

The Networks



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The President's Letter



Since its inception over thirty eight years ago, Crosstalk Ministries' purpose has been to help "people of all ages become strong disciples of Jesus Christ." It is this that motivates all that our ministries, whether it be Day Camps, Junior Youth Camp, Senior Youth Camp, Crossroads Youth Service or Tuesday Fellowship. There is a small army of volunteers who work year round to make sure all the ministries are the best they possibly can be; without whom, these ministries simply would

not be able to take place. Beyond these volunteers there are also many generous individual supporters who pray for the ministries and who give financially to enable the ministries to happen.

"...the risen Lord Jesus is with us..."

This is the time of year when churches and fellowships are formulating their mission budgets for 2017. Maybe you could suggest that Crosstalk Ministries be considered for inclusion in your church's budget if it is not already? God's has been very faithful to us in providing for our needs both of people and finances over the past decades, and we have no reason to think He will stop any time soon. Please consider if you are able to make an end of year

gift to Crosstalk. If you need any help in so doing, please contact Valerie Taylor at the Crosstalk office. You can reach her at 514-484 1414.

Thank you for interest in and support of Crosstalk Ministries, I can assure you it is very much appreciated. As we both anticipate and celebrate the coming and the coming again of Jesus, may we live each day in joy and hope because the risen Lord Jesus is with us as we respond to his command to "go into all the world and make disciples..." May you know his powerful presence with you throughout Advent, and as you eventually celebrate his incarnation at Christmas.

In Christ,

Nick Brotherwood
President

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Calendar

December-2016

12th - Day Camp Committee Meeting
 18th - Christmas Crossroads
 20th - Tuesday Fellowship

January-2017

7th - Day Camp Team Gathering
 15th - Board of Directors Meeting
 15th - Crossroads Youth Service
 16th - Day Camp Committee

Meeting

17th - Tuesday Fellowship

February-2017

19th - Crossroads Youth Service
 20th - Day Camp Committee Meeting
 21st - Tuesday Fellowship

March-2017

19th - AGM
 19th - Crossroads Youth Service

20th - Day Camp Committee Meeting
 21st - Tuesday Fellowship

Thank you for your Prayer Support. Please contact the Crosstalk Office @ 514-484-1414 for further information.

Daycamps

All One Family,

Many of you will have heard recently on news reports of the rash of suicides among young girls in Northern Saskatchewan.

As Canadians we are all, I hope, aware of the hardships of our Indigenous Peoples and how the system of Reserves is totally dysfunctional, but when I first heard these reports it struck me in a very profound way since the names of these remote Northern Saskatchewan communities are very well known to us in the world of Day Camps.

For the past 10 years our Teams have served in these same communities. These are the Campers whose smiling faces appear in our annual Slideshow and with whom our Teams have built relationships. Our Team Members who have had the privilege of serving on these Reserves come home changed people with a new awareness of our country and its diverse people. They come home with stories that are deeply moving and which all of us remember and pass on from year to year.

The poverty and real misery of some of these children is so palpable and now this misery has surfaced in these communities as children as young as 10 years old have taken their lives because life is unbearable.

How to respond? In prayer I realised that we needed to reach out and let these people know that we are grieving alongside them and that, even though we are far away geographically, we are all one family in Christ.

In early November I wrote a letter to Bishop Michael and many of our Team Members have had the opportunity to also sign it and add their own thoughts and prayers. We hope it will bring some small ray of sunshine into the darkness facing those who mourn to know how moved all of us have been.

One thought that has helped to console us at this time is that we do hope and pray that there are other children on these Reserves who, having chosen to make Jesus their "Special Friend" during Day Camps, and who have been given the ability to remain strong and to support others because they are leaning on our Lord.

Please take time to pray for the people of La Ronge, Stanley Mission and Deschambault Lake, places whose names might not have meant much to you when heard on the radio but which represent Family in the world of Day Camps.

Valerie Taylor

Director of Day Camps

Development

As you may be aware, Crosstalk Ministries strongly believes that no one should be turned away from any of our camps due to financial difficulties. As has been the case for several years, there are a number of campers who would not have been at camp this year were it not for the easy access to bursaries. Throughout the history of Crosstalk Ministries, there have been countless individuals who have had life altering camp experiences thanks to the easy availability of bursaries. As a result of the increasingly difficult economic climate in which we find ourselves, the ability to meet the cost of bursaries, as well as camps as a whole becomes more difficult to address.

In an effort to address these issues, we wish to make you aware of some of the fundraising activities, which will be taking place in the coming year.

Spring 2017- Soiree CTM: Silent Auction and light supper are served in a well dressed evening. A highlight of the year, this event is not to be missed! *Date TBA*

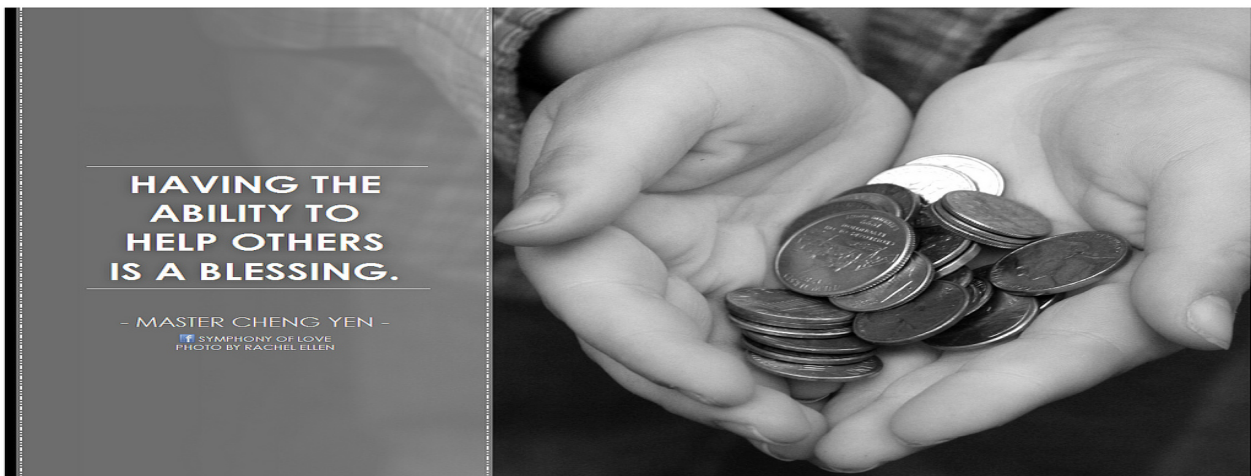
As more information becomes available, you will receive further details. Should you be willing to volunteer your time at this or any other CTM event, please contact the Crosstalk Ministries Office (office@crosstalkministries.ca/514-484-1414).

In addition, you can also make a financial donation through the office.


Thank you once again for your continued support.

In Christ,

Alexander Richards
Director of Development





Crossroads

IN THE WORLD BUT  NOT OF THE WORLD

CROSSROADS

CROSSTALK MINISTRIES' MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICE FOR YOUTH
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
 @ ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE - 1 WEREDALE PARK, WESTMOUNT

<p>OCTOBER 16 - 7:00PM SPEAKER: SYNDI-BELLE EL TAYAR: "DIGITAL DETOX"</p>	 <p>M METRO ATWATER</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 20 - 7:00PM SPEAKER: TIM KEENER: "CHRISTIANS & MEDIA"</p>	
<p>DECEMBER 18 - 5:30PM SPEAKER: JEFF ALEXANDER: "MATERIALISM" SUPPER - 5:30PM / WORSHIP SERVICE - 7:00PM SUGGESTED DONATION FOR FOOD: \$5</p>	
<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.CROSSTALKMINISTRIES.CA/CROSSROADS FACEBOOK: CROSSTALK MINISTRIES CANADA E-MAIL: CROSSROADS@CROSSTALKMINISTRIES.CA</p>	<p> ST. STEPHEN'S HOUSE</p>

Junior Camp - Camp happened and God's love was felt!!!

As the Advent season is upon us we eagerly await the celebration of the birth of Christ. I also take the time to reflect on all that the past year has brought Junior Youth Camp (JYC). We have new leadership and a new vision for what we would like JYC to become. We had a successful re-launch of camp this past summer. The campers and staff were excited and motivated to make camp the best it could be.

For myself I look back and feel truly blessed to be supported by such wonderful and caring people. We have past JYC staff, who are the backbone of camp; new staff who bring wonderful energy and ideas. Campers who threw themselves into camp wholeheartedly and who have professed a burning desire to return.

As we turn our gaze to a new Christian year, the JYC committee looks to summer 2017 and is inspired by the success of the last year. We have a wonderful group of people who have agreed to take on the challenge of aiding myself and co-director Diana Keener to plan for another successful Junior Camp to come. We have begun the task of fleshing out who can take on what role on the committee as well as at camp. We are praying over themes and possible speakers. The campers, past and future, are always in our prayers.

The energy and hope of this Advent season brings us joy both for our own families and for Junior Youth Camp.

With all of this we also keep in our hearts that Christ the Lord is with us and we celebrate the anniversary of his earthly birth.

During this time we would ask that you can support us in praying for the following things:

- Thanks for the provision of a wonderful committee.
- Thanks for the enthusiasm of staff and campers.
- For guidance in choosing a theme.
- For inspiration and guidance in choosing a speaker.
- We pray for the Cedar Lodge Association as they attempt to retain their not-for-profit designation.
- We pray for the campers and their families during this holiday season.

Alana Norquay
Junior Camp Co-Director

Senior Camp

Every year we, the Senior Youth Camp(SYC) staff, put on a Movie Marathon. This event is really a simple way of getting the camp community back together to hang out and catch up, and also to introduce new people to our camp community. We stay up and watch movies all night until breakfast the next morning.

Here what a faithful Movie Marathon goer, Ce’Nedra Lowe has to say about it:

I’ve had the opportunity of being able to go to the Movie Marathons the last five years. I have to say that this one was just as awesome as the last four. Being honest I wasn’t so sure about deviating from the regular Disney but it surprised me just how many Dreamworks movies there are and it was a pleasant surprise to see ones I haven’t watched in years. Great movies with great company really makes it all worthwhile. And breakfast at the end... BONUS! Although there weren’t as many movies to sing along to, it felt just like any other marathon we’ve done thus far. I can’t wait for next years marathon!



Winter Prayer Concerns-2016

(Pray for CTM throughout the week)

Junior Youth Camp - for the planning team as they begin work on formulating the JYC program for 2017

Senior Youth Camp - thanksgiving for the 2017 Speaker/ For the Staff planning group as they meet in late November/ For strategies to deal with the increase on site rental so that Camp can still be kept affordable for everyone.

Crossroads - for the Special Christmas Crossroads when Junior Campers will also be in attendance/For a smooth transition to a new location, starting in January.

Day Camps - thanksgiving for a super Fall Coffeehouse/ plans for the Epiphany Team Gathering/ for the monthly meetings of the planning committee / for all those currently writing and editing the 2017 Program Manual.

Development - for wisdom and creativity in building a development strategy

Communications - for Networks/for the rebuilding of our contact list and other improvements in communications.

Tuesday Fellowship - thanksgiving for a the faithful group who meet monthly for learning and mutual support

Finance - for our Treasurer, working behind the scenes, that everyone would provide timely and accurate information so that this important work can run efficiently.

To God be the Glory!

