



## Bearing Others Burdens: Ryan Skaling Camp Director

*I had to show some younger volunteers that this 40 year old frame still had some strength in it. I picked up a large rock and carried it up the hill to place it behind the new cabin. I was quite satisfied with my "display of strength". Brimming with confidence, I grabbed on to the biggest rock. Straining to lift, all of that self-assurance quickly dissolved. I was too weak to carry it alone...*

Galatians 6:2 says, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*". (ESV) I find in me another weakness that makes me incapable of carrying the "burdens" of responsibilities, trials and temptations. I may succeed in managing some of it, but success is always mixed with failure. I need more than life management skills. I need the source of the weakness rooted out.

That source is the presence of an inner rebellion called sin that inherently rejects God, his truth, and his way. There is only one solution to sin, Jesus. He was God in human flesh and lived free from the weakness and brokenness of sin. He chose to die on a cross and rise again as a substitute. The Bible says that if we trust in Jesus, God will count Jesus' death as punishment for our sin and He will choose to accept us as if we lived Jesus' perfect life. Jesus now offers to carry my burdens. One of the ways he does that is through the help of others who love him.

If you are trusting in Jesus today, cast your burdens on him and be ready to be used by Jesus to help others with their load. If you have not yet trusted Jesus with the brokenness of your sin, you do not need to keep trying to carry this weight alone. Please reach out to me or someone you know who is trusting Jesus. Nothing would give us greater joy than showing you from the Bible what that means.

*That big rock did make its way up the hill. A volunteer was ready to help. Together we were strong enough to push, pivot, and roll it in place.*

## Skaling Family Update

**We have had a great summer!**

**Joanna** loved cultivating life in our gardens and critters on our 1.5 acre homestead these last few months.

**Emily** is eager to return to her passion of serving at camp next summer after getting ahead on her college savings by working on a local farm.

**Elle** loved reading, swimming, and helping with the homesteading.

**Eva** loved playing, enjoying the animals, swimming, and helping, especially with carpentry projects.

**Elin** enjoyed helping, playing with her sisters, swimming, swinging, and harvesting.



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2020 T-SHIRT!**



We love seeing Blomidon t-shirts on social media and when we travel to different churches. Our amazing logo is hard to miss. 2020 Blomidon t-shirts are coming soon, and a unique logo is needed for this unique year. **We want your help creating it!** Draw a logo that makes people think about Blomidon Bible Camp and send it to us at [blomidon.camp@gmail.com](mailto:blomidon.camp@gmail.com). The best design will be digitized and used for our 2020 Camp T-shirts. The designer will win a 2020 T-shirt and a free week of 2021 camp. The design needs to work in one colour. The contest ends October 24!

