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ANNIKA'S ADVENTURES

Someone please pinch me if I'm dreaming. I couldn't possibly be living in Pembine, WI and working there! I am thrilled to be serving as the program secretary here at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp. Living so close to where I grew up has many advantages. I get to see my family and many of you frequently! I know that God has a plan for my life and that He is using me.

As summer came to a close, I knew that there was a secretary position opening up. I talked to the Roger, the camp director. He told me that I was qualified to come on as a resident rather than an intern. An intern tries many aspects of leadership at camp. They are only committed to camp for a year, then they move on. A resident commits a year, then their position is evaluated and the board decides whether or not they want to make the position a permanent position.

Since I got here I have learned so much about the administrative aspects of Bible camps. Lake Lundgren is open year-round, so during the school year we hold retreats on weekends, and have guest groups come in at different times. It has been a

wonderful season of life to counsel young campers for the last couple of summers, but it has also had its challenges. For me, the greatest battle I've had was opening my heart to a group of little girls, pouring into them for a week, getting to know them and their situations, then saying goodbye at the end of the week only to start the process over again for the next week. I wondered if one week could really make an eternal difference. I did not want campers to come, experience the mountaintop in their faith only to go home and fall into the valley and doubt their faith. Prayer is clearly a part of battling my fears, but then I have to leave it in God's hands. My short window of opportunity was over. Now that I live here, I say goodbye, but then I get to call up those same girls, and hear how God has remained faithful to them. He also allows them to come volunteer for a weekend. During some free time we get to chat for a bit. I hear about their relationship with God, the tough stuff, the happy stuff, then we pray together. We enjoy the weekend, and after that I get to pray even more specifically. God knew that I wanted to actually love these girls longer term. He knew that this position would

open up at just the right time. God wants each of us to make disciples. The time I get to spend with these girls has built my faith.

We recently had two weekends of Crafters retreats. My responsibilities were to do meal announcements, lead some devotionals, lead worship, and walk around and make sure that the ladies had everything they needed. As I walked around I would stop at each work station. I asked the ladies about their projects. Several of the ladies were making quilts for veterans. Others were making different things for family members. One lady I spent some time with and when she was leaving she came back and hugged me, there were tears in her eyes. You don't have to be a full-time missionary to reach out to someone and show them that they are loved. I would just encourage you to just spend 10 minutes today letting those around you know that you care about them. Some of the ladies grieved as they told stories of their daughters who were not making wise choices. These mothers were dedicated to praying for their daughters. Everyone has a story, but some stories are never told. We don't have enough minutes in the day, or do we?



I recently went back to Guatemala for an 8-day missions trip. Our team built 12 houses (I got to help with 3), visited 2 dumps and fed and encouraged the people who work there, and worked on building a school. One night we went to a church service. The little girl sitting behind me was coughing. After the service I called my friend, David over and asked him to translate for me. The little girl had been sick for 7 days. I asked if I could pray for her. I prayed that God would heal her and that He would use her life in service to Him. My favorite part of the trip was serving at the school below the mission house and getting to know the sweet children there.

I ask that you would join with me in prayer, I would love to get together with many of you over the next couple of months and just talk through some goals I have and hear how you would like to be a part of the ministry God has given me here at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp. I am so thankful for the blessing of getting to work at a camp that is missions-minded and Christ-centered. Thank you for your commitment to stand behind me as I serve the Lord and seek His will for my life. Merry Christmas!

With joy,

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