



The President's Letter



As summer gets underway, but the Crosstalk Ministries'

Day Camp, Junior Youth Camp, & Senior Youth

“Please pray for these vital ministries...”

Camp, teams have been hard at work for at least the past six months preparing exciting programs of ministry opportunities, that will involve many hundreds of people, young and not so young, both here in Quebec and across the country. As usual we depend on God's provision of both people and resources to make these programs happen, and we are very thankful to God for the way he provides

for our needs through the sacrificial giving of his people. If you have received an unexpectedly large tax receipt maybe you would consider a small gift to Crosstalk Ministries. It would be very much appreciated. Also, if you are aware of anyone, again young and not so young, who would

benefit from being involved in one of the programs, would you consider speaking to a direc-

tor of that ministry? One last ask! Please pray for these vital ministries and for those who are responsible for them, as well as for those who participate in them, that they may realise our long term aim of “helping people of all ages become strong disciples of Jesus Christ.” Have a great summer!

God bless.

Nick Brotherhood
President

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Spring Prayer Concerns-2017

Summer Prayer Roster-2017

(Pray for CTM throughout the week)

- Sunday-** Pray for the Closing Services of Day Camps, taking place in 4 Provinces and for safe travel for the Teams as they move on to their next Communities.
- Monday-** Pray for the Crossroads Youth Service as we seek a new Director for this important Ministry.
- Tuesday-** Pray for Junior Youth Camp:- For the Co-Directors, the Staff, Speaker and for the Campers as they attend JYC @ Cedar Lodge, Aug. 13-19
- Wednesday-** Pray for the Directors and Staff of Senior Youth Camp and for the Speaker, Ryan Lee, as they prepare for Camp and for all the Campers as they attend SYC@ Camp Livingstone August 14-20.
- Thursday-** Pray for those who work behind the scenes (our Treasurer, President, Vice-President & the Directors of Communications and Development) to facilitate the on-going Mission of Crosstalk Ministries- *"Helping People of All Ages to Become Strong Disciples of Jesus Christ"*
- Friday-** Give Thanks for all the volunteers who have given of themselves in Service to the Lord this summer.
- Saturday-** Give Thanks for all the lives, which have been and will be, forever changed through the impact of Crosstalk Ministries. To God be the Glory!

Thank you for your Prayer Support. If you would like further information about times or locations of these events please contact the Crosstalk Office

Daycamps

This piece was originally published as the May “Wednesday Words” post on the Day Camp Blog. It is such a great testimony to the far-reaching benefits of Day Camps that I asked permission from David to also publish it in this Newsletter, Valerie Taylor

Of course I remember you and day camps.

You never knew but you had such a big impact on my life. I was such a shy young man when I came over to do the camps in 93 and 94. I still had a lot of issues over bullying at school and beyond and very low self esteem. I didn't have many friends and I was still a young Christian as well. I was not in a great place when I came over.

Coming to do the camp, making so many friends, it was life changing for me. I don't exaggerate when I say that those two summers were the high points of my young life and I often think of them fondly. Thank you for that opportunity. Life changing, literally.

After day camps I was involved in children and family work for many years before ordination and I used many odd and ends from my time with you to aid in my work.

I would love to support day camps in any way possible. I will send this form around Jersey, the place I live now and tell them to get in touch. I will add my own story of how amazing a summer it was. (I truly wish I could come and do another camp)

I still feel a call to Canada and maybe, God willing I may end up working in your lovely land. I am a little scared of the prospect with two children but if a church would have us, I think I would take a plunge 😊

If there is any other way I can support your work here, any way at all please do let me know.

Bless you and your team and all you do.

David Grantham
All Saints Church
Jersey



Development

On May 13th, Crosstalk Ministries hosted its first ever multi-ministry fundraiser at Saint Peter's Anglican Church in the Town of Mount-Royal. The event featured a silent auction, a number of awesome musical performances, an artisan's craft table, a taco bar and loads of decadent desserts. With over 70 people in attendance, the event was a great success! In total, we raised over 2,375\$ and as those in attendance already know, 10% of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Red Cross to help those affected by the recent flooding in the Montreal Area.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all those who gave of their gifts to make this event possible - Thank you for your musical, crafty, culinary, decorative, organizational, technical, inspirational contributions!. Thank you to Chris Barrigar and the parish of Saint-Peter's for hosting us, to everyone who came to lend a hand at the event, to those who made preparations in advance, and to all those who donated food, crafts and auction items to our cause. I would especially like to thank the members of the committee that was behind every detail of this event. Luke Bayly, Alex Richards, Alana Norquay, Victoria Netten Huyer, and Josiah Henderson, thank you for your time, your creativity, your hard work, your servant hearts, and your devotion to building the Kingdom of God. Finally, thank you to all those who attended the event and/or made a donation from afar. Your support and generosity is what makes this ministry possible!

Natalie Richards



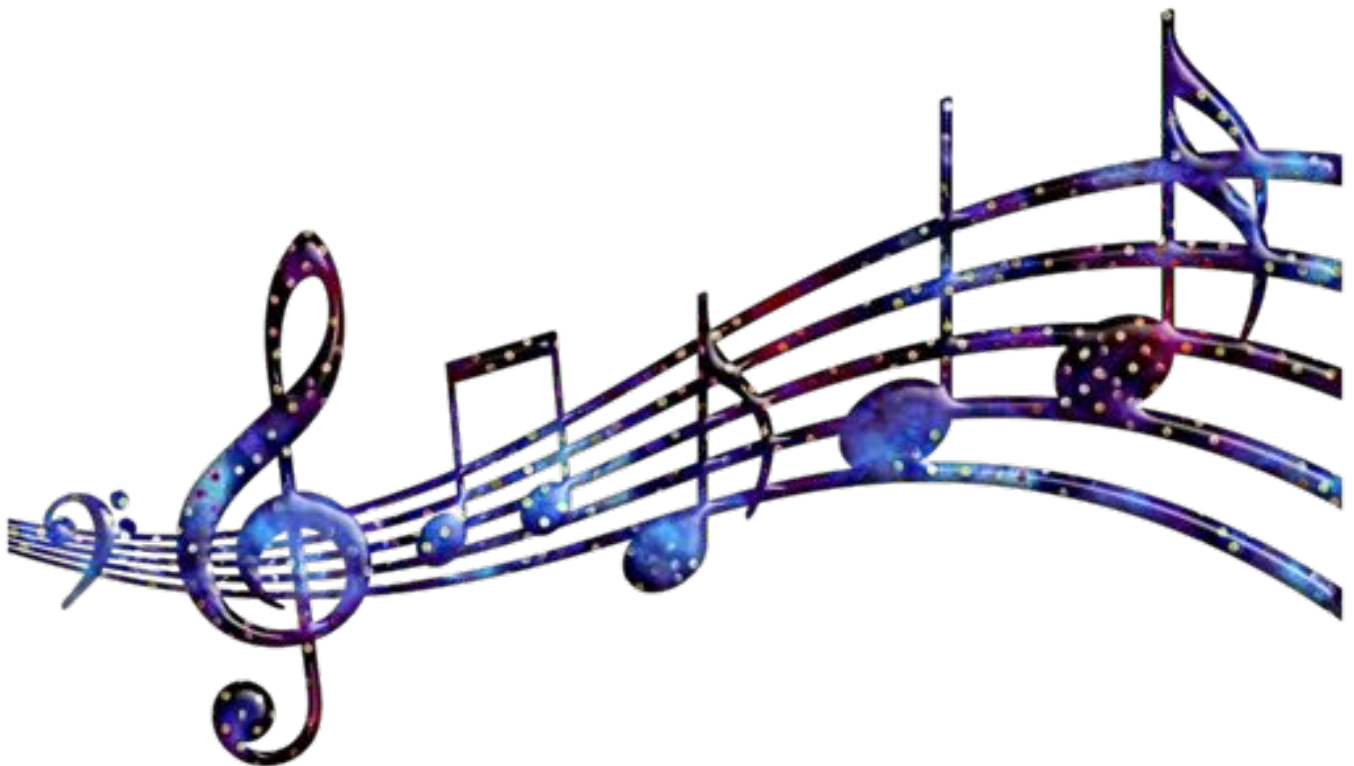
Crossroads

As the Crossroads season of 2016-2017 comes to a close, I would like to praise God for all of the wonderful work He accomplished through this ministry. We started off in September 2016 with over 75 people in attendance, and continued with a steady rate of 20 attendees per service for the rest of the year. We had guest speakers talk on interesting and relevant topics, and even launched our very first All Ages service in March 2017.

It is with a heavy yet grateful heart that I resign from my post as Director of Crossroads. This ministry is dedicated to meeting the needs of the spiritual nourishment and fellowship for young people in Montreal, and I strongly believe that the Crossroads team fulfilled this goal under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I thank everyone who has supported the ministry in the past year, especially the committee of people with whom I worked. I will continue to keep Crossroads in my prayers and hope to see the ministry develop even more in the future.

Our last youth service of the season was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church on June 18th at 7pm.

- Jillian Augustin



Junior Camp

I'll never forget returning from camp. We had just finished a week of JYC at Cedar Lodge. My younger boys attending camp for the first time. For me, it was also my first in co-directing a camp.

We arrived home dirty and tired, even a bit grouchy. We started unpacking and camp songs continued being sung. I started sending the boys to the shower one by one. We started talking about school and school supply lists.

I went into the kitchen to think about dinner when I hear someone crying. Ezekiel, who was 10, was crying. Really it was more like sobbing. He said this to me once I was sitting close to him, "I don't get why camp is only one week and school lasts so much longer. Why can't it be the opposite? I loved camp so much. I want to go back."

You know what, I felt the same way. It was such a great experience! We can't wait to go back and do it all over again!

Di Keener
JYC co-director



Senior Camp

We will wait on the Lord....

Directing camp is an extreme act of faith every year. This year is no different. While certain things have come into place nicely, there are other things for which we just do our best, pray to the Lord and leave the outcome up to Him.

The Senior Youth Camp Planning Committee has been working hard at putting together an exciting program this year to foster lasting memories, deeper connections and growing faith.

Our theme this year is "Bigger than right", where we are going to explore how our daily interactions with people can serve to win people to the Kingdom of God or not, depending upon what our focus is in the interaction. Born out of the debates that appear on social media, we decided to look at whether being "right" should be the driving force in our interactions with others.

We have many games that have been planned and many more that are in process. Overall, it looks as though we will have a wonderful time this year, full of creativity and craziness wrapped up in a nice package to help our campers and staff become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are excited to welcome Ryan Lee, the youth pastor at Montreal Chinese Alliance Church, as our speaker this year. Last year, he was one of our workshop leaders and we are thrilled that he agreed to come back in a bigger role this year. Please pray for him as he prepares for this role.

Also, please pray for Michelle Eason and Luke Bayly as they prepare the quiet time materials and the small group materials respectively. It is wonderful to have such willing and talented volunteers to help with the creation of this important part of the program.

Once again, we will be doing a joint pre-camp training with Junior Youth Camp staff as well as a training day on August 6th. Please pray for these events and for our pre-camp speaker who will lead us in spiritual preparation for the task ahead.

On the staff side, we are still missing people for some key positions. If you know anyone who is eligible to be on staff, please encourage them to apply. If you don't, please pray for us in this regard.

Speaking of prayer concerns, camper registration is lower than it normally is at this time of year. In part, the lower numbers may be due to the launch of our new website and complete online registration system which took longer to develop than planned. We would value your prayers for the campers to come to camp and to answer God's call to come to camp.

Please email us at seniorcamp@crostalkministries.ca if you are willing to write prayer letters for the campers or staff, or are willing to be on our prayer team which will pray for camp during the week leading up to camp and during the week of camp. Specific prayer concerns would be sent to you throughout the week as they come up. We cannot do this ministry without this valuable support.

We would also ask that you consider sponsoring a camper to come to camp. Every year about a third of our campers are in need of a bursary to attend camp. This year, I expect that the number might be slightly higher due to the terrible flooding situation which took place in the spring in the Montreal area.

Mark and I are looking forward with great excitement and expectation as we prepare for the work that God will do in campers and staff alike at camp this year.

- Victoria Netten Huyer

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