

Update is a monthly letter sent to the friends and supporters of Mt. Salem Revival Grounds.

June 18, 2020

Dear Friends and Supporters:

It is with sad hearts that Mt. Salem Revival Grounds will not be opening up this 2020 summer camp season for its 45th anniversary. Due to the CDC rules and regulations for WV campgrounds that we recently received, there was not enough time to meet all of their requirements to properly open this summer. When I made the announcement to our staff, it felt like a funeral because each one here works so hard all year with the grounds upkeep, building improvements, and office work. Our staff also puts in countless hours into preparing for the preaching services, activities, skits, etc., as we all make ready for those campers who are planning to attend each summer.

This Covid-19 virus has not stopped us from doing many enhancements to the revival grounds. In May, a friend of the camp donated money to put a new metal roof on the *"Joe Boyd"* boys dormitory. The camp also put a new metal roof on the Cary Cabin located beside the *Swiss Village* "Family Quarters." Our men put a new drainage system with rock boxes behind the pool wall and the RV pads, and they have cleaned out ditches of debris from run-off areas. With the help of a local company, who professionally paved our roads, the camp was able to resurface many of our roads, entryways and driveways to staff houses with asphalt millings. We are grateful for the burden of another dear friend and supporter of Mt. Salem who donated the funds for gravel and asphalt millings to improve the camp roads.

With the help of a bulldozer, we added dirt and professionally crowned the ballfield. John Elwood's brother, Jesse, has been working on staff with us. Jesse can repair anything, and thanks to him our Moline tractor and two riding lawn mowers have been healed! We sold several buses and a gooseneck trailer so that we could upgrade our camp bus for our summer staff and camp use. It is a nice used 48 passenger International Bus.

Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated, especially in the days ahead. I am also thankful for those who have stopped by to work a day, a week, or a month along side us. May we never get over the Cross of Calvary's love. May we always please the Lord. I say as the Apostle Paul of Acts, "I BELIEVE GOD."

Because He lives,

Dr. Randy E. Taylor Evangelist/President

## **Camp Improvements**



Dr. Gary Biggs is doing a balancing act on one of the logs being moved to line upper roads.



Entryways connecting to upper camp road were paved with asphalt.



Repairs and improvements on the Rifle Range Sign.



New asphalt driveway to the staff homes of Gracie Koontz and Sharon Becker.



Widened and paved asphalt on entryway of road leading to the Boys' Dormitory area.



Dozer work to help improve the ballfield.



Dirt added to crown the ballfield to make it level.



Jeff Jackson and Art Yost constructing a safety fence around water drainage culverts.



Safety fence completed. Now it's time to level the dirt and spread the grass seed.



Recently purchased International Bus for summer staff and camp use.



The Cary Cabin located by the *Swiss Village* Family Quarters has a new metal roof.



A new metal roof was put on the *Joe Boyd* Boys' Dormitory.





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