

My Bayridge Family,

Three years have gone by quickly and now I am about ready to graduate this April. Unlike some of my fellow graduates God has already directed me to where he wants my service.

This May I will be home for a month and during this time I hope not only to be preparing for a wedding (my wedding), but hopefully meeting with you as my church family to share with you how God has been working in my life, and where he is leading me and my future husband.

Alexander and myself have been given a passion for reaching the young people in the country of Belize. Alexander grew up in Belize and knows first hand the need for a spiritual revival in the younger generations. With the support of a local church here in Manitoba, he was able to come to Bible College where we met.

I myself had come to Steinbach Bible College so that I could one day pursue youth ministry in either a church or camp setting. I had also dreamed of getting out of Canada – only God could have planned that I could do all these things at once.



As a branch of *Children's Camps International*, our goal is to help Church's establish a children's day camp, and a weekly follow up program to get children connected to a church and in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is unique about this ministry is that our goal is to help develop nationals to run the ministry and take ownership of it. We want to help pastors and churches do what they should be doing already – reaching out to the community around them, specifically the children.

This is a very new ministry. Alexander has been involved in everything from creating a board to help direct the



ministry; helping churches start youth groups to develop a base from where camp leaders can be discipled; to trying to build financial support from within the country and directing camps himself. One obvious job of mine will be to lessen the burden in what ever way I can. It is also a goal of mine to start a girls drama program – to teach all the life skills I have learned from drama, and to bring the gospel to life through acting.

Already we have seen God start amazing things in this ministry and in Belize – and he is constantly affirming in us that there is more to come.





Would you consider joining us in this journey? We need people who will commit to praying for us as we pursue God in our ministry and marriage. We also need people who will support us financially, so that we can focus our time on the ministry.

Bayridge, it is your community that has helped raise me, and because of your influence, I'm learning to follow God into the unknown. Thank you for all you have done, all I know you will do for me yet.

God bless, Leah

