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a message from the Interim President

I took two months recently to journey through the book of Romans. What a rewarding time in a book rich with details and depth of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. There were so many elements jumping out at me each morning, sharpening my mind, and challenging my heart.



When I was a teen I longed for the day I'd

Jason Elford

“arrive” - the day I'd know everything. I felt it would cure an insignificance I felt. While my time as a student at Bible College set me on a trajectory of life-long learning, I eventually discovered I'd never arrive. And yet, the journey of growth has been so important. God has worked in and through me in neat and significant ways, but at the same time, I think I'm more sensitive to how far short I fall now than when I was a teen. I'm so thankful it is Christ who makes me righteous, and in Whom I have significance.

I've begun reading in the book of Daniel about two men whom many would consider as having arrived, but for different reasons. One is Nebuchadnezzar - the most powerful, famous man to live on earth up to that point. But then God comes to Nebuchadnezzar in a dream, revealing the king's own kingdom to be an inconsequential drop in the bucket. Then there's Daniel - the man God uses to reveal the meaning of the dream. Yet, we see Daniel acknowledge that it is God

who is wise, God who knows the mysteries and everything else unknown to man, including Daniel himself. It's refreshing to me when I imagine that Daniel likely wasn't high on himself. In fact, he was probably humbled that God would choose to work through any human being, let alone himself.

No NBC staff has “arrived” here on earth, but we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God (Rom. 5) and look forward to the full glory of our heavenly arrival and eternal purpose (Rom. 8)! We strive to walk alongside our NBC students in the now, and see them grow in their journey as passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve. It's important to get to know who they are as they arrive, where they've come from, and where they are at with their understanding of the gospel.

At our staff debrief in December we spent time assessing our pursuit of six Core Outcomes in the students' lives. This was both encouraging and sobering. It was also a moment of stirring camaraderie. Our staff are on the same page with a desire to serve our students well. We believe in the importance of what's happening in their lives

...look forward to the full glory of our heavenly arrival and eternal purpose...

as they spend time as students here at Nipawin. And I hope as you read this Rivers publication, you will grab ahold of the excitement and challenges we share, and will be inclined to join hands with us as we faithfully serve. We cherish your participation in this journey!



How NBC students have seen growth in the core outcome of Spirit-empowered walk with God:

"I am spending more time in the Word of God and time in prayer. As I spend time with God, I am becoming more conformed to living a life in pattern with Jesus Christ."

"Through allowing God to direct every moment of my days and to guide how I lead my FaceDown team, I have grown deeper in my reliance upon His Holy Spirit in allowing Him to empower my ministry every day."



"I had a respect and excitement for the Holy Spirit before NBC. The difference is how encouraged I am to know I have the strength given by God to face all challenges. I just have to turn it over. Galatians 5:16"



UPCOMING EVENTS

three60five

A youth retreat for grades 9-12
March 10-12

Dessert Theater

Nipawin - **March 31**
Meadow Lake - **April 1**

Encore

A retreat for those 55+
June 5-9

Campus Days

A look at campus life for grades
11-12
March 26-27

Graduation

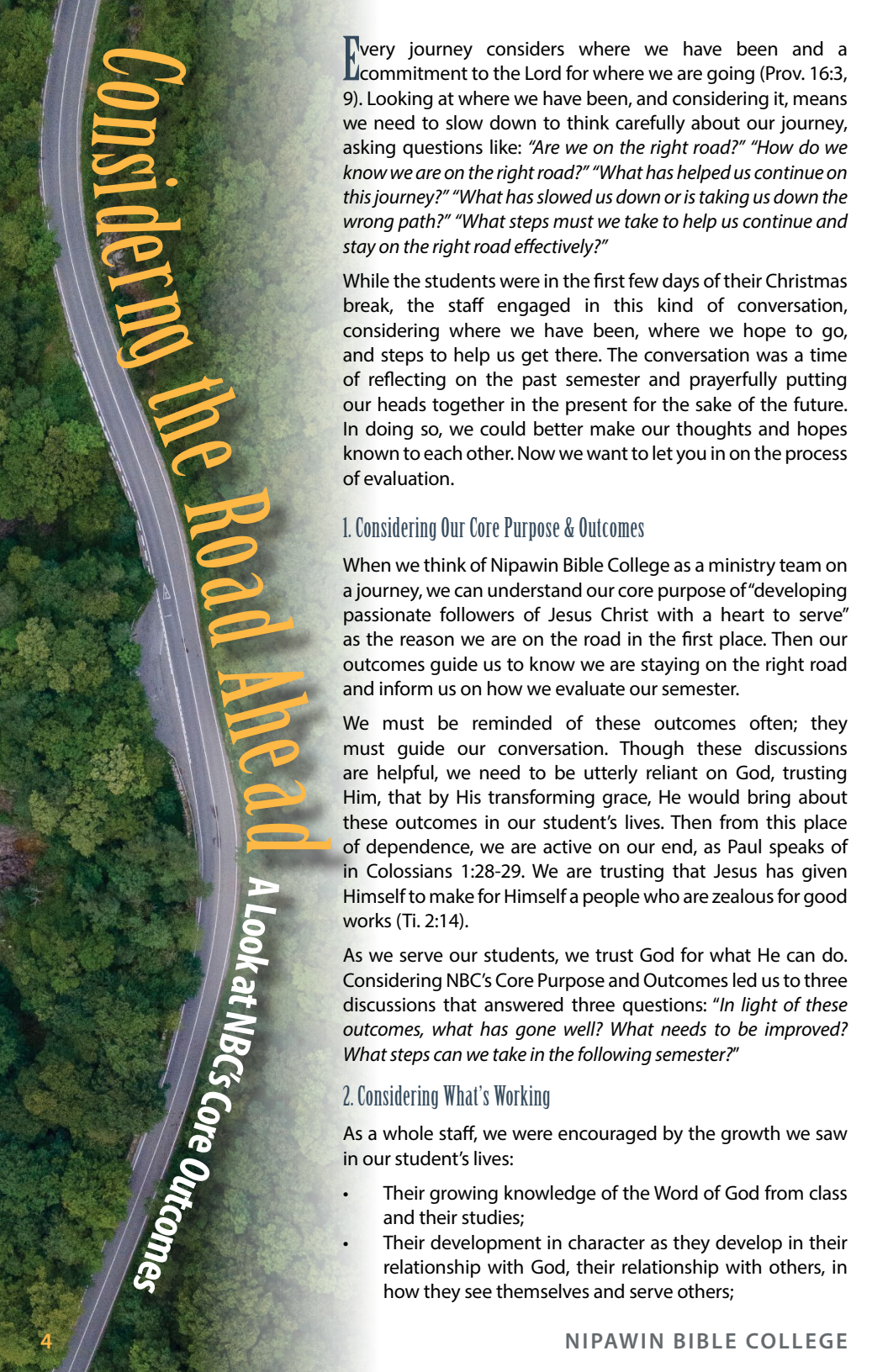
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Rekindle 2023

For alumni from the 70s
June 2-5

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An aerial photograph of a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense, green forest. The road starts from the top left and curves towards the bottom right. The text 'Considering the Road Ahead' is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font, following the curve of the road. Below it, the text 'A Look at NBC's Core Outcomes' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also following the curve of the road.

Considering the Road Ahead

A Look at NBC's Core Outcomes

Every journey considers where we have been and a commitment to the Lord for where we are going (Prov. 16:3, 9). Looking at where we have been, and considering it, means we need to slow down to think carefully about our journey, asking questions like: *“Are we on the right road?” “How do we know we are on the right road?” “What has helped us continue on this journey?” “What has slowed us down or is taking us down the wrong path?” “What steps must we take to help us continue and stay on the right road effectively?”*

While the students were in the first few days of their Christmas break, the staff engaged in this kind of conversation, considering where we have been, where we hope to go, and steps to help us get there. The conversation was a time of reflecting on the past semester and prayerfully putting our heads together in the present for the sake of the future. In doing so, we could better make our thoughts and hopes known to each other. Now we want to let you in on the process of evaluation.

1. Considering Our Core Purpose & Outcomes

When we think of Nipawin Bible College as a ministry team on a journey, we can understand our core purpose of “developing passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve” as the reason we are on the road in the first place. Then our outcomes guide us to know we are staying on the right road and inform us on how we evaluate our semester.

We must be reminded of these outcomes often; they must guide our conversation. Though these discussions are helpful, we need to be utterly reliant on God, trusting Him, that by His transforming grace, He would bring about these outcomes in our student’s lives. Then from this place of dependence, we are active on our end, as Paul speaks of in Colossians 1:28-29. We are trusting that Jesus has given Himself to make for Himself a people who are zealous for good works (Ti. 2:14).

As we serve our students, we trust God for what He can do. Considering NBC’s Core Purpose and Outcomes led us to three discussions that answered three questions: *“In light of these outcomes, what has gone well? What needs to be improved? What steps can we take in the following semester?”*

2. Considering What’s Working

As a whole staff, we were encouraged by the growth we saw in our student’s lives:

- Their growing knowledge of the Word of God from class and their studies;
- Their development in character as they develop in their relationship with God, their relationship with others, in how they see themselves and serve others;

- In how they are developing skills in serving others and sharing the gospel and what God is teaching them.

3. Considering Improvements

We then met together in inter-departmental groups of 3-5 people to discuss the areas that need improvement or further growth and to ask the question, "What contributed to the problem?" It became very clear that our students come from a wide range of backgrounds in their Biblical literacy, worldview and Christian conduct. God is doing a work in all their lives, challenging what they thought they knew about His Word and how they are to live. For some, we see soft hearts ready to bow in submission to the Lord. But for others, the process is slower and the internal conflicts from wrestling with the Lord causes friction in their relationship with others and their environment.

Through this discussion, we were challenged to keep improving our intentionality in modeling and teaching "the why" so that, as staff, we can:

- Bring clarity around school expectations and resources available for students;
- Further model and teach the value of the gospel for the students' lives so that they would see themselves as ambassadors for Christ, and see their lives as ministry (2 Cor. 5:20);
- Better communicate and care for each other as we serve together (Rom. 12:9-12).

4. Considering Contributions

Finally, we took what could be improved, and in light of our outcomes, each department came up with steps to intentionally contribute to these outcomes. Each department plays a crucial role; thus, each department has different steps to take, yet with the same focus. We

devised steps and shared them to keep each other accountable for implementing them. In general, each department will be applying these three key ideas in the coming semester as we serve our students and each other:

- **Faithfulness:** We desire to be faithful to the Word of God and prayer, trusting that as we teach, model, and disciple from God's Word that God will do what only He can do. We will continually point our students to the Word of God and aim to be ambassadors of Christ. One way we are doing this is by increasing our Bible memorization in our classes this semester.

- **Familiarity:** We need to ensure we know our expectations and standards sufficiently in order to impart them to our students. More than that, we must continue to cling to the gospel to help the students remain familiar with it. To this end, we want to provide the students with more basic doctrinal training, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

- **Frequency:** Then, we need to help each other stay consistent in our communication,

care, and clarity for each other as staff and the students.

Now, as we continue on this journey as a ministry team, we do so with clarity and steps for follow-through. We expect God to work by His transforming grace to train the students and us as staff so that we would be people zealous for good works or, in other words, passionate followers of Jesus Christ with a heart to serve. We thank you for joining us on this journey!

NBC's Core Outcomes

1. **Self-Identity rooted in Christ**
(2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20)
2. **Spirit-empowered walk with God**
(Gal. 5:16-26; Eph. 3:14-21)
3. **Scriptural Conviction & Competence**
(2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16)
4. **Sharing the gospel**
(Acts 1:8; 4:23-31; Rom. 1:16; Eph. 6:18-20)
5. **Servanthood**
(Mark 10:42-45; John 13; Phil. 2)
6. **Strong Church Connection**
(Col. 3:15-16; Heb. 10:24-26)

Bradly Lytle
Dean of Student Life



three60five 2023

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11

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At Campus Days you'll meet our staff, spend time with our students, stay overnight in dorms, get a campus tour, and take in some classes. Campus Days is for any grade 11&12 student or any recent grad. Visit:

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or talk to Jordan Lepine (888.862.5095) for more information.

Spring Tour Team Schedule



FACEDOWN Worship Team

MARCH 5

Alliance Church, Humboldt, SK
Foam Lake Youth, Foam Lake, SK

MARCH 24

Baptist Church, Martensville, SK

APRIL 17

MB Church, Waldheim, SK

APRIL 18

Trinity Baptist Church, Sherwood Park, AB

APRIL 19

Evangelical Free Church, Meadow Lake, SK

APRIL 20

Alliance Church, Bonnyville, AB

APRIL 21

Baptist Church, Bonnyville, AB

APRIL 23

Garrington Community Church,

Red Deer County, AB

Baptist Church, High River, AB

Check out www.nipawin.org for more details about these events and more that will be added.

LIVING PROOF Drama Team

MARCH 5

Grace Mennonite Church, Neuanlage, SK

MARCH 19

Alliance Church, Nipawin, SK

APRIL 1

Alliance Church, Meadow Lake, SK

APRIL 17

Grace Mennonite Church, Neuanlage, SK

APRIL 18

Salem Church, Waldheim, SK

APRIL 19

Faith Baptist Church, Regina, SK

APRIL 20

Mennonite Church, Killarney, MB

APRIL 23

Bible Fellowship Church, St. Pierre-Jolys, MB

APRIL 26

Christian School, Steinbach, MB

Christian Fellowship Church, Gladstone, MB

APRIL 28

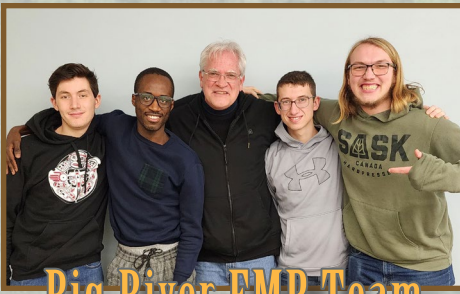
Christian Academy, Austin, MB



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INVITE US OVER!

Nipawin Bible College wants to connect with you and partner in your ministry. Whether it be a youth night, Sunday morning service, or another event, we would love to join you. Our student ministry music team, FaceDown, or drama team, Living Proof, are able to lead a youth group, Sunday service, or other event. There is also potential for us to offer pulpit supply or teaching workshops in your setting. Please contact the College at 888.862.5095 for more information.



Big River FMP Team

This group of first year men, along with Doug Harkness (NBC Campus Chaplain) served at Big River Bible Camp and ministered at various local reserves through leading a kids club, home visitation and hang out times with local youth.

"I saw God teaching me in the area of servanthood through serving other people while being tired, and serving with an attitude of love rather than seeing it as a mandatory."



Torch Trail FMP Team

Torch Trail Bible Camp hosted a winter camp for kids from several Peter Ballantyne First Nation Reserves. Our students served as cabin leaders and support staff.

"I saw God teaching me in the area of leadership and patience. I started FMP not looking forward to it and dragging my feet...I left FMP feeling inspired and not wanting to leave my field. It was fun to connect with the campers and share the Gospel with them."

FMP & OMP Report 2023

Meadow Lake FMP Team



In Meadow Lake, the team of men with NBC Admissions Counsellor, Jordan Lepine, was based at Turning Point Youth Centre working with the youth. In addition, they served at a soup kitchen and led a youth Bible study at a local church.

"I saw God teaching me in the area of sharing the Gospel by understanding the importance of building relationships with people in presenting the message of the Gospel."

Saskatoon FMP Team



Students on the Saskatoon team along with Zane & Makenna Abrahamson (NBC Maintenance Manager/4th year intern), helped out in two soup kitchens, had opportunities to learn about other ministries (like P2C), and volunteer work at several community service organizations, including a local penitentiary.

"I saw God teaching me in the area of leadership by giving me opportunities to lead in worship and devotionals. It taught me how to lead my group."



Edmonton OMP Team

This year our 2nd and 3rd year students accompanied Jason & Lindsay Elford to Edmonton. This included serving with, and getting to know many inner city ministries, and those who benefitted from them. They also learned about different world faiths and cultures through some temple visits, and being part of ESL classes.



"Our team worked very well together, cooperating, encouraging, contributing with willing and joyful hearts and hands. The week provided many reminders of the need to remain anchored to the Bible - diligently studied and responsibly applied - and the need for training."



"I saw God teaching me about evangelism and apologetics by learning differences between religions and how that affects the way I interact with them."

"I saw God teaching me the importance of missions work. As our team served and learned throughout the week, the Lord highlighted the need and importance of First Nations Ministry."

"I saw God teaching me in the area of boldness and leadership. Our tendency is to revert to comfort. But if comfort is all we want in life, we will do nothing for God. He was teaching me how to be bold in approaching people and being intentional."



Freshmen Missions Practicum (FMP) and Outreach Ministries Practicum (OMP) was a week long opportunity for NBC students January 8-14, 2023. Thank you to those ministries who hosted the teams!



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"An unforgettable experience." "It was awesome." These are just a couple of comments arising from a unique opportunity to learn about missions.

Last August, fifteen students and youth from Nipawin Bible College and Nipawin Emmanuel Baptist Church travelled by highway coach to the Ethnos Canada missionary training site in Durham, ON. Participants got to spend two nights in the plastic houses that constitute "Jungle

Camp", learn about the needs, challenges and opportunities of missions from veteran missionaries, and even got some hands-on experience renovating a couple of the "Jungle Camp" houses! Campfire stories and role-playing games were also features of this insightful adventure that included a visit to a replica of an Indonesian village! A one-day side trip to Niagara Falls was an added bonus, and our students were able to squeeze in an afternoon of hiking and caving along the Niagara escarpment as well!

If you would like to participate in the 2023 trip, we are planning to leave from the Nipawin Bible College campus Fri., Aug. 4 and return on Sun., Aug. 13. Contact Doug Harkness at NBC for more information, or if you would like a presentation at your church or youth group: dharkness@nipawin.org.



an interview with Adam Howden

What type of training or experience do you have in the area of food services?

My experience has been all practical, starting in the dish pit and working my way up to running kitchens which I've done for the past 8-9 years in camp and commercial settings. This is my first experience as the food service manager.

What type of ministry experience have you had in the past?

I've always worked at Christian camps, mostly as a counsellor and a cabin leader for special needs children. I have my DTS through YWAM Muskoka. For the past 6 months I cooked at Camp Kadesh for campers and rentals.

In light of NBC's Core Outcomes, in what area has God been teaching you recently and how?

Servanthood is the one I find myself living out this year. This is through intentional fellowship. It's awakening my pastoral gifting in God's plan for me.

Due to family circumstances, Taylor Dobson felt the need to leave her role as NBC Food Services Manager at the end of December. Adam Howden will be stepping into the role as a contract employee to finish the year. We are blessed by how God provided Adam at just the right time.



a message from the Alumni President

Dear Alumni, I'm not sure if I'd consider it a resolution, but as a new year rolls in I feel prepared for the new role that I've been given. Leading up to this past November I was asked if I'd let my name stand for Alumni President. After giving it some thought and prayer, I agreed and was elected

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during the Alumni Weekend Reconnect meeting. I consider it an honour to serve in this position. I also have the pleasure of serving alongside an awesome group of people who make up the executive team. Jeralee Hamata joins me as a newcomer to the group, and our veteran members are Julie Fehr, Melisa Willson and Timothy Block. At NBC, IT Manager & Events Coordinator Michael Rowland will be stepping into the role of staff liaison as Jason Elford will step back from that position for the time being. We are all looking forward to our first meeting and beginning to plan for next year's Alumni weekend.

In case you weren't at Alumni Weekend or don't have Facebook, we had a great event this year! There were about 190 people in attendance (alumni and kids) who contributed towards a total donation amount of over \$10,000! I praise God for how He provides and thank everyone who has given for their generosity. This will cover the cost of some new stage lighting in the Rempel Auditorium (the old ones just plain old broke), and additional

mattresses for hosting campus guests in dorms during events like three60five and Alumni Weekend.

One thing that I have found very encouraging over this past year, and particularly during the 2022 weekend, was exactly why I loved NBC while I attended. I've talked to staff and board members and heard testimonies of current students and see the same heart in the staff, and the same growth in the students that I experienced in my three years at NBC ('13-'16). I was concerned for a time with the high staff turnover and the uncertainty that it has caused in myself and in other alumni I've spoken with. Is it the same college I knew? Are these new teachers providing good input and knowledge to the students? Have students been able to thrive in this unstable environment? Yes. Yes. And yes.

Despite change in faculty, staff, executive leadership, and a pandemic to boot, God has been the Rock that the college has held to, and it shows. I see a staff dedicated

to God and to the teaching and training of students, and I see a student body that is thriving. I look forward to getting to know the staff and faculty more in the



REKINDLE 2023

Friday, June 2 - Monday, June 5, 2023
at Nipawin Bible College

A reunion for students and staff
who attended Nipawin Bible College
in the 1970's

We'd love to see you all
this spring! Please plan to
register and join us this June.

Sincerely,
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Monday, May 1st, 2023

years to come and see passionate followers of Jesus Christ come through the college with a heart to serve Him.

Two more quick things: please consider donating either as a one time deal or as a monthly supporter and help students receive the same experience you had at NBC. Second, if you have questions about the college, things that are happening, or things that have happened, reach out to people who can answer those questions. I know that staff and board members are willing to speak on behalf of the college, and I also want to add myself to that list. My contact info is provided and I want to help keep you as alumni informed about the college.

God bless you all in this New Year. 5



Rightnow Media

If you are an Alumnus of NBC and have kept your contact information up-to-date with us, we would love to share access with you to this on-line ministry support for this next year. Contact the college with your email address and we will send you an invitation to this resource.

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prayer & praise

NBC Alumni & Friends Please Pray For...

1. **NBC students as they learn** - that they would grow in Christ's love so that rather than being "puffed up" with knowledge, they can use the knowledge they gain to "build up" others in love.
2. **NBC Instructors** as they teach - that the Holy Spirit would guide them in their preparation for class and speak through them to bring about the change He desires to see in and through the students.
3. **Future NBC Students** - that God would put it on the hearts of people to attend NBC and that they would see the value of attending here.
4. **Josh Bondoc and Jordan Lepine (NBC Admissions Team)** - that they would rely on the Holy Spirit's leading and they would be bold in reaching out to potential students.
5. **Adam Howden (NBC Staff)** as he settles into his role as Kitchen Manager and into the NBC and Nipawin community. Pray for healing in his back.
6. **Life at NBC** each and every day - that this verse would be true: "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this we toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me." Colossians 1:28-29
7. **Praise God** for the work that He has done in the hearts of our students. Many of our students are seeking to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Phil. 1:10. Our work is not in vain. Praise God!
8. **NBC Students** - that "their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:2-3
9. **Walter & Cindy Selke ('15)** - for wisdom and direction as they schedule their travel itinerary for 2023 with NCEM. Praise for a restful 3-month break from their ministry.
10. **NBC Board of Directors** as they work behind the scenes to direct and protect NBC. They have infrastructure updates to plan and oversee and need God's wisdom and provision. Praise God for His provision of staff, students and a supportive constituency as the board and college seeks to be "holding forth the word of life".
11. **Guillermo & Mary Ann Reddekopp ('86)** and their family as they serve with SIM and adjust to the new culture in Nuevo Ideal, Durango, Mexico.
12. **Colin & Miranda Meikle ('00)** as they serve with WEC Canada and train 4 new missionary candidates. Pray for their family, that God would have something special for their boys during this winter and that Colin & Miranda would be sensitive to their needs.
13. **Jason & Anita Boucher ('95)** as they lead Big River Bible Camp and serve with NCEM. Pray that the campers would remember the hope that is found in Jesus.
14. **three60five** youth retreat March 10-12 - that the high school students who attend would be receptive to the gospel as shared by speaker James Witherow ('05) and that NBC students and staff would disciple and lead well.
15. **Living Proof & FaceDown** tour teams as they interact with and minister to various churches, youth groups and events.

We invite you to submit your requests throughout the year at 888-862-5095 or info@nipawin.org. Find more requests at www.nipawin.org/praise-n-prayer

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Donations Budget:

\$320,000

As of Dec. 31, 2022

\$180,671

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\$139,329

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