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As God Guides He Will Provide!

Dear Friends,

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A life of faith is one where we do not need to know **how**, **where**, **why** or even **when**, but we do need to be willing to obey. Hebrews 11 has to be one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. It is a chapter full of examples of those who lived lives in obedience to God's commands and because of their faith in their God they were willing to trust Him with things they could not see! In verse 11 we are told that Sarah ***"judged Him faithful who had promised"***. That is the most awesome thing about faith; it is not about us or even how impossible the situation, rather it is all about believing that when God makes a promise He will be found faithful if we will just obey! In verse 13 we are told that they even ***"died in faith, not having received the promises"***. It is such a blessing to be able to place our trust in the One who is found faithful and we do not need to see the end result, but we do need to do all that God has asked! Therefore when God asks us to do something we need not ask **how**, **where**, **why**, or **when** but rather just reply "Yes". In verse 16 we read that, ***"God is not ashamed to be called their God"***. My prayer is that my life would be lived as those in Hebrews 11, whose faith was in their God, regardless of the circumstances around them and that God would not be ashamed to be called my God! It is my desire that the children that come to Christ this summer would grow to have hearts that desire to please Him and that their faith in God would be evident through the lives they live just as the lives of Joseph, Daniel, Esther, and David bore evidence of their faith in their God! I truly believe that this nation will not be the same with a generation with this kind of faith.



This summer we have stepped out in faith believing that God is guiding us to tell more boys and girls of His gift of salvation. This spring as we prepare for the summer ahead we realize once again that the task is far greater that we are able to do, but God is able! We have ordered much of the material for this summer. The **24,000 Mailbox Club** lessons have arrived, the **2,500 60 Day Devotional Books** are in, the **Mission Possible** material for the CYIA workers has also arrived, and the last of the **5,000 Wordless Books** came this week! The **100 Wordless Book soccer balls** are ordered and I will have to say there is excitement in the air. In

some ways I get a sense of what Peter must have felt like when he stepped out of the boat, as by his very actions he had made that first step of faith. The key is do not look at the things around you but rather keep your eyes on Him! It will amaze you what He will do!



God is providing! We have already had **4 families offer the use of a car** for the summer. We have just learned that we have been accepted for **11 government grants** for our summer workers! That is very significant as 4 summers ago we had 10 workers and God provided and this summer we are seeking to have **20 CYIA workers** and now God has provided much of their pay through these government grants. I heard someone say just a short while ago that God is able to take resources from the unrighteous and give them to the righteous! I think we just saw another example of that and once again we are reminded that if we do our part God will do the rest.

April 20 – 22 we had our Coordinator Retreat in Saskatoon and it was so encouraging to have so many there, including many new coordinators from around the province. This is a picture of some of those who attended (there were several others who were not present for the picture). I have been so encouraged as God has provided so many people throughout the province who are willing to be found faithful in this area of this ministry to children as together we seek to find the open doors to give the gospel to the children of this province. It was special to have Jeremy and Sheena Johnsrude (our son in-law and daughter) there as well. They are joining the other Regina coordinators to help line up 5-Day Clubs and they both happened to be second generation coordinators, which is exciting to see!



God continues to open doors throughout the province as we have already received calls and emails from towns like **Nokomis, Drake, Cut Knife, Mossbank, Maryfield, and Outlook**. After having 53 new cities and towns last summer I did not think that God could open that many doors again, **but why not?** God can do anything! I truly believe that God is in the process of doing something amazing again this summer. Why would He be providing in so many ways? We must just be obedient to all He has asked us to do!

We have had 7 applications come in so far for CYIA workers (**all are returning workers**) and I truly believe that God will provide the rest of the workers and I am looking forward to meeting each one! Please pray for God's choice for each of these workers and that the ones He is calling would be found faithful to trust the One who has promised to be all that we need Him to be!

Things with **Club DJ** are moving ahead and we have already conducted many **Club DJ Workshops** for the fall and have many more being scheduled over the summer months. It is absolutely amazing at all God has done in such a short time. The Child Evangelism Fellowship meetings in Abbotsford went very well and it is exciting as we work collectively to reach the children of our nation. The partnership with CEF is moving ahead and we are already beginning to schedule workshops with each province. The date for **CEF of B.C. is September 5th**, and **CEF of Alberta is September 8th**. Please pray for each one involved as we work together with churches across Canada seeking to raise up a generation that would have hearts that desire to please God! Each CEF provincial office will in turn conduct the **Club DJ Workshops** in the churches in their provinces. When God does something it is always amazing at how He does it!

We have enclosed a response form, which we missed last time 📄 and if you are able to be a part of this ministry in one of these areas we would be so encouraged to have you fill it out and send it back in the envelope provided. We have also enclosed an updated copy of the '**2006 5-Day Club Report**' and as you reflect on all God has done this past year you may see one of the cities or towns which still need a 5-Day Club location. Maybe you are the open door needed in your city or town for the children in your neighbourhood to hear the gospel. If you live in one **of Saskatchewan's cities or towns** and would be willing to host a 5-Day Club this summer we would love to hear from you! 😊

We want to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry to children. We serve an awesome God and I truly believe that as we allow **God to guide us He will provide!** Please pray for this ministry to children!

For the sake of the children,

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