

## **WEST BANK BIBLE CAMP 2004 YEAR END REPORT**

### **GENERAL OVERVIEW:**

Greetings from West Bank to all of you who make this ministry a reality. Liz and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for making our first year a great one. We really feel at home here and look forward to what the future holds. As you may already know this was a learning year for us. We tried to observe how things were done and were very pleased with the ministry. Where else in Canada can you share your faith openly to hundreds of children and watch God's transforming power enter their lives!!

One aspect of camp that stood out to us was the quality and dedication of the dozens of volunteers. It is very humbling to lead such a group and we thank God daily for your involvement here at West Bank! You are needed! Registration money collected from the various camps only pay for half of what it costs to operate the camps so if we did not have volunteers to keep the rising costs in check it would be impossible to continue.

### **2004 HIGHLIGHTS AND HAPPENINGS:**

**Seniors camp:** there was a 30% increase this year and we had a great time despite the weather. Ask a friend who was there about the fun we had and don't miss out again in 2005

**Family camp:** This camp was full so book early and if possible bring your RV to make room for others. This is a great chance to get to know other Christian families in your church and others.

**Kids camps:** we had 543 campers this year and were very happy with how the year unfolded. There were numerous decisions to accept Christ as Saviour and Christian kids were strengthened in their walk with the Lord. We had His protection over each camp so as a result not one serious injury. Thank you for praying!! However, our total number of campers for the year was approximately 50 campers short of what we like to have each year so we are taking extra measures to increase our total registrations to 600 or more in 2005.

**Head cooks and speakers:** these are key people at camp, their ministry is feeding the multitude both physically and spiritually. If you know someone who fills these positions at camp please acknowledge them today by thanking them personally.

**People we need:** this was Justin's last year at West Bank and he will be missed. His position as Program director is an important one and we would appreciate your prayers asking God to send the person of HIS choice! We are also looking for a Head Wrangler and Maintenance person for the 2005 season.

**Building Project:** most of you know that we have moved the Gouldtown church and basement to camp. Our plans are to renovate the basement into new washrooms and to use the church as our chapel for the next year or so. Over half of the money needed is already in but we do need you to send camp a special donation this spring so we can finish this awesome project. Thank you to those who have already given!

**Finances:** there is both good and bad news here. While we received over \$30,000 for the building project and we are anticipating another \$30,000 from you this spring we did end the 2004 year with an approximate \$10,000 deficit in our general fund. This in a year where we spent \$25,000 less than we did last year. Having 50 less campers this year was part of the problem but our general giving was also down from last year. Please allow me to encourage you in your support of this valuable ministry. There are very few places in Canada where your financial gifts change so many lives for eternity!

To conclude we would like to again express to you how thankful we are to God for your team work in this ministry and look forward to partnering with you again to make 2005 our best camp year ever for His honor and glory!

Sincerely,  
Jerry Dennill  
West Bank Bible Camp