



September 8, 2016

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Eighteen years ago, a little boy asked a trawler ship captain, "What are we fishing for?" and this started a conversation that soon birthed the BCMBS to share God's love with people in isolated communities on the BC Coast. This August, that captain shared this story about how we need to continue to seek those that do not know Christ to the Board of Directors (BOD) at our annual planning retreat, and it helped us make some clear decisions as we considered a number of changes.

Prior to our retreat, we learned of one big change that we know many will be sad to hear. Marcus Huff, our Executive Director, has accepted a call to serve as Director of Youth and Campus Ministry in Houghton, Michigan, starting mid October. Marcus isn't changing what he is fishing for, just where as he returns to his home state. All on the Board are very happy for Marcus, as the call is a great fit with his gifts and experiences. If you would like to express your appreciation to Marcus before he goes, click [here](#).

Another big change we know many will be glad to hear is that Rhonda Kelman has offered to take on the role of interim director. Rhonda has formerly served the BCMBS in our office, on the BOD, and as an outreach worker. The BOD has accepted this in principle, and will be working out the details in the days ahead. Meanwhile, Rhonda has offered to volunteer her time in the month of September, to work with Marcus on a good changeover. If you would like to express a word of encouragement to Rhonda, click [here](#).

All of this fits well with another change we have been considering. We have been looking at the increasing requests from communities for Christian people to come, and wondering if we needed to find a different way to respond. At our recent retreat we decided to respond to this opportunity by putting more emphasis on volunteer led teams, and take some of the leadership tasks off our Director. In the coming months we will be defining a new role to replace the Executive Director. We are presently calling this a Program Director. You will be hearing more about this in the future, including the opportunity to apply for it!

What are we fishing for? That hasn't changed one bit. We aren't fishing to make money, or keep our job. We are fishing for people to know GOD's amazing love. That people who go into the communities may know it by seeing it in the people of the communities we are privileged to serve. That people in the communities may know it, by people coming back, again and again, to say "as much as we love coming to see you, GOD loves you more!"

And we are fishing for you to be part of this ministry. Pray for GOD to guide all of these changes. Write or speak to us with your questions, or words of encouragement. And consider making a [donation](#), in response to what GOD has been doing, and we believe is going to continue to do, through the BCMBS. The summer months are often not good months for donations. Before we can go ahead with these plans, we will need to see the kind of generous donations this September that we have seen when we have asked in the past.

Thank you for your consideration, and all the support you have been to the BCMBS. GOD bless you!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
BC Mission Boat Society