



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

Reflections of This Past Summer

Wonderful campers and staff graced our shores this summer to share their joys, laughter, thoughts, and talents with us in so many ways. Their varied backgrounds made people interesting and fun to be around. And the singing! Well, you would have to be there to appreciate its beautiful sound.

What made this summer special? The staff worked overtime to create all kinds of extra treats and activities. The campers responded by really enjoying themselves and pitching in to help whenever possible. And the camper-workers enthusiastically completed a host of different responsibilities such as scrubbing pots and pans, putting away dishes, cleaning brush, and watering the flowers.

Alumni continue to make staff training and supervision a top priority. Karen Carlson came for pre-camp, post-camp and on weekends, always willing to offer her special insights to kid's needs, as well as be an example of a willing servant, pitching in with car washes, camp fires, and dog sitting. Jim Keeler not only served as the boy's head counselor, but also applied his graphic skills to produce the summer news letter on the next page. Steve Brooks also came back to help with pre-camp set up, post-camp clean up, and was occasionally present to offer an encouraging word. He also had the kids over to his house to watch the European soccer championship game. The biggest bonus of all was having Sergy and Natasha Bochko return to Good News after years of directing a camp in the Ukraine. They recruited three staff and two campers from their homeland to come for the entire summer and skillfully led many of the activities! Each of these people have been a tremendous blessing to the camp.

How do we know the summer was a success? Jesus claimed to be the light of the world. Knowing that our heavenly Father wants to teach and guide us for the rest of our lives can be a hard concept to grasp. The campers and staff explored the relevance of God's Word today and kindly shared what a positive impact camp had on their lives. As much as I like to

see the building and grounds in good repair, God is doing an amazing work in the hearts of all who receive Him as Savior and Lord. When walking home from my aunt Faith's home at night in the dark, I go very cautiously until my cellphone light comes on. What a relief to see the path before me more clearly! We don't have to stumble along in the dark. Christ is a light in the darkness to give us hope, clarity, and a clear path to follow.

Jane Brooks

Hannah L. and her sister have helped with the post-camp work for the past few months. She has given permission for us to include this unsolicited letter:

I just wanted to say thank you so much for letting me go to camp. Every minute of it was so amazing. This has been the best summer of my life so far, and that's not an exaggeration! I loved everything. I wrote a list of my top ten favorite parts from this year:

1. Banquet night – saying good bye and chatting
2. Going on the Hobie Bravo during Free Swim
3. Nantucket day trip – very fun!
4. Debating theology with Gus 😊
5. The window-art in Arts & Crafts with the seniors
6. The second carwash of the year
(My favorite of the 3)
7. Hanging out with the senior campers
8. Soccer for Block 2 – that was an amazing day!
9. Cabin nights!
10. The island in the lake

(There's no particular order of course)

It was so fun to do these. Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity to do this. I hope all the work Pheobe and I will do for you will bless you and allow us to enjoy camp next year.

Once again, thank you!
Hannah L.

We are thankful to God for another great season at Camp Good News! Campers and staff all had an amazing summer helping each other, learning new skills, growing in our walk with the Lord.

Serhiy Bochko
Assistant Director



Sergy & Natasha
Bochko's Family

Campers' Summer Memories

Favorite verses or praise songs: Psalm 23, Romans 6:13, Romans 6:23, You Are Holy, Days of Elijah, They Will Know (We Are Christians by Our Love), As the Deer, Pharaoh Pharaoh, Lord I Need You, Oceans.

Favorite activities: Sailing, basketball, volley ball, turtle hunting, bridge jumping, bike riding, whole-camp games, field hockey, vespers in the outdoor chapel, ropes.

Things we learned to do: Sailing, cleaning bathrooms, boating, paddle boarding, playing chess, learning a chord on the ukulele, butterfly stroke, playing the organ.



Field trip



Campfire



Birthday

Favorite place to be on camp: Cabin, waterfront, Jane's porch, boathouse, swing set, cabin porch, Shamlian, library, ropes course, waterfront, Cutty Hunk, dining hall, and outdoor chapel.

Favorite dining hall food: Pizza, mac and cheese, SCONES, corn dogs, ice cream sundaes, chicken sandwiches, burgers, egg sausage sandwiches, pasta.



Going to the Fireworks



Arts & Crafts

Favorite activities outside of camp:

Bowling, going to Nauset Beach, Orleans Beaches, Mt. Washington, Nantucket, Mashpee Commons, Chatham, Sweet Carolines, Twin Acres, the estuary, biking on Martha’s Vineyard.

Favorite cabin night activity:

Scavenger hunt, making ice cream, tie dying tee shirts, sleeping in the boathouse, sleeping on cabin porch, S’mores, lip sync battles, bowling, milkshakes, capture the flag, water fight.

Favorite all camp activity: Clue (the missing cookies mystery), messy games, track meet, snowball fight, capture the flag, going out to the island.

Something at camp that surprised you: How nice and patient counselors are (unlike school teachers), how good the food was, how the days were very long but the weeks went by fast, how small camp is, Birkenstock sandals are really comfortable, how close people become. I found out I like tuna melts. How fast we bonded, the army base next to the camp, how people can be close even when they disagree.

What would you do next year that you didn’t to this year: Ride on the Hobie Cat, climb the iceberg. Some things we would NOT want to do: climb Blueberry Hill in sandals. One camper said “I thought this would be a once in a lifetime experience so I did everything.” A couple of campers said they wanted to learn to sail more than just the sunfish. Two campers said they would like to be counselors next summer.

From Jane’s assistant Karen Carlson

I come every weekend to join the fun and lend a hand. Since I am not around day in and day out, I notice changes in campers, group dynamics, friendships, interests, and growth of skills. Here are some things that stood out for me this year:

- Many different languages were spoken at camp. In spite of how challenging this can be, campers worked really hard to communicate with and understand one another.
- The older campers who have grown up at camp are developing advanced skills like sailing, archery, and swimming did a great job teaching and encouraging younger campers.
- Many campers made an effort to learn Bible verses.
- Campers were incredibly polite on off-camp trips.
- The campers raised over \$2000 on Saturdays washing cars for *The Widow’s Friend*, an organization in Bangladesh directed by Faith Willard.
- Counselors working on making camp fun day in and day out with love and humor.
- As the summer went on, camper letters home were more detailed, they followed along in the songbooks better, and they learned how to look up Bible verses.

Most importantly, I saw people who did not know each other grow to love and care about one another. It was a phenomenal summer, which I will never forget.



Sailing on the lake

Excerpts from letters of 2016 staff & campers

Camp was amazing, even better than I had expected! It was so fun having a pet turtle! This has been one of the best summers of my life. I really want to come back next year!

What I really liked about camp were the people. We learned to get along, and if we didn't that would have been awful because we were living with each other for quite a while. Also, they were really nice to me. It was amazing! I had so much fun! Thank you for all you do! Love, **Camper Hannah A.**

Although it is wonderful to be home, I look at the time spent at Camp Good News with a grateful heart. I appreciate the things I learned and the people I met and how the Lord grew me within it all. We will keep you, Faith, Steve, and Camp Good News in our continual prayers. Love in Christ, **Staff Wendy**

What a wonderful summer I had. God gave me more than I asked for with all the love, beauty, and friendship I found here at camp. Thank you for welcoming me back with open arms, as if I'd never left. ... **Staff Heather**

I would like to thank you for this AMAZING summer at camp. There are many things I will never forget for the rest of my life. Sincerely, **Camper Smish**

I had so much fun this summer. I especially liked going to Nantucket! I had never been there or been on a ferry before, so that was really fun. Sincerely, **Camper Sarah**

This is a wonderful place and the people are even better. Thank you for a great summer and more summers after. **Camper Davis**

My summer has been unforgettable. I would love to say Thank You! God Bless You. Sincerely, **Camper Emily**

I wrote this letter to say thank you ... I enjoyed myself so much at Camp Good News, the relationships I built and the experiences I had, Nantucket, bridge jumping, cabin nights, sailing, biking along the canal, fishing with Mr. Serhiy, and the list could go on and on. What I am saying is thank you for the sacrifices you made so that I could have fun. God bless you and your work in Bangladesh. **Camper David**

We are grateful for the relationships forged at camp this summer. We hope old timers like Jeremy Anderson will return in 2017! Maybe you or someone you know would like to get more involved with Camp Good News. Seasoned staff is always needed for the waterfront, kitchen, nurses, guesthouse, snack bar, tutor, and of course counselors! Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Funds needed to replace part of the infirmary's foundation. As seen here, the large crack in the basement will cost \$13,500.00 to repair.



Do you hear what these children are saying? they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?" Matthew 21:16

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