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CHANGE

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Change is in the air. It's nice to see the sun showing up earlier in the mornings and staying a little longer in the evenings. I don't know about you, but I'm about done with all the snow we've had this winter and am ready for spring. We know that winter will end and spring will come, so we have to be patient for the change—or at least I should say I need to be patient.

Change is a part of life. It comes easier for some and harder for others. How do you handle change? Do you run into it head first, or do you run away from it? Or are you like me and it depends on the situation? There are times I welcome change with open arms, and then other times that I just dread the change. Change helps build character, even when we don't like the changes coming.

There is also change coming to Big River Bible Camp. There are going to be some new faces arriving as well as familiar faces moving. Kent & Sarah Rowe are coming to spend a year learning how we do camp at BRBC. Two individuals who have been involved at the camp for years will also be coming in the spring to help us. Caylea Selke and Jordan Fosseneuve will be coming, and we look forward to their arrival. Familiar faces not around camp will be the Blocks. Timothy & Laura

will be moving to BC to help with a camp ministry there for a year, learning new ways to do ministry.

One thing that hasn't changed: our eagerness for summer to arrive so the kids start coming too. We are thankful that we get to share the Gospel. We're thankful that God uses the people He brings to BRBC to accomplish His work of seeing His kingdom grow. Please continue to pray for the people in transition to BRBC and from BRBC. •



JEREMIAH

Q: How long have you been coming to BRBC? **A:** I've been coming since I was four or five.

Q: What first brought you to camp? **A:** My mom volunteered here.

Q: Why do you keep coming back? **A:** I love how you can be open and just be yourself at camp. It's a place you can have fun.

Q: How many years have you worked at camp? **A:** One.

Q: What are some of the different jobs you've had at camp?
A: I worked as an LIT.



A MOMENT WITH STAFF

Q: How has BRBC impacted your spiritual walk? **A:** Just being around all the believers really helped strengthen my belief and faith in God. I don't have to be afraid to express what I believe.

Q: What are you doing right now to stay strong following Jesus? **A:** I'm praying and paying attention in chapel.

Q: What is something you have learned in your time at BRBC? **A:** That you can be yourself and it's okay to talk to people whenever you need help.

Q: What are some of the challenges you have faced as a staff? **A:** One thing personally was my foot was in a cast last year, and trying to work like that was really challenging.

Q: Is there anything you'd like to say? **A:** Camp is a fun place where you can learn about Christ and it's just a great place to be. •

LIFELONG LEARNING X2

Lifelong learning does not happen without intentionality. In the ever-changing world and ministry around us, training is all the more needed as we seek to better reach the kids, youth, and families around us with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With that, we see two families taking huge steps toward that pursuit of lifelong learning and personal spiritual growth. Both families are taking one year away from the comforts and familiarity of home and learning under new leadership.



We (**Timothy & Laura Block**) are taking one year away from Big River Bible Camp and working with Esperanza Ministries on the west coast of B.C. We are taking this opportunity to work under a mentor and build our skills to be better mentors. Lord willing, we will also learn by stepping away from the familiarity of program ministry and learning how to enter more relational ministries. Seeing the loss of many program ministries and feelings of loss and confusion about how to reach out has displayed some holes in our level of experience and effectiveness in ministry.

Some overlap of ministry skills will involve helping with camp at Esperanza and maintenance of the facility. New ministries that we are trusting God to develop us in are relational ministries such as the street outreach taking place there in B.C. as well as in the Bible studies and outreach on the surrounding reserves.

We (**Kent & Sarah Rowe**) have attended Bible camp, served at Bible camp, met at Bible camp, left good jobs to go to Bible camp, dragged our babies to Bible camp, broken bones at Bible camp ... to say we're Bible camp people might be a bit of an understatement. We're Kent & Sarah Rowe, married for 14 years, with three minions, Shale (10), Kaydia (8) and Kalum (5).

We're coming to BRBC to learn and get equipped to be better camp people, to serve at BRBC and in the community of Big River. We're so excited for what God has planned for us as we step out in faith and commit to a year of mentorship, learning and growing from NCEM and BRBC. We look forward to meeting new friends and learning alongside the team in how to use Bible Camp year-round to advance God's kingdom. We hope to see you there! •



PRAYER & PRAISE

- **PRAY** for the BRBC Bible school students to grow in Christ, and that provision will be made for their return to school for future Bible school studies.
- **PRAY** for the online studies coming from BRBC and for the studies going on in town.
- **PRAY** that God will give much joy and wisdom to our leaders.
- **PRAY** that speakers and cabin leaders would live and teach the truth.
- **PRAY** for excited staff who are willing to give their summer to serve.
- **PRAISE** God that He is at work in BRBC.
- **PRAISE** God for the many supporters who make camp possible. •





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NBC FMP AT BRBC

For many years Big River Bible Camp (BRBC) has had the privilege of hosting a group of Nipawin Bible College (NBC) first-year students for their Freshman Ministry Practicum (FMP) course.

Each year these students have participated in the ministries of the camp and

have been a blessing to the camp and to the church and community of our area.

It is always a pleasure to have these students where they can experience a little about ministry outside of Bible college and we always love a little extra help. •

This year a couple FMP students also did SOAP devo videos on the BRBC Facebook page and YouTube channel. Check them out!



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