

The Verity Good Report

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Verity Tennis Tournament

With the 2008 Olympics quickly approaching and as we enjoyed beautiful sunny weather outside on Saturday, August 2, Verity hosted its first tennis tournament. And what a day it was. We had a total of 28 participants—guys and girls. The first round matches started around 9:45 A.M. at the tennis courts of Creston Middle School, about a five-minute drive from the Verity Campus.

Many players were competing for the first time so the whole event was an exciting and educational experience for all who participated as well as for those who just came out to watch. Even Dr. McCray and Dr. Castelino joined in on the fun and met each other in the third round. The match was decided in a third set super tiebreaker, taken by Dr. Castelino 10-6.



The tournament was a double elimination tournament, so each player had two chances before he or she was officially out of the event. The final was played between Jason McCray and Mitchell McCray on Saturday evening. It was an exciting final match lasting approximately one hour. In the end Jason prevailed 4-3, 1-3, 10-6 and emerged as Verity's first tennis tournament champion!

The Tournament was a good way for students and staff to engage in good Christian fellowship and at the same time keep our bodies physically fit. A number of students have showed interest in the next tournament, which we hope to have soon.

In conclusion, we are very grateful for the witness that we were able to be to others at the athletic grounds. One pastor came and spoke with our Director, Dr. McCray, and said he really appreciated the modesty shown by the Verity girls in the sporting event.

We also want to extend special thanks to Katie Winkler who kept the tournament well organized as our official tournament scorekeeper.

– Verity Staff

Canoe Trip

Last weekend, twenty of us student and staff girls went on a canoeing/camping trip. The guys had gone two weekends earlier and had a great time, so we girls were anticipating a special time of fellowship and recreation together in God's beautiful creation. Our expectations were not disappointed.



Moreover, God used our weekend getaway to teach us more about the Command of Christ we had been studying throughout the week, which is "Pray for Laborers." Saturday was an unusually mild August day, so it wasn't surprising to us that there were many other people besides our group who had planned to spend the day on the water. Scores of people were already waiting in line for the bus-ride to the drop off point along the river, and hundreds more were waiting for canoes and paddles. During our bus ride, it was apparent that many of the other passengers were already drunk, even though the day had only begun. Uncomfortable with the rowdy behavior and crude language around us, we girls began to sing our favorite praise songs. To our surprise, when we climbed off the bus, a number of the other passengers thanked us for singing—even one of the ladies who at first had been "egging on" her drunk comrades expressed her admiration and appreciation for our godly witness.

As we canoed throughout the day, we had other such encounters. We were grieved to see so many people vainly looking for happiness and fulfillment in all the wrong places, and we became all the more grateful to have been raised in families who have pointed us to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). Observing the many lost people around us brought close to home for us girls the Command of Christ to pray for laborers, because the "field is white unto harvest" (John 4:35).

– Kristina Kroon, Women's Coordinator