



**Our Vision:**

To Love the people of Niverville and beyond through participating in the movement of God's love toward people.

## NCF has a New Logo

Our recent church survey included an opportunity to choose between two logos in an effort to find one that would best represent our congregation and values, as well as a logo that would be unique to NCF. The Media & Communications committee is happy to announce that the heart/cross option received the most votes in the survey and will be the new NCF logo!

Over the next number of weeks and months we will be updating our current print and media materials with the this new look.

**Thank you for your participation in the survey!**



*David Ward,*  
Program Director

We at Youth for Christ in Niverville are in a season of examining who we are and what we do; clarifying our vision and laying in a course for the coming years. We've distilled our mission into a catchy phrase, which will be presented now for your edification and pleasure: "Love in practical ways for meaningful change." It is our goal to show the youth of our community the life-changing message of Jesus Christ through a love that meets them where they are at and provides for what they truly need.



As the program director of our drop-in center, I aim to develop and run programming that is conducive to meeting those needs in a relational context. We have a lofty goal; our community is filled with all sorts of young people who need investment. If you have ideas as to how we can forge relationships and love more of the youth of our town, or would

like to get involved in what we are doing, or would just like to hear more about what we do, I would love to hear from you. My email is [dave.ward.inc@gmail.com](mailto:dave.ward.inc@gmail.com), or feel free to call me at the drop-in, 204-388-6827, or simply stop and chat if you see me around.



*YFC Drop-in Evening*

## Pastor's Corner

*Chris Marchand,*  
Lead Pastor



We sat in a circle, all human beings - all seekers. Stepping to the candle, one man lit the wick with shaking, dirty hands. We worshipped together. I've been in the habit of leading Bible study at Siloam every few weeks. The five people that joined me a few weeks ago impacted me in a profound way. At one point, we were reflecting on the life of Jesus. We wondered what Jesus might have been like, had he lived on the streets. One man asked, "I wonder if he'd like looking over his shoulder all the time?" We sat in silence. I asked them, "Is it even possible to love your enemies when you live on the streets?" Sammy said, "I was mugged this week. I only had a few dollars; he took it." As he spoke, I wondered to myself, how can I read these words of Jesus in the presence of a homeless man who's just had his last few dollars stolen from him? His response humbled me. I asked him how he understood these words of Jesus. He said, "I told him after he took my money, I felt sorry for him. He apologized and said maybe he'd try to pay me back. I just decided I wasn't going to hate him." I can't get Sammy's words out of my head and my interaction with him has reminded me, that to be truly missional, I need to humble myself, being open to receive from the people I've come to serve.

Browse through this issue for updates from a few of our missionaries.



## SUMMER CAMP

*Randy Zacharias,  
Elder of Missions*

With the summer season soon upon us we start to turn our thoughts from school and work to time off and vacations. For many children, going to a summer camp is part of their vacation experience and they look forward to making new friends, meeting old friends, having fun, and creating new memories. Much of this excitement is brought on by the wonderful youth and adults who volunteer their time throughout the summer at these camps. When you speak to children about their week at camp, much of what they speak about is who their counsellors were, the personal interactions these counsellors had with their campers, the staff that help run the activities and how awesome they were. And when you talk with the camp volunteers they speak about the children they come in contact with and how these children have an impact on their lives. Camp life and the related experiences are intertwined between the staff and campers. God can use these children, youth, and adults to foster spiritual growth in those who know Him personally and also bring new seekers into a relationship with Jesus.

Camps are always looking for summer staff to help fill the many needs they have. If you are feeling the call from God on your life to help serve in this way I would encourage you to inquire about this wonderful ministry opportunity and to take the plunge and see what God will show you this summer.

# HOPE AFRICA

C O L L E C T I V E

*Mike & Marie-Eve Fast  
fastmission.blogspot.ca*

In planning for our recent Pastors' retreat we went from, "This isn't gonna work" to "Please Lord help us" to "Wow God, this actually really worked!!!"

Our plans for the retreat went from 25 people to 80+ pastors and leaders wanting to attend. We had to find a new location to host our retreat and fundraise money in a very short time. We were blown away by the quick response and generosity of God's people. So Thank You!

What a privilege to join with local church pastors and leaders and spend time worshipping God, hearing from His word and meeting Him in prayer. Our theme for the weekend was "Lead like Jesus." We believe that God used this weekend to grow the partnership of our ministry with the local church and we look forward to witnessing how God will use this unity in the church.

The retreat was meant to start at 5:00 p.m., but transportation can be very difficult for people here, so we [only] ate at 10:00 p.m. when everyone had finally arrived. But pastors were hungry for the Word as well. So even though it was already late, they asked us to proceed with the evening's sessions, which we did. Mike finished the first session at 1:00 a.m.



One pastor Mike spoke to during the retreat had been very suspicious of leadership in general and had decided to come the first night to hear what was spoken, fully expecting to leave the next morning. He shared he was surprised by what he heard and felt very challenged about what it really means to lead like Jesus.

For more details about the retreat visit [fastmission.blogspot.ca](http://fastmission.blogspot.ca).



*Mike & Marie-Eve with local pastor couple who are part of their equipping seminars*

We appreciate your prayers for:

- Continued growth in our partnerships with local pastors and churches
- Continued health in the winter months
- Praise for successful pastor retreat
- Monthly equipping sessions with pastors & leaders



## VISA UPDATE:

The Visas for Mike & Marie-Eve's boys, Raph & Vincent, were recently approved, however Mike's Visa was denied. This means they are unable to leave the country with an option to return for five years. Mike has appealed the decision and they ask us to join in praying for a favourable response for the approval of Mike's Visa in the next month or so.



Scott & Patsy Buhler  
questbr.com



Joy and Wally Krips  
in Bangued Abra, Philippines

The past month has been an exciting one for our team! Besides having the privilege of working with a wide variety of people, we have also made big progress on our camp land.

Carol, our Brazilian missionary, was invited to speak to a group of women. What made it so special for her was the fact that they were all retirees, and she wondered what she, as a young woman, had to offer them. God had a beautiful plan. As Carol lead the women through a prayer walk on a silent, empty beach, God spoke to these women in a meaningful way. Their testimonies were such an encouragement to Carol.

Quest just hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> Men's Retreat called, "Keep Calm and Don't Be Afraid." They talked about stepping out and becoming fishers of men. They were reminded of who Jesus is and what He did, then reflected on who they are and what they can do. Kadu, a first-time camper, told us that taking time out with other men to meditate on God was more than he ever expected. He is a young believer just learning what it means to be a man of God.

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Quest Camp Land

We were thrilled to have two large machines show up on our camp land to clear a large area, preparing for construction. It has been on hold briefly because of rain, but we are grateful for the rain as it helps settle the dirt that was moved around. We had a meeting with a construction company and engineer earlier this month and we are excited to see this project through.

We praise God for Mark and Jessica Redekop from Dalmeny, SK who have accepted God's calling to come and help us put up this first building. They are committing to a 2-year term and plan to be in Brazil later this year.

The next few weeks include our colleagues' return to Canada, an English Day Camp, a training seminar on retreat planning for 3<sup>rd</sup> year Bible College students and speaking at a marriage retreat with 50 couples. We appreciate your prayers greatly!

We have been really busy with ministry in these last two months. We connected with a pastor named Elmer Aceron who recently came up here from Manila to work. I (Wally) started going out with him to do evangelism in one of the barangays here called Bangbangar. There are over 2000 people living in this barangay and no churches. We have been seeing good results from this right from the start. We have started three children's ministries in the different neighbourhoods there and another spin off in Las Paz municipality. Although neither Elmer nor I feel like we are called to children's ministry in particular we do see how God really set up the opportunities for us. After all, Jesus said suffer the little children to come unto me. By doing the ministry to the children we have had the opportunity to also gather youth and to speak and minister to parents. We have started weekly bible studies in two locations in Bangbangar and another in La Paz.

Please pray for these things:

- That we will walk in the Spirit because our flesh is always at hand and we often falter
- For us to be wary of the devil and his schemes for we are in a battle
- For Pastor Elmer Aceron that he will walk in God's anointing
- For God to work in these families that they will come to know the joy of walking with Christ
- For wisdom for us that we know how to lead these people as we ought to lead.

## Niverville VBS

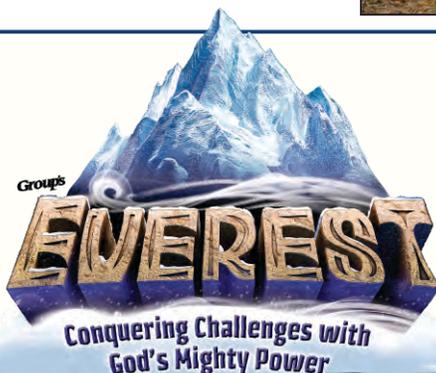
August 10-14, 2015

9:30 a.m. to Noon

Niverville  
Community Fellowship

Register online at:

[www.nivervillevbs.ca](http://www.nivervillevbs.ca)



Wally,  
Joy,  
Adonijah  
&  
Hannah  
Joy



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**

For years, farmers in Manitoba have been helping end global hunger through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Now, people who aren't farmers have a chance to join them through MCC's new Grow Hope campaign.

Each dollar in MCC's account in the Foodgrains Bank can be matched by the government up to 4:1. Imagine every dollar NCF gives turning into as much as \$5!



Foodgrains Bank. When our acre is harvested and the proceeds are matched by the govern-

ment, that amount could turn into as much as \$2500 – money that MCC will use to help people who don't have enough to eat in the developing world.

The money MCC receives from this project will help them respond to emergencies and empower people who face ongoing food insecurity. If they get a thousand acres sponsored, that would provide MCC with as much as \$2.5 million to help end hunger.

MCC offers some great resources to make this project something church members will really get behind. They welcome individual sponsors, but this is also an excellent and powerful campaign for a kids' group, Sunday School class, small group, or for the whole church to do together.

Find out more by visiting [www.mccmanitoba.ca/GrowHope](http://www.mccmanitoba.ca/GrowHope). Here you will find a video featuring local Olympic hero Cindy Klassen. If you have questions or want to sign up, please call MCC at 204-261-6381. They are looking forward to partnering with us in growing hope!



**Here's how we can join in:**

Grant Dyck is willing to donate one acre of land for each acre sponsored through MCC's Grow Hope campaign. When we pay \$300 for the input costs needed to farm an acre of land, Grant will farm that acre and donate the proceeds to MCC's account in the



**Notes from the  
Elder Board**

The Elder board held a planning session in May to review this past year and look forward into next year. By conducting this planning session in late spring we felt we would be in a better position to fulfill our goals when our new programs start in Fall.

**Our theme for the  
2015/16 program year  
will be "Life Together"**

This theme addresses many of the programs we already support (i.e. small groups, youth ministry, children's ministry, PCH services, welcome ministry, and eXplore and More), is a good fit for Pastor Chris' sermons, maintains the focus of integrating new people, and promotes an active ministry.

From this theme we established the following two goals for NCF:

1. Build on the momentum of our welcoming attitude in our desire to show love to all
2. Intentional Spiritual growth through
  - The development of a Discipleship Model
  - Spiritual Gift discernment and development

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"I'm enrolling in seminary college so I can learn about miracles, like how to pay off my student loans."

*Congratulations  
Graduates!*

*From Preschool to University, NCF has a number of graduates this year. Congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the future!*



**VBS Needs  
Adult Volunteers!**



**Sign up Online  
by June 22  
in order to get the necessary  
Safety Policy checks done  
(if not already on file)**