

GALILEAN BIBLE CAMP

EPHESIANS 3:20-21- "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

I write this letter with deep thankfulness in my heart for our great God who is able to do FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY than we can ask or imagine! God is high above all things. God is worthy of all praise. He is kind and compassionate to us. We praise Him for His perfect sovereignty. We praise Him for His abundant provision for Galilean Bible Camp. 2024 has been a year of change and transition for camp. Throughout all the changes we praise the one true God who does not change and we enjoy His abundant goodness towards us.

The theme of *abundance* carried its way through our summer of ministry. Let me simply list a few examples:

- We had 319 campers this summer, slightly more than last year
- Including campers and volunteers, we had 165 people at Skills Camp!
- During almost every week of camp this summer we had 3 cabin leaders per cabin on both the girls' side AND the boys' side
- God provided all the volunteer head cooks we needed in our new model of having volunteers lead in the kitchen
- We had enough male campers at Ultimate to have 4 cabins open (typically it's only 2 cabins)! We even reopened Eagles Perch after not having used it for several years
- We had so many lifeguards this summer, one week we had 9 total!

The best news of all is that 18 campers professed faith in Jesus! In this broken world, we have the opportunity to share the gospel message of hope with children and youth at camp. What a joy to see campers come to know and love Jesus. Please keep these kids in your prayers as they continue to follow Jesus. There has been a continued joy in seeing/experiencing the fruit of intergenerational ministry. God provided abundant numbers of volunteers in a variety of ages. It's so encouraging to see God orchestrate relationships that bring spiritual growth, deep community, joyful fellowship, and accountability.

Korissa, Jesse, and I have enjoyed getting into a new routine this fall. Together we serve the Lord, keep camp running well, and pray faithfully for our Galilean Bible Camp family. This Fall we hosted the Biblical Ministries Worldwide guest group, ran the Fall Ladies retreat with full numbers again, hosted Lansing Ave Baptist's C&C group, ran our Reunite retreat, and participated in the Holy Walk on St. Joes Island! It was an encouragement to be able to host the Ontario One Hope Canada Camps at Galilean for a conference. Our Avalanche camps are set to run in February, so please pray for snow! God is so good and we are excited about being good stewards of camp property and resources. Our goal is to keep glorifying Him together here in this beautiful place.



CATRIN KAY



In March I started my part time position as Off Season Food Services Coordinator at Galilean. The Spring was very busy with our new Ladies Retreat, Reconnect Retreat, and preparing for the summer. With God's help I was able to write a kitchen manual for our summer volunteers. I sourced ingredients and made plans for the ordering. It was a huge job. My goal was for the volunteers to have a written guide, that would take them step by step through each day of the camp week. After a few late nights, the manual was complete, order lists were done, and I was able to hand it over to our wonderful volunteers. We are so thankful to those who took time this summer to take the lead in the kitchen. Summer camp went very well and the kitchen volunteers did an amazing job. I was able to help out a little during the summer, handing things over to new volunteers on Sundays.

For our family the summer was very different. This was our first summer away from camp. We were able to visit my family in England in July. Abby and Joey enjoyed many bike rides with Bill in the evenings. They both enjoyed being campers during Skills Camp.

In the Fall I took over my kitchen responsibilities again. We hosted a missionary group in September, then the Ladies' Retreat at the end of that month. Both retreats take a lot of planning and preparation.

It was in September, after a lot of prayer, that I realized my current role at camp and working at the hospital was unsustainable. Therefore I have made the difficult decision to resign from my Galilean position, effective March 1, 2025. I have loved my time at Galilean and love working in the kitchen. I will miss working with our amazing volunteers and being a part of this ministry.

KORISSA KAPASHESIT



This past summer we had so many families come to volunteer. It was very encouraging to hear these families make comments like, "it feels like camp from back when I was younger". These families used to volunteer at camp when they were young teenagers. These encouraging comments reminded me that God doesn't change, and He's been faithful to Galilean throughout all these years.

Reflecting on my time here, it has been going by so fast! In January it's going to be my third year here already. Serving here at camp has been such a blessing and encouragement to my faith. I've been growing closer to God and strengthening my relationship with Him.

This Fall we hosted a number of retreats and guest groups. The retreats are always full of fellowship, singing God's praises, and encouragement. I enjoy the fall time here at camp. It's been a mix of busy retreats and quiet seasons. I joined a volleyball league here in Blind River, and I have been attending a Bible study on Mondays with some of the ladies from my church. At the start of December I'll be going on a cruise to Mexico to end off this season of camp. Overall it's been a fun year and I'm looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Hebrews 10:24-25, And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

We are beyond blessed by God's people. At this time last year I had no idea that we would be coming here to serve full time. What a beautiful whirlwind it has been. God has been showing us who He is and who His people are. All of your prayers and support has been so incredible. It's wild to think how fast this all happened. Only 7 weeks and we were fully funded! It was a busy summer and I learned a lot. I think we are settling down into a good routine now. We started homeschooling for the first time, which has been very good. We are figuring out what it's like to live at camp during the off season. We are having a good time getting involved at church here as well. I get to serve on the worship team, and help lead the youth group. Rachel has been getting involved at church. She is always working "behind the scenes", and it's nice that she gets built in friends as neighbours here at camp. The kids are finding their own friends and settling into Blind River. All in all it has been encouraging, so thank you very much for your faithfulness. God Bless!

THE MOXAMS



KATIE ELLIOTT



A few weeks ago one of my camp kids asked me, "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?" I thought about this for a moment and then answered, "Galilean Bible Camp". I am genuinely so thankful for the life that God has blessed me with here at camp. I love living here and working here. There's no place on earth that I would rather be.

I thoroughly enjoyed this summer in my new role as Interim Camp Director. It's a joy to lead here at Galilean. I'm so thankful that God is always in control. He takes care of all of our needs abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. It's been a good year of growth for me as I have stepped into this new role and I'm enjoying the learning process. I'm thankful that I am limited but God is limitless! His power is made perfect in me when I am weak.

In November I took a little trip to Toronto to see a worship concert with some camp friends. I'm still playing pickleball regularly. I love having the Moxam family live at camp, Rachel and I have a really wonderful friendship. I'm looking forward to the Christmas season and spending time with my family, especially my new nephew Henry! I'm so thankful for your support and care in my life here at camp!

FINANCIAL NEEDS, FOOD SERVICES NEEDS & THANK YOU!

We want to say a deep heartfelt thank you for your financial support! Your generosity and obedience to the Lord's leading continues to bless us abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. Jesse has been working hard on plans for renovating our boys' outside washroom. We hope to begin this project as soon as we can, so that the new washroom facility is ready for Summer 2025. This project will cost around \$30,000 to complete. We are thankful for any contributions that you are able to make towards this project. We want camp to be a place where our facilities are well taken care of. When parents drop off their campers we want to ensure that they feel safe and comfortable. A bathroom renovation project may not feel like it has a direct impact on sharing the gospel, however, I think we can all agree that bathrooms are essential! Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this need!

Please be in prayer for us as we look for a new Food Services Manager. Catrin has been a huge asset to camp and we will greatly miss her service in the kitchen. We are so thankful for her graciousness in staying until the end of our Avalanche Camps. We trust that God knows our needs and look forward to His abundant provision. Thanks for joining with us in praying for this need to be met. Feel free to share this need with anyone who may be interested in serving in this role.

We love you guys and we are so thankful that you are a part of our camp family. If you have any camp questions please feel free to give us a call and we would love to connect with you. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas season enjoying God's goodness. It's a privilege to be united to Christ in His death and resurrection and enjoy the goodness that He has set before us. We know that He is able to do far more abundantly than we can ask or imagine! So to my brothers and sisters in Christ, THANK YOU!

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