



## SIMONHOUSE BIBLE CAMP REPORT

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In my eighteen years at Simonhouse Bible Camp, I have yet to experience a “regular day” at camp. 2016 was no exception.

Lives were changed for the better as Dale Janzen made a return visit from Montana to speak for our Senior High camp. It’s exciting to see teenagers who are not connected to a church recognize a need for Jesus in their lives, and then openly express it. We again witnessed young men and women being freed from bondage.

We were not without struggles here in our northern Manitoba ministry this year — the evil one threatens our every effort: We had to turn away campers this summer due to under-staffing. Despite our best efforts, it is difficult getting enough staff and volunteers to support this vital ministry. It’s tough to see empty beds, knowing that children who want to be at camp where they are loved, have to miss out on the opportunity and experience.

We are pleased to share that, thanks to a work crew, the much talked about veranda project was completed this spring. It is not only beautiful, but functional too (as we found out during the very rainy summer). With the rain came a powerful windstorm that took down our 80-foot windmill tower. Thankfully nobody was hurt, as we had already put our emergency plan into action, getting all campers and staff into a safe place. We were left with a 3,000 pound tower suspended between the trees. After many phone calls we were finally able to get a company out with a crane to remove it. The cost for the removal was close to \$5,000.

As we share about Jesus and hear back from campers who have never heard His name before, it is clear to me that *the ends of the earth* (Acts 1:8) may not be that far away. As we send missionaries out to other countries far and wide, please don’t forget the missionaries who serve in our own backyard. There are many here who do not yet know Jesus. Staffing remains a challenge for 2017. Please commit to praying with us that God will provide the much needed workers. Also consider Simonhouse as a mission for your church. Many individuals, groups, and families have enjoyed the experience of serving together here. Who from your church is willing to take on this adventure?

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