

CHILDREN'S CAMP AT RAMA

The week following the 50th anniversary of Camp Rama, we had a wonderful children's camp, starting Monday July the 5th. In total there were 29 children plus 3 toddlers. We were amazed at the diversity of where the children live and where they immigrated from to Canada/USA. New York City, Cleveland, Toronto, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Ukraine and South Carolina rounded out the places. The teachings were both in English and Hungarian language. We had the mission team of Acts Fellowship,



from Greenville, SC, who were responsible for the teaching of the biblical stories, singing, telling contemporary mission stories and crafts. For the Hungarian lectures we were very pleased to have Kulcsár Szilvia from New York and Tamás Magdi from Toronto, who taught the story of Daniel for the kids in Hungarian. We have to say that both teams did an awesome job.

Each day there was a theme for the day. Tuesday was know God. Wednesday was talk to God. Thursday was tell about God. Friday was love God. Saturday was work for God. We were taking a journey through the Serengeti with animals leading us. Tuesday=Zech the Zebra, Wednesday=Roary the Lion, Thursday=Elaine the Crane, Friday=Gigi the Giraffe and Saturday=Lug the Elephant. The children got into the songs very quickly and the motions that went with the songs. Every day, the team from SC



transformed their Bible Story room into the setting for the Bible Story. The following stories were presented: Gideon's camp and the Midianite camp, Daniel in the lion's den, the fiery furnace prepared for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the resurrection of Jesus and his appearance to Mary Magdalene at the tomb.

Every day the kids had crafts. They painted sun catchers, learned to cross stitch, created personalized picture frames etc. However, the special craft

from Thursday, when we went back to the 60's with Tie/dye T-shirts won the contest. The children had a great time creating their unique apparel and everyone was awaiting very eagerly the grand unveiling of the shirts. They turned out to be so nice and so unique that no one wanted to take them off. We even had our group photo taken in these shirts.

We spent most of the afternoons in the warm water of lake Couchiching. The



kids enjoyed it so much, that they have always tried to negotiate the return time to the camp. One kid said she went down the floating slide for about "400 times". When we weren't in the water we played football, volleyball, capture the flag (the favourite of the camp) and had great water balloon fights.

The food was really great. We had three main meals and also three snack time in the morning, afternoon and evening, so we were eating six times a day.

The kitchen staff was led by Bakai Olga néni, and they were all volunteers and have done a great job all week. From Hungarian goulash to Hamburgers, the food has been great.



Every night we gathered in the chapel where the kids listened to contemporary mission stories from Africa and Romania. This had a very special impact upon the children. Every night there was an opportunity for them to pray and it was very moving to listen to their sincere and "to the point" prayers as they prayed for the needy Romanian gypsy and African kids.

Concluding this report, I have to say, that it was a very blessed week. Although we had a couple of kids who struggled a little bit at the beginning for various reasons, but soon enough the kids took on the responsibility of being friends to these struggling campers. By the end of the week no one wanted to go home. After the



Group activities

Sunday service where the kids presented what they have learned during the week and also a beautiful kilt put together with the individual paintings created by them, we could see new friends who left with the sadness of saying goodbye but also with the joy and smiles of having made new "camp friends".

For me personally the best part of the camp was, when dr. Floyd Parker, de pastor and the leader of the mission team from SC, invited the kids to follow Jesus. He also asked them to show their decision by putting a sticker on the wooden cross. It was very emotional seeing the carved cross full of heart shaped stickers. That evening, one of the kids, in the presence of his mother told me the following: "today I gave my heart and soul to God". I believe he wasn't the only one who made this decision. Praise be to God!

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