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Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality (Romans 12:9–13, NLT).

Whenever I read this exhortation from Paul, I'm reminded of the privilege it is to be part of a team at Muskoka Bible Centre that is truly "eager to practice hospitality." The word "enthusiastically" in this passage can also be understood as "letting the Spirit excite you as you serve the Lord." I see that lived out every day as our team serves guests with joy, care and a genuine desire to honour God through serving others.

The theme of this edition of *Resilient* is "Serving with Excellence." At the heart of that theme is the idea of *hospitality*. We often think of hospitality simply as making people feel welcome and comfortable. But Scripture calls us to something even deeper—to "love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other."

Paul begins this passage with a challenging command: "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them." That speaks directly to the tendency many of us have to put on a polite façade, especially when serving people who are different from us or whose personalities may be difficult for us to connect with.

What helps me in those moments is remembering the love God first showed me. Romans 5:8 tells us that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That is real love. I will never out-love the love God has shown me through Jesus Christ. Remembering that truth helps me extend grace and love to others, even when it is difficult. Not perfectly, of course—and sometimes I forget—but God, in all His mercy, continually calls me back to remember the love He first showed me.

Throughout this edition, you'll read stories and reflections centred on serving one another well. My hope is that these articles will encourage you not only to live out these verses as an ambassador for Christ, but to also appreciate and acknowledge the ways others serve you. Sometimes one of the simplest and most meaningful acts of service is simply saying, "Thank you." ®

John Friesen
CEO, Muskoka Bible Centre



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HOSPITALITY: THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR

Making room for others in the busyness of life—and pointing them to Jesus

By Doug Morrison and Emily Morrison

A major focal point of any home is a well-maintained door, “speaking” through its silence, creating a positive and welcoming first impression.

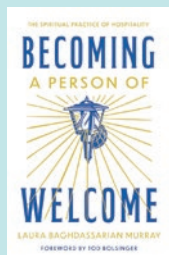
The phrase, “My door is always open,” demonstrates hospitality and indicates you are available, that the welcome mat is always out and everyone is welcome to enter in. This is hospitality in a

nutshell—you are welcome here, go through.

Hospitality is first and foremost the opportunity of making room for others in the busyness of life. It is not about impressing

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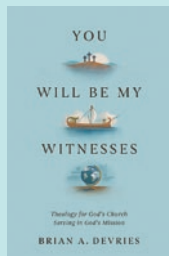
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those who have come through your door, rather quite the opposite. Hospitality consists of listening, encouraging, loving and pointing others to Jesus—be it in your home, a park or a café!

The word hospitality comes from the Greek word *philoxenia*, which literally means “love of strangers” or “friend of stranger.” In biblical times, hospitality was extremely important. Since there were no Airbnbs or Hampton Inns along the dusty roads, travellers often relied on strangers to open their doors, providing food and lodging for the night. As Christians, the practice of hospitality enables us to live out the biblical commands to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul” and “love your neighbour as yourself.”

Through our obedience of living out these commands, friends, neighbours and strangers will experience God's love. Scripture reminds us in Hebrews 13:2, “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.”

A family history of hospitality

Ever since we can remember, the practice of hospitality was evident in both the Strouth and Morrison homes. The Strouth home was known as the house at the end of the road—everyone was always welcome. In fact, our dad built the house to allow for celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, youth groups and after school fun.

Likewise, the Morrison farm was always open to share tea with a sweet or homemade soup with a fresh parkerhouse roll before strolling around the farm to see the crops, livestock, and if you were fortunate, helping

with baling hay or straw.

But even before the examples of hospitality exemplified by our parents, our grandmothers Mabel Weiser and Kathleen Frid opened their doors widely over and over again to both friends and strangers. There was always room at Mabel's incredibly long table for a few more guests and as grandchildren, we never knew who else would be joining us at the table. She scurried around the kitchen with joy and shared with everyone an air of “so glad you are here.” She would just add another potato or two to the pot to stretch the meal and more often than not there were leftovers. This often reminded those present of the biblical account of the feeding of the 5,000.

Kathleen was fondly known to everyone as “Grandma.” Her door was always open to church friends, nurses working at the TB Sanatorium in Hamilton, and missionaries serving with The Shantymen. No one would leave her home without hearing about Jesus, her Lord and Saviour. She loved the youth at Brant Bible Church and always surrounded herself with them. One such seventeen-year-old teenager was David Ecker and these many years later we've had the blessing to serve alongside some of David's children here at MBC.

We praise God for the examples our parents and grandparents were in practicing hospitality. Joel 1:3 reminds all of us to “tell it to your children and let your children tell it to their children and their children to the next generation.” We encourage parents and grandparents to become role models, teaching your families to swing open the door to do whatever it takes to make Christ known.



Opening our doors to the world

During our fifty years of marriage (this year), God has provided us with many unique opportunities to be hospitable. We must admit that often these opportunities would arrive on our doorstep—some at inconvenient times. Inconvenience can lead one to create comfortable excuses such as, “My house isn’t tidy. What will I serve? I don’t have time. I have a headache!” Friends, these are just excuses. Most people who come through our doors are just thrilled to be spending time with us. They’ll remember the time you spent with them far more than whether your house was spotless or the meal was perfect. 1 Peter 4:9 encourages us to show hospitality without grumbling.

Recently, as we drove through Beeton, Ontario, we noticed a sign at a church stating, “If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” We couldn’t help

but chuckle because in reality, there are more than enough opportunities for each of us to be hospitable without the need to build a door.

While living on our farm outside Fergus, God allowed the hinges of our door to swing open to students from Asia, Africa and South America who were studying at the University of Guelph, to international and out-of-province students attending Heritage College and Seminary, and to friends from the drop-in centre, Nightlight, in downtown Guelph. How could we ever forget Gary and Jane, an Indigenous couple from Nightlight? While they sat at our dining room table one night we overheard them whisper, “We’re sitting at a table having dinner, just like in the movies.” Our hearts were touched and humbled as we were quickly reminded of God’s blessing on us.

After we became emptynesters, we opened Fergus Lee Bed

and Breakfast. Having “stolen” ideas from British B&Bs, we were now ready to open our door to strangers, many of whom became friends. We hosted fly fishermen from around the world, dignitaries and participants in the Fergus Highland Games, and many international travellers.

Location was everything for a successful B&B and being on the main street of Fergus brought to us unscheduled guests. One such guest was Sara. She had just left her very sick husband in emergency at Groves Memorial Hospital. She wanted to stay in Fergus and cried out to God to provide. As she drove up Highway 6, through her water-filled eyes she noticed our B&B sign illuminated by the moon at the exact moment she was passing by. She knocked and literally fell through our door, pleading with us to let her stay the night. Her need was more than lodging. She needed someone to offer a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, and someone for comfort and prayer. Immediately, we were no longer strangers. Being available at any time comes from a heart that has been realigned with God’s purposes and His timing. Over the years, our hearts had been changed. We were filled with His passion for those in need just like Sara—regardless of the time of night and never mind that we were in our PJs to boot! Our door was always open.

The apostle Paul in Romans encourages us to be ready to help God’s people in need and to “always be eager to practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13, NLT). In Matthew, Jesus states, “For I was hungry and

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By being intentional in hospitality, one creates space for people to feel valued and loved—no one is excluded.

you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, and I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Matthew 25:35, NIV). By opening our door and our hearts, strangers become friends, opportunities develop to share Christ and His love, and acts of kindness bring hope and encouragement to the lonely or disadvantaged. By being intentional in hospitality, one creates space for people to feel valued and loved—no one is excluded. Exemplifying hospitality opens the door for God’s blessing, a blessing which goes both ways—to those receiving and to those giving.

One of God’s orchestrated blessings involved fifteen professors from the University of

Shanghai ESL program who were visiting the University of Guelph. After a few days of work-related interactions on campus with Doug, they expressed a desire to visit a Canadian home. From our perspective, this was a great idea, but we would have to be granted permission from the organizers of the Chinese visit before the professors would be allowed to leave campus. You can imagine the reaction from the organizers learning that transportation would be provided by our Bible study group, and that we would attend a Sunday morning worship service at Crestwicke Baptist Church prior to making our way from Guelph to the farm just east of Fergus.

So we waited...and after

much prayer, waiting on the Lord and waiting on the organizers’ response, permission was finally granted for us to host an off-campus excursion. Oh, the joy! We saw God’s hand at work before, during and after our outing. At the end of our day together we gifted each professor with a Gideon Bible in the English language. There was no apparent hesitation on the part of any of the professors in accepting their Bible. Picture our reaction as the professors lined up in cultural fashion for Emily to inscribe their name in their new Bible. A few days later, we learned from our new friends that this had been the “best day” of their entire six week visit in Canada. Praise God for His blessings on that day.



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An open door and open heart

You may be asking yourself, “How does one go about living with an open door and an open heart in the world today?”

Begin by seeking God. Ask Him to open the door to opportunities. Pray for a tender heart, a mind like Jesus, to see the needs around you. After all, Jesus is the best example of hospitality that we have. He has called, equipped and enabled each of us to open our doors of hospitality wherever we are and however we serve. Then, seize the moment! Be out and about at school, at the store and with neighbours. Say hi to strangers and help someone in need. Be creative with your invites and activities: ask your neighbour or friend to walk to the mailbox,

share your baking, go for a bike ride or share a bonfire.

Indeed, hospitality is more than just kindness, it is a reflection of God’s love and compassion for us all. Our heavenly Father, through Christ, has opened His heart and His home in heaven to us; therefore, we should likewise open our hearts and homes to others, enabling them to see God’s love in action. Just think: while practicing hospitality we might very well be “entertaining angels” (Hebrews 13:2)

May each of you be encouraged, motivated and excited to swing open your life’s door, sharing hospitality with those God places on your path. May His blessing be upon you as you live with an open door for His glory. [®]



Doug and Emily Morrison

THEME PASSAGE

Whatever you do,
WORK HEARTILY,
AS FOR THE LORD
AND NOT FOR MEN.

COLOSSIANS 3:23 ESV



CULTIVATING CULTURE

SWEET SERVICE AT MBC

By Kathy Berg

Service With Excellence Every Time (or SWEET service) is the way we at Muskoka Bible Centre remind our team of the commitment to our guests and how we try to take standard hospitality to the next level. From the moment we make the first connection to our guests, all the way to the last impression they have leaving MBC, we strive to honour Christ and the example He set before us. It is also about showing true intentional hospitality that goes beyond the basic service attitude.

Is genuine hospitality the difference between *good* service

and *excellent* service? We can become highly skilled at what we do and how we execute our tasks yet still miss the opportunity to truly impact the people we serve. At MBC, we understand that we often meet our guests during some of the highest highs or lowest lows in their lives; sometimes in ways they never expected. We will never fully know the burdens that are carried or celebrations they bring onto these grounds at MBC, but we can trust that every interaction is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love. By caring for our guests with genuine hospitality, we help create a

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place where they can experience peace, knowing that we are here to serve them and care for their needs as best we can.

Hospitality is the feeling of warmth and care that a guest experiences while we serve them. Many vocational ministry roles at MBC, including housekeeping, food services, front guest reception and maintenance, have a direct impact on the guest experience. We encourage our team to serve with attitudes of joy, thoughtfulness, and gratitude. We believe that as we serve, our guests are the object of our service. Therefore, we



encourage our team to go beyond standard expectations; always seeking to be ready with clean facilities, relaxing spaces, and well-prepared meals. We know that by providing this environment, we are preparing our guests to be impacted by the solid teaching and programming provided by our ministry team, or the organization they are here with.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of being able to serve in many different MBC departments including cooking, cleaning rooms, and administrative tasks. All of these skills are examples of tasks I could



have used in various venues pursuing a career in the hospitality industry. However, serving in a support role and now in a leadership role has given me the opportunity to engage with guests and staff in an environment that encourages the advancement of God's Kingdom. From our summer ministry to hosting various groups, I have had the great joy to see people grow in their relationships with Christ while at MBC.

Serving at MBC is far more than just completing tasks well; it is about creating an environment where guests feel genuinely cared for, welcomed and valued. True hospitality goes beyond efficiency and excellence; it reflects Christ's love through warmth, thoughtfulness and intentional care. Whether through housekeeping, food service, maintenance

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or guest reception, each and every role contributes to preparing hearts and minds for spiritual growth and renewal. By serving with joy, gratitude and thoughtfulness, our MBC team have the privilege of supporting ministries in meaningful ways by helping guests experience the peace and encouragement of Christ.

As Philippians 4:4-7 reminds us, when we serve with rejoicing, thankfulness, and trust in God, His peace becomes evident not only in our own hearts, but also in the lives of those we welcome and serve. May every experience you have at MBC be a SWEET one! ®



Kathy Berg is the Director of Guest Services at MBC.



Karis Family Camp at MBC features events tailored for people with disabilities as well as caregiver sessions and worship times.

GROUP RENTALS TESTIMONIAL

Karis Family Camp

By Karis Disability Services

Family Camp is one of the best ways to feel the pulse of Karis Disability Services (formerly known as Christian Horizons). Every activity is tailored specifically for people with disabilities in mind, making the weekend as accessible and inclusive as possible. At a Karis Family Camp, a volunteer is matched to each family member with a disability and to each child under 12, so parents, caregivers, and the whole family can join in on the fun while also having time to relax and recharge.

Most of Karis' work in Canada is through government-funded disability services like supported housing and community participation supports. In Ontario, there are 53,000 people on waitlists for

government-funded disability services. Karis Family Camp is funded by donors and is attended by families who typically don't have access to other services.

"Family Camp is the thing we look forward to most in the year," shared Lori, mother of Chelsea and Lilyanna. "There's so much support around you at family camp that you just do things and you step out of your comfort zone."

Chelsea and Lilyanna both have disabilities and have been attending Karis Family Camps since 2013. They've been on waitlists for government-funded disability services since 2020.

At Family Camp, Chelsea and Lilyanna participated in crafts,

"We don't have to come here and be hidden; we can be like this and be seen and that is so beautiful."

worship, karaoke, and of course, snow tubing! While her daughters were off with their volunteers, Lori had her own time and could walk the beautiful grounds and participate in the caregiver session facilitated by Karis staff.

"I think we asked one question, and the conversation went on for two hours," shared Joy Wilson, executive director at Karis. "That safe space for families is really special."

"We got to talk about what brings us joy, our unique challenges, and even get into some practical discussion around what we might be able to do to support one another," added James Palmer, another executive director at Karis.

At one of the morning worship sessions, Lori stood up and prayed over the Karis group.

"We don't have to come here and be hidden; we can be like this and be seen and that is so beautiful," said Lori. "We thank you, God, for these moments that we get to spend in heaven. God's Word says, 'on earth as it is in heaven,' and this is our heaven right here." ®



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GROUP RENTALS

Finding refuge

By Hope VanEwyk

Over the past three years, I've had the privilege of connecting with a plethora of group leaders who have chosen MBC as their retreat destination. To an outsider, my job may appear to be organizing the details of your stay, but it is so much more than that.

Working here has given me the opportunity to build relationships with leaders so they can serve their own churches and ministries. It is a joy to hear the stories of changed lives, healed relationships and retreats that have created connections for so many individuals.

Quite a few Christians have their own story of how God challenged them through a period of time spent away from the hustle and bustle of life. My own journey of faith began at a place like MBC, where I was able to step back from distractions and spend intentional time with Christ. Because of this, I challenge myself to be purposeful with group leaders, knowing my own hospitality impacts how leaders can be hospitable to their own guests.

Whether you get to work with me or my colleague to plan a spot for your group, my hope is you get to see MBC as more than just a location. My desire is that you can see it as a place for people to grow, cultivate relationships and find refuge. [®]

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Hope Van Ewyk served as one of MBC's Group Rental Coordinators, and while she has recently moved away, she will be greatly missed by both our team and the many groups she served.



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GOSPEL LIVING

THE WELCOME MAT

By Alyssa LaRocque

There are some fun welcome mats out there! A quick online product search reveals a variety of styles with sayings ranging from the typical “Welcome” to the exuberant “Yay! You’re here!” to the realist “Stay awhile...but not too long. Don’t make it weird.”

I wonder how our welcome mats would read if our houses were sentient and could generate the saying based on what was observed within our walls. Maybe “Only come in once everything’s perfect” or “This is inconvenient” or “Not home...too busy!”

Far from being a hideaway or an escape, the home is a unique venue

for ministry and service. It provides a beautiful perspective on the gospel and the character of God. When we leave our homes and go out to live and serve, we exemplify how God loved us first and sent His Son. But God didn’t just send His Son out to us; the result of Jesus’ sending is that God then invites us back into His family through Christ (read Ephesians 1:3-11 if you need a reminder of the incredible beauty of that invitation). As a result, inviting people into our home is an opportunity to model that

gospel truth in all its warmth and richness and belonging.

What does it look like to model that truth? It can be tempting to

Far from being a hideaway or an escape, the home is a unique venue for ministry and service.

equate excellent hosting with a perfectly cooked meal, a squeaky-clean home and a well-behaved family. If people’s deepest need was delicious food and their greatest joy was polite conversation around a spotless table, then that standard might apply. But

people’s hearts have much deeper needs than that. The questions at our core are childlike in their simplicity:

“Am I loved? Do I belong? Does anyone see me? Does anyone care?”

These questions are answered resoundingly in all that our God has to offer. As His ambassadors, our homes can become a place for people to see, hear and experience these truths. In order for people to feel the love, care and belonging that are in God, what are some intentional choices we can make with our homes?

1 Be home more.

If our regular routine has no space for invitations, then our schedule needs to be re-evaluated. Our own family life will benefit, and it will open up the capacity for ministry within the home.

GOSPEL TRUTH

“If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?” (1 Timothy 3:5).

2 Invite strangers.

The biblical concept of hospitality is most often connected to inviting someone you don’t already know. In our culture of convenience and comfort, we tend to fill up our schedules with just our closest friends, but we should also be leaving space for someone new. Your house can be a place where strangers become friends



and friends become family.

GOSPEL TRUTH

“I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Matthew 25:35).

3 Invite different generations.

We naturally gravitate towards people who are in a similar life stage to us. We need to leave room for people outside of our own age and stage of life. If they’re older, ask about their life and what experiences have shaped them. If they’re younger, learn about and relate to their journey. If they are kids, don’t forget to involve them in activities rather than just sending them off to play.

GOSPEL TRUTH

“Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters” (1 Timothy 5:1–2).

4 Invite guests to participate.

Don’t be afraid to include people in preparations for the meal or clean-up afterward; people enjoy the feeling of making a contribution. Don’t set

aside a usual practice or tradition around meals or certain times of day just because guests are there; instead, invite them to participate in personal or family rhythms.

GOSPEL TRUTH

“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well” (1 Thessalonians 2:8).

5 Connect again.

Whether it’s a simple text afterward saying we’re glad they came, another invitation down the road, or remembering something that’s important to them and acting on it, we can show guests that they matter. Let’s not be content with simply opening the doors of our home; let’s open our hearts as well.

GOSPEL TRUTH

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart” (1 Peter 1:22).

May God bring the beauty of the gospel alive in our homes! 



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SPIRIT-EMPOWERED SERVICE

Wearing the yoke of Jesus

By Matt King

The golden calf of today is “do.” Do more, do better. Our metrics of success and badges of honour are performance, output and exhaustion. These metrics are not just found in the society we live in; they also easily creep into Christianity and our spiritual work. Excellence can be associated with our own means, strength and planning. But what if this isn’t God’s design? If God had a different design, would you want it? What if, in God’s design, excellence was yoked with ease?

As Christians, we must remember that we are called into a work that, by definition, we cannot do on our own abilities. We can erect buildings, make beautiful art and even create kingdoms. But spiritual and eternal work is very different. We cannot do anything of any spiritual significance without having spiritual power. That power has nothing to do with us and everything to do with God.

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To understand this concept better, let’s look at the example of the greatest servant to ever live: Jesus. He does many powerful things. He can often be seen performing miracles, healing the sick, and casting out demons. But there is something critical in Jesus’

ministry that does not often make the highlight reel. In Mark 1, Jesus is busy doing kingdom things, serving left, right, and centre. In the midst of the busyness, Jesus slips away from ministry with people to rest and spend time with the Father (verse 35).

This may be simultaneously the most underrated and yet most powerful part of doing ministry with excellence: *rest and intimacy with God*. If the Son of God Himself had to pause “ministry excellence” to pursue time with the Father, how much more should we?

I don’t want to overromanticize this concept. Once Jesus returned from His time alone with the Father,

He was met by frustrated disciples. In Mark 1:37, The disciples say, “Everyone is looking for you.” See how even Jesus’ own disciples don’t get it? You can hear their list of rationale: “Jesus, don’t you know all that we have to do? Where have you been? There is more work in front of us than there is time! The people want and need more!” Jesus is demonstrating something deeply profound here. There is always more work to do. There are always more people that need to be served. Ministry never stops. And in our short-sighted humanity we pair “more” with a need to “do.”

If we want to serve excellently, then we must be Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered. That does not come from always answering the call of “more.” We have to put our souls on do not disturb mode and prioritize spending time with the Father. Few things feel as futile as being busy yet powerless in ministry.

Jesus not only modeled something different, but He also gives an open invitation to something different. Matthew 11:28-30 says:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Jesus calls us off the hamster wheel of “more” and “do.” He pairs it with a glorious invitation: “Come to me.” Are you feeling tired from all the labour? Feeling heavy laden by life circumstances and the needs of ministry? Me too. He welcomes us to come to Him; to learn from Him. Jesus Himself states that when we come to Him, we can expect His gentleness. And what does He give us when we come? Rest for our very souls.

How do we serve one another in excellence? How do we answer our spiritual callings? From wearing the yoke of Jesus, which is described as easy and light.

When we wear the yoke of Jesus, we are yoked to an uncreated God; all-powerful, and perfectly wise in all that He does. If your ministry burden is heavy because you find yourself

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lacking wisdom, remember that you are yoked to the One who has all wisdom and offers to give it to you (James 1:5).

When you feel the physical exhaustion of serving, recall that you are yoked to a God who has no need of sleep, and is simultaneously keeping both you and your ministry (Psalm 121:3). When you feel jaded and weary of serving difficult people, remember the One who was reviled yet continued entrusting Himself to the Father (1 Peter 2:23). When you feel like you bring nothing to the table, remember you are yoked to the One whose power is made perfect in your weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Our service overflows to others from our rest and time with Him. He desires to meet us daily to care for us

physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. Daily we get the gift of coming to Him, learning from Him, and resting in Him. This is the sweet spot where we receive the strength to serve. It is from that sweet spot that we go and meet the crowds that are waiting—with Spirit-filled and empowered ministry. This yoke of rest is the very birthplace of excellence. **R**



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GROWING IN CHRIST

What happens after the seniors card?

By Lawson Murray

“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life” (Proverbs 16:31).

Age is a funny thing. The only time in life when we like to get old is when we’re children. Before ten, we count in fractions—you’re not just five, you’re five and a half.

Then come the teen years. Nobody holds you back. You say, “I’m going to be seventeen,” even if you’re fourteen. Then the great day finally arrives—you’re eighteen. Even the words sound like a ceremony.

But before long, you “turn” thirty. Oooh! What happened here? Sounds like sour milk: she *turned*. We had to throw her out. You push forty, reach fifty, make it to sixty, and before you know it, seventy. After that, it’s a day-by-day thing. You hit Wednesday and you’re eighty. You hit lunch, and you start to wonder if buying green bananas is still a wise investment!

Slowing down—not stopping

Retirement, as our world often understands it, isn’t biblical. In God’s economy, it’s about slowing down, not stopping. Nowhere does Scripture say, “And then they retired to play golf forevermore.” Instead, we see people serving faithfully to the end.

Moses worked until he was 120 (Deuteronomy 34:7). Joshua was 85 when he conquered the hill country (Joshua 14:10–12). Anna was 84 and still

worshipping “night and day” (Luke 2:36–37). They remind us that while seniors may not do *everything*, they can still do *something*. The form of our service may change, but the call to serve never expires.

The psalmist said, “They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green” (Psalm 92:14). What a beautiful image: an evergreen soul, thriving and blessing others even in their later years.

Growing, not groaning

Retirement is about growing, not groaning. The Roman scholar Cato began studying Greek at the age of eighty. When asked why, he said, “It’s the earliest age I have left!” That’s a great attitude. It reminds us that spiritual maturity has no shelf life. We’re never too old to learn, change or reflect Christ more deeply.

So have a positive outlook, even if the body parts that don’t hurt are just because they don’t work anymore! As Marie Dressler quipped, “It’s not how old you are, but how you are old.” Keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18). Keep your heart open to what the Spirit wants to teach you today—He’s not done with you yet.



These later years can be among the most spiritually productive and eternally significant.

Living purposefully

What happens after the seniors card? Life, and meaningful life at that. It’s a time not only to look back with gratitude but also to look ahead with purpose. God’s calling doesn’t come with an expiry date. Abraham received fresh promises at seventy-five. Simeon and Anna recognized the Messiah in old age. Paul wrote his richest letters while aging and confined.

These later years can be among the most spiritually productive and eternally significant. This is the time to mentor, pray, encourage and model what it means to finish well.

Growing old isn’t about fading away; it’s about shining brighter for Christ. As Isaiah 46:4 reminds us, “Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you.”

So, keep living. Keep learning. Keep loving.

The seasons may change, but the Saviour never does. **R**



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RETREATING

The what and why of a pastoral respite

By Michael Krahn

Pastors are generally not good at resting. I speak from experience. Due to the heaviness of my assignment and my habit of overworking, I was sidelined by burnout in 2015. Since that time, I have taken work, rest and recreation far more seriously.

Pastors shoulder heavy burdens, ones that are difficult to describe or explain to their congregants. The accumulation of this heaviness is a major factor in pastoral disillusionment and the resignations that often follow. Rest is needed, but it can be hard to find. And even when an opportunity is found, it is often sacrificed to the idols of productivity and accomplishment.

Rest, for the pastor, is rest from good work, work we enjoy, work we are called to. Many pastors neglect adequate rest for these very reasons.

A respite is a short period of rest from the burdens of pastoral ministry. I have been well-served as a pastor over the years by the fact that MBC is a pastor-friendly retreat centre. They offer a two-night respite once a year for any man in pastoral ministry. I recommend you take them up on their offer. Some of



my times of respite have been difficult and uncomfortable. Pastoral life is demanding and fast-paced. Spending time in slow solitude has revealed pockets of anxiety and faithlessness that have grieved me. But the Lord is gracious to reveal them, and I am grateful for the ways he has ministered to me in the wake of those revelations.

I am planning to be at MBC for another respite soon. As I anticipate this time away, it is not like looking forward to a vacation. It is more like considering an extended time of sabbath, when my trust in God's goodness and his ability to accomplish his ends without my help will be put to the test.

Despite the anxiety that sometimes accompanies the consideration of time away and alone, I have often returned from my times of respite well-rested, with new ideas, fresh vision and clarity of thought that can only be found

Although you may not want to take it, brother-pastor, you could probably use some time away.

in the prayer and meditation on God's Word that feed my soul on these retreats. In Luke 5:15–16, we see that when Jesus meets the temptation of over-busyness, of overextending himself, his response is to withdraw to pray. Although you may not want to take it, brother-pastor, you could probably use some time away. To put your feet up, yes, but to lean into the healing mercies of the Lord as you do. [®]

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CHEF'S CORNER

**CREAMY
ROSEMARY
PAN SAUCE***By Chef Derek*

This rich, herb-infused cream sauce is one of those recipes you'll come back to again and again. The savoury flavour of rosemary pairs beautifully with chicken, pork, steak, roasted potatoes and pasta. It's also delicious spooned over vegetables or served alongside fresh biscuits.

1 litre 35% cream
1 cup chicken stock
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon minced cooking onion
1 tablespoon dried rosemary
1 tablespoon roux (equal parts
butter and flour)
2 sprigs fresh rosemary

- In a little oil, fry the garlic, onion, and dried rosemary until the onion is translucent.
- Add the chicken stock and boil for approximately 2 minutes.
- Stir in the cream and fresh rosemary. Cook over low to medium heat.
- Once the cream is scalding (steaming), add the roux, stirring constantly until the desired thickness is achieved.
- Strain through a sieve.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy!



KINGDOM FAITHFULNESS

Serve anyway

A teen's perspective

By Lily Harvey

In this day and age, many people tend to focus only on themselves and do not take the time to serve others. As a result, serving the Lord is a great opportunity for Christian kids to stand apart. God calls us to be different in a way that glorifies Him and points others to Christ.

Personally, I have had the opportunity to serve at a variety of church and school events, and I have to admit, I do not always *feel* like participating. For example, I don't always want to help take care of toddlers first thing in the morning! This is where serving with excellence is especially important: I give it my best because it glorifies the Lord and supports my church.

Serving and helping others can help increase happiness and even reduce stress and anxiety, which is awesome. Even when I don't feel like serving at the time, I love how I am also blessed in the end.

More importantly, as Christians, we are called by God to serve both Him and others. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

A word of advice to kids of any age: get involved, serve the Lord and do it to the best of your ability. You will grow in your faith and be blessed for your efforts. Above all, you will show others the love of Christ! **R**

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Lily Harvey, 15, has been spending time in Muskoka since she was a baby, and is now a full-time resident. She loves the lake, iced coffee, roller coasters, thrift stores, camping and traveling with her family, and cuddling with her labradoodle, Tony. Lily is grateful for the opportunity to share with *Resilient* readers for the first time!

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KINGDOM FAITHFULNESS

Serving with excellence

By Marshal Burnham

Hey student: I want to speak directly to you for a moment.

I spend much of my life serving and speaking to young people, and one thing I know is this: you are capable of far more than many people assume. You are not too young, too late, too inexperienced or too ordinary to be used by God in incredible ways—right now.

Some of my earliest memories of MBC are not from a stage or microphone. They are from watching people serve.

As a child growing up at MBC, I still remember vividly

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each name and face of the summer staff in the many kids programs who invested in me. They served as teachers, leaders and friends, day in and day out on those long, tired summer days. I remember their joy, their kindness and the way they made me feel loved, seen, heard, known and welcomed.

As a teen I caused a lot of trouble at MBC. After stealing, graffiti, setting fires or breaking windows, when I was finally caught, I remember each person that dealt with my actions directly. I believe part of the reason today that I follow Jesus

was because of the grace, forgiveness and patience I was shown in great measures during that season of my life. Through correction and discipline, the leadership at MBC and the youth program showed far more than platitudes: they showed me Jesus in how they served a wretch like me. Long before I understood much about ministry, I understood this: serving changes and eternally impacts people.

Years later, as a youth pastor, I can clearly see that many of the people who shaped my faith most were not the ones holding microphones; they were the ones showing up early, staying late, helping quietly, listening well, loving students well, getting their knees tired from prayer and doing ordinary things with extraordinary care.

Scripture teaches that this kind of work matters deeply. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” Whether you are stacking chairs, playing with kids, BBQing meat, painting faces, praying with a friend, washing dishes, running tech, teaching Bible verses or picking up garbage no one else noticed, it can all be worship when done for Jesus.

Serving with excellence is not about being impressive, being seen, getting results. But it is about being faithful.

You don’t need to wait until you are older to matter in the Kingdom of God. Paul told Timothy, “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example” (1 Timothy 4:12). God was not asking Timothy to wait for adulthood before becoming useful. He was calling him to lead in the present. So, students, that same



invitation is for you. Be an example to the many around you in how you serve.

You can serve, pray, encourage, welcome and lead now. You can notice the lonely person, be dependable and choose excellence in your daily tasks, you can use your time sacrificially to serve others, and most importantly, you can love like Jesus, even now.

This is important: while you serve, God is often shaping something in you before He works through you (Philippians 2:13, James 1:2–3).

Character is formed when no one is watching. Humility grows in hidden places. Strength is built through consistency. Calling is often discovered while doing small things faithfully. So, take what you've been given and honour God with it—time, talent and treasure (Corinthians 4:2, Peter 4:10)

Jesus said in Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” The King of Kings chose the posture of a servant. If Jesus was willing to serve, then serving is not beneath you, it is something we are all called to as followers of Christ.

So, if you feel overlooked, underestimated or unsure



where to begin, start small and start today. Help willingly. Work hard. Be kind. Stay humble. Love the broken. Be patient with the difficult. Do the unnoticed task with joy.

Never underestimate what God can do with a student who simply says, “Use me.” You are not the church of tomorrow. You are part of God’s mission today. [®]

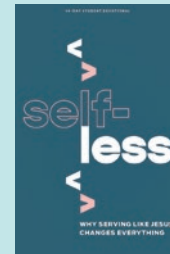


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MEMORY VERSE

**Whatever
you do, work
heartily, as
for the Lord
and not for
men.**

—Colossians 3:23 ESV

STORY TIME

Pippin the dove

By Abby Ciona

There were lots of parrots that came to stay in the bird hotel. Some were colourful parrots with long tail feathers and others that could talk or do tricks. Other parrots were big and some were small.

But there was only one bird that looked like Pippin.

She wasn't colourful. She didn't have fancy feathers. She was beige and white with a tiny beak and a round body.

One day, Pippin met a cockatiel, a bird with yellow feathers on its head like a crown. The cockatiel spent all day whistling beautiful songs for everyone to hear.

"I love your songs," Pippin said to the cockatiel. "I try to sing sometimes, but it always sounds like a honk."

"Maybe you just need to try harder," chirped the cockatiel. "It took a while for me to be able to sing."

But no matter how hard Pippin tried, she could only make a cooing noise. It wasn't a sweet whistle like the cockatiel.

Sometimes, a flock of little green budgies would come to the hotel. They'd climb all over their cage and even hang upside down from their perches.

"Can I come? That looks like fun!" asked Pippin.

"Sure," said a budgie.



Pippin put a foot on the side of the cage. She flapped and lifted up her other foot, but she fell backward.

"I don't think I'm good at climbing," said Pippin.

"Sorry," said the budgie. "Maybe you can practice and come up next time."

Pippin was beginning to feel discouraged when a red macaw called her over.

"I got a special salad today," said the macaw. "Do you want to share dinner with me?"

Pippin flew over and began pecking at the veggies. But her tiny beak wasn't big enough to pick up a single piece!

"I don't think I like veggies," Pippin said quietly, and flew away to her cage.

A little while later, Pippin's owner came over and noticed that Pippin looked sad.

"What's wrong, Pippin?" she asked.

"I can't do all the things the other parrots can do. I can't sing like them or climb like them. My feathers aren't colourful and I don't like veggies."

But Pippin, you aren't a parrot!" said her owner.

"I'm not?"

"You're a dove. It's ok if you can't do those things. God made every bird unique. Your feet are great for running and hopping, and your beak is perfect for eating little seeds. Even though every bird is different, you are all still birds!"

"Really?" said Pippin.

The next day, Pippin told the other birds at the bird hotel what she had learned.

"I've never met a dove!" said the cockatiel. "Maybe you can show me the way you sing."

"I'm sorry, I didn't know that your feet work differently!" said a budgie. "Next time, instead of climbing, we'll meet somewhere where we can all meet together."

"And I'll bring food that you can enjoy too," added the macaw.

And so, Pippin cooed for joy that evening, surrounded by her new friends. It didn't sound like the other birds' songs, but it was a song only she could sing. 

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14 (ESV)



QUESTIONS

1. Doves are mentioned a lot of times in the Bible, from Noah's Ark to Jesus' baptism. Can you think of any other birds in the Bible?

2. What are some things that make you unique?

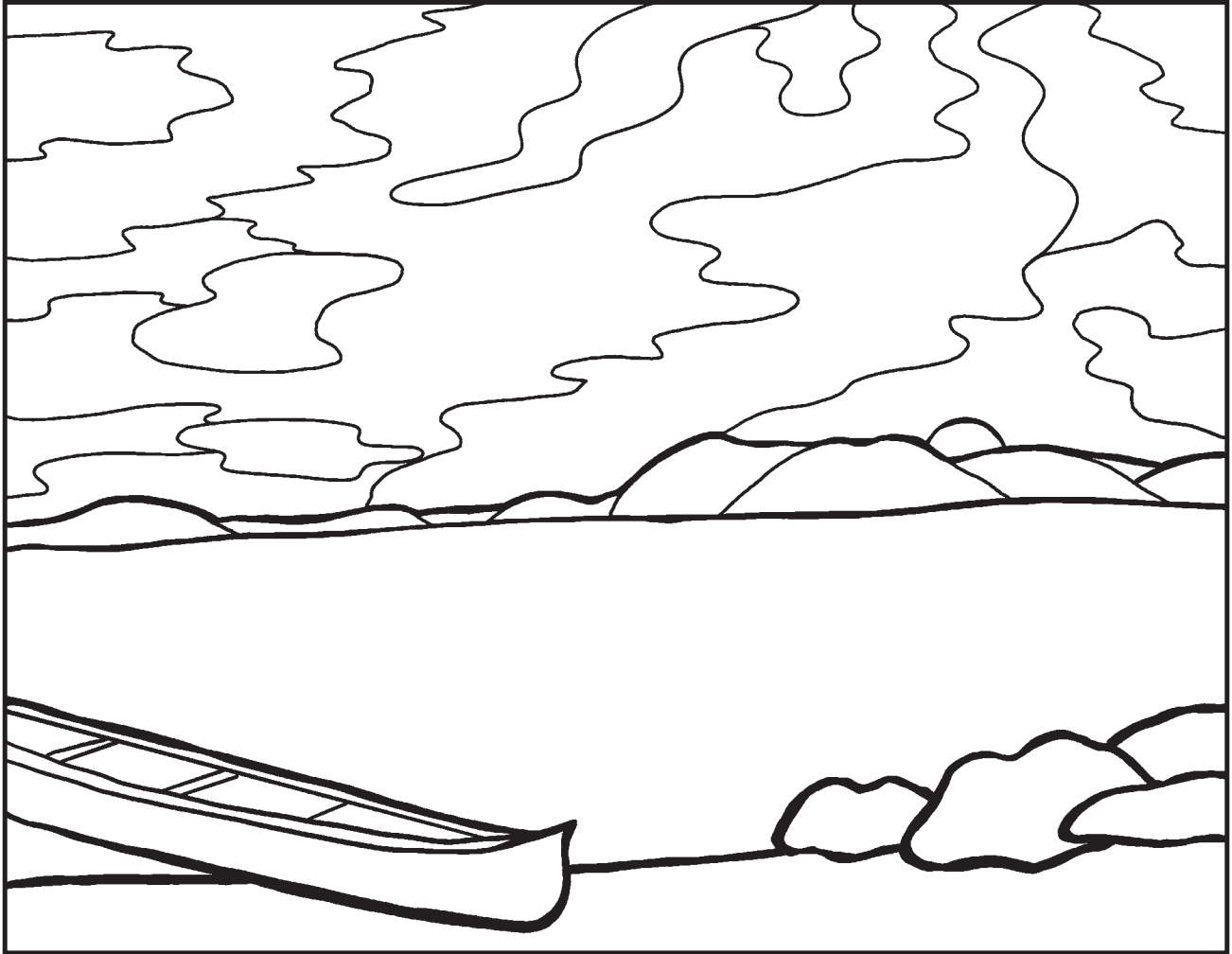
3. The other birds in the story help out Pippin when they learn that she can't do the same things that they can do. What are ways you can welcome people who are different from you?



Abby Ciona has been visiting MBC all her life but began working for MBC in 2022. She has a real pet dove named Pippin who inspired this story (you can see a picture of her on the page)! You can find Abby on social media at @abbyciona.

COLOURING PAGE

Fun on the lake



1. What are your favourite activities to do at MBC?

2. Are there any people you especially look forward to seeing at camp?

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WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have to eat pumpkin-flavoured everything for a week or apples with every meal for a month?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have leaves for hair or acorns for toes?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...be chased by 10 wild turkeys or one VERY angry squirrel?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have a pet squirrel or a pet moose?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...spend the night in a treehouse or a tent in the woods?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...go everywhere
by canoe or
everywhere by
golf cart?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have a giant
Thanksgiving
feast with Jesus
or sit around a
campfire with
the disciples?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have a
pumpkin as big
as a car or an
apple as big as
your head?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...help Noah take
care of the
animals or help
David look after
his sheep?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...be there when
David fought
Goliath or when
Daniel walked
out of the lions'
den?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...get caught in a
rainstorm of
leaves or a
rainstorm of
marshmallows?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...eat manna
every day for a
month or help
feed the 5,000
with five loaves
and two fish?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have to rake
1,000 bags of
leaves or peel
1,000 apples?

WOULD YOU RATHER...

...have dinner
with any person
from the Bible or
ask one Bible
character any
question you
want?

HUMOUR

Autumn jokes

Why did the tree worry about autumn?

It didn't want to leaf anything behind

What's a tree's least favourite month?

Sep-timber

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was outstanding in his field

What did one leaf say to the other?

I'm falling for you!

Why are trees so good at making friends?

They always branch out

What do you call a very large pile of leaves?

The Great Barrier Leaf

Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?

It ran out of juice

What's the cutest season?

Aww-tumn

What do you use to fix a broken pumpkin?

A pumpkin patch

Why was the pumpkin so good at school?

It was always ahead of the gourd



WORDSEARCH

Yummy fall favourites

Fall is full of delicious flavours! Can you find all the cozy seasonal foods hidden in this wordsearch?

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pumpkin
turkey
cranberry

carrots
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stuffing
pie

cookies
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AROUND MBC



MEET THE TEAM

From Canada to Costa Rica

Interview with Rob Freethy, MBC Maintenance Manager

Rob Freethy volunteered every weekend at MBC for seven years doing electrical work before joining as full-time staff in the early 2000s. He is now the maintenance manager at MBC, specializing as an electrician.

Outside of his work at MBC, Rob spends part of his winter doing volunteer maintenance work at a camp in Costa Rica.

"We've had connections with Costa Rica in the past with MBC internships that used to go down to Camp Roblealto," says Rob. "Most missionary endeavours are doing street evangelism or doing evangelism somehow and I'm not really that. I want to be the guy in the back. I'm very much an introvert. But I go down there and I can be part of rewiring something to make it safer."

During his time in Costa Rica, he has also worked on building a place to stay at the camp.

"When I turned 50, you know, some guys would go out and buy a Corvette or a motorcycle or some such thing. I decided to build a house. My goal is having my own place in Costa Rica. I'll

be down there. I just got to keep working on my Spanish."

In addition to his volunteering in Costa Rica, Rob has visited Christian camps in Mexico and Bolivia and hopes to visit more camps throughout Latin America. "And every one of them can use an electrician to some degree. I have a budget that I sort of save up for all year and that's what I spend when I go down. There's no end of stuff to do down there."

Rob's time volunteering internationally has given him a new perspective on his work at MBC.

"There's a phenomenal gap between MBC and Roblealto. In Costa Rica at the camp, there's no money. They have just what they have. So I've learned that it doesn't necessarily mean you have to have all the fancy stuff for the kids to have fun."

While Rob enjoys his time volunteering internationally, he is grateful to have MBC to return to. "It's just a pure blessing, having MBC as an employment place." —**ABBY CIONA**



FACILITIES UPDATE

Serving you better

By John Friesen

We are deeply thankful for the beautiful property and facilities God has provided which have allowed us to serve guests for more than 95 years. Over those decades, the site has continued to evolve through new buildings, upgraded infrastructure, improved roads and expanded walking paths. This ongoing development across both the MBC and Widjiitiwin properties is a testimony to God's faithful provision and the growth of the ministry.

Today, we find ourselves at an important stage in MBC's journey. Recent growth in both the depth and breadth of ministry has highlighted the need to thoughtfully review our site and facilities to ensure we are well-positioned for the future.

To help guide this process, the leadership of MBC is currently developing a comprehensive Master Site Plan that will shape facility and site development over the next 3, 5 and 10 years. With the expert support of Vandenberg & Wildeboer Architects, alongside input from our onsite team and additional external advisors, the plan is taking shape with the goal of sharing this vision with our constituency by the end of 2026.

Would you pray with us through this process? We are seeking God's wisdom to clearly discern the most important priorities, emerging needs and future growth opportunities so that every decision made will serve the glory of God and strengthen the ministry impact of MBC for years to come. 

Join us as fellow servants

By John Friesen

If you've made it this far through this edition, I trust you've been encouraged by the privilege we have as followers of Christ to serve one another with the same love God has shown us. We also have the opportunity to extend that love to those who do not yet know Christ.



Each year, more than 19,000 guests are impacted through their experiences at MBC.

For more than 95 years, God has graciously allowed Muskoka Bible Centre to serve guests in His name. Each year, more than 19,000 guests are impacted through their experiences at MBC. Over the decades, countless people have come to know Christ as Saviour, found healing and restoration, strengthened their faith, or responded to a call into vocational ministry. The full impact is impossible to measure, and we give God all the praise and glory for what He has done.

As a team, we remain committed to listening carefully to God's leading and serving our guests faithfully and obediently in ever-increasing measure. We also trust Him to provide the resources needed to fulfill the mission He has called us to.

In 2026, our ministry funding need is \$1,155,000. Your financial partnership plays a significant role in strengthening families,

renewing leaders, nurturing lifelong faith in young people, and extending hope to under-served communities.

I invite you to join us in this mission through a financial gift as we work toward our annual funding goal. You can give online at Muskoka Bible Foundation or call our office at 705-789-0123. For more information, scan the QR code below.

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John Friesen is CEO, Muskoka Bible Centre / Muskoka Bible Foundation.

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Muskoka Bible Foundation exists to support the charitable activities of MBC.

MBC (including the ministry, facility and operations) is now working within a zero-debt policy and within a conservative financial structure. This stability allows us to invest any surpluses into expanding and growing the ministry and the facility in support of the Kingdom mission.

As you plan your giving for the coming year, consider a donation to MBC. With your help we can continue to impact lives and hearts for Christ!

If you have any questions on how you can support our ministry, please feel free to call or email CEO John Friesen at 705.789.0123 or john.friesen@muskokabible.com.



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