



Internship

This year we welcomed 12 fun, hardworking individuals to our Internship program. Our Guest Group season started off with a group of 88 students and teachers from Calgary's **Glenmore Christian Academy** and we've been going full tilt ever since! Besides providing specific job training, we are excited to invest in our Interns through mentoring, courses and guest speakers including **Steve & Evy Klassen, James Prette** and **Randy Hein**. Courses include FoodSafe, Wilderness First Aid, and Canoeing. We are looking for one more female to complete our team- apply online!



Wish List

- 1 ton pickup truck in good condition
- Automotive vehicle hoist
- 27' Catalina Sailboat in good condition
- 'Erica' Bun Divider (approximately \$7,000 used)
- 24 new creosote pilings to rebuild our waterfront
- 4 new VHF marine radios for our sailboats
- Acoustic Guitars (4) and Ukeleles (4)

Missionary Spotlight: Joel & Kortni Loeve

Joel has served for 5 years on our Maintenance Team. In July 2017, he became Maintenance Director and was our only full-time maintenance man until this July. He loves this ministry and has invested his skill, sweat, and love into seeing it grow. His hard work has contributed to completing many essential upgrades. **Kortni** has helped with office administration for 4 years. She served as our Office Manager for 3.5 years and has recently become Paul's Executive Assistant. She has a passion for the work she does and the people around her.

Joel and Kortni are at less than 60% of their support goal. Please consider supporting Joel – **he needs an additional \$1,400 / month**. Can you make an impact and give \$50.00 / month?

Please pray for Joel & Kortni as they serve in this ministry and raise their 3 beautiful, independent, and caring children at Homewood.



FINANCES:

Revenue from Summer Camps and Guest Group Rentals continues to grow, and \$256,800 has been received in 2019 for Capital Projects. Unfortunately, giving to General Operating is down \$30,000, and all of our missionary staff are lagging in their support. **Please make a special gift to support a missionary at Camp Homewood today** or give to our General Operating Fund. Homewood offers pre-authorized payment so you can give automatically every month. Contact the office for info.



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The Workers Are Few

Sometimes I select a theme verse for the summer. Words that inspire. Encourage. Uplift. Not this year! From January on, this passage kept coming to mind because it described our situation so well:

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38

There were crowds. When registration opened in mid-November, **Family Camp 2 sold out in under an hour!** Our other Family Camps were not far behind, and kid's camps were filling up faster than ever. 15 of our 26 sessions eventually sold out. When we waved goodbye to the last busload of teens, we had hosted **1,304 campers** – our biggest year in two decades!

They were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Unfortunately, this description is as true of people on Canada's West Coast today as it was 2,000 years ago. Kids are bullied and assaulted by destructive messages on social media. Many of our young campers have experienced deep hurt and loss. Depression and anxiety are rampant. There is a great need for people to experience compassion and to know they are loved and cared for unconditionally.

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Building our Summer seemed tough. A strong job market and minimum wage increases make finding qualified volunteers a challenge, but this year was especially hard. At the beginning of staff training our staff team was very small. Could God supply volunteers in proportion to the record number of campers we would see?

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. So ask we did! We prayed every day. And did God come through? **Yes – but not in the way we expected!** His provision was unique. A donor called to say "If transportation is a barrier, I'll cover flights – just get leaders to camp!" Session after session, our small core of dedicated volunteers was bolstered by individuals who came for 'just a week'. Many of their resumes didn't match the typical camp leader profile, but God's timing was always perfect! Yes – several past staff showed up with huge smiles and a ton of enthusiasm, but we had many more 'exceptions'! One family cancelled their holiday at Goldstream to help at the waterfront instead. A retired teacher stepped up to lead during Day Camp. A mom & daughter team did dishes for a week at Woodsman. During Session 8, every single LIT served as a Junior Leader! Rumour has it that even the General Director spent a week in a tent with nine 7-11 year old boys! *(The last time I did that was 24 years ago: I've been missing out. What a great week! Thanks Adam Schafer for letting me be your LIT!).*

So... What about the **harvest**? Did camp have an impact? This summer, **95 children** told us that they made a first time commitment to follow Jesus. More than **300 others** said that they **grew closer to Jesus** as a result of being at camp. A first time family camper said: *"Honestly, I had no idea what to expect. We booked late and came with friends. Our kids had never camped before, so we didn't know. With that said, camp surpassed all of our expectations. Our kids were both crying yesterday because we had to leave camp today. Our family relaxed, had fun, made friends, learned... It was AMAZING!"*

Yup. The workers were few. But what a great summer! **I can hardly wait until next year!**

Paul Bailey, General Director

Project Update

Harbour House Update: By the time you read this, *Joel & Kortni Loeve* will have moved into our NEW staff house with Lyleigh (9), and twins Enzo & Emmalea (2.5)! The house looks amazing, and we are incredibly thankful to *Cliff Stauffer* for taking the lead on this project. Other helpers are too numerous to list, but we would like to do a special shout out to *Quadrate Ventures (Steve & Richard Swanson* and their crew) for helping get us to occupancy. There is still work to complete (back deck and stairs, exterior cladding on east & south sides, entrance stairs and walkway, garage door, fencing, etc.), but we are sooo close! So far we have received cash gifts totalling \$177,606. Expenses to date are \$169,305. We anticipate remaining costs will be approximately \$18,000.



New Tents! The eight new canvas tents are FABULOUS! Many thanks to *Ray Boyd* for lending us his excavator and to *Reign Scales* (Intern, 2018-2019) for his good work to create a cluster of sites for the 5 upper tents. Fir decking was produced using our Wood-Mizer sawmill and installed by *Joel Loeve* and *Haven Ullstrom*. *Clearbrook Iron Works* donated 50 sets of custom bunk beds which were assembled by a group of men from Campbell River. The beds are a real game changer! The girls kept their tents tidy all summer, and the open floor space allowed leaders to gather their kids in a circle to discuss the messages and answer questions about Jesus. Progress was also made at Woodsman, where 3 tent platforms were rebuilt. This year we hope to complete this project by replacing the 5 lower tent platforms and tents and the remaining 3 platforms at Woodsman. If all goes according to plan, we will add two new tents and platforms to house LITs.



Washroom Upgrades: The transformation has begun! This spring we completed the first of 13 washroom renovations that are required around camp! The Guy's side of the Upper Washhouse was our first project, and the transformation was spectacular. The new standard will include low flow toilets to help us conserve water, stainless steel basins with metered taps, white FRP panelling on the walls for easy cleaning, and commercial grade flooring. Many thanks to *Hadrian* for donating enough stall dividers to re-do every washroom in camp! Upgrading our washrooms is consistently mentioned as one of our greatest needs when people are asked "How can we improve camp?" Donations towards this massive undertaking are needed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 75th Anniversary Dessert Fundraisers** (RSVP to camp@camphomewood.com)
 - Courtenay Baptist Church* Nov. 14 7:30 - 9:00 pm
 - Abbotsford* Nov. 18 7:30 - 9:00 pm
 - Campbell River Baptist Church* Nov. 21 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- Homewood's Annual Carol Sing** Dec. 13 Free
6:45 - 8:30 pm Bus service provided from Quathiaski Cove Ferry
- New Year's Camp** Dec. 29 - Jan 1 All Ages
See website for pricing
- Summer Team Reunion - Just \$40!** Jan 10 - 12 WC, LIT, and Summer Staff
- *NEW* Homewood Youth Retreat** Feb 28 - Mar 1 Ages 12 - 18
(Formerly Valenteen) \$119 incl. GST
- Homewood Women's Weekend** Mar 13 - 15 Ages 18+
See website for details \$149 incl. GST

Summer 2020 Registration opens Saturday, November 16, 2019.
Questions? Call 250-285-3483

Praise and Prayer

- Pray as we prepare to build our 2020 Summer Team!** We need over 100 volunteers including Nurses, Speakers, Maintenance Helpers, Kitchen Staff, Lifeguards, Tent Leaders, Directors, LITs, Head Leaders, Work Crew Bosses and more! Pray that God will encourage people to apply, and that we will be blessed with a full team! Pray specifically as Paul travels to Germany to recruit at Bible Schools and at JuMiKo in Stuttgart on January 5, 2020. We are offering an **Early Bird incentive of \$250.00 for staff who apply prior to January 31, 2020** and serve for a minimum of 6 weeks. Please help us by encouraging your friends and family to apply. Life Changes Here!
- Praise God** for a fruitful summer of ministry! Pray that the seeds that were planted will grow and that the campers who decided to follow Jesus will mature and bear much fruit.
- Pray** that God will provide speakers and volunteers for our off-season retreats, and that we would fill all of our weekend retreats to capacity. Pray that God will change hearts and strengthen & encourage people in their faith through our programs.
- Praise God** for his provision! Give thanks for the *Wiebe family* and the *Stevens family* and the dozens of adults who showed up & served!
- Praise God** for the generous financial gifts of our many partners and the hundreds of willing volunteers who helped ensure that our projects were completed on time and on budget:
 - Upper Washroom renovation (Boy's side)
 - 8 tent platforms and canvas tents with aluminum frames
 - 50 sets of steel bunk beds
 - 2007 diesel 72 passenger school bus
 - Staff House replacement (we are 95% done - Loeve's will move in this month!)



Volunteer Opportunities:

Homewood depends on volunteers to make our ministry happen. Please consider how you can give your time and expertise to help us build a better platform for ministry. We need:

- Sawyers!** Have you ever wanted to operate a sawmill? Camp has a fabulous Wood-Mizer LT40, and we will train you to cut wood for our various projects. A regular commitment (1 day per week) is best!
- Carpenters and general handimen** to assist with projects. We need framers, electricians, drywallers, painters, floorlayers, finish carpenters, cabinet makers - you name it! Hot lunch will be provided.
- First Aid Attendants** for summer camps (Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Doctors, Paramedics). Please contact *Stacey* at 250-285-3483
- Bus Drivers** to transport campers throughout the summer. Class 1 or 2 license required. Call camp at 250-285-3483 for more info.

STAFF CHANGES:

Rachel Contenti served at Homewood for three years – first as a NEXT student, then as an Intern, and most recently on our Barn Staff. Her love and passion for people & horses was clearly evident. We wish Rachel well in her new adventures. Thank you Rachel – we will miss you!



Rebecca (Becca) Bieri joined our team as Office Manager in May. Becca graduated from Saskatchewan Polytechnic in 2015 with a Diploma in Recreation and Tourism Management. In 2017, Becca left Saskatchewan to join our Summer Staff and she returned as Office Intern in January of 2018.



Rick Thompson joined our missionary staff October 1 as Assistant Cook. Rick trained as a Red Seal Chef in the Canadian military, and has worked for many years in commercial kitchens and ministry settings (including Pacific Life Bible College and S.A.L.T.S.). Rick & Nola grew up on Vancouver Island and met at Homewood in 1995. They have 7 kids: Josiah (21), Cyrus (19), Owen (16), Nicola (13), Olivia (9), Kevan (6), and Abigail (3). Only the youngest 5 made the move to Quadra Island. Please support the Thompsons through your prayers, financial gifts, friendship and words of encouragement!



Darrah Chmelyk joined our team as Intern Director & Sailing Coordinator in July. Darrah was on Summer Staff in 2017 & 2018, and stayed on as our Office Intern for 2018/2019. Darrah has a passion for leading and mentoring young adults. We are excited she's here!

