

MINISTRY IN THE CAMP KITCHEN

God works in mysterious ways and brings people together in unexpected places.

Such was the circumstances at the Wallowa Lake Camp kitchen during Brass Camp.

At the last minute one of the volunteers could not come so Abby came in her place. Abby is a college student and was going to Tanzania in July on a service project for three weeks. She was the youngest person working in the kitchen that week. As we visited before she left Abby shared with me some realizations that had come to her. She had grown up in a Christian family and had a personal faith. She had not been to church or surrounded by “church going folk” for a long time. After her experience in the kitchen she understood why her faith was so important. The attitude, conversation, and cooperation among all the ladies in the kitchen was a testimony of the love of God that brings different individuals together who can work in an atmosphere of peace and cooperation and still get that meal out on time.

Two other women came from the same church but did not know each other very well. They roomed together and were able to share deeply about their personal faith, trials they were each facing in life, and the assurance that God was there to help. As they went home they were thankful for the week that brought them closer together as Christian women.

One of the ladies brought her two young sons to camp. One of the camp volunteers was a retired teacher. Donna was able to entertain the boys for several hours each day while the young mother got some time for herself.

At the end of the week Jane remarked. My husband does most of the cooking at home and I am not musical at all. Here I am having a great time helping in the kitchen at Brass Music Camp!

Yes, God does work in wonderful and mysterious ways.