

SBC AGM 2019
Executive Directors Report

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since Lavina and I (and the girls) joined the SBC family! Since joining we have definitely been warmly accepted by so many and have slowly been getting to know many of you. The camp is so much more than a few older buildings on a beautiful 17 acre lot on last mountain lake.

Since arriving to Strasbourg In May 2018 we have also been embraced by the community which has made the transition much more palatable. The girls are now loving school and church life at Strasbourg Alliance Church is going great.

When we started off much of our energy went into reconnecting with many people to start rebuilding the camps connections with its constituents, volunteers and church support teams. If we have not connected with you, your church or anyone you feel ought to be connected please contact me and we will continue to reach out and build the SBC family.

After this year I have realized one thing...you can't run camp alone. This is not a one man band, rather it is a full orchestra. Not only that but it is one of many across our province and nation. However, our little camp stands out among the others for one main reason... we are one of few camps that do not charge registration fees to campers.

There are huge pros to this approach and mandate. We are providing Christ centered camp ministry to families who may never of had the opportunity to send their kids to camp. The growing number of families that can not afford the cost to send their kids to camp is growing exponentially and we all can become the light on a hill in a way that is both meaningful and powerful!

In Canada alone last year there were over 25,000 kids give their hearts to the Lord and we played a small part in that. When we all took on our part at SBC last year we impacted over 200 youth, many started their relationship with Jesus and many more continued to pursue Him in chapel, devotions and through the relationships built at camp!

When it comes to anything there is a cost. We all have been working hard to operate and upkeep the camp all year, minimizing expenses but also increasing our income. Through hard work applying for appropriate grants, building our donor base and running an actual profit from our rental program. Many people have put their hands to the plow to do the things needed to keep making progress, and for that Lavina and I are grateful.

It is through His work on the cross we are able to engage and walk in the ministry that He has called us all to. But like in Rev. 12:11 we see the 3rd ingredient is the challenge. Often we can affirm the importance of the call and work of the ministry but prefer to comfortably sit back and cheer on others on the front line.

Please do not get me wrong, i appreciate the affirmation and encouragement we have received but have quickly realized that in order to thrive we will need many who will come alongside and avail their prayers, time, skills and resources. There is much upkeep and some new projects that your help is needed, from big to small contributions. Any and all are welcomed and valued, and all will help us fulfill our call from God to reach the children and families that come to SBC in a real and meaningful way.

So together let us “follow” Him into 2019 filled with faith and hope that we will continue to make an impact on the lives of children and their families. We thank you greatly for all that you have invested already and are truly excited to see where God leads us in the upcoming year.!

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