after question about life or faith. Another highlight that came later, though not directly during the LITe program this summer, was a young staff who surprised me with questions about churches after the summer came to a close. Now, as I wrap up, I pray we will look to this winter with the desire to proclaim His name, and to live by His power and for His glory." — NOAH

If you would like to be part of Noah's support team — financially and in prayer — talk to Noah or contact NCEM headquarters to find out how (see contact info below). Here is how you can pray for Noah:

- For wisdom in balancing his maintenance work at Nipawin Bible College, his aviation studies, and building his support team for NCEM.
- For a solid support team to back him as he pursues increased ministry with NCEM, especially after this school year.
- For direction and opportunities as he plans to serve with NCEM both in the aviation department and at Pine Ridge Bible Camp.

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# DINING HALL/CHAPEL PROJECT UPDATE

*Currently we have over **\$162,000.00** in our new Dining Hall / Chapel Project Fund.*

Now that camp is over, we are back to working on finalizing plans and finding a contractor. Lord willing we will be breaking ground as soon as the frost comes up in spring of 2020!

Your prayers and financial donations are helping this project move closer to becoming a reality! 🌿



# TEEN CAMP RE-ENERGIZER

October 4-6, 2019  
by MARCIE KLASSEN

This was my first time at a Re-Energizer so I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. It was a lot different from summer camp because we just had some of the teens from Teen Camp and the LITes (Leaders in Training) come back for a weekend of fun, worship, good food and reconnecting with friends.

I love how it was a small group because then it feels more "family" like and you can connect on a more personal level. It was an awesome weekend. We all had lots of good laughs, good food and an awesome time listening to the speaker.

One of my favorite things about Pine Ridge is how everybody can just reconnect and kind of pick up right where they left off. It's such a safe and happy place for everyone. It was an awesome weekend and I hope there will be many more like it! 🌿



# WAYS to be INVOLVED

## PRAY!

- **Praise** God for each camper who came this summer and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and how they can be an Overcomer in Him!
- **Praise** God for several of our campers and LITes (Leaders in Training) who put their trust in Christ this summer for salvation! **Pray** for their protection as they begin their life with Christ — very few of them have Biblical support at home.
- Thank God for the staff who gave of their time this summer. **Pray** that they will continue to seek God each day through the year and live as Overcomers in Him.
- **Pray** that things will fall into place for the new Dining Hall/Chapel this winter so that we will be able to begin building in the spring.

## VOLUNTEER!

There are always projects that can be done year-round and we appreciate all who donate their time and skills to get these jobs done! Contact us to see what projects are on the go next!

## GIVE!

- To the new Dining Hall/Chapel project
- To our General Fund
- Towards an item on our wish list ([PineRidgeBibleCamp.ca/get-involved/wish list](http://PineRidgeBibleCamp.ca/get-involved/wish-list))

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