



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him... Romans 15:13

With winter nearly gone and spring upon us, the anticipation of what hopefully lies ahead becomes only more exciting. We are hearing more and more from former campers, parents, and friends who remind us not only about special memories, but also encourage us as we carry on toward next summer. Thessalonians 5:11 says, encourage one another and build one another up. Thank you for your encouragement:

From a Parent / Grandparent

It was 1982 when I decided our sons, Rick twelve and a half and John eleven, needed more stimulation and independence than I could provide for them in the summer months. Neither my husband nor I had a camp experience nor did our two older daughters. It was an enormous step to consider for our sons since it would be their first time away from home. I came across an ad in The New York Times for Camp Good News, a Christian camp on Cape Cod. They offered a three and a half week sleep away session so I sent for a brochure. Reading the brochure and liking what I saw prompted me to call Reverend Wyeth Willard, the camp founder, at his home in Waltham, Massachusetts. I expressed my interest and at the same time told him of my trepidations.

My heart told me that we were doing right by our sons so we enrolled them. They too were nervous for they had not a clue where they were going. We met the bus in New York City and they boarded with a full busload of kids, very diverse cultures, and another new experience we welcomed for them. We had no contact with them for ten days until we attended visitors weekend halfway through the session. Upon our arrival we saw the beautiful setting and lake, met their counselors and their cabin mates. Our sons were living with campers and counselors from the USA, Mexico, and Europe. We found it very exciting; what an education they were getting. We attended a Sunday outdoor service conducted by Rev. Willard. As he spoke our hearts were truly touched; we knew our children were in a wonderful place, a safe place, a place of good feelings surrounded by good, caring people who were teaching and living a love, respect, regard, and tolerance for all the youth in their charge.

Camp Good News was a fond remembrance for all of us until early 2006 when our daughter Laura discovered the camp was still going strong. As parents you just never forget who treated

your children well, were kind and caring to them, and brought a ray of sunshine into their lives. Our beautiful remembrances gave us thoughts of volunteering, and Faith Willard honored us by saying yes. For the next five summers, the last two weeks of the camp session, we worked in the camp kitchen. We loved our time in the kitchen; tender loving care went into meal preparation. We were now experiencing camp and the special place it is. We too started with a Bible verse and whenever possible attended chapel; we so love to hear the campers sing. The counselors were always impressive, selected by Dr. Brooks while visiting colleges across the county. They were wholesome, clean-cut, model young people, patient and understanding; you knew they received great training in the camp's expectations and philosophy. It often occurred to me over the five summers we were there that we never heard any profanity used by the campers. It was totally refreshing! After completing our first summer and extolling our experiences to our children, they decided to send our three oldest grandsons. The following summer we had nine grandchildren at camp.

The camp celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2009. It was an inspiring celebration attended by former campers from near and far. You heard their great stories of the profound affect the camp had on them. Our son Rick attended with his wife and five children, three of whom had attended camp. One spoke lovingly of his time there and his never-to-be-forgotten memories. As parents we felt so blessed and proud for a decision we made for our children twenty-seven years earlier that was so right. We want CGN to continue to enrich the lives of everyone they serve for many years to come. Please continue to pray for these and other efforts to make Camp



Good News one of the best camps in the world, dedicated to winning young boys and girls to Jesus Christ.

—Mrs. G.

A Time of Preparation and Thanksgiving

One might think that wintertime is typically a quiet “downtime” for summer camps. But this winter, especially this winter, we have found the opposite to be true. In fact, this has been the busiest of winters. We have committed ourselves to not only going through a process of careful self-examination, but also to continue to diligently work, preparing for the summer that lies ahead.

We are honored to have labored side-by-side with so many dedicated men and women, who have given of their time and talents to Camp Good News. Alumni and friends have come forward as never before to ask how they could help. It has been challenging, and yet we are reminded of Hebrews 12:1, Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

We look forward to working with so many of the staff who have already made plans to return this summer. Camper and counselor applications are coming in. What fun it will be to work with Christine, Sarah, and Henry. Josh never stopped writing and can’t wait to come work with our new grounds men. Others include: Andrea, Estaban, and Rodrigo from Mexico; Andrew from Ukraine; the Sullivans from France; and the Ball brothers from down the street! After forty-five years, Marjorie is returning to help during pre-camp. She has served on the mission field in Africa and South America with BSF (Bible Study Fellowship). Please pray for these Good News veterans and their families.



From a Camper

Returning to camp this summer, will make it my fourteenth year there! So it's fair to say that if anyone loves Camp Good News... It would be me. While we can't ignore the awful happenings that have rightly surfaced this past year, we must begin the healing process. As the camp continues to deal with the pain and devastation while working to improve the program, I feel God strongly calling me to be a part of this restoration process. Our God is a God who can bring beauty out of the ugliest of circumstances and I believe in His power wholeheartedly. This upcoming summer I will proudly take on the position of counselor for the Jr. Girls Camp. God is going to do incredible things this summer, just as He always has, and I'm excited to be a part of it.

– Sarah



We want to be a part of the solution!

Even before our staff arrives this summer, so much is set to occur here at camp. In summers past Karen Carlson, the camp psychologist, has been diligent to address many relevant topics during the staff “pre-camp orientation.”

Her training curriculum at Good News has included: child development, positive behavior development, managing home sickness, and difficult behavior, what to do about bullying, sexuality and safe physical and emotional boundaries, and multicultural awareness. However, with the awareness of child sexual abuse increasing, alarm bells are sounding across the country for youth organizations to learn updated strategies in abuse prevention and detection.

We have engaged a nationally known risk management advisor to help guide this process at Camp Good News. Rick Braschler aims to raise awareness and teach “best practice” protocols to prevent, detect, and/or respond in a situation of this kind. He applies 122 protection elements within six key areas of an organization to help professionals better achieve their mission.

Our goal is to provide a healthy and positive environment for campers and staff to enjoy traditional summer camp activities, develop lasting friendships, and learn about God’s profound love for mankind.



April 12

Working in conjunction with CircuiTree Solutions, we have invited Rick Braschler to lead a state-of-the-art Child Protection Plan Seminar from 9 AM to 5 PM at Camp Good News. This seminar is geared for child service professionals responsible for preparing and implementing a child safety system for their respective organizations. For more information please go to www.camphow.com under the “education and events” tab or call the camp office.

April 21 Workday

Todd and Carlos have worked tirelessly to maintain the fences, gates, and to address cabin repairs. They need help repairing the infirmary roof and splitting wood from downed trees. Edmond Pomphrett (edpomphrett@gmail.com) will lead a men’s retreat and workday the weekend of April 20-22. Ed will invite local churches to join his team for a Saturday workday. Ed’s wife, Kim Augusta Pomphrett, was a camper and staff member at Good News for many years. Please let him know if you would like to participate in any way.

There is even more going on behind the scenes at camp this spring.

- The new hood above the kitchen stoves is now being installed in Shamlian. Please consider donating toward the \$7000 still needed to complete the job.
- Kent Kettell has kindly reviewed and made a digital copy of our 125-page staff handbook. The handbook is being updated and reprinted this year.
- A special thanks goes out to our other trustees for their encouragement and support in reopening camp.
- Lastly, members of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepard are helping to upgrade our computer capabilities to better navigate domestic and international camp communications.



Camp Good News has never digressed from the original purpose, "to win boys and girls to Jesus Christ." We look forward to the opportunity and privilege of another summer of service to our Lord and today's youth.



In His service,

Handwritten signature of Jane Brooks in cursive.

Jane Brooks
Director

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



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