

I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure. Psalm 119:162

## Meet the Team

Thank you for supporting Camp Good News with your thoughts and prayers. Many wonderful alumni joined ranks with our newest staff this year to create an amazing sense of community. Old-timers like Heather Murray, Julie O'Neil, Vova Rybachenko, Gus Glazov, Emilie Hotz, and Sylvain Auclair gave of their time and expertise on the waterfront, in the kitchen, arts and crafts, and chapel to make every day a new adventure. Faith and I will soon be returning to Bangladesh, and it is camp experiences that often guide our plans and outreach over there.

### Some returning staff



**Some of the little extras this summer included:** Kathy's photo gallery, Glenn's growing work crew, Sylvain's discussion groups in French, Will's vegetable garden, Wendy's homemade breads, and Faith's Bible memory verse time each morning in chapel. She even resorted to bribes to motivate campers to participate. It was a summer for the record books!

## Peter & Faith

Peter Willard visited his sister Faith a few times this past summer. Being away from home, he wanted to try and spend time alone with God and the Scriptures. He wrote, *when we are young and have a mad crush on someone we can spend two or three hours each day enjoying that person and not get bored. By the grace of God I hope I am changing and more and more enjoying spending time alone with God and the Bible. I need to be - kind of all day -continually - in the school of prayer.*

When you think of it, Peter is an alumni too, Good News opened the year he was born and he attended each summer until college. It is wonderful to visit with alumni who stop in to



Peter & Faith

say hello. This summer Mary Ann Walker, Lois Quenneville Kemper, and Gene Anderson introduced us to their spouses and children; Kayleen Vander Veen, Edmond Carnevale, the Shah boys also stopped in and others like Gina Rodriguez McCracken sent words of encouragement along with some old photos from about twenty years ago: *It seems like yesterday. CGN always has a special place in my heart. God is so good! I know so many lives have been changed through this ministry.*

There is a very special bond between those of us who, over the generations, have spent time together in that very special place called Good News! Thank you for visiting, writing, or fondly remembering us in your thoughts and prayers!

## What An Incredible, Diverse Dedicated Community – Meet Vova



Vova Rybachenko is from the Ukraine and this summer he was a tremendous help in the kitchen, doing often mundane tasks with a ready smile and thankful heart. He first came to Good News fourteen years ago with his girlfriend Marina and a dozen others from Kiev Christian University. Vova and Marina married and returned to camp for the next four seasons.

This past summer, he brought his four and a half-year-old daughter Marina. She had a wonderful time with the staff, campers, and her father: no homesickness! Vova is currently serving as a missionary in the prisons in Latvia - just seventy miles from his hometown.

Everyone has a story to tell, and many of these stories tell of transformed lives. Vova's childhood was riddled with struggle after his parents' divorce. He began spending more and more time on the street when his mother went to work. By the age of thirteen, he started each day with marijuana and was regularly injecting opium. His grades plummeted, and he was transferred into a trade school. He and his friends made and sold drugs, but Vova was shocked to see their deadly effects. *One night, after another intake of drugs, one of my friends died. The other friend and I just found him dead next morning. There were three of us. One was dead. Two were left. We used the same needle just yesterday evening. I realized there was a good chance I could be the next.*

In his early twenties, Vova found himself once again in a friend's bar feeling totally lost and alone. He complained that life was



Vova & Marina

difficult and unfair, but the bartender was tired of Vova's talk and told him, *If you want someone to listen to you, go to church.* He did just that and found Christ. Vova's life changed as he began to attend church regularly and learn about his heavenly father. He wanted to help other children by teaching Sunday school, working in an orphanage, and eventually at camps.

Vova literally started day one making delicious meals for the staff until Wendy (the head cook) arrived days later. She depended on him to get the job done. Vova is extremely accepting of the underdog, and simply adores his daughter. What a blessing he is to Camp Good News, his family, and those he serves in Latvia. Please pray for this young family dedicated to caring for the lost and downtrodden.

## Three Cheers for Heather Murray

So many of the buildings at camp have paintings in them done by Heather Murray. Just the other day I noticed another masterpiece in the boathouse. How odd to see that beautiful picture on the unfinished boathouse wall. That's Heather, always creating something meaningful for others.

Heather applied to be a counselor at Good News over thirty years ago. We were getting many applicants with outstanding recommendations, so Heather was put aside. The following summer we rejected her again, but then there was a last minute cancelation, and we were delighted to learn Heather didn't yet have a summer job. She was outstanding: humble, eager to learn, spiritually minded. At the end of the summer, Faith Willard told her that if she ever needed a job recommendation to let her to write it! Her humility and gifts were hidden.



Heather

After spending twelve years in Turkey, Heather began making friendships with Muslim university women in Michigan. In a quiet way, she uses those friendships to share with each the claims of Jesus Christ on their lives. Heather is a compassionate listener and one of the kindest people I have ever watched. Campers and staff still gravitate to her arts and crafts activities!



Hallie

Hallie came to Good News as a camper many years ago. She is autistic and one of our most willing workers. Whether it is feeding the pigs or walking the dogs, she cheerfully does what others might not enjoy. Another bonus is having Hallie's hardworking mother help in the kitchen after her job at Joint Base Cape Cod. Julie is a wonderful worker. Her beloved Hallie is now twenty-two-years-old and doing well and at Community College.



Gus

My grandparents always had special love for Jewish people, God's chosen people. Around fifty years ago, while living in Waltham, a professor from Russia was going to speak at the synagogue. Granddad went to hear him, and they quickly became friends. For a number of years his children attended Camp Good News. This summer, his grandson Gus Glazov was the head counselor of the Boys Camp. His singing, guitar, and communication skills quickly endeared Gus to the camp community.



Ray

Eight-year-old Ray came all the way from Korea for the entire summer. He was very soft spoken and apprehensive at first. Some of us wondered if he spoke any English at all. By the end of the summer he was starring in skits and enjoying his many new friends, the water and all camp had to offer.

*Jane Brooks*

### Reflections on a Life Well Lived

Growing up in a minister's and camp director's home, I knew what I DIDN'T want to do – go into camping and never go over seas to do mission work! The work was hard and there never seemed to be money around. I remember one Christmas time Dad sitting us down and telling us four children there was no money for gifts. I was mortified. Whatever would I tell my friends when they asked about my gifts? Then I remembered I had seen golden books for ten cents and I told dad I would be happy with one book. He gave me two! It saved the day for me.

As I grew, God worked in my heart. I couldn't help but notice my parents were having all the fun, seeing God change lives. That realization altered my goals and lead me to spend my life in camp work and foreign missions.

*Faith Willard*

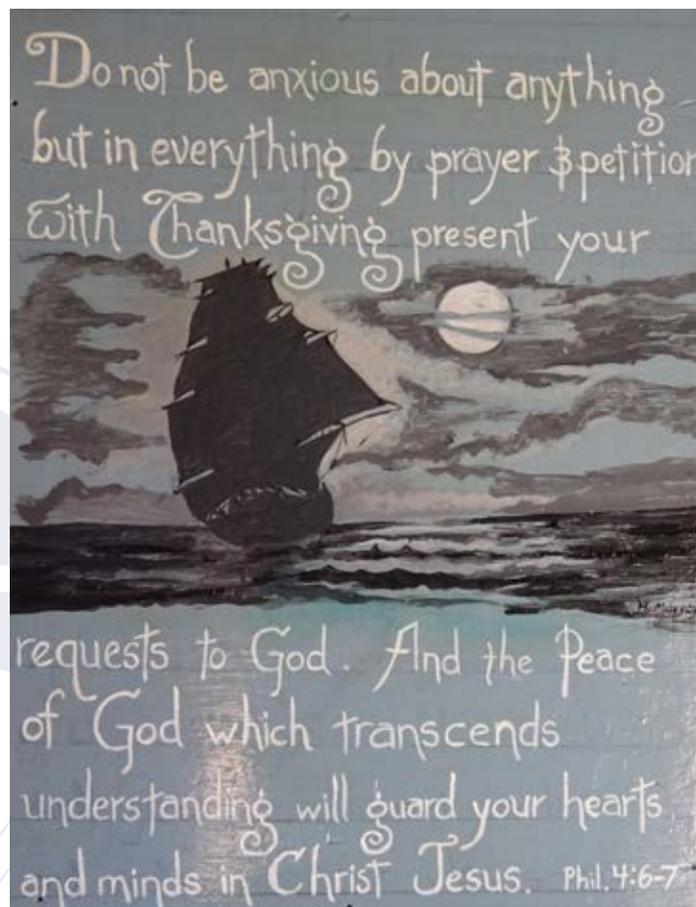
## Current Bills

We hope this ministry will continue to grow and flourish far into the future. Since most campers attend camp on some type of scholarship, we would ask you to consider helping meet the pressing financial demands of closing for the season:

Amerigas	\$977.04
Builders	\$8,200.00
Cape Cod Sportswear	\$795.00
Credit Cards	\$11,203.38
Electric Company	\$3,989.65
Flooring in Shamlian	\$2,500.00
Fuel Company	\$6,760.00
Insurance	\$13,831.08
Plumbers	\$5,243.50
Septic Company	\$4,750.00
Staff Salaries	\$6,676.42
Trugreen	\$893.15
Verizon	\$177.95
Waltham Pest Control	\$1,149.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67,146.17</b>

## Boathouse Original

Heather's artwork is admired in many buildings throughout the camp.



## Biking by the canal



Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. Thessalonians 5:11

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