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Celebrating 50 Years!

By Daniel Horne, Executive Director

One of my favourite things about the return of summer after the cold dark winter is that I can get back out on my motorcycle again. If you haven't ridden a motorcycle before, it is very different than traveling by car. You are not as



insulated from the elements as you are in a car, you experience things differently, the wind, the sights, sounds, and smells. One of my other favourite things about riding a motorcycle is the camaraderie. We motorcyclists do this funny thing, regardless of the type of bike we ride, who we are or where we are from, going out of our way to acknowledge one another on the road, waving as we pass each other. We share a connection; it communicates that we are in this together and that we share a common bond.

As the Church, we also need to embrace this same sense of unity, to draw together and to be what God has called us to be: the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26). We need to draw together around that which unifies us while acknowledging that each of us is different and has special gifts.

As Individuals we cannot thrive on our own, individual churches cannot thrive on their own and Living Bible Explorers cannot thrive on its own; we need and depend on one another as the Body of Christ. This year our annual fundraising banquet was a remarkable evening, we heard from a wonderful speaker, **Arnold Muwonge** and we were able to raise \$66,710. That evening I also shared some of the struggles that LBE is facing in the year ahead. In addition to those difficulties, we have not received the Canada Summer Jobs grant funding that we had anticipated in order to run our summer programming. If LBE is going to thrive, we cannot do it on our own. Fortunately, Leviticus tells us that the mercies of God are manifest at the time of Jubilee; and so we call together our community of support.

As we celebrate **LBE'S 50th anniversary** this year, we want to invite all of our friends, supporters, volunteers and those that have benefitted from LBE's programs over the years to return, and to join us in celebrating. Drop by, come to an event, volunteer, or make a special gift and experience what God is doing here. Please partner with us in celebrating this year of Jubilee. Help us to acknowledge all that God has given to LBE over the years as we re-commit ourselves and give thanks, returning all that has come from the Lord back to the Lord.

Please join us in Celebrating 50 Years!

We Welcome and We Say Farewell With Much Appreciation!

We are very pleased to announce the hiring of our new executive director **Daniel Horne**. Daniel holds a



Dan and family

Masters of Divinity from the University of Winnipeg and a Bachelor of Theology from Canadian Mennonite University. He also has

extensive experience working for the Mennonite Church of Canada as Director of Partnership Development, at Providence College and Seminary as director of recruitment and admissions, and at Niverville Community Church as Associate Pastor. Daniel and his family make their home in Niverville, MB.

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EXPLORE!

WILDERNESS ADVENTURES

Explore! Wilderness Camp



Matt & Brent.

By Matt Peters, Explore! Program Director

Explore! Wilderness Adventures continues to be a foundational part of our annual ministry programs. This winter we had a great interest in snowshoeing. Many middle years students came for the first time and then signed up for our spring hiking trips as well. Our Friday evening Arise (grades 5-8) program has been drawing youth to come to be in a Christian community, a safe place to learn about Jesus and how to navigate through the pressures of the world as a Christ follower. Explore! has been another step in their journey, adding a physical element to the personal growth and self-esteem aspect of our ministry with these young men and women.

We anticipate a fantastic summer of canoe tripping adventures. I am excited to share with you that **Brent Murray** has returned as my co-leader for his 4th summer. We seem to have a great bond in leading this incredible program. Brent brings a wealth of outdoor leadership experience and more importantly, a deep passion for being a mentor to youth. Our ministry this summer will be full of adventure and of course a lot of fun along the way. Stay tuned for updates and adventures as we continue to get out there...

Explorers Bible Camp



Mikayla, Annie & Zachary.

By Mikayla Wiens, Camp Program Director

Explorers Bible Camp (EBC) is pleased to announce that **Annie Hollander** is joining our directing team this summer. She has spent the past two summers as a cabin leader and lifeguard. Annie has also spent the last school year volunteering with our middle years program, Arise. She brings many skills to our team, including: being a certified NLS lifeguard, having an amazing voice and having the ability to love those around her well. We are excited for the energy and innovative ideas that Annie brings to our team this year. We look forward to the growth that God will bring in and through her!

Zachary Ferguson-Baird is returning to our Explorers Bible Camp team for the third summer in a row. Zac has been volunteering throughout the school year with both our High School and Rock Solid Kids (grades 1-4) programs. In addition to his three years of experience, he adds immense amounts of creativity, as well as archery, canoeing, biking (and fixing) skills to our directing team. We trust that this summer will bring more growth for Zac and we know that the children will be immeasurably blessed by his return.

Co-op & Canadian Tire

Do you buy fuel and products from Co-op stations? To save money, Living Bible Explores also buys fuel from Co-op. We would gladly accept your Co-op refund points. Our Co-op number is **363100**.

LBE is also collecting Canadian Tire money, which we use to buy camp supplies.

Summer Teens Ministry



Nikki & Rachel.

By Nikki Tamayo, High School Program Director

It's my pleasure to introduce you to **Rachel Smith**, our **Summer Teens Ministry Worker**. Rachel comes to us this summer with years of volunteer experience with LBE. Rachel grew up in the West End, and from a young age recognized the good work and impact that LBE has on the community.

Rachel has a heart for Jesus and everything that He offers. She loves to worship and is incredibly gifted to lead others in that; she loves to pray and fervently believes in the power of prayer; and she is incredibly aware of the presence of God that she carries. As her overseer this summer, it is my honour to be working with an incredible woman and friend. I am excited to see the good work that God has for Rachel and me, and our youth this summer.



Joshua Guenther

Joshua Guenther heard about the ministry of Living Bible Explorers and was led to contact us. He will be serving with Rachel and me on LBE's Summer Teen Ministry team. Josh comes to us after years of ministry experience. He has spent time getting to know the Father's heart and learning to share that

Good News with all of those around him. He is gifted in worship and has a heart to mentor and shepherd the next generation of leaders. We eagerly anticipate the immense amount of wisdom Josh will add to our team.

The Teens Ministry goal this summer is to deepen relationships with our youth and to journey with them as they deepen their relationship with the Father. Throughout the summer we will be hosting worship events, small group events, and spending time intentionally speaking into the lives of our youth. We also look forward to doing purposeful outreach in the West End.

Summer Outreach

By Mary Ann Funk, Summer Outreach Program Director

We might be a small team but we are going to leave an impact because Jesus said, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matt 18:20)

I am excited as summer approaches, eagerly anticipating the launch of a new community outreach program together with **Munya Rusere**.



Mary Ann & Munya.

Munya first came to LBE as a volunteer back in 2016 and immediately caught the heart beat for what we do. We are excited to have him back on summer staff for the 3rd year. In his role as the International Communication Co-chair for the Commerce Student Association at University of Manitoba this past year, Munya has gained invaluable experience in organizing and executing large group events with people from many backgrounds. He is a very steady leader with a kind and honest heart. Munya has a quiet disposition but is truly gifted in connecting with the kids and youth that could easily be lost on the sidelines. His faith in God and knowledge of the Word is inspiring and a great example for our young people. He definitely brings a joy to our summer team and I look forward to working alongside him!

What Moves You?

The **Ride for Refuge** is a family-friendly cycling and walking fundraiser that supports charities who provide refuge and hope for displaced, vulnerable and exploited people everywhere.

Mark your calendars and plan to join LBE in raising support for our programs on **Saturday, September 29**, as we walk and ride in the Ride for Refuge.

Visit www.rideforrefuge.org to join or support.

Are You Called to Make a Difference?

LBE is searching for ministry minded individuals to serve in Winnipeg's inner city:

Full Time Positions:

- Bookkeeper
- Food Services Manager
- In-city Program Directors
- Wilderness Program Director
- Volunteer Care Coordinator

Summer Positions:

- Camp Cook
- Camp Counselors
- Mountain Bike Instructor
- Lifeguard (*minimum Bronze Cross*)
- Camp Maintenance

Volunteers:

- Individuals and groups to prepare main course and desserts for camp and in-city programs. Ingredients provided
- Camp Counselors
- Female Wilderness Leaders

Visit LBE's website (www.livingbibleexplorers.com) for posting information.

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Daniel's greatest passion is people; he believes in the value of discipleship, education, and equipping others so that they will also be passionate about people. He believes our role as the church is to prayerfully determine the needs of the people that we meet and to discern how we can respond as though we are encountering Jesus himself.

We thank God for His provision of a new executive director and we covet your prayers for Daniel as he leads the ministry of Living Bible Explorers into the future!

At this time we would also like to express our deep gratitude to **George and Carol Hill** for their many years of leadership at LBE. George and Carol are true pioneers and they have worked tirelessly to bring the gospel to the inner city of Winnipeg through the ministry of Living Bible Explorers. We appreciate the foundation that they have laid. We know that the work that they have done will continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

We would also like to acknowledge **Robb Massey** in his role as Interim General Manager and to thank him for his excellent leadership as we were in transition.

Our God is faithful! Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we continue to seek God's provision and protection for the ministry of Living Bible Explorers.

On behalf of the LBE Board,
Gloria Fligg

Financial Support for Summer Missionaries and Jr. Leaders

We praise the Lord for provincial grants that will cover about two-thirds of our summer missionaries' salaries. All of these summer staff are returning to university in the fall. LBE invites you to prayerfully consider partnering with one or more of these amazing young adults, making it possible for each to receive the compensation we believe they deserve for their service.

There will also be several teens, some who have grown up in LBE and others who come from our supporting churches, that will be volunteering at LBE this summer. LBE has been discipling these junior leaders. Our summer programs will provide them opportunities to experience leading others and to continue to grow in their faith. LBE will be giving each a small honorarium for their service. Please consider supporting this Jr. Leadership Program.