

## PROJECT UPDATES:

**Waterfront Redevelopment.** Work continues on installing services to the dock. The main electrical cable has been strapped to the beams under the pier, and three stainless steel power pylons are ready to install. Running the last 500' of marine cable and water lines will get both systems functional. Funds are still required to purchase a **drinking fountain**, build an **outhouse** near the life jacket shack, as well as **storage racks** for canoes, kayaks, and SUP's. Pray that we will be able to find a donor to supply HDPE pipe floats so we can build low profile docks to help facilitate launching canoes & kayaks and easy access to the water for swimmers. We have almost 8,000 square feet of new docks in place, waiting for the kids to enjoy. Praise God for his incredible provision!

**Kitchen Expansion.** Our interim walk-in cooler & freezer are now functional! We are so grateful to **Fraser Valley Refrigeration** for their generous gift of new compressors, condensers, and evaporators. This quadruples our walk-in capacity! Our next step will be to remove the old cooler / freezer from the middle of the kitchen to increase our prep space. Construction drawings for the kitchen expansion have been completed. Pray for God's favour as we approach donors to fund a 1,600 square foot addition.

**Katie's Cottage Renovation.** **Joel Loeve & Hunter Austring** have completed the siding. **Roger Friesen & Scott Loewen** painted the interior and are installing v-groove pine on the ceiling. Next steps include flooring, cabinets, and trim. Praise God for skilled volunteers!



**Rivendell Lodge Basement Bathrooms.** **Chris Contenti** has roughed in the plumbing for two additional showers, and **Joel Loeve** has changed the framing to facilitate private change areas off each. Rivendell Lodge is typically booked 250 days a year, so these bathrooms have seen a LOT of use over the past 40 years. The upgrades will be appreciated by hundreds of guests and campers a year!

**Domestic Water System.** Many thanks to **Ken Embury** for helping Chris upgrade our water storage and distribution system. Re-plumbing the system will allow us to isolate storage tanks, monitor water levels, and add additional capacity as required in the future. If you've ever been at camp when we ran out of water, you will appreciate how important this project is! We wouldn't be able to do this work if not for COVID-19!



Words of encouragement from a donor:

*"The Pacific Coast Children's Mission has been an important part of my life. Alf & Marg Bayne would stop in Sointula and meet up with the Christians here. I remember them from about the age of five. When I was of school age, they would hold little Bible classes after school when they came here. Then when I was nine, I got to go to camp and they picked up the kids from the little villages around here with the Goforth. Time has passed and I am now 78 years old, but the memories of camp are there!"*  
Love and prayers, C.T.

# Merry Christmas

FROM THE STAFF AT CAMP HOMEWOOD

## A Christmas Reflection

2000 years ago, an angel announced the good news to a handful of humble shepherds – not to a group of powerful or great men. I don't think he was 'cute' like a greeting card angel, because his first words were **"Do not be afraid."** (I'm guessing that's because the shepherds were freaking out!) **"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."** Tonight? After hundreds of years of silence? Can it be true? As soon as they heard the announcement, the shepherds **"hurried off and found Mary & Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger."** Wow! Can you imagine? To be the first to know, the first to visit the baby, the very first to have the opportunity to **"spread the word"** that the Saviour was born! No wonder **"all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."** – they were pumped about what they had experienced! (You can read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20).

At Camp Homewood, we are honoured to continue in the tradition of the shepherds. We are not powerful or great, but each of us have found the baby who was lying in a manger, and we are excited to spread the word! It is our hope that all who hear will be amazed, and that they will get to know and fall in love with the Saviour as we have.

I would like to thank everyone who has given so generously to help ensure that camp will survive this pandemic! We are committed to being here to serve children and families for generations to come. **I am especially grateful for the hundreds of parents** who donated some (or all!) of their pre-paid 2020 camp fees when we were faced with the challenge of refunding \$250,000 last summer when overnight camping was cancelled. Now, thanks to a host of summer staff alumni, current and past staff and board, businesses, and dozens of friends of camp **we are half way to reaching our goal of \$467,000** so we can make it to July 1, 2021.



We haven't made it yet. Please give generously to our COVID-19 Survival Fund so that Camp Homewood can continue to share the story of Jesus. We can't do it without you. Every gift received by December 31 will be matched.

Sincerely, Paul Bailey - General Director

Words of encouragement from a donor:

*"I attended Camp Homewood for nearly 20 years. I was a camper, CIT, counsellor, and director of various camps. People meet Christ at Homewood. I'm sure of it, because I was one of them. Please keep telling people about the love of Christ."* - O.L.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Giving a gift of securities is the most tax efficient way of giving to Camp Homewood! A donation of securities is a gift of **stocks or mutual funds**. Since **capital gains taxes don't apply**, camp will receive the full fair market value when the security is sold, and you will get a tax receipt reflecting your larger contribution. It's a win-win! Giving securities is easy through CanadaHelps. Please call Paul Bailey at 250-850-7193 if you would like to consider blessing children and families in this way.



*Paul & Heather Bailey*

**What's New?** Friends & neighbours. New authors discovered. Working septic system! BBQ cedar planked mango chipotle salmon. Marshall is at Bibelschule Brake in Germany, Anna married Chris, and Ben & Carmen are working in PG. **What are we thankful for?** Phone calls, prayer, and encouragement from our faithful friends. Financial partners. The Homewood community. **What do we need prayer for?** Wisdom, endurance, stamina, new supporters.

Though camp has been a lot quieter throughout covid, we are all still so blessed to be able to enjoy the beautiful property we call home. I am enjoying the transition from summer to fall, and excited to begin sharing our horses once more through riding lessons. Moving forward, you can be praying for all of us as we plan and prepare for summer 2021 and whatever ministry opportunities it may hold!



*Meagan Best*

## Summer 2021 – What's The Plan?

Our team is hard at work brainstorming to create some awesome programs for 2021! Normally, registration would already be open. We have delayed that process until **January 30** so we can sort through the many unique factors that will shape our plans. Although everything is subject to change, we are hoping to run:

- **Adventure Day Camps** in various locations on Vancouver Island for children ages 7 - 12 (Weekly all summer, Monday – Friday)
- **Harbour Family Camps** including full food service and a limited program for a maximum of 50 people per session (Weekly, Sunday – Friday)
- **Sailing Camps** for Families (max. 5 per boat, age 10+), Young Adults (19-28) and Adults (19+). Explore the greatest cruising waters in North America!
- **Woodsmen Family Camps** including continental breakfast, u-pack picnic lunches, and hot supper – No program! (Weekly, Sunday – Friday)

**Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!**

Our staff is starting to engage with students about serving with us next summer. Do you know any fantastic young leaders who need to be at Camp Homewood next summer? Email [camp@camphomewood.com](mailto:camp@camphomewood.com) with their name, age, and contact information and we'll reach out! Camp is a fantastic place for young adults to grow!

*"Praying that God will continue to provide for His camp. Thank you for working hard to keep camp running for the many generations to come."  
Sincerely, J.R.*



## PRAYER & PRAISE

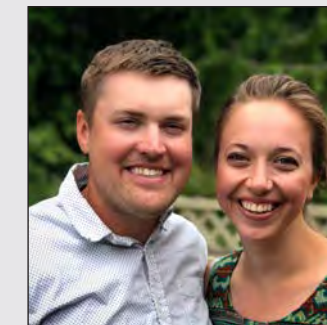
- Praise God for **volunteers!** We were blessed by a core of skilled adult helpers this fall. Pray that God will provide more helping hands when COVID restrictions are lifted!
- Praise God for the 150 individuals who have already given to support our **COVID-19 Survival Fund**. We are half way to our target of \$467,000! In order for camp to be on a firm financial footing on July 1, 2021, we need to raise \$240,000 more. Pray that people will give generously so that we will survive and make the most of these 'slow' days.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan Summer 2021. Pray that we will reach hundreds through **Adventure Day Camps** on Vancouver Island and **Family Camps** on Quadra.
- Pray that we will be good stewards of the resources God has given us and that we will use every day to improve camp while we have the opportunity.



I feel incredibly fortunate to call Homewood my home during this absolutely absurd time in our lives. While things look very different, we have still been able to have 7 young adults join us for an eight-week program and they have been a huge blessing. Please pray for our new Winter Crew who will be joining us for a similar program in January and for wisdom as I lead them. May they leave Homewood loving Jesus, camp, and one another a little bit more.

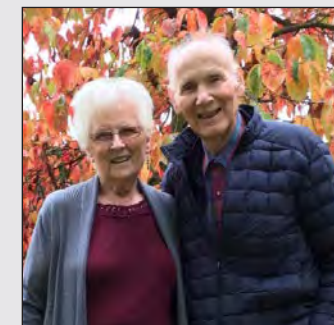


*Darrak Chmelyk*



*Melody & Alex Hayes*

It's been a different kind of year to enter into full time camp ministry, but we both feel called and encouraged by what God has been doing. We feel blessed to be a part of this ministry and community and look forward to what's next despite the unknowns. Please pray for us as we continue to settle into life at camp and on Quadra Island, and that we would become deeply rooted in the calling Jesus has for each of us in this season.



*Les & Joyce Fodor*

2020 Oh, how we all would like perfect vision. But, we are told in God's Word to walk by faith and not by sight - alone. For Les and me our Homewood walk has been planting, caring for & harvesting the garden, greenhouse and orchard. We thank the Lord for abundance. We have also seen "planting, caring for and harvesting" in lives as well as in the property. Les at 90 and I at 83 appreciate your prayers as we contribute a small part in Homewood's ministry.

We're so thankful to be living in this beautiful place and working alongside such wonderful people. Both combined have made the constant change and uncertainty of 2020 manageable. We're grateful for the many unexpected blessings of this last year - time to reset, refocus, and seek the Lord's daily provision. We're also thankful for time with our kids in Alberta and our daughter in Abbotsford this fall. Please pray for us: that we will be readily available to the Lord's plans.



*Chris & Stacey Contenti*

Gratefulness is a word that comes to mind as we look back over 2020. We are incredibly grateful for where we live as we navigate through this pandemic! It is amazing that although school and daycare closed, our kids still had the opportunity to go play outside without fear; that their lives weren't massively impacted this spring. We are grateful that we still have work and that God has placed some amazing people within our bubble. Please pray for wisdom as we raise our 'chaos crew' as I call them. May the Lord guide us daily.



*Joel & Kortni Loeve*



*John Ullstrom*

Hello, My name is John Ullstrom, and I am Homewood's new Interim Head Cook. Over the past 2 years, I worked with Chef Rebecca Stauffer and now I am training under Chef Melody Hayes. I have worked in the Culinary industry professionally for 5 years and I am working on attaining my Red Seal as a Chef. Please keep me in your prayers as I take on this role and as I study for my Red Seal. Pray also for camp in these uncertain times. Thank you for your prayers and your support. Peace be with you.