

Sonset District Supports LAMP Vacation Bible Schools in Northern Ontario with \$1,500 mission grant

Dear Lord,
I put on the *helmet of salvation*
I believe that Jesus saves me from my sin.
I put on the *breastplate of righteousness*
I am right with God through His Son, Jesus.
I put on the *belt of truth*
The truth is, Jesus loves me!
I put on the *shoes of the Gospel of peace*
I will go and tell others the Good News about Jesus.
I put on the *shield of faith*
Faith in God protects me.
I take up the *Sword of the Spirit*
by speaking the Word of God from the Bible.
Amen!



Wearing the 'Helmet of Salvation.'

Over 600 children in 10 communities across Northern Ontario were taught about the Armour of God in LAMP Vacation Bible Schools this summer. By the end of the week, students were able to recite the prayer above, written by LAMP volunteer and staff member, Jeanne Johnson.

Ontario Sonset District LWMLC gratefully provided a Mission Grant of \$1,500 to help send five volunteers into a remote Ontario village for ministry to children, youth and adults who are hungry for the Word of God.

Ron Ludke, Executive Director for LAMP, shares: "This past summer, LAMP sponsored 10 Vacation Bible Schools in Ontario. Forty volunteers ministered to nearly 600 children, 35 youth and 58 adults. Thankfully, there were people from many communities who stepped up to help out! An interesting statistic is that according to rough estimates, nearly 25% of the children heard the Gospel for the first time! All of the villages in Ontario are fly-in communities, so your grant helped immensely against the cost of approximately \$12,400, or \$310/person to fly from Sioux Lookout into each community."

One team member related to the LAMP staff: "Upon arrival at our community, we were greeted by many people; some we knew, some we didn't know. One of the men who had encouraged us to return (this was our 7th



Girl holds a devotion book written for LAMP by Rev. Ken Klaus (speaker for The Lutheran Hour). It was used by the volunteers for their devotion time.



Jeanne Jonhson and Mike Jaeger tell the story with puppets.



Jim Lahn, a volunteer from Iowa, sits and sings with the children. They especially loved action songs!

year ministering in this community) said, 'We're so glad you're here. The children need ... they need the ... the ... the *love*.' The team leader responded, smiling, knowing that this man didn't know how to put into words the *love of Christ* that the children receive from the team. 'Yes, they need to know that Jesus loves them!'

Ron Ludke stated, "Women of the Ontario Sonset District, God is at work in people's lives in remote areas of Northern Ontario. LAMP has dedicated people like you to thank for helping us to share the Word of God and the love of Jesus with so many. Please continue to keep the ministry of LAMP and the people of the remote North in your prayers.

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Photos were taken in the community of Big Trout Lake in Northwestern Ontario.