

Summer 2021 was truly amazing. I'm having a hard time choosing a word that describes everything about it. The most amazing thing that happened is that God moved in the campers, staff, parents, and speakers' hearts. Everyone who was involved at camp this summer had been blessed and was a blessing. Throughout my life I have been made well aware that there is no junior Holy Spirit, that God speaks to everyone old and young and all I can say is that if you have trouble believing that, well, you need to come to camp. This summer we started off with Worship camp (before the majority of the staff came) and it was full of people who have hearts desiring to worship our Heavenly Father over anything else. It was full of joy, excitement, and pure worship. Then came a gear shift as the staff tripled in number. We had people apply who came from all different walks in their faith and some who were being introduced to who Jesus is for the first time. It was incredible! Having been involved in other camp ministries, it's common to rely and focus solely on the campers experience, whereas in this specific camp we had the opportunity to focus on both the spiritual well-being of the camper and the staff. Testimony after testimony of staff experiencing the love and acceptance of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the Love of the perfect Father, went from our staff meetings and services into their cabins with the kids over the 4 weeks of Kids and Teen camp.

The theme this year, Face to Face, was based on the verse Psalm 27:8 "You have said seek my face, my heart says to you, your face Lord I will seek." This action of seeking Jesus's face, I can say, was done at camp, but more importantly the practice of it went with the campers and staff as they headed home. As many of us were Strasbourg Bible Camp first timers, we had many learning curves but God is Faithful! He used the skills, talents, resources that this team could offer and He was and is Glorified! I ask myself, was camp a success this summer? Going over every different camp, reading each name on the registration sheets, thinking back over the staff members, and if success in ministry is that one person heard about Jesus and accepted Him into their heart well then YES! This did happen at camp!

Our staff and campers have become the recruiters, sharing about their experiences and How God met them is resulting in more and more people interested in coming. I am so full of excitement and anticipation of what God is going to do this summer, I am expecting God to fill each bed we have available with a kid/teen wanting to know and experience God for themselves. I am expecting that God will bring people to work at camp that will feel and obey the call on their life to share the gospel to the ends of the earth. I am expecting that God will provide the funds and resources we need to run camp well. Lastly, I am expecting that God will do what he wants to do because this is **His camp**, These are **His kids**, and I am just honoured to be a part of that plan.