

Missionary Update ... Colleen Estes serving with *Living Hope Ministries in Pikangikum*



I have returned from our trip and have dropped off the last WLS youth after an eleven hour drive from Fort Frances. After all the youth had been reunited with families, I slept for one whole day. It had been an intense two weeks.

Reports from Pikangikum are that the 'sleeping giant' arose and smoke is again seen across the lake. The officials predicted that would happen with hot weather and drying conditions again.

People have been evacuated again and I visited people in Thunder Bay and what I saw broke my heart. Families are cooped up in motel rooms. We are thankful for food and lodging but some places are spiritually dark and depressing. Many people are inebriated and police and child services have been frequently called in.

In spite of it all Silas Quill is on his way to Nicaragua. He will be part of a Gideon's team who is distributing Bibles and Spark Magazines (excellent tool for kids/youth) for two weeks. We are so thankful for all of you who helped fund his trip and made it possible.

As for me, I will spend some time in Red Lake and Kenora and then July 23-28 I have Living Hope meetings in Thunder Bay. After that I will head to my sister's camper near Battle Lake, Minnesota for some family time. Thank you for your caring hearts.

Prayer Requests:

1. For more rain and for a supernatural act of God to quench the fires for good.
2. For safety for many evacuees; that they have homes to return to.
3. For a refreshing of my spirit and strength to do God's work.

The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

A — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

B — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

C — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Prayer: Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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Keep On Keeping On

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

Welcome to Worship!—We’re so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children’s Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbies Room downstairs after the announcements are given.

Pack the Pew — The Expo Crew is working with the Falls Hunger Coalition to replenish the food shelf during the month of July. If you wish to give monetary donations, please make a check payable to ‘Falls Hunger Coalition’.



 Kids Club is happening at the South Falls Apartments on Wednesdays, through September 4, 3:00-4:30pm. This ministry is taking the place of VBS this year. Children and families can come any of the Wednesdays. If you have questions, see or call Lynn Peterson, 218.324.0508.

Thank you — “Thank you for all your birthday cards and greetings. I am so blessed to be here at I Falls Covenant for the interim. Your expressions of love and appreciation have made me feel very much at home.”
Pastor Dan Johnson

Prayer Meeting — every Monday at 6:30pm in the Sparky Room.

Celebrate Recovery — every Tuesday at 7pm in Room 200.

 **Learning & Serving Opportunity** — We are looking for someone who would like to train to be an Awana Commander. Interested, contact Tom Holm Jr. or Melissa Holt.

Fall Women’s Retreat at Bluewater — Holly Hovestol will be sharing on the topic of ‘Image Bearers’. Join other women on September 20-22 and enjoy Bluewater Lake, 2 night cabin stay, 6 home-cooked meals, meaningful worship, messages and relaxation. The cost is \$85.

Ways to Give — 1) Give in Service; 2) Give Online at ifalls covenant.org/give; 3) Give by text message; text “give” to 763.762.9845.

Navigator B Campers — Arrive at church at 10:45am with a bag lunch on Monday, July 29. Returning Friday around 2:30pm.

Community Opportunities...

Psalm FM Newsletter Mailing — Tuesday, July 30 at 7am.

Community Clothes Closet — is overflowing with donations! If you are in need, come shopping on Thursday, August 8. If you are traveling to Bemidji or Duluth, can you transport a bag of donations with you? Contact Betty Williams at 807.861.3765 if you can help. Thank you!

1. What is this *Work of Faith*?

- We are _____ by God. (1 Thess. 1:4, Rom. 5:8)
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- We are _____ by God. (1 Thess. 1:5,9)

2. What is this *Labor of Love*?

- We _____ Jesus. (1 Thess. 1:6)
- We _____ joy in affliction. (1 Thess. 1:6-7)
- We _____ and _____ our faith. (1 Thess. 1:8)

3. What is this *Steadfastness of Hope*?

- Being _____ for the return of Christ (1 Thess. 1:10)
- Being _____ for Jesus (1 Thess. 1: 9)

Next Steps

- *What is your strategy this summer to “keep on” living out your faith, love and hope?*