



FALL 2021 Directors Report

Greetings from Mount Traber Bible Camp, I am pleased to be writing this report and so thankful I have something to report on. It has been eighteen months or so of crazy but we are still fighting strong serving our Lord and Savior.

After a tumultuous year of 2020, we were unsure what ministry at Mount Traber would look like during this camping season. There were a lot of unanswered questions about regulations, vaccinations, overnight vs day camps, how to serve food, how many can sleep in a cabin and so on. On top of all that, our aging campground suffered quite a few breakdowns at the pool, at the washroom facilities, the lodge, and in some of our older cabins. There were many days during the 2020-2021 school years that we wondered if God was telling us that we would not be able to run camp this summer. Even as late as June and early July, our staff was working on day-camp schedules, overnight camp schedules, and potential back-up plans if we could not run any camp.

In God's timing, when our government gave us the guidelines to how overnight camps would work, we decided to go ahead with camp for 2021. We ran two weeks of camp for children, one week for teens, two full week long rental camps, and a three-day camp for young children aged 5-7. We were also able to run our family camp on Labour Day weekend. To add to the summer we also continued with riding lessons and trail rides at the barn.

There were also questions about our summer staff. Usually new staff rolls in each summer as older staff age out, and there is a healthy mix of new and experienced workers. This summer, almost every staff member was new, and even the older staff had not been in a camp setting for two years! God is good, however, and He led us through the summer. The staff served wholeheartedly, and helped to make this a wonderful summer.

God gave us over 300 campers this summer, and by His grace, we saw six children come to know Christ through our summer ministry. We also made many new friends and connections.

Throughout all the worries, the aging campground, and the ever-changing rules, God guided us through an incredible summer! We thank Him for what He has done, and we look to Him for guidance as we plan even more ministry opportunities this year at Mount Traber Bible Camp. Lord willing, we plan to continue on with riding lessons, trail rides, and start back up with our Homeschool Days. In the Fall we still plan to hold our MOI and FLOW retreats and maybe add a few other youth activities to the calendar.

Next year there are some big changes on the horizon. We have been praying, pondering and planning and then praying, pondering, and planning some more. We have decided to replace the chapel with a new facility in a new location. We did not make this decision lightly and we fully understand the expenses involved with this endeavour. Unfortunately the building has to come down before the new one is built because of the crumbling foundation. We are already making preparations for not having this facility for some time. In the meantime we are building an indoor riding ring to increase our riding program throughout the year and have it not be dictated by the weather. In Nova Scotia, this is important.





Thanks to some donors, the steel for the roof and lumber for strapping is already covered. We have a lot of plans for M.T.B.C. in the coming future but it is all in God's timing and everything we do here must be for His glory. Please continue to pray and support this great ministry. No matter what comes our way whether it be viruses, breakdowns or Satan's fiery darts. God is not done with Mount Traber and there is a lot of work to be done.

I want to express our deepest appreciation for all the support for this ministry. Our friends in the states and here at home stepped up and helped us get through very difficult times financially and spiritually through many prayers. For years I always teach my staff to 'take it to the Lord'. I am certainly no exception. This is one lesson Debbie and I have learned over the years, sometimes the hard way.

Just as it teaches us in Philippians 4:6, be anxious for nothing; take all things to the Lord in prayer. As hard as it can be sometimes, allow Him to guide our paths. God bless and we hope to see all our friends soon.

In His hands,
Mark and Debbie Taylor