

## Why We Do What We Do

Testimony from summer staff - Kevin Stoddart

There was excitement as the kids began to arrive at camp and as always, some concern. Who was God going to bring to us? What was going on in their life and how would we connect with them? One young girl arrived with her case worker and the look on her face said it all; she looked like stone, daring us to try and reach her.

As the week progressed, the staff started to share their own personal stories and stories of God's love. We started to see cracks in that little girl's hard exterior. At campfire each night, one of the members of our team would share their story. At the Friday night campfire I asked if anyone wanted to share their story. I expected one of the volunteers to speak up, but God had a different plan. This young girl that at first we were concerned that we would have trouble reaching, spoke up. Everything went quite as she began to speak; God stopped everything and bent down to listen to one of His children. He granted me the opportunity to see His face in the face of this child. As she spoke, telling her story, I saw that God's plan had been in place from the beginning of time for me to be at the camp on this week in 2011.

At the staff gathering the next morning we heard from her small group leader that this precious child of God had said that she was going to return to her foster home and share all the wonderful things that she had learned about God during her week at camp. She said she was going to go through her neighbourhood and ask people if they had read God's Word.

The power of His Word was working through our team as we shared His Word and the effect it had had on our lives; I felt so privileged to serve.

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