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April 1

Father as we enter the final month of school, temper excitement for the summer with focus on class and the lessons learned. Brighten the minds of students with curiosity about you.

April 2

Lord, thank you for Jodi Harrison (Director of Food Services). Thank you that she has dedicated herself to sustaining those who wish to know you more. Bless her on her birthday.

April 3

With Youth Surge come and gone, we thank you for those who helped and those who attended. Help them respond to your calling in their lives.

April 4

As school draws to a close, Lord, bless the students as they seek jobs and relaxation this summer. Wherever they go, help them focus on you and building each other up in your name.

April 5

Father thank you for those who had a hand in planning Youth Surge. Guide those who will plan next year's event as well. Bless their hands and minds as they lead others to you.

April 6

As Easter approaches, bless Hans Weichbrodt as he teaches about the Passion narratives this week. May the truth of your sacrifice dwell in the hearts of those who hear him.

April 7

Lord we thank you for the supporters of CLBI. Please bless and keep them, make your face to shine on them, and give them your peace.

April 8

On her birthday, bless IMPACT student Lauren Payne. Guide her in her next season and open opportunities for her to serve those around her.

CLBI GRADUATION 2020

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE GRADUATION FOR THE 2019/2020 PROGRAM YEAR!

We invite all who wish to celebrate with us as we thank God for the blessings that he has brought to CLBI this past year, and for the beautiful community he brought together through all the staff, students, volunteers, and supporters.

CEREMONY

April 25, 2020 - 10:00 am

WHERE?

Messiah Lutheran Church

4810 50 Street, Camrose, AB.

WHO IS WELCOME?

All are welcome to join the celebration!

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

CLBI Campus (following the ceremony)

4837 52A Street, Camrose, AB.

All are welcome!

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LIFE

AFTER CLBI
VOL. II



BY PASTOR NICK JOYAL ('07-'11 CLBI ALUMNI)

A STORY I RECENTLY HEARD...

A woman showed up at church that the pastor hadn't seen before. The pastor introduced himself and began inquiring about her: "What's your name? Where do you work? How did you find yourself at church today?" etc. The woman revealed that she came to the church because of her boss. In the previous week, she had made a costly mistake at work and she was likely going to be fired from her job, but her boss stepped in and took the blame. He claimed that he hadn't done his job nor trained her well enough, so it wasn't her fault, and if anyone was to blame, it was him.

"ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE..."

She kept her job despite her failure, and he lost some trust and credibility with his superior. When she went to thank her boss, she pressed him as to the reason he would do something like that. She said in the past she'd had bosses take the credit for her success, but never the blame for her failure. Her boss finally admitted: "I'm a Christian, and my whole life is based on a man who took the blame for me, and that tends to shape how I do what I do".

As I mentioned in the last issue, God made life beautifully ordinary and very good. We are to live from the identity and calling we have already been given by God. But what does that even mean?

In a way, we are all called to be like the boss in the story I told above, and that story is about a disciple of Christ being made.

In Matthew 28, you'll see some important ideas. Jesus is speaking and his audience are the 11 disciples. Here is what He says to them:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore..."

"AS YOU ARE GOING, MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS"

Jesus starts by establishing his authority (which is apparently *all* the authority) and then He gives them an imperative: "based on my authority, make disciples". You likely already know this verse and likely noticed that I left out the word "go".

In the original language, the word for "go" is an ongoing action, and is a part of the main verb: disciple-making. The primary point in this sentence is not "go", but rather "make disciples".

"All nations" isn't a destination in this sentence, but rather the scope of the main verb (disciple-making). Missionary efforts overseas, for example, are included and necessary here. Part of that necessity is to go! Go to places where people have never heard the Gospel. Perhaps you feel called to such ministry? If so, may this be an encouragement for you to go and proclaim Christ to those who otherwise may never hear!

But perhaps you don't think you are called overseas? Hang in there, this text is still for you. "All" nations include "your" nation.

You might be going to school, to work, to the store, to your mailbox, to your neighbours, to another country, or anywhere else in between. The boss in the story went to work and made a disciple there.

Where are you going?

As you are going, make disciples by "baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

**"THIS IS THE CALL:
BE DISCIPLED. MAKE DISCIPLES.
REPEAT."**

The lady in the story certainly didn't understand everything about the Christian faith from that one interaction with her boss, and she likely didn't see how she was affected right away. I don't know if she is a believer or not, but I do know that the interaction with her boss planted a seed that may sprout, and seeds take time to grow. I think it's interesting that some of the 11 disciples, according to Matthew,

"doubted" (Matt 28:17). The 11 disciples themselves, living life beside Jesus, needed to be made disciples even as they were sent out by Jesus to make more disciples. They had years of being disciplined, but still needed more. Even with this in mind, Jesus still sent them out.

Part of the call to make disciples is continuing to be disciplined as we are going. This is the call: "Be disciplined. Make disciples. Repeat."

I pray that as you read this, you are part of a solid Bible-believing church. I pray you are regularly being fed with God's Holy Word. I pray that as you are going, as you are living your beautifully ordinary every day life, you make disciples of all nations and are continually being made into a disciple yourself.

And I pray you can rest knowing that your call to make disciples and your identity as a disciple depends not on your work but on the finished work of Jesus Christ.



Nick is the pastor at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Beaumont, AB. He & his wife Demara have three kids: Grace (age 4), Marvin (age 2), & Georgia (2 months)

April 9

Lord, thank you for the relationship between CLBI and the city of Camrose. Continue to improve this relationship. Help those in the area to see CLBI as a beacon of your hope.

April 10

Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice, remembered this weekend. Remind the students of the life given to us by through blood and help them find rest in your promises of redemption.

April 11

Thank you for Christian Hoff (IMPACT student). On his birthday, shower him with your love and the love of those around him. Bring him joy today.

April 12

Thank you Father for CLBI instructors. As they leave their families and friends to come teach at CLBI, remind them, as you say in Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news".

The 2nd Annual

CLBI GALA

*An evening of celebrating the past & future
mission of CLBI.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH 2020 AT 5:00PM
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April 13

Bless Dean Rostad (President) and Ted Hill (Program Director) this week as they teach the class "Long Obedience in the Same Direction". Guide their words, and also the minds of the students they are teaching.

April 14

Lord we ask for a spirit of acceptance to flood the dormitories. Fill the hearts of students living there with love and encouragement for one another.

April 15

As our students go forth from CLBI, lead them into organic and meaningful discussions of you. Use them to bring people to you. Send them into common spaces such as coffee shops, restaurants, and many other types of forum for your purpose.

April 16

Lord please guide youth to Godly mentors. As the youth graduate from their schools, inspire their mentors to think of the value of bible education.

April 17

Bless those who work at bible camps. Prepare them physically, mentally, and spiritually to impact the lives of children, youth, adults, and families. Change lives through camp ministries.

April 18

Bless Bailey McKeeman (Engage student) on her birthday. Grow in her a passion for your word. Lead her to a deeper understanding of you as she studies what you have written.

April 19

Father, strengthen the bonds between staff and students at CLBI. Build up a love for each other, and continue that connection wherever life takes them.

April 20

Jesus be with the staff and students on their year-end retreat. Make your power evident as they gather to

debrief the year and renew camaraderie. Keep them safe to enjoy your presence with one another.

April 21

Today we think of Grace Braaten (IMPACT student). On her birthday, fill her with joy about living for you and peace regarding where and how you would have her serve you.

April 22

Father call students to do your will in the world in which they live. Use them to disciple the communities they call home.

April 23

Bless Emma Johnson today, Lord, as she celebrates her birthday. Thank you for her work with Watering Hole ministries at CLBI, and remind her that you are present in her life.

April 24

Today we ask for your hand to be upon the graduation banquet. Fill the minds of students and staff with the best memories from their time at CLBI.

April 25

Lord use CLBI's commencement ceremony to speak to any family members who might not know you. Use those who are presenting to speak into the minds and hearts of those listening.

April 26

Keep students and families safe as they travel home for the summer. May the roads be safe for those who are driving, and the planes and skies for those who are flying. Keep them safe God.

April 27

Holy Spirit, give the staff a restful and relaxing summer. Give them time to reflect on the joys of the past year. Clear their minds and give them time to dwell in you with joy.

April 28

Bless Gabriel Forbes (Engage student) on his birthday. Keep him in your hands and give him a desire to know you more as he learns what it means to live like Christ.

April 29

Lord as CLBI staff have meetings to close out the school year, use these times to generate new and fresh ideas for the next year. Let all decisions honor you.

April 30

Thank you Father for those who have worked at CLBI for only short seasons. Make them aware that their time was used for your purpose. Bless them as they move forward and keep them in your care.

May 1

Thank you God for how you and your truths never change. Continue to remind and encourage alumni of your truths they learned. Inspire alumni to encourage people in their lives to consider CLBI.

May 2

Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for Tamara MacInnis and the work you've been doing through her as Director of IMPACT. We ask for your special blessing on her birthday today and that you would continue to lead, guide, encourage, and sustain her.

May 3

God we are so grateful for the hundreds of instructors you have brought to CLBI over the years. Please guide the selection of instructors for this coming year. May they be able to speak deeply into the needs of each student attending.

May 4

Thank you God for all of the people you have brought to CLBI over the years. You have brought everyone on

purpose, and we pray that your truths learned in this place will continue to impact their lives.

May 5

Lord, your news of abundant grace and salvation is too good to keep to ourselves! Raise up students to become missionaries to spread your good news.

May 6

Father God, we are so grateful for your work in the lives of students at CLBI. Be with all of the students who are discerning your call to come back to CLBI. Please make it abundantly clear and help them have the courage to respond to that call.

May 7

God we are so grateful for Emily Halvorson (wife of Cullen, Director of Communications and Admissions), for her joyful spirit and how you continue to work in her life. Give her an amazing day celebrating her birthday and grant her wisdom in balancing family life and her connections to CLBI.

May 8

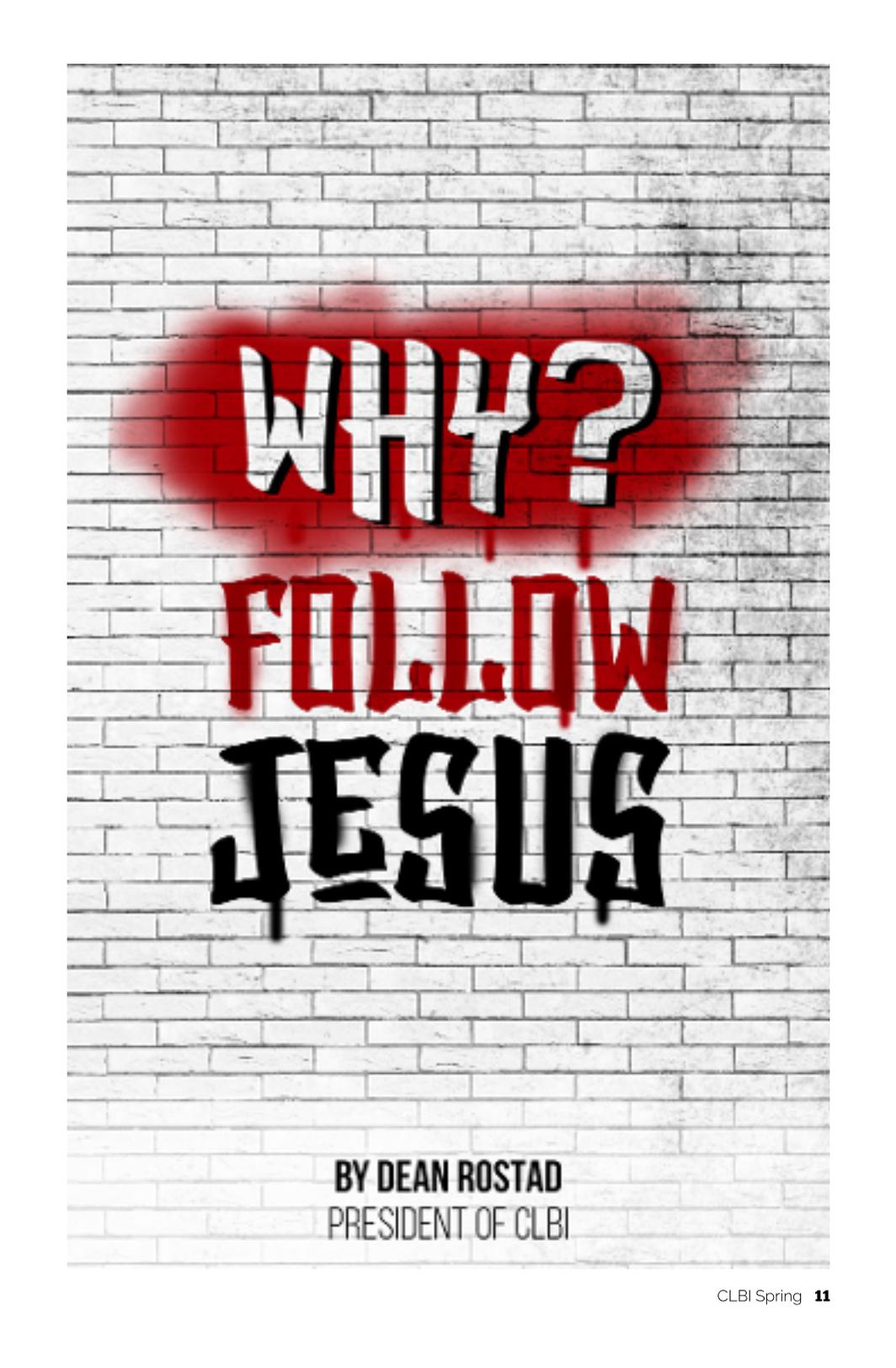
Loving God, we are grateful that you call us into relationship with you. We pray for the students and staff at CLBI and that you continue to help them to prioritize devotional time with you.

May 9

God we thank you for Avi Friesen (IMPACT student) and Jakob Svahn (Communications Assistant). Please be near to them on their birthdays today and remind them of your joy and unyielding grace.

May 10

Blessed Creator, we thank you for creating mothers! You have given them such an important role in our world. Please be with mothers everywhere. May they be celebrated, encouraged, and feel loved.



WHY?
FOLLOW
JESUS

BY DEAN ROSTAD
PRESIDENT OF CLBI

"IF IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, WHY ISN'T IT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THEM?"

My family, my church (Christ Lutheran, Chilliwack), my bible camp (Camp Luther) and CLBI were integral in shaping my spiritual life. The Holy Spirit worked through them to help me build the foundation of my life on Jesus. To my surprise, I find the experience of continuing to follow Jesus increasingly becoming the exception, rather than the rule.

Of my confirmation class of 12, I only know one other member who is still active in the faith... at least I hope he still is. The way I was discipled worked for decades, even centuries, yet it is clear that the type of disciple the Western church has been forming is not weathering the rising tempest of secularism. I guess what was good enough for me isn't good enough for them.

"45% OF THE POPULATION OF THE UK HAS NO RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION."

I have heard from recent alumni that grieve that some of the friends they went to CLBI with are no longer attending church. Attending bible school is not a guarantee that one will continue in active service in the church. It raises the probability, but it isn't a sure thing. Culture has shifted. An earthquake has happened. Nothing looks the same.

According to census data in 1963, 3% of UK residents selected "none" as religious affiliation. In 2015 the "none" had grown to 45% of the population. The nones are now the quickest growing religious group in Canada and the USA.

Many times in my life, the Spirit brought me through experiences that galvanized my faith. In John 6:66-69 we read of Jesus leading Peter through such an experience: "From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

"IT HAS BEEN A GOOD RUN."

I started following Jesus because my parents brought me to Him, but at a certain point, it was essential that the Holy Spirit brought me to the point of believing that to find true life, there was nowhere else to go except to Jesus. Unfortunately when Jesus asks the average Westerner "*You do not want to leave too, do you?*", most respond with "*Yeah, I am satisfied with what the world offers me to build my life around. See ya Jesus.*" Forgive us, God, when we believe that tweaking church with louder guitars, better coffee, and softer seats is the magic bullet that will cause our neighbours to declare: "You are the Christ, where else can we go?"

Jesus is leading the Western church to change the way it approaches discipleship.

It has been a good run.

For hundreds of years, simply inviting people to church on Sunday was the core tool of evangelism. Today the church is awakening to the fact that the primary way Jesus disciplined the 12 was by giving them access to His life. With that connection, Jesus brought the 12 disciples through experiences, teachings, and personal questions that deeply shaped them. From there, the Holy Spirit enabled those disciples to multiply into a movement that overtook the Roman Empire. A similar type of discipleship process is needed today.

Discipling the way Jesus did is going to stretch all of us. Jesus loved the rich young ruler by asking questions to

"FROM MONUMENT TO MOVEMENT."

help him see the depth of his need. We need to do the same. Jesus brought the gospel into the house of Zacchaeus. This same passion now needs to burn in our hearts. Discipling like Jesus prompts us to ask deeper questions - looking for the why under the why. It is in this process that the Spirit opens our eyes to our true motivations. Jesus invites us to give people access to our lives, to encounter God in His Word, to build genuine community, to ask deep questions, all while being on mission together.

Why should we do this? Jesus died and rose that you and I may be reconciled to God, become restored,

be made whole and live as ambassadors of God here - now that is something worth living for.

From monument to movement.

Many look back on bible school experiences like CLBI as some of the best parts of their lives. Those memories become a monument that they look back on with fondness. The keywords are "look back on" - it happened, it is past tense, discipleship happened. Remember, celebrate, and move on. I am so pleased that the disciples didn't set up a monument after their experience with Jesus and simply return to their old lives with some cool stories about Jesus.

God is birthing something new from CLBI - a way to help our alumni and their churches become a discipling force in their communities. This new initiative will move CLBI from being a monument that is *looked back on*, to a movement that *propels them forward* into a life of disciple-making. This initiative is called "The 72". Just as Jesus sent out the 72 in Luke 10, Jesus sends us out together to do the same.



THE 72

DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL & NETWORK

"The 72" is a non-geographically based expanding network of disciples aiming to multiply and support disciple-making efforts wherever possible. Currently, we are developing a podcast to clarify what being part of a discipling community looks like (see pg 15). A group of alumni are also developing online/in-person opportunities to support disciple making initiatives. To learn more, please visit [the72.ca](#)

May 11

God our provider, we are grateful for the amazing cooks at CLBI! Please bless them. May they be affirmed of the importance of their work as they help build community and make your name known.

May 12

Jesus, thank you for past CLBI staff and volunteers and for their years of dedicated service. Please continue to speak through their past experiences and encourage them wherever they are.

May 13

God, we pray for students registering for CLBI who are struggling financially. If it be your will, please provide what they need to be able to attend CLBI.

May 14

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of friendship and sharing life with one another. Within the students who attend CLBI help bonds of friendship form that will last a lifetime.

May 15

God we thank you for calling pastors to lead your flock. Please be with pastors everywhere; may you sustain, encourage and protect them.

May 16

Heavenly Father, we thank you for Jemma Danielson and for all she experienced as an IMPACT student in 2020. Please help her to have an amazing birthday today and encourage her in her faith as she enters another year.

May 17

Father God we thank you for Aaron Forbes and for his time at CLBI and all he experienced on his IMPACT trip this past year. Please continue to help him process that experience and be reminded of your goodness and grace. May he feel loved and celebrated

today especially on his birthday.

May 18

God we thank you for the gift of marriage. Specifically today we thank you for bringing Cullen and Emily into your work here at CLBI. May you continue to bless, nurture and sustain their marriage and family today on their anniversary, and in this coming year.

May 19

Jesus we thank you for bringing Landon Jack (Residence Life Director) and his family to CLBI. Help him to have a great birthday today. We ask that you bring a lot of joy to his work and grant him wisdom as he continues to mentor students.

May 20

Holy Spirit, please work within the hearts of people of all ages to desire to learn about you at CLBI. We pray that you break any barriers that hinder them from coming.

May 21

God our provider, thank you for all the staff at CLBI presently and those to come. Please continue to call staff to CLBI and help them to discern your call.

May 22

Thank you Lord for the gift of the Camrose community. We are grateful for all of the businesses and organizations that CLBI has the opportunity to work with. Please bless them in the work they do in the Camrose community and beyond.

May 23

God we thank you for bringing Austin Bruder to CLBI as a 2020 Engage student. Please help him to feel encouraged and experience your joy as he celebrates his birthday today.

DISCIPLESHIP.

YOU KNOW THE HOW.
WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE **WHY.**



THE 72

A PODCAST OF CLBI

COMING SOON.



DAN SHEPHERD ('09-'11)

My name is Dan Shepherd and I went to CLBI from 2009-2011. Currently, I am serving as a substitute teacher for Battle River School Division. When I'm not at work, I help out with a couple of initiatives at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Camrose. I've been assisting with teaching their Foundations Class (aka Confirmation), and leading a weekly Bible Study going through the Gospel of Matthew.

Over the last two years I have been serving on the board of CLBI, assisting in maintaining and growing relations between the school and our alumni. I have also begun helping with pulpit supply at Wilhelmina Lutheran Church.

Not to sound cliché, but Bible school helped me to step out of my comfort zone in more ways than one. It helped me learn about the complexities of leadership, and what different forms it can take. Being in a unique school environment and meeting new people helped me to to experience life

outside of public school life, without jumping head first into an overwhelming University experience. All the unexpected moments and challenges of CLBI helped me to "think

on my feet" and practice creative problem solving. This has proved beneficial in my undergrad and in my career as a teacher.

Being at CLBI also helped shape my need to understand theology. Being able to dig deeper into God's Word at school was a catalyst to how I lead Christian educational programming, whether it be as a Program Director at Hastings Lake Bible Camp, or in teaching the basics of Christianity in Confirmation.



***First Year CLBI
(2009)***

One memorable experience from CLBI was during my first Fall Outdoor Trip with the guys. The plan was to do a day hike and climb a mountain. Now I'm sure many of you will be shocked to read that I don't have the build of a conventional mountain climber, so clearly this day was going to be a physically taxing one for me. But nevertheless, I journeyed my way up the mountainside.

As we climbed further up, I found myself falling further and further behind many of the guys. At one point, I found myself on my own, with the others being a distance away from me, both in front and behind. It was then I started to reflect on the different hardships of my teenage years: Why did I feel so alone? Why did I carry so much heartache in my relationships? Where was I going in life? Who exactly am I supposed to be? My heart got heavier and heavier as I climbed up this mountain. All of a sudden, Jeremy Osterwalder was by my side. He looked at the summit, then to me, and said "What do you say? One last push to the top?" Before I could say a word, Jeremy grabbed me by the arm and dragged me up the mountain.

**"...I BROKE DOWN IN TEARS...
BECAUSE I GOT HIT IN THE FACE
WITH THE OVERWHELMING GLORY
OF GOD..."**

After running up this hill, with my legs burning and my breath barely hanging on, we finally reached the top. The first thing I saw was an amazing expanse of trees, valleys, a bright blue sky, and

the blazing sunlight. I broke down into tears. Not because of the physical exhaustion or the aching muscles, but because I got hit in the face with the overwhelming glory of God and His presence.

Some might say that God was "in" the expanse of nature I saw. But in reality, God was in the moment of the simple truth that He was there beside me, in all the struggle, all the pain, all the confusion of who I was and where I was going in life. It was at that moment that I remembered something I had forgotten years prior:

Jesus really is here with me.

It was then I remembered God, and He remembered me.

In the words of modern philosopher and Hollywood superstar Shia LeBeouf, "JUST. DO. IT!" But in all seriousness, I think one of the biggest challenges that we're facing as a Church today is receiving basic faith education. There are many assumptions and misconceptions in how society understands Christianity. CLBI helped me to comprehend my own beliefs, grow in maturity, and prepare me for life as a believing disciple of Christ. I have gained so many blessings from CLBI- a lifelong community of friends, a breadth of practical ministry experience, and life changing challenges that helped me develop as an individual. CLBI was such a vital time for me to actually get a grasp on why faith is important, and ultimately, why Jesus is important.

May 24

Father, we are grateful for the CLBI Board members and all they do and give to your work at CLBI. Please guide their decisions and may they all be in line with your will.

May 25

God our provider, we are so grateful for the ways in which you have financially provided for CLBI. Raise up new supporters so that people may grow to know you more deeply through your ministry at CLBI.

May 26

God we pray for discernment for CLBI students who are hearing your call into some form of ministry. Reveal the path you have for them, grant them peace, and provide encouragement and support along their journey.

May 27

Father, we continue to thank you for the ways in which you provide. In these summer months, please continue to raise up donors to support CLBI as staff work to prepare for CLBI students coming in the fall.

May 28

God we thank you for providing space for your ministry. Bring volunteers to help with CLBI program and facilities so that it continues to function well, both physically and spiritually.

May 29

Father you have called CLBI alumni to ministry positions. Raise up people who are able to support, encourage, and mentor them. Help them to be affirmed in their calling and find your joy in what they are doing.

May 30

God, we thank you for CLBI alumni who are not directly in ministry positions. Help them to be bold in their faith in their workplaces. Give them eyes to see the needs around them,

and guide them as to how to reach others.

May 31

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that we get to hold different roles as part of your body. Affirm us all where you are calling us and use us where we are. Give us your encouragement.

June 1

God, our Father, thank you for the gift of our staff and their children. By your Word and Spirit, give them all that they need. Bless them as you bless our CLBI community through them!

June 2

As CLBI students prepare for the summer, we thank you for them and for each individual they will meet. Prepare people's hearts to hear and trust the Gospel!

June 3

We thank and praise you, God, for your people in Camrose. Thank you for gathering Christian churches and communities together for Worship, strengthening them by Your Word, and sending them out to serve.

June 4

Lord, you have provided witnesses for Christ around the globe through CLBI. As alumni live and serve in their everyday lives, give them opportunities to bear witness to you.

June 5

Lord, as high school students approach the end of school, may they rest in the finished work of Christ as they thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what's next.

June 6

Father, you know the complications and possibilities with international students at CLBI. Grant wisdom, show opportunities, and provide what is needed for international students you are calling to CLBI.

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CHARLES JACKSON, WMPL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IN DECEMBER 2019, WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE CANADA (WMPL) MOVED ITS OFFICES INTO THE CLBI CAMPUS.

This move had been in discussion for over a year, and was mainly prompted by our need for an improved office space. Very soon into our discussion, office space and finances became secondary discussions as we talked about our organizations' primary objectives: CLBI's focus on making disciples, and WMPL's focus on the nations.

The Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) movement and WMPL have been related since their births. LBI began as Lutherans in the Midwest sought to establish a place where young people could come and learn in the Word of God, and also learn to live as God's people in the world. Some students at LBI were troubled by the thought that there were places in the world which had never heard of God's salvation so

they began to pray for harvest workers, and thus WMPL was born.

Both movements focus on how all believers should live out their faith in their vocations to be witnesses in the communities where God places them. Since the 1930s most of WMPL's global workers (missionaries) have spent time studying at one of the LBI's across North America. However, with the closing of the LBI's across the USA, WMPL has questioned, "Where will new global workers gain inspiration by studying the Word to go into the world?"

CLBI, under President Harold Rust, and working with WMPL Executive Director Rob Lewis, renewed the vision that the church is, at her heart – missional. The introduction of the IMPACT program (Intentional Ministry, Prayer, and Cultural Training) was the result.

As President Dean Rostad has focused on discipleship, I agree that this is vitally important. I have shared about

my experiences of working with the Church overseas. I heard leaders and pastors of young churches earnestly requesting from WMPL and other similar organizations for leadership training, and for disciplers. This desire to be disciplined is growing globally, especially among those who are first-generation Christian believers. This sums up perfectly why CLBI and WMPL should continue to be moving closer together. Not only can we combine resources, but we can inspire one another in our ministries.

"...GOD IS TAKING THE CHURCH BEYOND HERSELF SO THAT ALL MAY BECOME BOTH DISCIPLES AND DISCIPLED."

Discipleship is not to make us good church people, but rather, to make us more like Christ. Throughout the New

Testament we see that God is taking the Church beyond herself so that all may have the opportunity to hear and become both *disciples* and *disciplers*.

In fulfilling this command, we are encouraged with the promises of our LORD for us and for those living and working in the hard places, *"And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20).

June 7

Good and faithful God, you know what repairs and renovations are needed at CLBI. Give the staff and workers all they need as they work on the facilities you have provided.

June 8

Our Father, thank you for Leif Haugen (Engage Student) on his birthday. By your Word and Holy Spirit, give Leif assurance of the forgiveness of his sins. Help him to remember that forgiveness, identity, and his very life, are received and not achieved.

June 9

"There is no authority except from God" (Rom 13:1). As you protect and provide for your people through our leaders, protect and provide for them and their families. Your will be done!

June 10

Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of family and parents. Thank

you for the strength, nurturing, and support that our young people receive from their parents. May this lead to encouragement to attend Bible School.

June 11

As some students plan to return for another year at CLBI, give them all that they need. Help them to return ready to learn and grow!

June 12

All over the world, countless people live in spiritual darkness. As praying and planning takes place for the coming IMPACT trips, grant wisdom and guidance over it all.

June 13

Lord, as our students are living, serving, and working through the summer, give them the desire and discipline to dig deeply into scripture. May our students cling to, and be people of the Word.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pastor Dean Rostad - President



The donation budget for 2019/2020 is \$592,000

"When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up - one on one side, one on the other - so that his hands remained steady till sunset." Exodus 17:12

I love this image of Aaron and Hur supporting Moses as he prayed for God's blessings upon the Israelites. If you are reading this, there is a high probability that you are an Aaron or Hur for the ministry of CLBI. Thank you for all of your prayers, gifts, and verbal support of God's work here - it does not go unnoticed! Know that God is answering your prayers in shaping CLBI to be a vibrant discipling community. I am in awe of how God is at work raising up, equipping, and sending out workers for the harvest fields. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again for holding up our hands; we could not do this without you. May God enable you to persevere in your supporting role of CLBI.

Give thanks for those who have donated to help eliminate CLBI's accumulated deficit which was at \$157,662 (as of July 1, 2019). This internal debt causes staff to have to delay starting important initiatives later into our fiscal year. Pray for all types of donations - large and small - to set CLBI on a solid financial footing for the future. We have made some good progress this year in paying this off - pray that God will provide the rest to wipe it completely off our books.



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HAVE A MINIVAN YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE TO CLBI?



Our ministry here at CLBI depends greatly on our vehicles to take us where we need to go. As these vehicles have regularly been used for various trips and adventures, sadly, this means that some of them are reaching the end of their life. Rather than investing in maintaining vehicles that may not be around for much longer, we are hoping to replace them.

We are currently looking for minivans that have been lightly used and have relatively low mileage on them. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate a minivan with those specifications, please contact Mark Hagen (Director of Operations) at 780-672-4454, or email operations@clbi.edu.

June 14

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col 3:16). "Be transformed by the renewal of your minds" (Rom 12:2). Lord, grant our staff and students rest, peace, and renewal over the summer, by the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

June 15

We thank you for, and ask you to bless Chris Vandermeer, on his birthday today. Continue to walk

beside him as he serves as a Discipleship Group Leader and Board Member. Encourage him so that his light may shine before others and give glory to you in Heaven.

June 16

Almighty God, give clear wisdom and inspiration as CLBI staff plans the program for the upcoming year. Give them new and exciting opportunities to empower the students to make disciples of all nations.

June 17

"Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word." - Psalm 119:12-16 (NIV)

June 18

We pray for those experiencing anxiety with what direction they are to go in life. Give discernment and clarity to your people who desire to know your will. Assure them that they need not worry when they have your guidance.

June 19

Thank you God for the beautiful space you have provided here at CLBI. We ask that you would guide many rental groups to take advantage of the campus and facilities so that your school may be of service during the summer months.

June 20

Holy Spirit, move among those who you are calling to attend CLBI. Give the staff, alumni, and supporters of the school the right words in witnessing your Son to potential students. May your faithfulness shine through their testimony, and encourage people of all backgrounds to consider Bible School.

June 21

Abba Father, thank you for the earthly dad's you have blessed us with, whether they are with us from birth, or act as parental role models that reflect your compassion and wisdom. Encourage and fill them with the love of those around them today.

June 22

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." - 1 John 4:9-11 (NIV)

June 23

We thank you for the gift of prayer, Almighty God, and ask that you would continue to lift up all of the prayer supporters of CLBI. Draw your faithful followers into your presence, so that we may continue to devote ourselves in prayer and walk in accordance with your will.

June 24

As the public school year winds down, we pray for patience & confidence for the high school students during exams. O Lord, provide them peace as they put their knowledge and learning to the test. Remove any anxieties from the hearts of these students, and support them as they finish the year.

June 25

Gracious God, thank you for the International students preparing to travel to CLBI this upcoming fall. Walk with them as they begin a new adventure. Give them peace and protection from feelings of isolation or loneliness.

June 26

Almighty Father, we give you our praise and thanks for the Camrose community. Move your spirit so that all who live there may be united and encouraging towards one another. Even in disagreements or differences, help us all to be compassionate neighbors that would reflect the love of Christ Jesus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 25

CLBI Graduation Ceremony

- 10:00am
- at Messiah Lutheran Church (4810 50 Street, Camrose, AB)
- Come and join us as we celebrate the CLBI graduating class of 2019/2020.
- Lunch to follow at CLBI
- See Pg.3 for more info

JUN 20

Celebrate the Mission Gala

- An evening gala celebrating the mission of CLBI
- Saturday, June 20, 2020 @ 5:00pm
- See page 7 for details

June 27

God, we give you thanks and praise for the partnership between CLBI and WMPL. Bless their endeavors to raise up disciples for your Gospel, and to send out lights all over the world to proclaim your son Jesus. Grow their relationship as they work side by side in spreading the good news.

June 28

We call upon you, Lord, for your churches to continue to support CLBI in various ways. Thank you for all the blessings and gifts they have provided over the many years, whether it be through financial contribution or acts of service to the school's needs. Inspire creativity in how they can further be instruments of your will.

June 29

Bless the CLBI staff as they enjoy their holidays, Lord. Provide for them with rest and reflection as they look back on all that you have done, and as they look forward to what is in store.

June 30

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."
Ephesians 1:7-10*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rachel Kroeger (2014-16) married Cam McNabb on December 15, 2019

Nick (2007-10) & Demara (Wig, 2008-10) Joyal had baby Georgia Heather Nicole on January 28, 2020

Heather (Aicken, 2003-05) and Joel Popescu had baby Ruby Jan on February 1, 2020

Lauren (Renner, 2007-09) & Tom Williams had baby Evelyn Ruth on February 24, 2020

HONORARIUMS: Ed & Muriel Holdsworth, Eva Ledene, Geoff & Tara Semmens,

Total Honorariums: \$315

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