

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom or the strong man of his strength or the rich man of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he knows and understands me. Jeremiah 9:23, 24

God Does Answer Prayer

This past June, we suddenly found ourselves without a bus. Previous rental contracts had fallen through as companies went out of business or could no longer rent. It was suggested we buy a bus for the camp, and so the search began. Faith is a serious prayer warrior, so we sat down together to ask God to provide. Shortly thereafter, everything fell into place. Enough donations were given to cover both the bus and insurance costs, and a reputable company agreed to sell and service a bus for us.



New Camp Bus

Faith and I recently visited our friends and NGO workers in Bangladesh. It is thrilling to see God working in their lives. Recently Shilpy noticed a poor man struggling to breathe on her way to work. There are so many beggars in Dhaka that it is customary to pass by them; but this time she returned to ask what was wrong. The man said he was an asthmatic, but couldn't afford an inhaler. She wanted to give him money to buy one, but he was too weak. An affluent looking man in gym clothes stopped to ask what was the matter, and when she said that the poor man needed an inhaler, the other man said he had one and gave it to him to keep. Shilpy felt the Lord intervened and enjoyed being apart of the rescue effort. Camp is like a rescue effort guiding young people to a heavenly father who loves and cares about them. God is genuinely interested in every aspect of our lives and is just waiting for us to include Him in the details.

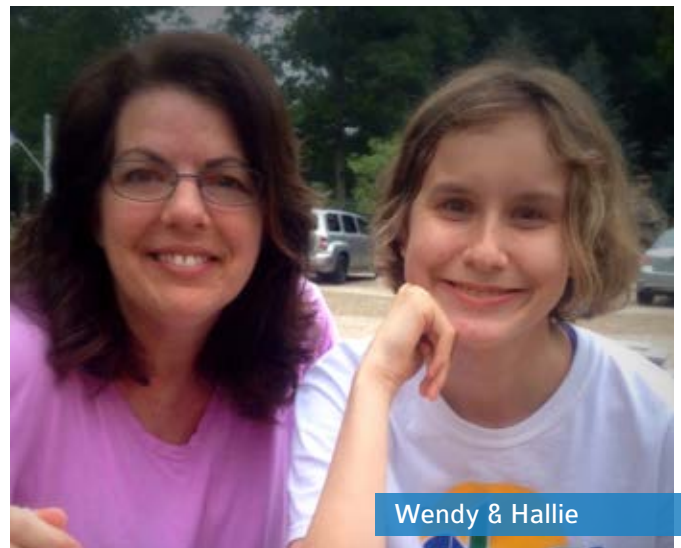
Jane Brooks

Are You From Camp Good News?

To all of you who are, or have ever been a part of the Camp Good News family, no matter from what year, no matter from what country, nationality, race, or creed, no matter what generation: Greetings!

This past summer was our 83rd. We were again greatly blessed with a staff who hailed from around the world and around the corner, traveling from France, Mexico, Ukraine, Texas, Florida, and Falmouth. The counselors were enthusiastic, hard workers who gave of themselves in service to our King, and to the children they served.

Similarly, campers came from as far away as China and as near as Cape Cod, some for two weeks, some for all seven. Among the things we did... We swam. We sailed. We climbed icebergs. We walked on a magic carpet. We watched fireworks. We went fishing. We played soccer. We painted pictures. We played Braveheart. We biked along the Atlantic Ocean. We played tennis, basketball, wiffleball, pool, ping-pong, and air hockey. We jumped off bridges. We washed cars. We sang. We listened. We learned so much, including how much we are loved. We prayed, and we sang some more. Thanks to Wendy, we always ate well, and that made a great difference.



Wendy & Hallie

Through the summer, we had several visitors, some planned in advance by us, others planned in advance by Him. One such latter visit actually occurred just before camp started during “pre-camp.” In June, we had just purchased an old bus. We had the name “Camp Good News” put on the side. During pre-camp, as is our tradition, we took the staff on a tour of the Cape. One of the last stops on the tour was a place we had never gone to before. It was Nauset Light, a famous lighthouse in Chatham. As the staff took their turns climbing the lighthouse, a stranger and his wife approached us. He came up to me and asked, “Are you from Camp Good News, the Camp Good News in Forestdale?” I said yes. He then became overwhelmed with enthusiasm and said, “That place shaped my life!”

Joseph DesJardin had been a 13-year-old “worker-boy” at camp over 40 summers earlier. He told of how a strict, but kind Arthur Worm had led him and the other workers each day, doing dishes, clearing brush, and cutting grass. When he would get tired, he would see how “old Mr. Worm” would always be working harder than him, or any of the other boys. He also remembered how Mr. Worm would bake brownies for the boys. He spoke of how he learned the value of hard work, how he carried that lesson with him the rest of his life, and how he even passed it onto his own children. The next day Joseph and his wife came and visited the camp and spoke to our staff.

Joseph is now a civil engineer in Denver, Colorado. That day he was simply at the Cape Cod National Seashore on vacation when he saw our bus. If we had not gone to that new stop on the tour, if we had not put the sign on the bus, we never would have seen him. But God had a plan for us, a plan beyond our own plans. By His guiding hand, we were able to meet Joseph and be blessed by hearing of the positive impact Camp Good News had had on him so many years earlier.

But, as it is written, *“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”* 1 Corinthians 2:9

Steve Brooks

Joseph & Steve



Glenn of Camp Good News



Glenn

Glenn Brown was a counselor at camp sixteen years ago and more recently for the last four summers took on the arduous task of maintenance. His responsibilities included mowing lawns, running the dishwasher, and mopping the kitchen floor. He describes himself as a country boy from rural Georgia, a mama’s boy. He was a willing, hard worker and always tried to please: “Did you see the lawn I mowed? Does it look okay? Are we good?”

Two years ago, Glenn was diagnosed with skin cancer. His doctors wondered if he should return to camp, but he and his father said he needed to go to that place because it meant so much to him. This past year, both his brother and mother died of sudden illnesses. Glenn learned about his mom’s condition during camp.

They communicated by emails or text three or four times a day. She was a constant source of encouragement and asked about the food, how they were treating him, etc.

Interestingly enough, Glenn quickly developed close relationships with people. His boss in Georgia asked him repeatedly to return to work at the grocery store early, instead Glenn decided to stay an extra week stating “they need me at camp.” The plumber, visiting alumni, and the staff took him out to eat more times than anyone else. He has the joy of the Lord and works tirelessly. At home in Georgia last year, Glenn joined the church choir and got to know his pastor. He feels his walk with Christ has sustained him through hard times. We are thankful for his faithful service and prayerful that he will be able to continue to return each summer.

This is what the Lord says: *“Stand at the crossroads and look for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it.”* Jeremiah 6:16

Peter Willard



Returning Staff

My dear CGN,



I really miss you and caught myself thinking that if possible I would spend every summer of my life at CGN. Or how do you like the idea from one of my co-counselors: to keep the camp all year around? I can tell you that it was the desire of every child in CGN. I am already thinking about next summer and looking forward to seeing my friends. Not only the counselors, but the campers as well. You know what, now they hardly feel like my friends, after all this is a family. This is my family. Thank God that I am a part of it. Who knew that the place where I was going "to just improve my English" would be so important to me now?



This year I will be working on bringing kids from Ukraine to CGN. All of these kids really deserve a chance to feel the way I do about such a place. I am sure you, the CGN family will inspire them, change them, and help them see the world differently. And to all the people I met at CGN, please come back next summer! Let's keep the place great.

Love, Ally

Alumni Thoughts

Dear Faith, Jane, Steve, Marla, and all,



I just wanted to thank you all for the opportunity you gave me to be a part of the Camp Good News family. All and each one of the moments I spent at camp will always remain as a treasure in my heart. I will never forget when Jane taught me to sail, she trusted me and I felt so blessed for that. I will never forget the delicious ice cream and hamburgers over at Dr. Brooks' house as well as the time I stayed sharing with Mrs. Brooks and her family. Faith, you are a great example.



One of the most important things you taught me was to be always thankful for all God gives us every day. Thank you all, my life definitely changed since I started volunteering at camp. It drove me close to Him and now I am enjoying serving Him. I thought it would be a good idea to send this letter with my best friend Isabel. May God continue blessing your hearts and touching the lives of all the counselors and campers through His love and Word.

Martha from Ecuador



Conversational English Classes for 2018

This coming camp season we will offer conversational English lessons as part of our camp program. We have many international campers and would like them to grow confident in speaking English. Having more conversation skills will encourage campers to speak up during activities and enjoy deeper friendships. Our topics of conversation will be interesting and age appropriate. Campers will learn to ask opinions, use examples and add new vocabulary in a fun way.

We will also be adding an "English as a second language" (ESL) option to our tutoring program. Tutoring will be tailored to the needs of individual campers in the areas of reading, writing, and conversation. This tutoring will be valuable for campers who plan to study in English language schools in the future. Our teacher, Heather Murray, will manage the tutoring program in 2018. She is a gifted teacher and artist with a master's degree in cross-cultural communication and experience and training to teach "English as a Second Language."

Heather's reflections on why camp is so special: "The quality and quantity of time spent with people at camp has resulted in lasting relationships that make me look forward to returning each summer. Even when I am working hard in the kitchen, I am happy and content because I feel truly cared about. It is like a second family for me. I laugh, eat meals, swim, work, and talk about life

with great friends day after day. It is hard to develop relationships like this in the rush of everyday life." - Heather Murray

As we prepare for next season, we would love to come visit camp alumni interested in hosting an "open house" to recruit campers and or staff for 2018. Please contact to camp office to let Adrienne or Jane know when and where you'd like to host such an event.



Grace & Wyeth

Please let us know if you would like to come visit next summer so that we can reserve a place for you in the guesthouse! Thank you for being apart of the fun and supporting this special ministry started by Wyeth and Grace Willard in 1935!

Jane Brooks

How Many Guys Do You Recognize in this Old Photo?



Where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy. Psalm 65:8

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