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Dear friends,

Summer seemed so far away at the end of January when I was in Winnipeg for CSSM National meetings even though much of our discussions were directly related to summer ministry. It was so cold that going for a short walk was a bone chilling experience. Now, here we are five months later and about 60 degrees Celsius warmer at the threshold of our summer of ministry. According to the calendar summer started earlier this week and today is the last day of school in New Brunswick. That event alone should fill the air here in Sussex Corner with the screams of excited students (and teachers) later today. Wherever I go this time of year supporters of CSSM and/or those who know that I am involved in summer camps are most likely to ask me how things are shaping up for the summer. Today I would like to take you on a little **tour of Atlantic Canada** and CSSM ministry points to see for ourselves.

Let's start by driving from the Branch Office to Moncton airport where we can fly to the St. John's, Newfoundland airport. Russell and Lori Smith will be there to pick us up as they live only 10 minutes away in the town of Torbay. During the school year their ministry focuses on Bible Clubs and Holiday Bible Teaching in some of the local public schools. (At Easter Lori taught 56 half-hour lessons to 1921 students and teachers.) At this time of year their focus turns to Directing Newfound Life Bible Camp and their VBS Ministry. If you were to look at a map of Newfoundland and especially at the Avalon Peninsula you would see that they will be concentrating most of their summer ministry on one area. The camp facility that we rent to hold our camps is located in the community of Carbonear. As you can see from Russell and Lori's schedule they will be ministering for four

Russell & Lori Smith	
Dates	Place
July 4-8	Carbonear
July 11-15	Harbour Grace
July 18-22	Teen Camp
July 25-29	St. John's
August 1-5	Youth Camp
August 8-12	Cannings Cove
August 15-18	Assisting Albert and Maureen

Albert & Maureen Dean	
Dates	Place
July 23 to 26	Maureen speaks at T4Y Kiddy Camp
July 27 to 30	Albert speaks at T4Y Family Camp
July 31 to August 4	Travel to Newfoundland
August 8 to 12	Cox's Cove VBS
August 15 to 19	River of Ponds (AM) & Hawke's Bay (PM) VBS
August 22 to 26	Ship Cove VBS
August 27 to 29	Travel to NB

weeks in that general area. They will still have one VBS toward the west coast and that is in Cox's Cove, a good place to stop as we head across the island.

Every summer since the Smith Family went to minister in Newfoundland, the summer of 1996, they have traveled across the island to minister with the tool CSSM has used for almost 80 years; VBS. However in order to build the fledgling camp ministry it is now wiser for them to concen-

trate on the area where camp is held. This change in VBS locations left a hole that the Lord has filled with Albert and Maureen Dean. Albert, the man who God used to recruit me to CSSM, and his wife Maureen will travel to "the rock" at the end of July for 3 weeks (4 places) of VBS. If you have ever been to Newfoundland you know that our drive across the island is much longer than our flight over. It is 1000 Km (600 miles) from St. John's to the ferry at Port-aux-Basque. We may have to make a detour more than 300 Km north to Ship Cove along the way though if we do not catch the Deans in Cox's Cove.

Once we land on the island of Cape Breton after our 6 hour ferry ride it is just a half-hour drive to Cape Breton Bible Camp. Here we find Danny and Darlene MacLennan with their family ministering to their community at the camp where Danny was saved. A lot of work has been done both on the facility and in the lives of individuals since Danny became the director in 2000. They praise the Lord for how He has met not only the camp's needs but the needs of their family as some summers have been very difficult with sickness. The camp had hoped to have a climbing wall built for the summer, like many of our camps across the country, but they were unable to get any liability insurance coverage for that activity. As you have heard me say before, insurance matters take up a lot of ministry time now as we continue to look for coverage and/or try to find more affordable cover-

Cape Breton Bible Camp		
Camp	Dates	Ages
Camp Workday	May 28	all ages
Staff Training	June 3 - 5	14 & up
Kid's Camp	June 10 - 12	6 & 7
Camp Workday	June 18	all ages
Intermediate	June 26 - July 1	10 & 12
Jr. Teen 1	July 3 - 8	13 & 14
Skills 1	July 10 - 15	9 - 12
Jr. Intermediate	July 17 - 22	7 - 9
Jr. Teen 2	July 24 - 29	13 & 14
Skills 2	July 31 - August 5	9 - 12
Teen	August 7 - 12	15 - 19
Rental Group	August 14 - 19	.
Int. Retreat	September 9 - 11	8 - 12
Women's Retreat	September 16 - 18	20 & up
Teen Retreat	September 23 - 25	13 - 19

age. Our Branch is paying about \$40,000 in insurance premiums this year. Because of the high cost and difficulty at times in obtaining insurance all of our CSSM camps are working toward accreditation with their provincial camping Association. It may not give us lower costs but it will give us more options.

One area of ministry that we have been focusing on as a Branch is building relationships with individuals in the communities around us. Cape Breton Bible Camp is seeking to do that through hosting the Atlantic Burn Camp for the past few summers. The campers that attend this camp have special needs so they are unable to attend a regular camp session. Through being there to interact with the campers and specialized staff the MacLennans are able to build relationships that will enable them to share the gospel. Our new camp ministry, Truth for Youth Bible Camp, also seeks to reach out to the local community through a VBS held at the camp the first week in August.

To get to Truth for Youth Bible Camp we will have to leave Cape Breton Island and drive to the area known as the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. The camp is located beside Blomidon Provincial Park about 400 Km from CBBC. Andrew and Tanya Dorey direct the camp here even though they are still raising their support as CSSM missionaries. They devote as much of their time as they can to raising their support and the camp during the school year when works as Andrew is a school bus driver. In the summer you can find them at the camp or holding a VBS in a local church. Last summer was the first for CSSM at T4Y with 3 weeks of camp and 84 campers. This summer 5 different camp sessions will be held and we pray that the camps will see more campers. The Dorey family has some extra excitement this summer as Tanya is due in August with their fourth child. It has been encouraging to see the Lord provide for the camp this spring. One group of supporters held a yard sale with the proceeds to be given to the camp. They raised \$1400 just through that one event.

Truth for Youth Bible Camp		
Camp	Age	Dates
Staff Training	14 & up	June 29 to July 2
Teen	13 to grade 12	July 3 to 8
Intermediate	10 to 12	July 10 to 15
Junior	8 to 10	July 17 to 22
Kiddy Camp	5 to 7	July 23 to 26
Family	All ages	July 27 to 30

It is time to leave Nova Scotia, but before we do we can stop in Halifax during the month of August and visit with Julie Bennett. After being part of the ministry team at Truth for Youth Bible Camp for July she returns to her ministry to the inner-city children. Through Rejoice Bible Clubs Julie and her team will seek to continue to reach out to the individual needs of those who live in the “square”. Lord willing some of the children whom she has built relationships with and whom she had sponsors for will have had an opportunity to attend camp with her. Julie tells me that many of these children have never been outside of the city, let-alone ever attended a summer camp.

Our next stop after a 2 hour drive is in Kensington, PE to visit with Gene and Doreen Carson and to see how the ministry at Kensington Community Church is going. If we were to drop in on a Sunday evening we could join about 20 others at the hall where the Sunday service is held. During the week we would find Gene visiting in their community, Doreen witnessing to her co-workers as she serves coffee, and both of them home on a Wednesday night for Bible Study.

Let’s leave Kensington now and head back over Confederation Bridge to Moncton and then head north to Miramichi City. Once we reach there we will go south on the #8 to the 108 west. After about 30 Km we will see a sign at the end of a dirt road for Miramichi Bible Camp, our first stop in New Brunswick. We cannot stop yet though because the camp is still another 26 Km back on the woods as we take another road to our left, then to our right, and left again is the camp. As we come in the driveway we see and hear the diesel generator running to provide electricity for the camp. We can see why this old logging camp was chosen as the site for MBC as we look out on McKendrick Lake and see the campers swimming, canoeing, and going down the water slide. It is unfortunate that the camps location now seems to be our greatest hindrance to getting individuals involved in the ministry. It was for that reason plus the camps distance from emergency services that a public meeting was held in June to discuss moving the camp to a new ministry. I am praying that the Lord will guide us in this move and that He will provide not only a new location of His choosing but a full-time Director as well to minister more effectively to the needs of the Miramichi region.

Miramichi Bible Camp		
Camp	Age	Dates
Teen	13 to 18	July 10 to 15
Intermediate	10 to 12	July 17 to 22
Junior	8 to 10	July 24 – 29

Sandy Cove Bible Camp		
Camp	Ages	Dates
Staff Training	15 and up	June 26 – 28
Junior 1	7 - 11	July 3 – 8
Family Camp	All ages	July 10 – 15
Middle School Water ski	9 – 13	July 17 – 22
Splash Camp	5 – 7	July 24 – 26 Ends 1pm
Mom’s and Tot’s	Moms with tots ages 2-5	July 26 – 27
Family Weekend	All ages	July 29 – Aug. 1st.
Junior 2	7 – 11	Aug. 1 – 5
Survive This!	13 and up	Aug 21 - 26

There are a couple ways that we could now travel to get to Sandy Cove Bible Camp but first we must spend the first half-hour to get back out to #108. Lets back track a little more to the #8 and then go south all the way to the city of Fredericton where we will cross the river and head north to Davidson Lake and down Sandy Cove Lane. It will take us about four hours to go from our wilderness camp to our water camp but a delicious meal and the smiling faces of the McQuarrie Family awaits us. Once again God has been using a missionary family not only to reach out with the gospel to those who come to the camp but to those who live in the communities around. Sandy Cove is by far our oldest camp in Atlantic Canada but God is still using it to reach the unreached from the diverse backgrounds of a rural life

to the inner-city. The closest town of Nackawic has been hit hard over the past year with the closer of the pulp mill and many think that there is “no hope”. Some are now looking to a local girl for hope as she competes to be the next Canadian Idol. I am thankful for the relationships being built on and around this camp ministry so that the true hope, the Lord Jesus Christ, can be shared.

Our next stop is only 2 hours away at Hampton Bible Camp where Dwayne & Florence Gray directs the camp and Ed & Kim Dickison work to assist them and Wes & Nancy Barton have a property maintenance and prayer ministry. HBC is our busiest and largest camp in the Branch so if we visit during a Jr./Intermediate week there may be over 100 campers or if we visit during a specialty camp we can see campers busy riding horses or dirt bikes or hiding in the woods while they are involved in a paintball competition. The kitchen at any camp is the center of attention and it is no different at HBC. Florence Gray is known far-and-wide for her great food in abundant quantities. We praise the Lord for the 2 ladies who have taken on the ministry of cooking this summer at HBC. While there we should ask Dwayne how his back is holding up and if he is still having sinus problems after the operation he had this past spring. All of our missionaries enjoy a good visit from supporters once and a while during the camping season. It helps them to pray more specifically and understand what we are doing. A step beyond that is when a supporter comes to work along side the missionary for a period of time. The bond of friendship and understanding grows even more.


Hampton Bible Camp		
Camps	Ages	Dates
Horse Camp 1	Ages 12 to 19	June 26 - July 1
Paintball Camp 1	Ages 12 to 19	June 26 - July 1
Motocross School	Ages 14 to 19	June 26 - July 1
Horse Camp 2	Ages 8 to 11	July 3 - July 8
Family Camp	Ages 0 to 1,000	July 3 - July 8
Junior / Intermediate 1	Ages 7 to 13	July 10 - July 15
Junior / Intermediate 2	Ages 7 to 13	July 17 - July 22
Junior / Intermediate 3	Ages 7 to 13	July 24 - July 29
Horse Camp 3	Ages 12 to 19	July 31 - Aug 5
Teen Camp 1	Ages 13 to 19	July 31 - Aug 5
Special Teen Camp	Ages 13 to 19	Aug 7 - Aug 12
Paintball Camp 2	Ages 13 to 19	Aug 7 - Aug 12
Dirt Bike Camp	Ages 14 to 19	Aug 7 - Aug 12
Paintball Camp 3	Ages 11 to 13	Aug 14 (6:30pm) – Aug 17 (7pm)
Beginner	Aug 5 to 7	Aug 15 (1pm) – Aug 17 (1pm)
Family Weekend	Ages 0 to 1,000	Aug 19 - Aug 21

Well, we are almost done our travels as we drive the 20 minutes back to the Atlantic Branch Office in Sussex Corner. The office is at the north end of Route 111 which is also known as New Line Road. When you come into the office you may see the top of my head through my window if I am looking down typing away at my computer. Just to your left is Gloria’s work area where she sorts the mail, does the bookwork and anything else that she has time for. Gloria is here 20 hours a week so to catch her at the office is a good feat. I spend about half of my ministry time away from the office so if we are both here you are doing well. About once a month three of us will be here at the same time as Christina comes one morning a week during the school year to photocopy, file, clean, or whatever I need her to do.

Now that I am back at the office I could be working on any number of projects. I could be checking the PMD Program (Pre-authorized Monthly Donation) file for more **Canadian** donor information that I will have to add to our online file. I will have to do that work at home because we cannot get high-speed internet here at the office. I also may be looking to see if we have had any donations to help with the \$500 start up cost of this program. Instead of a donor having to remember to send in the donation or buy a 50 cent stamp their donation will be automatically taken out of their account. I could be looking over the Branch General Fund financial reports that Gloria has given to me. If I am looking at May’s and then compare to last May I will see that the expenses that I have sought to hold down have taken a jump over the past eight months. As Branch Director it is my responsibility to raise all funds for the Branch Office ministries which includes all office staff support. The amount of revenue needed each month is \$8600 or \$103,000 per year based upon the past eight months expenses. In relation to our budget needs I may be watching a video from a Kit we recently purchased called “People Raising” a support raising kit. Even though this kit cost us \$400 it is money well spent as it will be used here for the Branch Office, with our new missionaries and made available to our current missionaries. This kit is based upon the book of the same name that we distributed to all of our missionaries a couple years ago. I could also be catching up on my work that I was not able to do while Directing & Speaking at MBC or while teaching VBS or away in Newfoundland. Chances are that once I am back from Newfoundland you will find me at the office.

Long Family	
Date	Place
July 4 to 8	Rothsay Baptist Church, NB VBS
July 11 to 15	Colina Baptist Church, NB VBS
July 17 to 22	Miramichi Bible Camp Speaker and Director
July 24 to 29	Miramichi Bible Camp Director
August 1 to 5	Gary - Newfound Life Bible Camp Speaker Rest of Family - Truth for Youth Bible Camp VBS
August 22 to 26	Sussex, NB VBS

Thank you very much for coming along on our tour of CSSM Atlantic Branch. It is so much easier to show you what is going on at the various ministry points than to tell you about it. We do covet your prayers and your partnership as we seek to reach the unreached of Atlantic Canada. Please use the schedules along with this letter to pray for us or to come and visit us over the next two months.

In His Service,

 Gary B. Long
 Atlantic Branch Director