

Hi Jon,

We are most grateful for the support and funding from the Creative Ministries Fund for this past summer at MacNab.

To sample the planning, creativity and hard work that went into our "Camp Out" VBC, please see:

<https://www.facebook.com/MacNabStreetChurch/videos/1982973238650252/>

As you recall from our proposal, we had high hopes for multiple VBCs at MacNab.

As you can see from the video above, we were creative in our advertising, as well as thorough in saturating multiple neighborhoods with Camp Out post cards, posters throughout the community, sharing the event on Facebook, our website and weekly MacNab publications. We also retained our Part time Children's and Youth worker for the summer (full time hours for the summer) and diligently sought to recruit and attract lay volunteers and student involvement. We sought out student help through Redeemer College, posting the opportunity on their student summer opportunities.

Although we sought to get as much help as possible, we only received enough volunteer responses to offer one week of VBC. A total of 28 kids attended with volunteers mobilized from the MacNab Church community to help out. Electives featured Bible lessons, Discovery Camping Skills, Crafts and Gym (included 5 days of Craft take homes/ 5 days of Cooking skills take homes). We also purchased string bags and t-shirts for take home reminders to kids of their experience at MacNab. The week was well run and those who attended benefited greatly and the families were very grateful. Follow up mailings were sent out twice to the families who attended. We also sought to attract family involvement at MacNab by offering a children's carnival during our Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labor Day Breakfast Outreaches.

Although our student program for VBC did not materialize (as we had hoped) we had several students volunteer for the week to help out and sought to give them hands on leadership experiences. Again, the experiences were all positive.

In the later part of the summer, we had our Children's and Youth Worker do some research by way of a Community Needs Analysis which provided some helpful demographics as we continue to look for more effective ways to reach out.

Again, thank you for your support over this past summer. It gave us the opportunity to attempt something new at MacNab and offer a most welcoming experience to many families who had never attended. It is our sincere hope that these positive experiences and the message of God's love through Jesus will continue to be nurtured in each of the lives we touched.

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