

Hello to all of our praying supporters! We're excited to report on a very packed and fruitful summer. God has been incredibly gracious to His servants. At the beginning of June, we launched our summer ministry by bringing Camp in a Box to two churches. I also had the opportunity to serve at one of our supporting churches, Hacker Valley Baptist Church, during their VBS. We were thrilled to see a precious soul come to Christ at the end of the week! Right after that, we held a work week to get the facility up and running. This included a last-minute emergency purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for the kitchen. Thankfully, everything came together just in time for our first rental week of the year, which welcomed 80 attendees!

Next on the agenda was Day Camp, which was a great success. Our two interns arrived bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, and they were a tremendous help. They were quick learners and excelled not only with the kids but at every task we gave them. We jumped straight into full-throttle camp ministry, and our entire staff—four of whom had never even been on the property before camp started—formed an incredible team! We were truly in awe of how God orchestrated our staff this year. Camp was a powerful month of ministry for both kids and teens. We also had the opportunity to travel with our staff to visit new churches. We saw the Lord work in mighty ways, providing safety, grace, and a deep understanding of His love to many young people. Many volunteers stepped in to help throughout the summer, and we were blessed by the love and support the Camp family showed us. We were also able to introduce some exciting new features this year, including archery tag! In addition, the Camp was blessed to purchase kayaks—thanks to donated funds—which we used at the local county park. Kayaking was a huge hit during Adventure Week. The Lord continued to bless abundantly throughout the summer. Another church rented the camp property, and I was honored to help with games, hikes, and even preach the closing service for their camp.

The following week, our family traveled to upstate New York to bring Camp in a Box to another one of our supporting churches, helping with their Junior Camp. Emmett even got to join in—and had a blast! We ended that week with another Camp in a Box at East Sunsbury Baptist Church for their annual youth rally. All in all, we saw 30 souls come to Christ this summer! What an incredible time. God is so perfect, and we praise His name for the seven weeks of Camp and the 300+ campers who came through the property.

As summer winds down, we still have a few more things happening at the Camp before winter arrives, including our annual Fall Frenzy on October 25th. Please pray for us as we prepare for this event and work toward making it a success. If you're available, we would love for a group from your church to join us!

We also covet your prayers as we travel to youth rallies and conferences across MI, IL, OH, PA, MD, and NC. Our goal in attending these events is to continue promoting the Camp and to connect with more churches that may be interested in attending or supporting the ministry. We've seen significant growth over the past few years, but we need to maintain that momentum as we work to expand awareness of our ministry in Western Pennsylvania.

One of our key goals for this fall is to begin planning to address several facility needs:

- Our rental groups are growing and require additional space. Specifically, we need more lodging for boys. There's a third cabin in the woods that has been unused for some time. Please pray for wisdom as we evaluate whether this cabin can be restored and used again.
- The boys' cabins need bathrooms. If you're familiar with our property, you understand how important this is. We are prayerfully designing a plan to construct a building that will meet both lodging and bathroom needs. Once again, we appreciate your prayers for wisdom in this area.
- The girls' dorm rooms need to be completed and insulated. We inherited the current dorm rooms in our lodge, but the walls are unfinished and unsealed. Once completed, these rooms will be able to accommodate air conditioning via window units.
- More bunks will be needed once additional lodging is in place. We anticipate needing eight new bunk beds.
- Our kitchen needs air conditioning. Last year, we installed new drywall and insulation, which was a significant improvement. However, it's made the kitchen even hotter during the summer. We're hoping to install a mini-split system for both cooling and heating, allowing us to use the kitchen year-round.

Of course, all of these improvements come with financial needs. To accomplish these projects, we need to raise \$75,000. Pray that the Lord will supply the funds and hands to accomplish this. We are excited to see what God will do with these projects.

We want to sincerely thank you for all the prayers you've sent our way. We cannot express how truly grateful we are for each of you who lifts us and this ministry up in prayer. It has been quite a summer, and we are so thankful for God's people who pray.

On the home front, the kids are doing well and getting ready to start school. We can't believe they're already in second grade and kindergarten! Time is flying. Emmett is working on losing his first two teeth, and Elliott keeps us on our toes with his latest creative schemes. We're so thankful for these precious days with them. Lena and I are doing well, too.

As we transition into fall, we're looking forward to a slower pace. Please continue to pray for safe travels as we visit churches both locally and out of state. We'd also appreciate prayers for Because He Lives, good health as the cooler weather sets in.







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