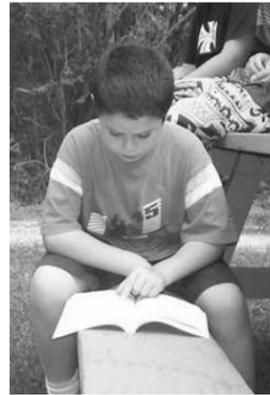


CAMP ARNES

This summer the Tuck Shop (gift and candy store) staff were busy handing out Bibles. The reason? They were free! During July and August, about 400 LifeLight Scriptures were placed into the hands of campers. Candida, one of the Tuck Shop managers, reported, "The kids were very excited about getting them.... As soon as one got a Bible, about ten more would come in and get one. It was really neat to see!"



Camp Pastor Juergen Hamm recounts this story: One evening I noticed a handful of kids leaving the Tuck Shop with *The LifeLight* New Testaments, an extremely easy-to-read NT. Before the kids could take off, I called a few of them together and disciplined them in how to use them! First, I asked them to find John 3:16, wanting to make sure they knew how to look up passages. For those who couldn't find it, I showed them that the big number 3 is the chapter number, and the tiny number 16 is the verse number. Eventually all of them found the passage and read it out to me.

After this I showed them how to use the study tools, which include a topical index with subjects such as anger, greed, and swearing, as well as a list of "great Bible stories" and a daily reading checklist. Finally, after learning about all these tools, I let them go their way.

Later on I did this with another camper, and as he was walking away from the Tuck Shop, he had his nose buried in his Bible – oblivious to what was going on around him! It was great to see! Even greater, though, was the fact that this boy became a Christian later that week. And after he had become a Christian he was so excited about being able to read his Bible in the future.

Thank you, LifeLight, for making these Scriptures available to us and, more importantly, to the kids. Together with you, we will one day see the fruit of it!

Will Wear

CAMP NUTIMIK

It was our privilege to give Bibles to more than seventy-five campers this summer. Our policy was to give them to campers who had no Bible or those who came with translations too difficult for them to understand. Each Bible had the camper's name in it and each counselor wrote a verse to the camper.

One week, after the last chapel service, one of the boys started to cry. When the counselor asked him why he was crying, the boy replied, "Camp is over now, and I have to give my Bible back." When he was assured that the Bible was his to keep, he broke out into a huge grin of relief – this was the first Bible he had ever received!

Other campers asked their counselors to show them where the stories were found that they used in their devotion times, and others marked their memory verses in their Bibles.

We were very happy to be able to use the *Pathlight*, a *Camper's Bible*, for our campers and, the Lord willing, we will be back for our four cases next spring!

Bibles to Camps



LifeLight Ministries had the privilege this past summer to provide twenty-two Bible camps with Scriptures. The ones requested most were *Pathlight* (458) and *The LifeLight* (695). *I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won't sin against you* – May this be the prayer of every camper who attended Bible camp in 2004!



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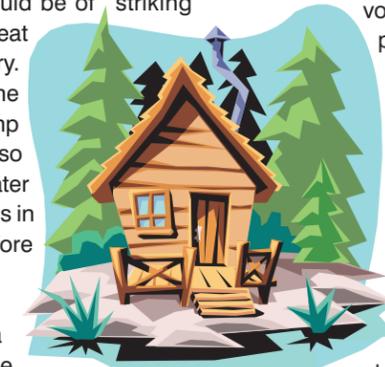
Dan Koop

Camp — oh, how my mind is flooded with memories! As a youngster I could hardly wait until camp rolled around because there I would see friends I had made the previous year. The boys eagerly waited to see which girls would show up and what the possibilities would be of striking up a friendship. There would be great Bible stories, and maybe a missionary. The counselors were always tops, and the food was always scrumptious. Our camp had just built a new swimming pool, so there would be lots of fun with water activities. There would be spiritual battles in the cabins during the devotions before bedtime.

Camp is a place where you can put a year's worth of Sunday school into one week. The kids are there for five to seven days, whereas in Sunday school you have a week of activities in between, or you have children missing a week or two. At camp you can concentrate on spiritual issues without interruptions; the spiritual impact is tremendous. The percentage of kids becoming Christians at camp is higher than in any other ministry of the church. Camp is the salvation arm of the church and a very important avenue in the kingdom of God.

This year LifeLight Ministries sent out about a thousand

Bibles, to twenty-two different camps, in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Manitoba, many of which were new to us. The most popular Bible was *The Pathlight*, a Bible especially for campers. It is written in the easy-to-read New International Reader's Version, a grade three reading level, with a vocabulary of only about 700 words. It includes pictures of camps and write-ups that make it very attractive to campers. At the Missionfests we attended the past year, we visited the booths of all the Bible camps and gave them our literature and a copy of *The Pathlight* Bible as a sample. It seems to have paid off!



A group of VBS teachers went up to Nelson House and had tremendous response from the kids, with twenty-six of them accepting the Lord as their personal Saviour. These children had no Bibles, but the teachers had a case of *The LifeLight* New Testament, so the children all got their own NT.

Thank you to all who send donations, which made it possible for these twenty-six children to receive a copy of the Word of God which is so easy to understand. Would you consider sending another donation so we can purchase more Scriptures to distribute to needy people?

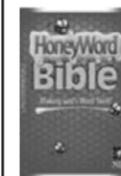
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New Products

The Metal Bible (NLT) – A totally unique Bible for teens. It has a metal cover and a metallic matte finish. Available in 4 covers: *Thirsty* (silver), *Cross* (silver), *Identity* (green), *One Way* (orange). Suggested donation: \$28.00.

Abundant Life New Testament (NLT) – This value-priced NT features introductory notes on abundant-life topics such as joy, peace and life's tough issues. Suggested donation: \$2.00.



HoneyWord Bible – This Bible is all about helping kids learn Scripture in a fun and visual way that makes God's Word stick. Features over 250 illustrations, devotionals, and more. Ages 7-10. Suggested donation: \$26.00 (softcover).

Possibility of accepting Christ, segmented by age:

- Children between the ages of 5 and 13 have a 32% possibility of accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
- The possibility of accepting Christ drops to 4% for those who are between the ages of 14 and 18.
- Those older than 18 have a 6% probability of accepting Christ as Saviour.

-- Barna Research

FISHER BAY

What an awesome summer we had at Fisher Bay Bible Camp! One of the most exciting things was giving away *Pathlight Bibles*, as well as *Heart of the Outdoors*, to the campers. Really cool!

I promised one young boy that at the end of the week I would give him an extra copy of *Heart of the Outdoors* to give to his dad, who is a trapper. The look on his face was priceless. Every time I saw him after that he reminded me of the Bible I had promised him. Awesome!

Heather & Rick Neufeld



Heart of the Outdoors is an ideal ministry tool for people who love the outdoors. With its rugged camouflage cover, it is designed especially for hunting and fishing enthusiasts. This NIV Bible features adventure stories and photos of sportsmen who share how Scripture has increased their love for the outdoors. Suggested donation: \$7.50.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them.... Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it." ...Then he took the children in his arms. He put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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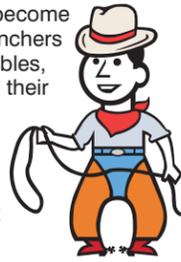
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AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CIRCLE SQUARE RANCH

One of the things we try to accomplish at Circle Square Ranch is to go beyond just helping the ranchers understand the Word of God – we want to get them to a place where they become excited about it. It has now become common for ranchers to come back from a campfire, pull out their new Bibles, and read for another hour or two while asking their counselor questions.



One rancher was so fascinated with his Bible that he read it at every opportunity. What was even more amazing was that he could hardly speak English, never mind read it!

We also get the ranchers to memorize some Scripture verses every day and present them in a creative way. Many times, once they have received their Bibles, they search the Scriptures to pick their own memory verses to present, which makes it even more exciting.

Patrick Karuhije

CAMP OF THE WOODS

Thank you for providing us with Bibles to distribute to campers; we handed out about 150.

One camper stands out in my mind. She lives in Switzerland, but is here in our area for the summer. The highlight of her year is coming to Camp of the Woods for one week. Her parents have told her they want her to have a great camp experience, but they don't want her to get the "religious" stuff.

She has come to camp for a number of years and has heard the gospel throughout the week. This time she took home a Bible, which was approved by her parents. She mentioned that the highlight of her week was hearing about God from the Bible.

God continues to work, as only He can, as we faithfully give out His Word.

Paul & Joanne Janzen



WHITE DOG

We used the Bibles to hand out to kids who did not have a Bible at camp. At least a dozen Bibles were distributed to children, teens and several aboriginal men in their twenties who accepted Christ as their Saviour.

One of the older guys had finished reading the book of Matthew in two weeks and was almost through Luke. We pray that he will continue reading and feasting on God's Word so that he will be able to grow spiritually and take a stand against Satan's schemes.

God is using His Word to teach and disciple people who before did not have a copy of the Bible in their hands.

Barry Plett

VALLEY VIEW

Each camper who becomes a Christian receives a new Bible. It is so exciting to see the faces of the children when they get the Bible from the counselor.

One camper, Emily (not her real name), wanted to become a Christian but was very unsure. Her counselor told her that she would be praying for her and told Emily to contact her if she had any questions. The counselor was sad to see Emily leave while in such a state of indecision.



A week later Emily was back, looking for her counselor – she was ready to make a commitment to Christ. A while later I saw her holding her new Bible and grinning from ear to ear.

That happened last summer. Emily was back this year, carrying the Bible she had received. It was her first Bible, and she treasures it and the knowledge she gains as she reads it.

Dave & Colleen Spelliscy

Jenna wrote: *I was wondering whether your organization could help me. This past week at camp, three girls in my cabin became Christians. One problem is that they all live on farms, in families where only one or none of the parents are Christians. I told them that I would try to find them good devotional books, and I was wondering if you could donate some. I am on a college student salary, so I am not able to buy any myself. God bless!*

RED ROCK



God is awesome – that's the simplest way to put it! He has been working in the hearts and minds of all the campers, evidenced by well over eighty-five commitments made at camp so far this summer. We are humbled by how God is using our camp and staff. He is awesome!

We praise God for protection. We have been to the hospital with campers several times, but God healed so that all of them were able to return to camp within a day! God even gave one camper the opportunity to witness to the medical personnel, which shows that He can use any situation for His glory.

We often have very little information on the background of some of the campers before they get here. One week this summer we had an eight-year-old boy and his eleven-year-old sister attending. The first evening the boy's counselor found out that they didn't go to church, but that they attended 'Eck' on Sunday mornings. After checking into what 'Eck' is, we found out that it is a cult (Eckanar) that tries to sound like Christianity but is actually very new age and self-oriented.

That week at camp we gave the girl a copy of *The Pathlight* Bible. God worked in her heart, and by the end of the week she accepted Christ as her Saviour, turning her back on the cult.

Praise God for the work He does and for his great love for these children! Thank you for your prayers and support.

Trevor Wilson

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for this Generation

BEAVER CREEK



We had a great summer at Beaver Creek Bible Camp and were amazed at how God moved in the lives of campers and staff. Once again we were excited to see the joy of kids getting a new Bible. This year we reached a record – three cases of *The Pathlight* Bibles, specifically for campers. Sadly, it seems that more and more of the kids coming to camp do not own a Bible. This does mean, however, that we have the awesome privilege of introducing them to God's Word for the very first time!

It is truly a pleasure to hear an amazed camper say, "Really, they're free?" There was more than one cabin where all the kids were given a Bible. They were very useful for sword drills, scripture memorization and reading stories together in the evening devotions.

After comparing his Bible with one of the *Pathlight* Bibles, our assistant director asked me if he could have one as well. He used it to give "nuggets of wisdom" to the cabin that ended up coming in last for meals. Soon cabins were *trying* to get in last so they could get their "nugget"!

Thank you, LifeLight, for making these colourful, attractive Bibles available to us.

Mark Westman



What is the key to bringing an individual to Christ?

As camp director, I am encouraged by the tremendous example of the cabin counselors and other camp staff before the campers. Their faith is evident, and it is this example that prepares the campers for chapels and devotional times where the Bible is taught and explained.

Carla (not her real name) is thirteen years of age and comes from a good family. Her parents have high morals, but they do not attend a local church, nor do they profess Christianity. Coming to camp opened Carla to a love she had not seen before, and she began to ask excellent questions about the Word and about Christ. By the end of the camp week Carla had accepted Jesus as her Lord.

Carla expressed the need to have her own Bible. Her parents had a King James Version Bible at home, but she wanted a Bible of her own. She was presented with a sports New Testament, which includes testimonies of women athletes. She left excited, looking forward to reading her new Bible.

We are grateful for LifeLight Ministries and their ministry of providing New Testaments to give to campers who do not have their own copy of the Scriptures.

Ken Zacharias

Camp is...

...a place where the experience is so positive, where self-esteem grows and campers leave with a newfound maturity and full of confidence.

...a spiritual community, one that is full of music, laughter, good times and people.

...the most spiritual and extraordinary adventure in the world.

CAMP EVERGREEN

The summer of 2004 has passed as quickly as it came. At Camp Evergreen we hosted more than 1200 campers during the summer. Most of the children and youth bring their own Bibles, but many do not. It is with great joy that we make a Bible available to the many who request one. Thank you to LifeLight for sending us the Bibles we requested.



The campers use their Bibles several times a day, in their personal devotional reading, for group Bible study and during the evening sword drills at chapel.

Camp Evergreen is a place for faith, fun and fellowship, with the cross at the centre of everything we do. We have seen many lives changed for Jesus Christ. In fact, more than ten percent of the children who came this summer made personal commitments to Jesus as Lord and Saviour, which is very significant. Add to that the children who did not make a public commitment of faith – their personal and private commitments are just as relevant as the others.

Many children go home to families who witness a profound change in the lives of their children. Some parents and grandparents even write back to tell us so. Just recently a teenager and his father, who are not Christians, came to our home to thank us for a fantastic experience. They left a financial gift and requested permission to come and help any time we need them. In the thank you note was an expression of a desire to get to know more about this Christianity that is based on the Word of God.

We closed out the summer camp season with a baptism in the chilly waters of the Fallen Timber Creek, which dissects our property. It is true that God's Word will not return to Him without accomplishing its purpose and that the Word of God will stand forever.

Rick Arkell

