

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

Another Fun-filled Summer

Camp Good News is blessed with both woodland and shorefront property. It speaks to the hearts of campers and staff about the wondrous creation of our Lord and Savior. It is probably those quiet walks, moments alone, and downtime that help us to think and grow into the miracles God designed us to be.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14



Hopefully the pace isn't too hurried, or the activities too jam-packed that we miss the beauty of a rainy day or sunset at the water's edge. My cousin "Steve" and his mom Carol came to visit for a week after camp. He very much enjoyed hanging out at one of the cabins on the lake. Steve professionally installs

floors for a living and beautifully finished a few at camp; he also loves to fish. We dined on the delicious white and yellow perch he caught and marveled at his story of the huge pickerel that got away. After all, a canoe can be unsteady when fishing alone on a windy day, plus he forgot to bring his net!

Campers move quite a bit faster than Steve and look forward to sailing on those windy days. They like to grab a net when heading off to Seagull Island of Turtle Cove. An entire activity block would slip by as they search for crawfish in ankle deep water. The trick is to find someone capable of supervising that activity. After all Brady might fall out of his kayak or Sophia might want to take a quick dip. No one seemed as willing or able to tackle the job with the same enthusiasm as the children as counselor Gina! Was she also excited to see what treasure she might find?



What about a well-executed treasure hunt? Steve Brooks planted clues around camp one morning, which sent campers zigzagging through camp from one landmark to another in search of the loot he'd planted at the Pirate Ship: Pokemon cards, gummy worms, etc. Afterwards, young Jack displayed his new trading cards on a waterfront bench like a seasoned casino dealer. Steve has the ability to make a bike ride, soccer game, even cabin cleanup fun. He would announce cabin inspection winners after lunch to absolute silence followed by groans of laughter and catcalls as he came to "but" about an unmade bed or candy wrapper on the floor. These memories stick with you!

God promises to supply all our needs and surprisingly filled key camp positions with amazing people like Danielle. I knew this working mother of three was special when she agreed to get her archery certification before camp. Like Deb in Arts and Crafts, Danielle came ahead of time to ready the equipment. She had lesson plans and didn't tire of leading the activity, so campers even loved to go to archery again in the afternoon.

We are very thankful for the many young campers to grace our shores this summer, parents who often seemed as happy as their children, and the opportunity to serve on the frontlines of Good News to "win boys and girls to Christ" as granddad Willard used to say.

In His loving care,

Sincerely,

Jane Brooks



Another Outstanding Waterfront Director

Karen Carlson was unable to return as Waterfront Director this summer, but as expected God put Camp Good News on the heart of another capable director. Dawn Couch served as a counselor, Waterfront Director, and Junior Girl's Head Counselor twenty-one years ago. After many years, she called to ask if she and her mother could stay at the guesthouse. Subsequent conversations quickly reignited her desire to return to camp, serve on the waterfront, and grow.

Dawn is a middle school guidance counselor and brought her enthusiasm and know-how to the waterfront. She connected with the campers and staff to organize swim lessons for all ages, swim the lake with the campers, do fun things like water polo, and kept our waterfront safe! We are grateful for Dawn's kind spirit and willingness to lead such a challenging program.

Dawn writes:

Thank you for the invitation to come work at camp this summer. It was exactly what my soul and spirit needed. God is truly amazing in so many ways and how he opens doors. Thank you for having my cabin so nicely prepared. It was the perfect simplicity I needed. My heart was truly filled with God's joy this summer, and I know how rewarding that is to be able to share with all the campers and other staff. God continues to do amazing acts through Camp Good News and the impact is life-changing on so many levels that we often do not realize it at the time.

Thank you for your encouragement and support. I am hoping my path will lead to where God intended it to be if I just get out of His way!

How About My Neighbor?

Tiffanii Ferreira

Lila is an eight-year-old girl with an amazingly adventurous spirit. Since her dad passed before she was born, her amazing, hard-working mom and older sister have raised her. They've been a beautiful example of how to take care of each other. Lila is growing into a sweet girl who participates in helping them care for her grandmother and small niece.

She lives next door and spends much of her free time playing out her adventures with my children. Lila enjoys hopping in our car on Sunday morning to join us for Sunday school. During the summer of 2021 we shared all of our camp adventures and camp songs with her, and she longed to join in the fun. Her dream came true this summer when Camp Good News granted Lila a scholarship. There were so many new things to experience at camp, including sailing and kayaking. She also discovered that she was a really strong swimmer.



Thank you Camp Good News.

God's Faithfulness

There are so many people we should recognize and thank for making this summer run smoothly: Nurse Pat, Linda, Jinglin and Julie in the kitchen, Haille not only ran the snack bar but kept a close watch over her campers. The list goes on and on. Marlo, Esther, Vanco, and Martha worked hard to wrap things up at the end. Another group deserving much praise is the Korean kids!



Counselor Lee was unable to return to Good News from Bangladesh, but he got the word out. Ten Korean young people applied and seven came (including Lee's sister) to learn, work, and have fun this past summer. They left with so many amazing memories; it will probably take at least a year to process. They thanked us for giving them the opportunity to come and some already want to return. My greatest joy was seeing them overcome the shock of not really being able to vacation, but instead being asked to clean and stay with American children 24/7. Once they caught onto this blessed mission, they began to fly on wings of eagles.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Camp Reunion

Dayle Nix Edwards almost singlehandedly organized and led our eighty-fifth anniversary this summer. COVID pushed the event back two years, but Dayle pressed on to fine-tune the program complete with craft project and archery classes. Alumni jumped into the sailboats often with their children as if they'd never left camp. Russ and Emily even managed to take the Hobie Cat for a sail around the lake. Most importantly, they had time to reminisce around the campfire, roast marshmallows, and remember what they had learned at Good News.

Unsolicited excerpts from a camper of years past:

I just had a long and very good conversation with Andrea Smith (CGN '81) this evening. We talked a lot about the reunion weekend, but mostly about the vision sparked by Brenden Maher (CGN '80 - '84) that weekend for **mobilizing the alumni to help CGN either physically or financially, or both.** We understand that it's super easy in the heat of the moment and the emotion of a weekend like that to have grand designs and make promises to help, but to have that spark fizzle and die, then get forgotten when we get back to "real life." We want you to know that we do not intend to let that spark die, and are already planning our follow through on this. It is no longer a spark but is catching fire! I have not had a day go by since leaving CGN on that Sunday where we haven't thought about this in one way or another. I feel a growing sense of urgency that we do this. *(continued on next page)*



So this email is basically to let you know that we are beginning to work diligently on this mission. We heard in the testimonies during the weekend, about the impact CGN has had on so many lives and the immeasurable impact the “ripple effect” radiating out from CGN has had on the hearts and lives of its campers and on the Kingdom of God in its eighty-seven years. We hope to ignite that flame in our friends as we get back in touch, and mobilize them to help however possible as well. Thank you again for such a fantastic weekend!

*With much love and deep gratitude,
Scott Smith ('76 - '84)*

Looking Forward

When I was a camper, the dilapidated tent platforms spoke of my mom’s era. As a young counselor and lifeguard, I clearly remember Scott’s big smile as he repeatedly jumped into the lake. He fondly remembers those years and wants to help.

Now as I clean the kitchen and lodges used by the rental groups, I long for a cleaning team. Who really likes to mow lawns, cut fallen trees, scrub floors, and wash out the walk-in cooler? Martha came to camp for many summers from Ecuador, first as a counselor, then later as Boathouse Director. She was topnotch and now teaches pedagogy and curriculum to pre-service English teachers at the National University of Education. Through Martha Pastor Patricio and his wife Isabel brought their family to camp. They want to send about ten young people next summer to serve as camper-workers. It would be great to have a team to focus on the lawns, dishes, and other cleaning needs while enjoying this beautiful place with the other staff and campers. Please pray the Ecuadorian team can come in 2023!

Summer Debt:

1. Shingling	\$6,000.00
2. Credit Card	\$18,000.00
3. Plumbing	\$1,400.00
4. Electric bills	\$5,578.00
5. Food service	\$2,312.00
6. Tree removal	\$1,500.00
Grand total:	\$34,790.00

Special thanks to the men and women from US Coast Guard Air Station Base Cape who assisted Steve in dismantling the docks and carrying them ashore! They expertly accomplished an amazing feat in record time!



I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

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