

Greetings Ministry Partners,

It is with great joy and excitement I reach out to you this winter. We have some exciting events coming up and many new things already beginning this year. Our Camp registration is online & we already have one session completely full! I have been busy recruiting college students for summer opportunities from Biola, Azusa, William Jessup, Fresno Pacific, and Simpson Universities. UOP, MJC, CSU Stanislaus, & UC Merced are next on my list. I have also had the privilege of joining our Joy Sounds Choir at several performances and we have several more coming soon. Our Special Needs Network is also growing and my vision of collaboration in the community is slowly starting to blossom. I have volunteered with the Society for disAbilities adapted ski program through which I have made many contacts with potential campers and volunteers. God is opening doors left and right—He is blessing this ministry and the efforts of our staff and volunteers. I am humbled and blessed every day to partner with you in His work among the Special Needs families we support.

With a grateful heart for your continued support,  
Rochelle Van Horn

### New Board Member Announcement

The Board of Directors voted Brian Balsbaugh as their newest member at the January meeting. Brian and his wife Laurel have been married for 44 years and raised four children and now have four grandchildren. Their second son, Willy, had a nerve degeneration that progressively got worse and ended up taking his life at age 34. The Balsbaugh family has been a longtime supporter of Christian Berets and Willy had the chance to go to Camp in years past.

Adding Brian to the Board brings his personal experience of caring for a child with special needs as well as his professional business management expertise as he has owned Valley Entry for over 28 years. We are so thankful for Brian's willingness to serve on our Board!



We praise God for all the rain and snow we've received this season. Our facility has been covered with at least several inches of snow most of the winter!

## WANTED

We are beginning our recruitment for Summer Staff! If you or someone you know is looking for a job or just an opportunity to serve, please go to our website for more information and detailed job descriptions.

### Summer Camp Employment Opportunities:

Minimum 3-week commitment for paid positions

- Counselor
- Nurse (R.N. or L.V.N.) or C.N.A.
- Worship/Puppet/Activities Team
- Kitchen Team
- House-Keeping Team

### Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities:

Most are available for only a 1-week commitment

- Volunteer Counselor
- Volunteer Weekly Chaplain
- Volunteer Nurse (R.N. or L.V.N.) or C.N.A.
- Kitchen or House-keeping Assistant
- Worship/Puppet/Activity Assistant

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### Looking Ahead... Mark Your Calendars

**March 4-6:** Winter Retreat Camp – Volunteers Needed!

**March 12:** Breakfast with the Berets (see promo on back)

**May 7:** Annual Work Day

**June 4:** Mi Wuk Fun Run & Family Day

**June-August:** Camp Sessions

**October 20:** Fall Fundraiser Dinner

**October 21-23:** Choir Retreat—Volunteers Needed

**December 16-23:** 10,000 Lights Display at Camp

