



LAMP

Taking the light of Christ to the ends of the earth

Every prayer answered...in amazing ways!

by Jeanne Johnson, Volunteer Missionary for KI (Big Trout Lake) and Wapekeka, Ontario

Every year when the Omaha team goes to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) (Big Trout Lake), Ontario, we expect God to be with us, to provide for us, to answer our prayers. We have found God to always faithfully work everything out in His ways for His glory. This year, though, God's answers to our prayers were amazing—more than we have ever experienced in our 16 years of serving with LAMP.

During our two-day drive from Omaha, Nebraska to Sioux Lookout in

Ontario, the seven of us encountered some car problems but no sickness, chronic pain or discord. We excitedly looked forward to what God was going to do with us and through us in KI.

No sooner had we arrived at the hotel in Sioux Lookout than we received a call from Pastor-Pilot Dennis Ouellette. He explained that a team of five were on their way to Sioux Lookout as well, planning to teach at another Ontario community, but that the community was unable to house them. Would we consider allowing them to join us?

Wait a minute God. We had just been talking about how our team was getting along, anticipating working together famously. So, we prayed. Even without praying, we knew God was asking us to give up our selfish ways for His ways. We told Dennis we would be able to have the other team join us. (Those of you familiar with a mission trip can just imagine the logistical nightmare of adding five strangers—another team leader and members who had their week planned out—to a mission.)

In a truly miraculous way, God worked it all out including little things, such as our five “extra” devotion booklets brought with us and five “extra” seats available at the last minute on the airline (our team rarely flies together on the same flight).



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Prayer answered, continued

I can't begin to list all of the blessings the team members and the people of KI received due to God's plan of sending a team of twelve (think disciples). Some miracles in the community were:

- Provision of a passenger van for us.
- Internet connection for the first time ever (very helpful since the kids and many

adults in the community communicate by text or Instant Message).

- Offer of two other places to sleep or use during the week.
- Provision of paid workers to help with VBS.
- So many wanted to help that we had to turn people down.

Our Bible Camp was truly amazing! With our team of twelve, we had teachers and

leaders who were able and willing to go above and beyond all that we could have imagined and do more than we could have ever hoped for. There was more energy for VBS as well as more energy for ministry with the many friends who stopped by in the evenings. So much more is possible with a team of twelve. God knew exactly what we needed!

Living out our mission

Serving for a week of your time in the North can make such a huge difference, both in your life and theirs.



WOLLASTON - A message from a friend in this northern Saskatchewan community was received, which said that her kids woke up excited in the morning because it was only ONE MORE SLEEP until they (the LAMP mission team) come back! The mother of these children wrote: "I am so grateful for everything you and your group do for our children and the community."

*Volunteer Missionary and LAMP CFO
Darrel Buchholtz*

NORWAY HOUSE and SHAMATTAWA - The LAMP teams from Fergus Falls, MN, returned safely home. We give all praise and glory to God for an amazing week at both locations. A special thanks to our prayer warriors who lifted us up to the Lord. Many seeds were planted, and we pray for growth and nourishment so that in due season, faith blooms beautifully in these communities!

Volunteer Missionary Lori Dawkins



It has been a year of mechanical problems and bad weather, but the Lord is faithful! Ontario and Manitoba have temporarily lost two of our key tools for the majority of our summer ministry—our planes. Dennis, Andrew and myself are making contingency plans upon contingency plans, and we have been able to get where we needed to be although it took considerably more time, thousands of additional kms on the road and a number of commercial flights. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

Missionary Staff Gordon Gilbey

KINGFISHER LAKE - We are teaching VBS in a First Nations community of about 400 people, 200 miles from the nearest major city with roads/airport, Sioux Lookout. It is only accessible by air in the summer and 18 hours of slow ice roads in the winter.



We attended their Oji-Cree service. Everything was spoken in Oji-Cree with the exception of Scripture readings, and the sermon was spoken in both Oji-Cree and English. It was very moving and had me thinking deeply about "let the little children come to

me..." (Matthew 19:14). When my children were little, I often wondered what they could understand of the service, if it had meaning for them. Today, I was like that child, not understanding the words spoken, but understanding the love and faith being shown/felt. The sermon was strong, and impactful. I was moved to some tears at the end. It was an amazing two hours.

*Kingfisher Lake Volunteer Missionary
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HALL LAKE - What an awesome week in Hall Lake! My heart is filled with joy as I see God working in so many ways in our community. One of my first VBS students from 2008 brought her son to Bible camp this week. *Taste and See that the Lord is good* (Psalm 34:8) was the theme for our Ladies Night with crockpot appetizers along with God's Word for the main course. The annual clothing drive was an opportunity to catch up with old friends we have made over the years. Crazy Kraft night was just like it sounds....crazy. Former students and parents are working with us. Thanks be to God for this amazing opportunity to serve Him in this community!

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LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS - Thankfully, almost the entire northern community of Little Grand Rapids was spared damage from the devastating fire in May. Although the fires burnt the power lines, everything is working again, and the residents all have returned. LAMP's VBS was a welcome activity for the approximately 50 enthusiastic children attending, who had gone through a traumatic evacuation. This is the twelfth year serving in the community for the team.

Pastor-pilot Dennis Ouellette





God is calling...is He calling you?

Indigenous communities in the North are asking us to come and teach their children about Jesus, but

we need your help!

LAMP is seeking short-term missionaries to serve in northern Canada.

If God has placed a call for missions on your heart, please call **1-800-307-4036 ext 1** or email **shelly@lampministry.org**.

Come, grow with us!

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