



Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. - Psalms 100:2

Why is Camp Good News *great*? Every summer for as long as I can remember, amazing people from around the world break from their busy lives to take part in something that you can't bottle, can't record, can't even adequately photograph. Those who come will, among other things, roast marshmallows over a campfire, sail on a beautiful lake, sing in chapel, and even act in some goofy skit with new friends. What makes this camp so great is not even the full complement of activities that could be listed, but rather the welcoming spirit of encouragement that is shown to each young person here. Staff and campers go through the day's activities such as swim class, tennis, archery, soccer, and basketball, but also learn about the awesome God who loves and cares for them. This powerful message stays with us for life.

As a camper I remember walking around the lake to my grandmother's house. Singing the camp songs to myself helped to give me courage along the way. The thought that God was right there with me was very powerful and real. As an adult, I find myself whispering a prayer before work or traveling abroad to make sure God takes charge of every situation. Time and again, I see His divine interventions in play.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with a counselor from the 1970s named John DeFelice. It is impossible to forget Johnny and his brothers Andy and Tony; they were full of energy and fun. John is a school principal now in the United Arab Emirates, but said camp was like a second home for him! His mother hopes to join us this season to help wherever needed along with her daughter-in-law Trudy.

Our Most Senior Alumni

Many of our alumni have stayed active into their golden years. Ruth Evans is in her nineties and planted flowers in front Lakeside guesthouse last summer with her daughter Dori. Dr. Alys Holden, a medical school classmate of my mother, will be returning from Mexico to help in the camp library. Faith stays busy in the camp kitchen and is cooking for the staff as they arrive. Her brother Peter worked at CGN for many summers before starting Chop Point Camp and School and the outreach projects in Bangladesh and Nicaragua. Peter has always been an encouragement to us and continues to travel around the world in hopes of helping children living in poverty. Instead of sipping lemonade at his farmhouse in Maine, or eating lobster with the campers at Chop Point, he is spending a month in Kalkuta. Hopefully, he will also be able to visit Home of Joy in Bangladesh.



How priceless is Your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find refuge
in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house;
You give them drink from Your river of delights.
For with You is the fountain of life
In Your light, we are light.
- Psalm 36:7-9

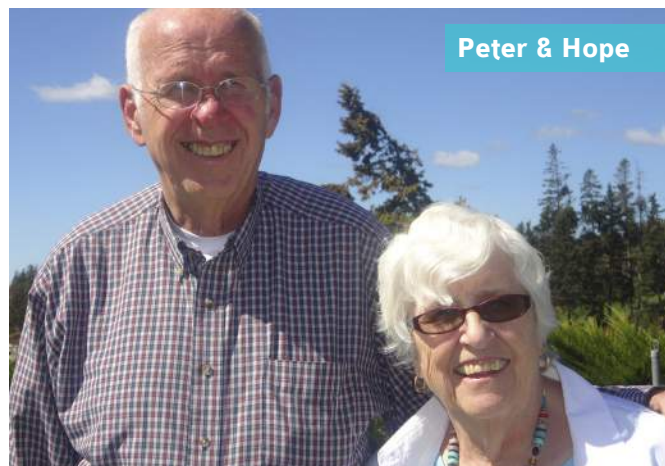


Excerpts from Pete's Letter

Thinking about Hope a bit more...

Often when she phoned she was excited about some Scripture. Her enthusiasm was wonderful, but looking back, in my mind I kind of yawned. She was glad to be retired so she could have more time with her Bible....

I decided – today anyway – that the worst sin was not bank robbery, murder, getting drunk – or whatever – it was judging others because it is only by God's mercy, that yesterday, or the day before that I was not consumed by God's justice. My job is to love people and never judge a single person for what he does; not give any a grade. Weeping over them is fine. The words of the following hymn are so good. I heard George Whitfield would weep while preaching.



Peter & Hope

**There's wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There's a welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There's mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind,
And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple we should take Him at His word,
And our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.**

Peter Willard

Guess who is returning to camp this summer?

We are very excited to have many "old-timers" returning to help out at camp this summer. Most of the counselors coming back have been here in recent summers. Other returnees include:

Dr. Bob and Gale Long

Bob was a counselor here 50 years; a college professor.

Phil and Tara Harrington

Counselor in the 70s

Marjorie Paddock

Counselor in the 70s; missionary to Africa and South America.

Henry Lawson

see below

Trudy DeFelice

see below

Welcome Back Trudy!

How exciting to be able to spend another summer at Camp Good News after almost thirty years! Gertrude Wunsch, for whom I worked at Anderson University, first told me about Camp Good News. She was the Junior Girls' Camp director, and for eight consecutive summers, I assisted Gert. These were years filled with fond memories. Personally, I



Trudy

grew spiritually as my faith was stretched during pre-camp and hearing God's Word presented daily at counselor's meetings and chapel. A precious memory for me was pre-camp week with the St. John sisters, who were missionaries, Hazel in Lebanon and Patricia in Morocco. While preparing for the campers in pre-camp, they shared spiritual insight with us every day. Patricia St. John was an English writer who wrote some of the beloved books for children such as Treasures of the Snow, Tanglewood Secret (both movies on the BBC), and Star of Light. We staff members soaked in other "heroes" of the faith who were at the camp or came to visit. I was greatly influenced by the spiritual truth and role modeling of these men and woman. Along with the spiritual emphasis, I greatly enjoyed the camp's forest-like setting

with the variety of activities and outdoor emphasis.

So why did I decide to return to Camp Good News? It started with a dream about the camp, which began the thought process and consideration of returning again. I am a teacher with flexibility and freedom during the summer months. I called Jane to ask a few questions and to see what the opportunities and needs were. After much prayer and careful consideration, I decided to take a step of faith and return to the camp. Really, the Lord has worked it out for me to be one of the head counselors! What a privilege! I pray the Lord will use me for His glory this summer. What fun it will be to meet the staff and children as we plan many wonderful experiences together!

Trudy DeFelice

Henry's Coming, too!



I am incredibly excited to be returning to Camp Good News this year for my twelfth summer on the Cape. I first arrived at CGN in June of 1998, as a young boy from West Texas, nervous about spending an entire summer more than two thousand miles from home. This nervousness quickly

abated as I fell head over heels into a seemingly endless summer full of fun and laughter. That summer and those that followed are some of the happiest memories I have enjoyed - full of songs around warm campfires, cool afternoons swimming through Snake Pond, and lifelong friendships, which span the globe. I could endlessly recant all of my happy memories throughout the years, but the constant in all of them is the love and fellowship manifested daily in the camp's counselors and staff, working as an image of God's unconditional love for us. The many friendships this love created have truly changed my life, and continue to be a steadfast source of fellowship for me to this day. Now, at the penultimate season of my college career, I am more excited than ever to be returning to camp as the waterfront director for the summer sessions of 2015. And even though some of my old friends will not be there this summer, I am certain that many new friendships await!

Henry Lawson

Glen Brown has arrived to start raking and mowing the camp lawns. "Debra" and her husband Tim have been working to ready the Arts and Crafts room in Stephen Andrew. Tim ordered some parts and now has the kiln running well. The flowers are in bloom, which only magnifies the natural beauty of this place.

I, the Lord, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it." Isaiah 27:3,4

A Word from Steve

The eighty-first season of Camp Good News is just a few weeks away. I am so excited to see the faces of the campers and staff and to reset my own compass. We have a great staff this summer. As you know the staff is always the most important part of the formula. The programs, the equipment, the location, even the food are all secondary to staff and the spirit of God's love they bring.

I remember last summer, among other things, riding bikes along the canal, singing "For All the Saints" with one of the world's largest pipe organs, and kayaking in Falmouth. These were all fun activities. But what made these activities really great were the campers and staff with whom I got to share these events. God says that we are all, each of us, precious to Him. Zephaniah 3:17 says

"He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will renew you in His love, He will exalt over you with loud singing."

As we strive to make every activity as good as it can be, we remain privileged and charged to share this surpassing, sustaining, and confidence-building love of God with each other at camp.

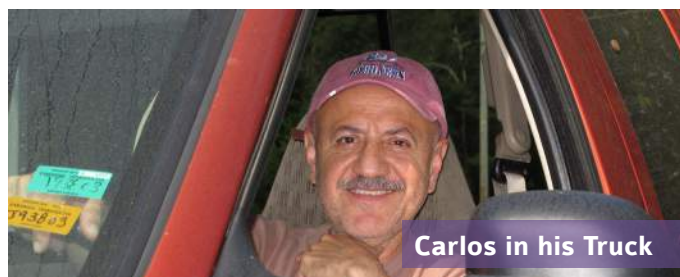
Steve Brooks



Projects Under Way

Camp Good News has a beautiful location, houses, recreational halls, athletic fields, and other lodge, but many of these buildings are in need of repair. Each year we hire master craftsmen to paint and maintain the facility. Most of the cabins need to be scraped, painted on re-shingled. **Please consider a donation toward some of the following projects:**

1. Repainting Thelma's House	\$10,000
2. Fixing up the Boy's Lodges	\$5,000 (each)
3. Carlos's truck needs to be replaced.	\$20,000
4. Repair and paint the cabins, infirmary, and Stephen Andrew.	\$12,000



Carlos in his Truck



The infirmary needs a coat of paint.

Spread the Word:

We would like to have more campers this summer (Scholarships are available!)

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray that the staff of 2015 are ever mindful of what a privilege it is to work with and minister to children. Help us to make the best use of the short time we are together.
2. Help all of us to keep the right focus throughout the summer: God, others, me.
3. Everyone will need plenty of energy, wisdom, and joy to make this one of the best summers in the history of Camp Good News!

A Letter From China

Last summer, we had three campers from China who came with a parent and translator. It was their first time in America, and the children in the group didn't speak much English. Young Monica sent us a very beautiful Christmas card. My mother had wanted to be a medical missionary to China, so it was very special to have guests from that far away land.



Thankful for...

1. Glenn Brown's hard work
2. Christine Myers Tedger is returning to help for the last two weeks of camp.
3. Mark Adams will be returning for his third summer as head counselor of the boys' camp.
4. Pastor John King will be returning as pre-camp speaker with his wonderful wife Marlo who works as a school nurse.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. - 1 Chronicles 16:34

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