

REDBERRY BIBLE CAMP
PROVINCIAL M.B. CONFERENCE REPORT FOR 2003

Wonders & Changes....

“Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.”
Deuteronomy 10:20-21

If there are two words that can most accurately sum up the year 2003 at Redberry Bible Camp, “wonders & changes” come the closest. God is good. Our theme this past summer was “God of Wonders”, and God certainly showed up and revealed himself as just that! He was faithful in providing a willing and gifted staff, filling each camp to its fullest capacity (1063 campers all summer), granting us safety, and most importantly, changing lives. God’s wonder is truly displayed through hearts that are broken before Him and made new by Him. We witnessed several kids/youth make decisions to walk more closely with God. We were also encouraged to see more than 50 campers made decisions for the first time to give their lives to God. Hallelujah!

Now to highlight some changes on site at Redberry, we were blessed by the helping hands and contributions of many faithful supporters to be able to install new windows and siding to our dining hall. We also put a new liner in the pool, renovated a staff duplex, built and used the new cabin *Cardinal Castle*, and installed new windows in the site manager’s house. We were fortunate to receive a cover-all shelter to be used as the dining hall for the Sport’s Camps, and we ‘launched’ a brand new skill.....ROCKETRY!

The biggest changes in the Redberry world have been the faces in our office. We cherished our final summer with Wendell and Gwen Andres, and are now getting to know and appreciate the leadership of Jim and Marilou Nightingale as the new directors. Moving three sons (Tim-16, Josh-12, Zech-4) from B.C., becoming grandparents, and beginning their work in this ministry has certainly made for a busy year with much transition, but Jim and Marilou are excited as plans for this next summer start to come together. We have also said goodbye to our Associate Director, Dave Berg, as he prayerfully made the decision to return to school and pursue a career in education. His shoes are big to fill, but Sarah Jane Krahn and Wendy Sawatzky, have been hired for an interim position until the end of August to carry the baton. They are excited to serve at camp in new positions of leadership and to be able to build upon the valuable experiences they have had over their past several summers at Redberry. Michelle Martens has very recently joined our Redberry team as our new Secretary/Book-keeper, and we are excited to have her on board. Dave and Chris Harms remain living and working on site at Redberry as they, along with their son Evan, look forward to a new addition to the Harms family arriving in April.

Although many things have changed, God remains the same. He certainly has had his hand in the changes at Redberry, and He will be faithful to sustain and provide for this ministry. We are filled with hope and eager anticipation as we imagine the possibilities that await us in the 2004 camping season!

Wendy Sawatzky & Sarah Jane Krahn
~Associate Directors~