



TRUST IN YOU

BY TABITHA WAHLSTROM, *PRBC Camp Director*

A FEW MONTHS AGO we were going full steam ahead planning for a normal summer of camp. As you all know, a virus interrupted our lives and brought “normal” and “plans” to a halt pretty quickly. Short version — the last few months we watched things unfold, hoping and praying that camp would still be able to happen this summer. Unfortunately, with all the restrictions still in place, we have had to make the decision not to run camp this summer.

This has been an incredibly hard decision to make, but it is the necessary

one at this time. Social distancing does not happen very well when the whole concept of camp is built on healthy relationships and interactions.

I’m not sure if you’ve had this feeling in the last few months — that everything you’ve known, planned for and poured your life into is suddenly pulled out from under you like a carpet. And when you hit the ground, you hit it hard and it hurts.

I want to share part of a song that God used to really speak to me recently. Several weeks ago, I was struggling again with being responsible for a camp that ►

I could not even physically get to. We had already cancelled summer camps. We were planning to at least go ahead and take this time to build the new dining hall. Then the virus closed off the northwest of our province and we could not begin construction or even get up to the camp. Many of you can probably identify with having uncertainties, fears, anxieties and worries with all the unknowns in the last few months. This is the song that God brought to my attention:

*Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see*

*I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight
No matter what I face, You're by my side*

*Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So, in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less*

*Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood*

*When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through*

*When You don't give the answers
as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust,
I will trust in You!*

— *Trust in You* BY LAUREN DAIGLE


This was my prayer that day and in the weeks since. Pine Ridge is God's camp and He is the One who holds it. He knows His plans for this summer and has opened the way and brought details together to build — all in His timing.

Looking at the construction now, I know that God's timing was good in all this. I don't know how we thought that we could hold camp and build a dining hall at the same time. My prayer is that His purposes will continue to be seen through this camp and this building and that all glory will go to God and God alone. 🌿



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

FOLLOW THE BUILDING PROGRESS AT:

-  [PRBCDiningHall.NCEM](https://www.facebook.com/PRBCDiningHall.NCEM)
- [Blog: PineRidgeBibleCamp.ca/blog](https://blog.pineridgebiblecamp.ca/blog)
- [Email: Ask to be added to our bi-weekly email update list](#)

WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY and goodness and we thank you for your prayers! After not being able to get into the camp for several weeks, due to the virus closing off Northern Saskatchewan, we were very grateful when God opened the way for us to once again drive up to PRBC!


Progress on the new dining hall went from almost a dead stop to top gear overnight, when we were able to drive up to camp and meet with Calvin (our foundation contractor) on June 5. After looking at options for getting construction trucks up our sandy drive, we decided the simplest would be to stick with the drive we have and fix the last hill. Calvin has connections with a road expert in Big River, and the next thing you know we had arranged for trucks to come with clay/crushed rock mix for our drive. On June 8 the trucks arrived, and by the end of the day the last hill on the drive was no longer a hazard for cement and lumber trucks (or any other vehicle)!

The next weekend was spent clearing the remaining trees from the building site and knocking branches back from our drive to widen it for the trucks coming through. We are super thankful to those who came out to help with the clearing!

On June 23 we held our groundbreaking event, and on June 29 Calvin came in to start construction! By Monday night there was a pretty good-sized hole in the side of the hill, and by the end of the first week the ICF forms were up for the foundation and lower level walls! On July 10, just 12 days after starting, the foundation was completed! It is exciting to see progress continue – our general contractor arrived July 22, and as this newsletter goes out we are seeing the building take shape!

WHERE ARE WE AT:

- *Currently we have raised just over \$230,000.00.*
- *The total needed to get the building winterized is approx. \$296,000.00.*
- *Our estimated complete cost is between \$500,000.00 – 750,000.00 (we are working to get a more accurate complete total). Lord willing, we will continue building through the winter as funds come in.*

- **EXCITING NOTE!** – *An anonymous donor has agreed to match any future donations that come in for the New Dining Hall / Chapel (from July 2020 forward), up to a total of \$150,000.* 

Online Connections

AS MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD, this summer is going to look completely different from our normal summer camps. There is nothing that can replace the in-person connection of having campers and staff all together sharing life for a week. But, thankfully there are many online options that we can use to stay connected, as best we can, during this season of social distancing.

You met Marcie Klassen in our last PLANK and we are so blessed to have her here! Although her internship looks completely different than what she originally signed up for, Marcie has been

a trooper through all the changes. We are so thankful that she has taken on the area of social media in order to stay connected with our campers, LITs and staff!

While learning social media on the fly, Marcie has been doing an excellent job in building and expanding our Facebook (PRBC.NCEM) and Instagram (PineRidgeBibleCamp) pages to keep fun activities, devotionals, competitions and much more online for our campers and LITs.

I recently heard someone say that, “the Holy Spirit is not social distancing.”

As we figure out how to do ministry differently, it is encouraging to know that God has not changed. He is still working very closely and individually in people’s lives. As camp ministry changes this summer, the heart of the ministry remains the same — to share God’s truth and love with young people and to disciple young people in their walk with God.

This summer, Marcie will be joined by Katy Hallgrimson, and hopefully a few of our local staff, as they work together to continue online camp programming! 🌿



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM MARCIE

To all you PRBC staff out there (you know who you are ;) – I am looking for short video devotionals by various staff to post online for our campers! Take this opportunity to stay connected this summer!

Introducing Katy...

MY NAME IS KATY HALLGRIMSON. I’m very grateful for the opportunity to spend time at Pine Ridge Bible Camp this summer.

I have had the privilege of being involved in camp ministry in the past and know just how amazing it can be. There is something very significant about being in a beautiful part of creation with a community of people who are focused on making Christ known.

I am currently enrolled in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan and have a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Briercrest College and Seminary. I enjoy studying God’s Word and helping disciple others. I enjoy writing, gardening and reading (especially *The Lord of the Rings*)! 🌿





GROUNDBREAKING EVENT

JUNE 23 WAS A VERY EXCITING DAY at Pine Ridge Bible Camp! Although there had been forecasts for rain in the area, the day dawned bright and clear — a perfectly beautiful day for a Groundbreaking Event for the new Dining Hall/Chapel building!

We would have loved to have sent an open invitation to all. However, due to COVID restrictions, we were limited in how many people we were able to invite. So instead, we did the next best thing and filmed the event so that you can join in from your own home! (You can find the links on Facebook at [PRBCDiningHall.NCEM](#) and on our blog at [PineRidgeBibleCamp.ca/blog](#)).

We were blessed to have Jonathan (NCEM camp coordinator) and the NCEM executive join us and share their support of the new building. Tony Kusch (our camp committee chairman from Buffalo Narrows)

prayed, dedicating the new building to the Lord. It was a special moment when Gilbert and Tony turned soil in the new building site!

We are super thankful to all who have been praying/encouraging/supporting this project. Also, thankful to NCEM leadership for their backing and encouragement in seeing the dining hall built, and to our camp advisory committee for their prayers and input.

Above all we give glory to God. Without Him none of this would be possible. This building project is beyond our strength, abilities and resources in so many ways and yet God has worked out so many details to make a dream become a reality. 🌲



IN BY HIS NAME
FOR HIS POWER
GLORY



Marcie's first thought when she saw the size of the tank, "If that landed on top of someone ..."



Septic tank going in.



Smooth Rock Construction did a fantastic job!



Three hooligans filming a skit for our online summer program.



Foundation finished – Day 12.

Follow the exciting progress on our blog:
www.pineridgebiblecamp.ca/blog





- ☐ ***I would love to keep up with PRBC news! Please add me to your bi-weekly email update list.***

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- ☐ ***I intend to give a monthly donation of \$ _____.***
- ☐ ***I would like to be a part of the New Dining Hall / Chapel Building Project by giving a donation of \$ _____ or a monthly pledge of \$ _____.***

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Cheques should be made payable to NCEM and mailed with this slip to:
NCEM, PO Box 3030 Prince Albert SK S6V 7V4. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued.

If more funds come in than are needed for designated projects, the extra funds will be used for other PRBC needs.

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WAYS to be INVOLVED

PRAY!

- We appreciate your prayer for creativity and wisdom for Marcie and the team as they stay connected with campers using social media.
- For our campers, LITs and staff – that they will seek God and draw close to Him this summer.
- For continued provision for the New Dining Hall / Chapel building project.
- For continued wisdom in the many details that still need to fall into place for the building.
- For protection for our contractors and those who come help with the building project.

VOLUNTEER!

We would love to have volunteers, both for the building and for various other work projects this summer!

If you would like to come volunteer, contact us and let us know your area of expertise! This will help us in coordinating with our contractor and bringing people in at the right times.

GIVE!

- Towards the New Dining Hall / Chapel building project
- Towards our General Fund

CONTACT US!

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