



Greetings from River's Edge! We have had quite the rainy few weeks. It has been challenging for the farmers to get their crops off. Pray for favourable weather. We have to trust that the weather, too, is in the LORD's hands. Not only the weather, but also our work here at River's Edge. We often put our hope and trust in the right words to speak or the right time for these words. We know from scripture that God has a plan for all people, our participants as well. We do not know when the Spirit works in them or if He will at all. We just need to focus on our task here and pray for guidance and the Spirit's work! This truth is so comforting.

Program Development + Fundraising/Promotions

Some of you may have read in your bulletins a request for supporting River's Edge as a volunteer in the programs committee or fundraising/promotions committee. Thank you to all those who have responded. The programs committee would be responsible for developing programs and activities for the mentor and child to engage in here at River's Edge. The fundraising committee, perhaps more self explanatory, would be involved in planning events and other methods to raise funds. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Bruce DeBoer at bruce@riversedge.ca.



Program Development

At River's Edge, we have the grounds and the animals, but there are other opportunities to mentor. Remember, the activities we use are a means to



facilitate a trusting relationship. Then we can walk along side these children and youth and share the love of Jesus Christ. We have been working on two particular programs through some of our volunteer mentors. These programs are winter friendly as they can be done indoors. The woodworking program and the cooking/baking program.



These life skill activities are very much enjoyed by the participants as they get to make and learn something new. A few examples are pictured here. On the previous page, in the first photo, Nick is working with the participant on a simple project. He learned about wood types, how to measure and mark the wood, how to drill, chisel, assemble and stain etc. In the second photo, Jackie is teaching the fundamentals of baking using a simple recipe with just 4 ingredients. She gets to take home these cookies home and share them with her loved ones. The joy and sense of accomplishment is so valuable when developing the bond of trust. Woodworking and baking kits allow our mentors and participants to work on new projects with varying levels of difficulty.

Winter Plans

The renovations in the barns continue to make progress. The kids love to check it out each week. We look forward to using these spaces when the time comes! There has been



plenty of opportunity for some of our participants to get in on the action by cleaning up or swinging a hammer. This certainly gives them a sense of accomplishment that they, too, could help in the building project!

Support

We are thankful for the support we receive. Please pray for the LORD's continued blessing on the work done with the participants. *To date, we are 72% funded for the year 2021.* The LORD has indeed blessed our work for which we are thankful. There is no fee for the participants, so we operate completely on donations. We are looking to build our monthly donor base. Please consider supporting us monthly! Questions? Please email chris@riversedge.ca.
-We are a registered charity-

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3. Through Canada Helps

Until next time

Chris DeBoer, Director

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