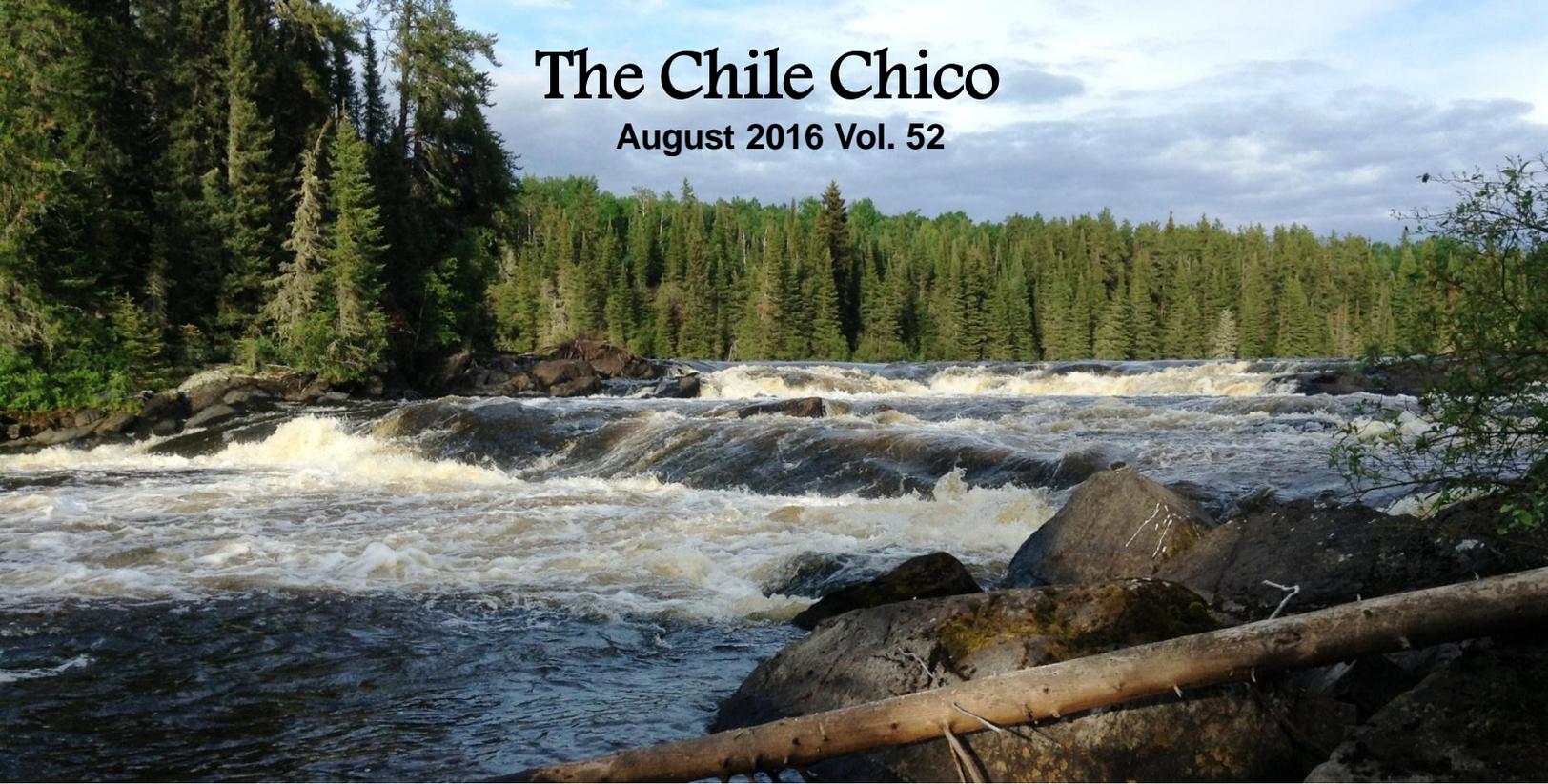


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Dawes Falls, Windigo River, Ontario, Canada

When I was twelve years old, my grandfather took me on a six week fishing trip to Quebec. It is a memory I will never forget. We would spend long hours fishing, exploring, and talking about everything. He taught me to build a fire, boil tea in a coffee can, fillet fish, cook them over a fire and to whittle a “whirligig”. One afternoon, dark storm clouds approached and we hurried to shore and turned our canoe upside down and crawled under it to get out of the rain. Pretty cool stuff for a 12 year old. He let me carry a rifle and said I could shoot a bear. I’m sure he was glad we never saw one although we did see a lot of moose. He later taught me how to trap muskrats. He asked me if I wanted to fry it up for dinner but I didn’t have the courage. Mostly he and I shared a love for God’s unspoiled creation of the far north, a kindred spirit! I also remember his love for the Lord, another thing we have in common. He had a lasting impact on my life!

This summer, Hugh, a good friend of mine, brought a grandson on our two week canoe trip on the Windigo River in Canada. Hugh had previously brought another grandson on a hike to Serpentine Hot Springs in Alaska two year ago. These were both hard trips but character building, especially for these two young men. Hugh got to spend quality time, talking and teaching skills to his grandsons, experiences I’m sure they will never forget. These young men heard the Gospel message during our daily Bible study although I’m sure they had heard it before from their grandfather. I look forward to the day when my grandsons will be sitting in the bow of my canoe and I can share a few things I’ve learned over the years and how the Lord called me out of darkness into light and life through Jesus Christ.

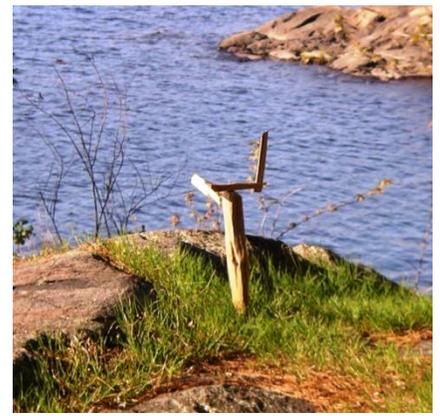
Some people pass up golden opportunities to spend one-on-one time with their kids or grandkids! Maybe you’re not the deep wilderness kind-a person, that’s ok, we have some easy trips too! Hope to see you and your grandkid by the fire one day!



Hugh



The Crew at Pickle Lake Ontario!



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