



Greetings from River's Edge. As the weather turns from fall to winter, may we acknowledge that the LORD is the one who creates and upholds the weather. He has made beauty in all of the seasons. We are thankful that the LORD is the Provider and Giver of all. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" Phil. 4:19. And we have been given what we need for our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Mentor Reflections – How we Model our lives.

Prior to every session, the mentors meet together to meditate on God's Word and to pray. A topic that has been discussed a lot in these meetings has been about how to practically share the gospel with the participant. Of course, we want to be effective tools in God's hand. We know with certainty that the Spirit is the one who does the work and we are to faithfully plant the seeds. What a comfort that reminder is for our team going into a session. It is comforting to know that God uses us, but it does not depend on us. Still, the questions may arise. How does this work out practically? When do we talk about God? How do we do it? How long? Many of us who have children know that you cannot preach or talk at them, but wait sometimes for an opening and the Spirit will guide you. You can also make an opening, which is what we do at River's Edge by building a relationship of trust using the different activities.

Part of building trust is by modeling our lives to the participants. As you can see in the photo the right, one of our animals (Della) had a sore foot. By Megan showing care and compassion to one of God's creatures, she can share that responsibility with the child. She can point this responsibility to the child in *words* and *actions*. Parents model this way to their children constantly. This modelling shows our attitude and our authenticity. Authenticity is so important when showing participants that we all need the love of Jesus Christ. We confess as God's people that we need to be imitators of God's love to one another. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because He first loved us". We take comfort in knowing that God uses our example to these participants. This is also a humbling to know that the LORD uses broken sinners for His work!



Website / Social Media

I am sure that at some point you may have gone our website to see what River's Edge is about. I encourage you to log on again, as there have been many updates and changes! We have been blessed by Avery's talents as she does all our social media, website and photography. She has spent a considerable amount of time and effort updating the website. There are a lot of uploaded videos, photos and explanations about what happens here at River's Edge. I also encourage you to follow us on Facebook/Instagram for the latest updates.



A Hopeful Christmas @ River's Edge

We will be hosting two events over the Christmas holidays. Participants (past and present) and their families will come to enjoy some games, hot chocolate, a fire and a Christmas message.

We are also partnering with the Youth Impact Centre once again to have 2 full days of events here at the farm. The spots are all filled up already with participants from Dunnville! Day 1 will feature 30 girls who will get to enjoy some horse activities, crafts and lunch. While the boys, about 20 or so, will be coming on Day 2 to enjoy a woodworking project led by Nick and Kent!

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 76% 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!

---We now have PAP! If you are interested in supporting us monthly and would like automatical withdrawal, please email chris@riversedge.ca to get set up!

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