

Jesus wears yellow

When Lisa Long, our Laurentian Section Team Leader saw bright yellow, plastic biodegradable chemical suits (they looked like giant size sleepers with a hood) in the contents of her "rig" she wondered what on earth they'd ever be used for. They were laid aside while everything else was sorted. Over 200 hampers were put together full of food and cleaning supplies and then delivered door to door in Espanola and given to a group of special single Moms that the church in Espanola loves. Every Grade 4 and 5 student in the whole town was given a brand new Science Kit. Every classroom was given Lysol disinfectant handy-wipes and boxes of Kleenex. A freezer was filled with homemade meals and bags of chopped onions and celery for a Mom with MS who had lost her ability to cut with a knife. All this was done by the Body of Christ in Espanola and their "We are Christ Day" had not even happened yet!

When October 31st dawned it was cold and damp. Our prayer was for sunshine and no rain but sometimes you don't get what you pray for. As the 90 plus volunteers were carrying six hundred of the 'best loot bags ever packed' across a parking lot from where they had been stored into the church, someone...I don't know who...but someone with a genius mind suggested that we all put on those bright yellow, plastic, biodegradable chemical suits to keep dry! So that's exactly what we did and we instantly became on site advertisement for the event. Every car slowed down to take a gander at the large group of people clad in seriously bright and shiny yellow sleepers.

The sun played hide and seek all afternoon but that did not detour hundreds and hundreds and hundreds from coming to the parking lot of Queensway Church in Espanola. Pastor Dave and Lisa said it was the biggest response they'd ever had. Everyone who came was given a "special yellow suit". In fact our guests were begging for them... teenagers were scrambling to put them on! The regions MP came and even she climbed into one of those suits!

There were giant inflatable slides and jumping castles filling the parking lot and the surrounding the church and all of them were a blur of yellow as a good time was had by young and old alike. There was face painting and cupcake decorating set up inside a tent. There was candy floss, popcorn and tea and coffee being served in the church foyer. Piping hot bowls of chili was served to the yellow creatures outside. Most of them made their way inside for seconds! The Espanola WAC day concluded with a 2 hour Concert that packed out the place!

Jesus shone so magnificently through His Church in Espanola even when the clouds covered the sun.

The love of Jesus was tangible...in fact it was written in the sky.....

During the afternoon, at two different times a glorious rainbow arched across Espanola causing everyone to look up at the sky. One of our volunteers was an 11 year old and when she saw the rainbow said to her Mom...."Look! It's Gods grace and Gods love!"

Gods grace and Gods love truly surrounded all of us as we scurried around in our bright yellow, plastic biodegradable, chemical sleepers. His love and grace made us warm. His love and grace made us laugh. His love and grace made us long to know Him more.

His love and grace reminded us that rainbows only come after a storm and that gave us all hope.