

# HERMOSA HERALD

June/July 2008

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Jen Ford

Jen is returning this year for her 17th summer at camp, and her 6th summer on staff. The kitchen is once again in her capable hands this year, and we caught up to her to get the scoop on why she returns to camp - and to the staff team - year after year.

**Friends** - the friends you make at camp are friends for life, and it is really a blessing to reconnect with them each summer.

**Consistency** - even though Hermosa is making great progress recently in a number of important areas, the crucial aspects of camp never change. It is a comforting, comfortable, safe place to connect with friends, enjoy nature, and worship God.

**Presence of God** - it is really evident that God is present at camp. Serving on staff allows you to focus on God in a way that is very different from regular, everyday life.

Pray for Jen this summer as she supervises the kitchen staff and serves our campers their daily bread.

Registration is still open!  
Send an email to  
[signmeup@camphermosa.org](mailto:signmeup@camphermosa.org)  
to get on the list for your  
favourite camp.

The first few camps of the year have been a huge success. For those that missed the Young Adults weekend, you missed a great, relaxing time. If you're 19-35(ish) plan to attend next year!

Continue to pray for the perm staff and weekly volunteer program staff as we close in on the halfway point of the summer.

## CAMP GETS A NEW SEWAGE SYSTEM

After more than two years of consultations, testing, and information gathering, the plans for the sewage system, as designed by Hockley Highlands Environmental have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for final approval. Board Chairman, Rev. Ronald Watson is pictured signing the application.



### A FALL 2008 START ON THE SEWAGE SYSTEM COULD BECOME A REALITY

In anticipation of MOE approval in the early fall, the Board has voted to authorize that requests be made by July 15 for proposals from three installation vendors with submissions requested by August 15. The Board then meets on August 23 to review these and work could begin (the whole job, or in phases) in October 2008 or spring 2009. The initial phase is estimated at \$68,000 with up to \$200,000 total.

### HOW DO WE PAY FOR THIS?

“The Faithful Fifty ” - 17 donors are signed up. This will raise \$17,000 per year for five years, and more, as others join. Contact Tammie at ryallt@cogeco.ca to become a member of the Faithful Fifty.

September Celebration Banquet with Silent and Live Auctions: Saturday, September 27 at the Hellenic Community Centre in London. Tickets on sale - \$35.00 each or \$250 for a table of eight. Goal for the evening: \$10,000. Contact Tim Ryall at ryallt@cogeco.ca

Camp days in churches with the goal of \$10 per member from each church above the regular budgeted funds now given.

Donations from Individuals and Churches: Special Donations toward all of the Capital Needs. These can include equities. Contact money@campherrosa.org for information.

### WILL WE NEED TO BORROW MONEY TO GET THE JOB DONE?

The Financial Advisory Committee is exploring options for financing the project and will report to the Board prior to its meeting on August 23. Some borrowing will be needed but amounts will depend on donations. Watch for information. Meanwhile, the Grant Application Committee is exploring some possibilities as well.

# 'Round the campfire

## HERE'S WHAT HAS CROSSED IAN'S DESK LATELY

**Matt & Betsy Campbell** are overjoyed to announce that on Monday April 21st at 11:23pm God blessed us with the entrance of Lucinda (Lucy) June Campbell to this world. She weighed in at a healthy 9lbs 11 oz and has been getting comments about her large hands, big feet and long blond eyelashes ever since.

We were surprised, saddened and subsequently relieved to hear that **Alison Gallant** had a scare with a melanoma while in China. She came home a couple months early and the last update was that she'd been given a clean bill of health.

**Grace Gardiner** of Kincardine (mother to Anita & Leanne & grandmother to Jared) had a brain tumor removed a little while ago and will be undergoing treatment for cancer shortly. Please keep her & the family in your prayers.

**Chris, Michele & Elora Hutton** are on the move again! Chris is the Lead Pastor at the new Meeting House plant in our nation's capital (he started July 1). He will be working mostly from Burlington until their home sells, but the whole family hopes to be relocated to Ottawa in time for Elora to start school in September.

We want to know  
what you are up to!  
Don't forget to send updates on  
your life to Ian  
(ipoproski1969@sympatico.ca)  
for inclusion in a future  
Hermosa Herald!

## Faithful 50

The Long Range Planning Committee is moving forward with a list of plans to improve a variety of the camp's structures. Anyone who has been at camp lately has experienced some of those improvements - a new dishwasher and a new walk-in fridge were installed not that long ago.

Hermosa is still looking for some more people to be part of the "Faithful 50". If you are willing and able to commit to a donation of \$1,000 a year for 5 years, send an email to [money@camphermosa.org](mailto:money@camphermosa.org) to make arrangements.