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# Child Evangelism Fellowship



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"It is not the will of your Father...that one of these little ones should perish." - Matthew 18:14

## "Stories From a Summer of Fishing with Jesus!"

Dear Friends,

August 15, 2014

It is hard to believe that we are in our last week of 5-Day Clubs. All in all there were 632 club slots booked across Alberta and Saskatchewan including many new communities and reserves. There have been thousands of children who have attended the clubs and hundreds who have accepted Jesus as their Savior. The reports that come in each day are so exciting as we see what God has done through these 49 young people.



I enjoyed getting to know so many like-minded people who had a heart to please God. I went to training both weeks Monday to Friday. There Mr. Durston gave a short devotional, and we sat in on workshops and club demos, all to get a feel for what teaching would look like. I love kids, but working with such a great organization that puts so much time and effort into making clubs happen is more of a privilege than I can say. What Mr. Durston encouraged us with proved true. We were just tilling the soil in those kids hearts, towards God and the Bible. I sure didn't do everything perfectly, but I believe those kids' hearts are soft. As I head into the summer, I feel uncertain but also very excited.



I have decided to dedicate this letter to the CYIA workers who will share the stories they have from fishing with Jesus. I trust you will be encouraged as you hear just some of what God has done!



I have realized over teaching clubs these past 4 weeks how emotional I get when kids ask Jesus to come into their heart! As I was handing out prizes at the end of my last club today a little boy came up behind me and whispered in my ear "I want Jesus in my heart today." And all at once my stomach did a flip flop, my heart skipped a beat and tears welled up in my eyes. I see how excited and emotional I get hearing those words from a child and I can't imagine how God feels every time we get to have those talks and say those prayers with these kids! Half way through week 4 of clubs and I don't want this summer to end!



Well, let me just say that training in Regina was a success! I must admit, I was a little terrified going into it. Leaving home, going to another province, and spending nigh two weeks with people I didn't know was a big stretch. But I learned a lot!

On Thursday we had a BBQ where all the parents and younger siblings were invited, and the kids were so excited to show off the actions they had learned! My roommate's Dad was talking with us after, and he said that he noticed one of the girls



hanging on every word. The next day when I gave the invitation (I had no hands all week up until then) this little girl put her hand up and I got to go pray with her. (With my three-year-old tag-along in tow.) Seeing how genuine this girl was encouraged me so much. When I was asking her questions, and she admitted she was a sinner, she cried. She was genuinely sorry and seeking forgiveness. After we had prayed, the joy that lit up her face was the most beautiful thing. Another new sister! I gave her a Bible, and she said she would read it to her younger sister. This week has been crazy, and I totally forgot to blog, but we have 6 new brothers and sisters in Christ from Lethbridge/Nobleford/Lomond! Yay Jesus! I'll try to do a summary of this awesome week tonight on the blog, so if you want to read more about those kids you can check later. Hope everyone else's week has been as encouraging as this week has been for me!

So this last week in Brooks was great! There were 64 kids between 2 clubs, a huge stack of lessons, and the chance to get to know some new families in my hometown. Thank you so much for praying for the kids and for me. I've needed it, and it's such an encouragement to know there are people caring about my spiritual well-being. Shout out to CG Marvin! Thank you again for your support!! Please also keep the family of the kids who accepted Christ on Friday. There was also another boy at the club who accepted Jesus on Tuesday, whom I wrote about on Thursday, who comes from a Muslim background, so please pray that God would continue to show him how Jesus is the only one who can save us.



My second club was on Big Island Reserve. This club went absolutely amazing. I had 35 kids. They weren't so sure about the songs on the first day. But by the end of the week they just loved them. Some of the parents came and sat in the club and on the first day one mom came up to me and said that they didn't go to church. She told me that she didn't think it was worth it. After she said that she told me that sitting through the club changed her mind and she wants to take her kids to church and Sunday school. Her two boys finished

their first and second lesson so I gave them the packet. Then the mom came up to me and asked if she could take home two of the devotional books for the boys so I gave them to her. She was so excited to go home and do these lessons and devotionals with her boys. Please be in prayer for this family. God is at work in these people's lives; it was very evident this week.

About 5 minutes after I chatted with my 5 kids in my club about how we could proooooably get to 10, and that we are at 8 on the sheet, so if we try hard we will get 10...well then 7 more kids walked in. Sorta like God being like "Heather, just pray about it and stop working in your own strength."



It was this little girl's birthday yesterday! Want to know something super cool? She asked Jesus into her heart on her birthday! DOUBLE BIRTHDAY! "I wish you were my brother..." I told her that now I AM her brother! Big brother Levi! Guys, never forget the impact of showing these kids you love them and care for them.

Kids are making the decision (for the first time) to believe on Christ every day so far down here in Nampa and Peace River! Jesus' Kingdom is moving. 7 kids stood up to choose Christ yesterday on North Tallcree Reserve. Christ be with them.





Three little girls now have their names written in the Lamb's Book of life! It has been such a busy day but how blessed Jean and I were that we were able to lead these children to the Lord. This is such an encouraging start to the summer!



I have been realizing this summer how much I love kids. I find so much joy in hanging out with them, seeing their energy, enthusiasm, and often innocence, and hearing the funny and often profound things that they say. I know that God has given me such a

PTL! A little 4-year-old gal this morning who never heard about Jesus accepted Him into her heart this afternoon! Please pray for her brother who didn't think he needed Jesus...but wanted a Bible to read! Hopefully while reading his Bible he will realize he needs JESUS!



passion for kids, and for sharing the gospel with them, and that's why I am loving this job this summer. There are many hard things about it, and it's different than anything I have experienced before. God has been teaching me a lot, and I think this summer will be good training for the rest of my life. God has been showing me that the love He has given me for kids is something that I can carry on beyond this summer. And I am so excited to see where He will lead me with that! It feels like the summer is winding down just when it's begun! But we still have two weeks left! Just want to encourage you all to keep going strong in the Lord!



Last week when I was talking with the 4 girls that accepted Jesus there was one thing running through my head: "I'm Hooked!". I can't explain the joy that is there when the children fully understand the gospel and are soooo excited to give their lives to Jesus.

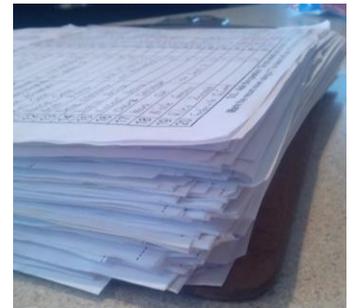
Explaining to them that we were all sisters now only added to the sheer joy that we were already experiencing. They were squealing like it was Christmas morning and they got the best present ever. I guess the reaction was perfect because they truly did get the best present ever!

I trust you are encouraged in just some of the workers' stories from this summer. Time and paper do not allow me to share from all the workers nor have I even begun to share the many stories each worker has.

Kilometers – 1500. Kids – 425. Clubs – 13. Weeks – 4. Impact for Christ – Priceless. No, it's not a MasterCard advertisement, but rather the calling card of The Master on the souls of many children across the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. If there is one thing I can ask prayer for, let it be the most important – the salvation of the eternal souls of the children I am working with this summer.



Our mission is beyond just reaching the children through 5-Day Clubs but every child receives at least one Mailbox Club lesson when they come and thousands of these lessons have been completed and turned in.



This enables us to enroll the children in the David and Jonathan program and continue to disciple them all year long. Here is just one picture of the lessons that came in from one worker from one week.



Hey so the good news is that seven kids on Sucker River reserve prayed to receive Christ on Wednesday! So Franco and I are pretty pumped about that. It's been good working together this last week. Prayer that these young ones would be sustained spiritually as they grow up would be awesome!



As the 5-Day Club ministry is coming to an end, we are excited about the many new opportunities to partner with local churches through Club DJ to reach, win, and disciple children to have hearts that desire to please God. There are many new churches across Alberta and

Saskatchewan who have already joined the Club DJ family of churches, as well as our first church in the USA! Please pray for the many speaking and training opportunities that God has provided as we seek to share the vision of reaching the next generation for Christ.

As the summer comes to a close I do not even know the stats for what has happened so far as reports continue to come in every day. After the first three weeks with the reports we have in hand there have been over 3800 children in the clubs with 332 children who reported having made decisions for Christ. It looks like we are on pace to reach between 8,000 and 9,000 children in the 5-Day Clubs this summer.

The last 3 weeks are even busier than the first three with over 231 club slots booked for the last 2 weeks. It has been an exciting summer, and we are so thankful for your faithful prayers. We would value your prayers as the 5-Day Clubs conclude this week, that God would continue to give safety to the young people as they travel and the energy to finish strong.

God bless each of you for your part as we trust Him to meet the needs of this ministry to the boys and girls. We truly serve an amazing God! We would love to have you join us for the Welcome Home at Heritage Alliance Church, August 23, 6:30 – 8:00 as the workers share what God has done. You are also able to watch it live online at [www.5dayclubs.com](http://www.5dayclubs.com).

God bless each of you for your part,



Jerry Durston  
Provincial Director



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***We would love to have you join us for the  
5-Day Club 'Welcome Home' to hear some of  
the stories of God's faithfulness!***

***Welcome Home***

***Heritage Alliance Church***

***3575 Hillsdale Street***

***Regina, SK***

***August 23 – 6:30 – 8:00 PM***

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