

The grade 7 and 8 students of Immanuel Christian School completed a 4 day X-treme Wilderness Hike last week. One event in particular brought our theme verse into very clear focus.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*  
*Philippians 4:6*

On Wednesday, the first day of the hike, we soon found ourselves in a medical emergency situation. One of our students was having difficulty breathing and the asthma medication was not having the desired effect.

We called for the paramedics because we knew we were dealing with something more than a first aid situation.

We also realized that we were not able to deal with this in our own strength. About half of the group gathered around the student and put their hands on her while one of the adult leaders prayed with the students.

When help arrived, a couple of hours later, having completed the 4 km trek to our campsite, we were reassured to see not only two paramedics but 3 park rangers ready to help.

After the paramedics checked the student we began the 3 hour trek carrying the student by stretcher. With the ruggedness of the terrain, the hills, the creek crossing and the many rocks and tree roots on the path, we needed to regularly change up the crew, including two of our hike leaders, as they carried the stretcher to the trail head.

As we approached the end of the trail some 3 hours later the student's situation was gradually deteriorating. Once she arrived at the Huntsville hospital, she responded very well to the treatment. Once her parents arrived at the hospital, the two hike leaders headed back to the campsite.

At the campsite, all the students were called together and updated on the student's condition. We also shared with the students how God had provided for and looked after the student and also how our prayers had been answered. We then offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

This was an opportunity for the students to see trust in God modeled. What a witness for all those involved and those who read this.