



FAITH FOR FINANCES THIS SUMMER

Summer ministry is the most exciting and busiest time a ministry like Living Bible Explorers can offer. As in the past, we serve children, teens and their families – as many as will come – to fill up all we offer for this wonderful season.

All come by faith, and we teach all to walk in faith. Without faith we cannot please our Lord and Saviour.

Faith is also needed for all finances, food supplies and materials. We need faith that God will provide all our harvest workers with healthy bodies, sound minds, and gifts of overflowing love for the campers. This is a tall order, but God loves to respond to FAITH, and rewards those who walk by faith.

Will you pray with us for all these needs?

Finances of course are needed, as this is the most expensive time in outlay, but the flow is coming. Even this week we were given the okay at Winnipeg Harvest to take all the meat we could handle in a 15 minute appointment. This then turned into many hours of figuring out where to store all of the provision, but we see that God can provide much in little time.

Many gifts of materials and almost free items are coming our way. In an attempt to save money and stay on budget, our young staff has negotiated great low prices on many events for the children. People are generously giving spaces, food, baking, and their time.

We encourage you as a supporter to give as God leads you, and keep your eyes open for the super low priced deals in foods, meats, dairy, pastas, vegetables and more. Just buy them by faith; we can give you a tax receipt for your donations if you would like. Help us serve and bless all children and families with enough for seconds at all their meals this summer.



Girl's teen camp cabin.

Talent Shows and Transformations

By Mark Henkelman

Today I watched one of our teens perform at the General Wolfe Middle School talent show. She got up on stage, and with earnestness, conviction and passion, performed a comedic act that brought the house down! She got a standing ovation and had the staff and other students rolling in the aisle laughing and cheering. It was a moment that almost brought me to tears. Two years ago I could never have imagined this teen doing anything nearly so outgoing, but God has been good. It was a powerful reminder to me of the power of community. When Christ ascended He left the Christians at the time with two powerful resources: the Holy Spirit and each other. I look at the life of this one teen and see how the Holy Spirit has worked through the community of staff and volunteers at Living Bible Explorers to bring about a dramatic transformation in her. The safety that LBE has provided her has allowed growth and transformation in her life.

This weekend just past was teen girl's camp, and next weekend is teen boy's camp. At both of these our goal is to create a safe environment where the teens can experience that transforming power of God as they live in community. Girl's camp was a massive encouragement to watch as the girls, under the guidance of Nikki Tamayo (Teen Program Coordinator) and Cheryl Peters (Assistant Manager), told their stories to one another. Not only did the girls share their testimonies, but they spent time praying into their stories and

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GRADE 6 GRADUATION DAY



Praying for the Grade 6's.

Would you believe there are 47 grade 6 graduates this year? This has been one of our most exciting grade 6 classes yet! Living Bible Explorers hosted a special event to commemorate this time in the children's lives. We invited their families to be a part of this and many of them joined us for a lovely dinner and dessert. Included in this special time was a program of looking at photos from years past, remembering fun events and significant teachings and how the Holy Spirit had ministered to these young ones over the years. There was also an opportunity to introduce the kids to Explore Wilderness Adventures, the Worker Discipleship program, the opportunity to attend Teen Camps and of course to our regular Teen's Church program.

Each graduate received a hard cover bible and was blessed with a time of prayer. What an experience to place one's hand on the head of these grade 6's and bless their future in the name of Jesus. It makes years of service and sowing all very worth it!

It is with sadness and joy that we see our grade 6 children move on in the Lord and leave our children's ministry. We have joy that they will be entering into Living Bible Explorer's wonderful teen ministry, but are sad that we will no longer see them on the bus first thing Saturday mornings.

God Shall Supply All Your Needs

Please consider supporting one or more of our summer workers who all need funds for their Fall commitments. They are working by faith in the Lord and asking him to provide all their needs.

We have received amazing blessing this year by acquiring 3 more summer worker grants through Service Canada. This has allowed us to hire some of our very own LBE youth as part of our summer team and to pay them for full time work! These youth have just graduated and are ambitious to attend University in the Fall. They have also shown themselves to be servants, willing to give of themselves on our summer teams. This is why we are so blessed to have the resource of grants to supply for their needs. We know that all this is "according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ," (Philippians 4:19).

We have hired a total of 9 full time summer workers, 8 of which have received a grant from the **Manitoba Government's Green Team program** or **Service Canada**. Many of them will be raising support to supplement the grants that do not cover the full amount of hours worked this summer. In addition, we are looking for partners to help fund more of our LBE teens and returning camp counsellors who will be working with us at camp and Summer Adventures.

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inviting God to reveal any lies they had been believing about themselves, or truths about themselves as children of God that they had not yet known. It was exciting to see the girls were not only having fun, playing and building friendships but also growing in their faith and ability to support one another in their faith.

Our faith is meant to be lived out in community and it is in community that we find the support and encouragement we need to persevere in that faith. The desire for connection is wired into us and unfortunately, when we don't have healthy community to surround us, we seek to find it anywhere we can. In the inner city we see this desire for community manifested in things like gangs and unhealthy romantic relationships, especially in the summer months when teens do not have the connections of school. That is why summer ministry at LBE has always been so important.

Because community is so important in helping us live out our faith, there will be a big emphasis this summer on building community amongst our teens and our volunteers. Our focus will be to fully know who we are as children of God and what it means to live that out in community. Along with our regular Wednesday evening Teens' Church program, we will have small groups on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This way the teens are able to develop deeper and more intentional relationships with leaders, with one another and with Jesus.

SUMMER DAY PROGRAM 2016

By Nicola Plett

We are so excited for Summer Adventures to begin! We will be running four weeks of day camps with the theme of "Transformers". We are focusing on the verse from Romans 12, "Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2).

We plan to share with the kids how God will change us into a new creation when we choose to live for Him. We will have the Holy Spirit as a guide so we can turn from our sinful nature and know God's will for us. We will have victory because of our faith, working with God in doing His great works.

At Summer Adventures, we will be spending time with the kids as we learn about God, do crafts, sports, and go on field trips. We will also include our end of the week favourite: family beach day! This is a great opportunity to meet the kids' families and share God's love with them as well.



Having Fun in Children's Ministry.

Summer Adventures focuses on outreach to the community. We will be handing out flyers at schools within our ministry areas, inviting kids in the neighbourhood to join us. This is a great opportunity to share who God is with kids who don't know Him.

A new initiative this summer focuses on the discipleship of kids eager to learn more about God. We have set aside a few "follow up" weeks for kids who attended previous weeks of day camp. Through small group outings and intentional ministry times, we hope to be able to dig deeper into God's Word as we spend this time together.

As we venture into the summer, we pray that the Holy Spirit will transform us into someone more and more like Christ. If you would like to be a part of this and volunteer at day camps, give us a call at the office **204-786-8667** or fill out the online volunteer application on our website: www.livingbibleexplorers.com.



Mark and Sharon.

Mark Henkelman

Mark has been ministering at Living Bible Explorers as our Teen Program Coordinator for the last five and one half years. Out of a desire to invest in the inner city, Mark moved to the West End and has been tangibly loving and caring for his neighbours.

His new wife Sharon joined him in their home close to our building in January of this year. Mark has felt the Lord moving his family out of his position at LBE, but their desire to serve in the West End remains.

While serving at Living Bible Explorer, Mark used his gifts of connecting with youth, teaching and preaching foundational Biblical principles and making the teens feel important and valued while being a Godly example. He also brought artistic creativity to Living Bible Explorers, designing most of our pamphlets, posters, brochures, logos, etc. over the last number of years. This is always something we appreciated being able to hand over to him, especially around banquet time!

Mark's presence at LBE will be missed, but we are excited for him and his family as they discern their future and will be welcoming a new baby into their home in late September. We want to thank him and bless him for the time he spent with us on staff.

Prayer & Praise Items

- 1** Pray for speakers and lifeguards to sign up for the weeks that are still needed for Explorers Bible Camp.
- 2** Pray for warm, sunny weather for all of our programs this summer and pray against the mosquitoes that can inhibit outdoor ministry.
- 3** Pray for the Summer Adventure team as they seek to draw new kids into the program. Pray that those new children would come to know Jesus and that the returning children would grow in their faith.
- 4** Pray for the Lord's protection over our summer programs. Pray for protection against serious accidents, illness and harm over our campers and leaders.
- 5** Pray for Living Bible Explorers' finances this summer: for the staff who are raising support and the funds to run our programs.
- 6** Pray for a few more staff people and counselors for summer programs.
- 7** Pray for our grade 6 graduates to continue on in the Lord and to continue to come to Living Bible Explorers for discipleship and training.

Food Storage Needed

Do you have a gently used upright freezer or know of anyone who would sell or donate one for a tax receipt for our building? As food donations increase, we need to become more organized and have more space to store what is needed to feed the children this summer and into the fall. Upright freezers are what we are looking at currently because it is much easier to organize the food coming in and going out. Call us at the office (204-786-8667) if you have a lead on this!



The Living Bible Explorers newsletter is published every six weeks by Living Bible Explorers, west end Winnipeg's inner-city youth outreach ministry. LBE walks with inner-city youth to encourage positive growth in their lives. We work to establish a healthy presence in their community, and direct children, teens, and their families towards a positive future. By partnering with concerned individuals, and groups, we put God's love into action. For more information go to our website at LivingBibleExplorers.com.

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