

Pine Ridge



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TRULY A GREAT FRIEND

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It has been a great privilege to serve under Tabitha for many years, and since Jan 2025 it has been no different. With me stepping into the directors' roll, having Tabitha serving with me faithfully side by side in spirit, even though miles apart, has been a great blessing. Her on going encouragement and wisdom is something that brings me much comfort and joy over the past months. She is truly a great friend and mentor that I cherish to have in my corner. Words can not express my gratefulness and thankfulness for all that she has done. Inside are her words as her time with NCEM comes to an end.

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Miss you and Thank you

Where to start – I don't even know. These last 10 years have been an incredible journey and I am so thankful for God's faithfulness in it all! When I started directing at PRBC in the spring of 2015 I had no idea of the opportunities I would have, the skills I would learn or the challenges I would face. I had no way of knowing how God would show up time and time again in every situation – no matter how bright or dark it was. I could not have guessed the places I would go, the people I would meet and the friends I would make. I also could not have foreseen the incredible pain and loneliness that seems to be the price of leadership and decision making. But I also would not have known

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the depth of God's faithfulness and goodness, or learned how He created me with such a beautiful and specific gifting and set me in the perfect place to serve how He designed me to.

The last 10 years of serving in the role of Camp Director have been anything but easy. They have taken their toll on my physical, mental and emotional health. After my sabbatical in winter of 2024 I knew I would need to step out at some

point soon to allow myself to heal and recover. But the decision to step out of camp directing did not come easily or quickly. In fact, it has

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been a very difficult decision since I love PRBC and my team here very, very much. I have had the joy of watching young people come to serve here at camp – some stay for a week and some come back for months or years. This is what I will miss the most – watching them as God opens their hearts to who He has made them to be and how He wants to use them. There is no way to wrap up my years at camp in such a short space. I love our kids, our summer staff and my camp team.

I will miss the beauty of the seasons here. I will miss the laughter of campers. I will miss watching our kids returning as LITs, staff and even interns. I will miss having our summer staff drop by my office – sometimes with laughter and sometimes in tears. I will miss the prayer times and crazy adventures with my team. I will miss Bruce & Rosella – they are like family. I will miss our interns and how they bring life and personality to our team. I may be stepping

away from Pine Ridge physically for awhile, but my years here have shaped who I am today and Pine Ridge will always have a piece of my heart.

I am so thankful that Bruce was willing to step in as interim Camp Director when I stepped out at the end of December, 2024. I was thankful to have the opportunity to stay involved as a resource to Bruce until August 31, 2025 – to help with staffing and try to pass on information since there is a lot in my head that hasn't made it to paper. Although this summer was anything but normal with the forest fires – but that is a whole story in itself.

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In among all the change of transitioning from camp, God brought Myles into my life and gave me an amazing life to transition into. I moved to MB in January and we celebrated our wedding on a beautiful sunny May day with so many family and friends! God's timing is so incredible!

As the end of August came closer, I struggled so much with knowing my official role with camp would be coming to a close. I am not



ready to be completely finished at PRBC – it is so ingrained in who I am and I love the north and our kids – especially our campers who have returned as LITs and staff. Even though my official time is completed for now, I will stay connected and be available to help how and where I can. One thing that God has wired into me is a passion to see our young people know Him more and know who He created them to be. Whether this is seen through helping at PRBC, staying connected long distance with some of our LITs, or new opportunities that God brings here in MB, I know that God

will continue to work through my life to disciple others if I am open to the opportunities He brings.

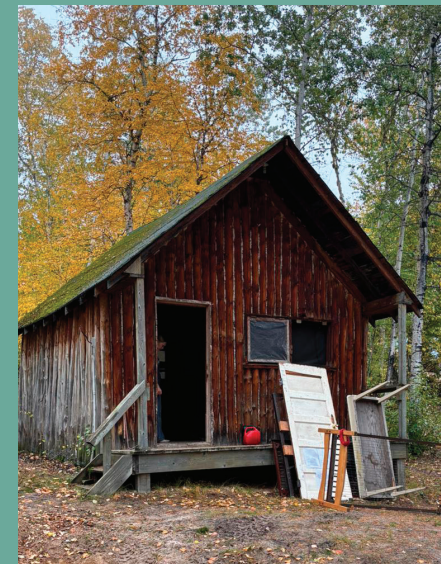
I once again want to thank you for your involvement in PRBC over the years and your prayers for the camp and for myself and our team. I thank you that you will continue to be involved in the lives of our campers through your prayers, financial support and help serving as summer staff or with the many work projects.

~ Tabitha Suderman



New Cabin

After 54 years, our oldest cabin here at Pine Ridge Bible Camp is scheduled to get replaced starting this Fall. Construction on the new cabin is already underway as we start with a new foundation. The cabin is expected to be finished by spring of 2026. If you, or someone you know would like to help in the fundraising part or the building part of the new cabin, please contact Bruce McCaskell @ 306-288-2136 or at bruce.mccaskell@ncem.ca



Fall Weekend Camps!



Summer 2025:

Psalm 29:11 "The Lord gives his people strength. The lord blesses them with Peace.

It's amazing to know that we serve a God who knows the very situation we face, and for PRBC it was a summer of much uncertainty. We started off the camp season much like any other summer, with our Teen Camp. As staff traveled from across the country in preparation for a week of camp, the campers started to arrive at camp on July 7. The excitement on both the campers and the staff alike rose to the point where everyone was ready to have a great time. As our week went on, I was sure to keep an eye to keep an eye on the NASA radar system to make sure that the campers and staff were always safe from the growing forest fires in the area. As we came up to mid-week tuck time, the forest prevention guys drove into the camp to let us know that we were on an evacuation notice. At this point we were in no immediate danger, but they wanted to warn us of the dangers of a new fire in the area that was moving towards us. With west winds picking up and blowing the new fire directly towards us, it didn't take long for the call to come in to say that we needed to start the evacuation process. After all, said and done, we had all the campers evacuated in about two hours minus the group that had to go to Green Lake by our camp van later that night.

Throughout all of this we could see the hand of God at work! God was truly working through the whole evacuation process as we were busy calling parents and guardians to come and pick up their child.

This was the start of 5 ½ weeks of fierce prayer right around the province, and even the country as we the core team were displaced from Alberta to Manitoba waiting to see if there was a chance to get back into camp maybe for one more week.

As time ticked on we could tell that the chance of getting back into the camp became slimmer and eventually to nothing as we cancelled the last week of summer camp for 2025.

God through all of this, taught us that we must be patient for his perfect timing and that even through all this, his work was still being done even if we didn't have camp.

Once things slowly started to settle down at the camp, the core team started to make their way back to camp. When you come down the driveway you will reach a point where everything is burnt and there is much devastation, but once you reach the camp it looks like nothing ever happened. The fire came within 10 feet of our house but then suddenly stopped. God through his mercy saved the camp from any harm and what a privilege to continue his work as we go into this fall season.



Fall 2025:

One of the ways we decided to connect with our campers after a summer of No camp was to host Fall Weekend Camps. Throughout the months of September and October we had the opportunity to host four fall weekend camps.

Sept 26-28, 2025 (ages 8-12)

October 3-5, 2025 (ages 13-17)

October 17-19, 2025 (ages 8-12)

October 24-26, 2025 (ages 12-14)

What an opportunity to connect with the youth in this manner. Making such great connections with the campers and having the experience to share the Gospel with them was truly a highlight after missing out on the experience this past summer.



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