

# HERMOSA HERALD

## SEPTEMBER 2008

## BACK TO THE FUTURE!

*The 2008 Camp Hermosa fundraiser is fast approaching. Mark the following on your calendar and plan to attend:*

*Date: Saturday, September 27*

*Location: Hellenic Community Centre*

*Address: 133 Southdale Road, West, London.*

*Cost: \$35 per ticket or \$250 for a table of 8*

*We are lucky to have Alex Moir as our Master of Ceremonies again this year. We'll be featuring the music of the Mercy Trio, stories from the 2008 camping season, and silent & live auctions!*

*Contact Tim Ryall today to order your tickets - (519) 336-2329 or [info@camphermosa.org](mailto:info@camphermosa.org).*

There is still space at Fall Retreat! If you're a high school student, email [manager@camphermosa.org](mailto:manager@camphermosa.org) to register.

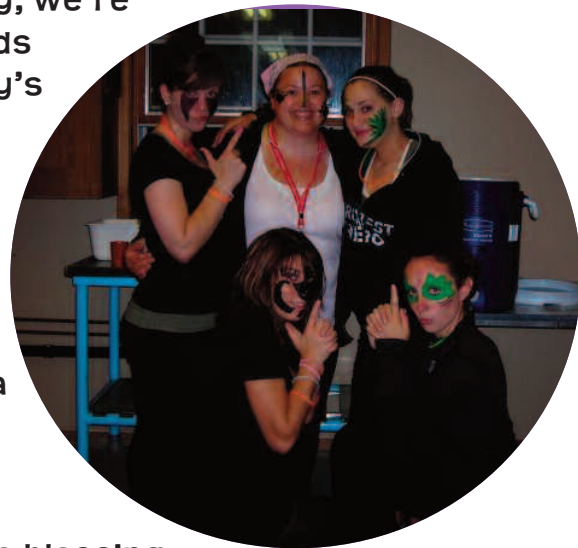


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## WE ASKED SHAYE COPELAND, CO-DIRECTOR OF INTER A, TO SHARE A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE WEEK

**“It’s not that unusual, when everything is beautiful  
It’s just another ordinary miracle today” ~ Sarah McLachlan**

Being at Hermosa reminds me that ever yday, we’re surrounded by “ordinary miracles”. When kids choose to come to a Christian camp, in today’s self-centred media-driven society ... It’s a miracle. When a 10-year old girl gives up her tuck money for one week, so that another 10-year old girl on the other side of the world can go to school for a whole year ... it’s a miracle. When a camper invites one of their non-Christian friends to Hermosa and a seed is planted ... it’s a miracle.



There are few things on earth more rewarding than leading youth to Christ. It’s a blessing to share this amazing faith with someone else, and to watch them grow on their spiritual journey. One of the most exciting things for me is to see my li’l Inter campers returning to camp ministry years later. Dave & I were lucky enough to have many of our former Inter campers both on our leadership team and on Perm Staff. My heart was bursting with pride & joy, knowing that they are still out there, shining His light on the world, and the thought that our Inter campers of today will be our leaders of tomorrow is utterly exhilarating! This is why we come, and why we so passionately believe in the power of camp ministry. Hermosa offers us the opportunity to connect with other believers, to encourage one another and to strengthen our own spirituality in the process. We come to make a difference, by showing God’s love through our words and actions.

He’s all around us – every day – but it’s in the simplicity of a small unpretentious camp on Lake Huron that He’s so easily found. He’s in the morning dew that greets your feet as you cross the field to the showers. He’s in the cool breeze that comes up off the lake & rustles the leaves. He’s in the love that’s shared between new friends and old. He’s in the warmth of a Vesper’s sunset & in the quiet as we settle down for the night.

I’d like to leave you with some scripture and encouragement: “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10 ~

May we never lose our passion to serve Him, and may we never tire of sharing our faith.