



CAMP GOOD NEWS

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Dear Friends,

How grateful we are for your prayers and financial support. How He delights in our prayers, both listening and answering! We've just completed a wonderful summer, the 90th season for Camp Good News! The Lord provided wonderful counselors, kitchen and waterfront staff, volunteers, and an amazing group of campers.

Each day seeds were sown in the hearts of our children and teenagers. Daily in chapel and discussion groups they heard about God's claim on their lives. Many of them had never taken Bible memorization seriously, but thanks to Lon's songs, guidance, and prizes, they were excited to recite Bible verses to their counselors.

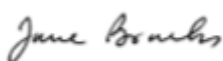
Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:7-9

This summer the Martin family moved to the camp. Liz and Ryan are fun and worked endless hours to lead programs and maintain the grounds. It's wonderful to be able to call Ryan for emergencies like when a tenant called to say, "There are snakes in my house!!" Ryan is now digging a trench for a new electric line to replace the telephone pole to his home, which fell shortly after camp ended.

Walking around camp, I sometimes wonder how my grandparents and Faith carried on for all those years – the long hours, hard work, and always the deficit. Others, including my mother Hope, Steve, and alumni such as Gert Wunsch and Paul Warren, remained involved year-round, recruiting campers and staff. Never did I hear them complain or consider doing anything else. Instead, they would say, "He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or even think." In their need they turned to Him, and He supplied just what was needed. I have learned that hard work is nothing compared to the joy of seeing Christ move into a life. That makes all the difference.

Through the help of generous donors, we were able to replace five leaky hot water tanks. How can so many buildings not have hot water at the same time? The gas line to the barn on the main road will be cut on September 18; surprisingly, it runs under Route 130. Once the barn is demolished, the guesthouse can transition to Faith Academy. We are encouraged by the letters and thoughts that follow about this summer!

Looking to Him,



Jane Brooks

Dear Stephen,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the entire team at Camp Good News. What you have created is much more than simply a summer camp. Bringing together children from different countries, cultures, and backgrounds gives them an opportunity to make friends, discover a bigger world, and take home memories that may stay with them for a lifetime.



This year, knowing that children from Ukraine were among your campers made this especially meaningful.



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They come from a country that continues to live through war, and many of them have had to face realities that children should never have to face. Giving them a place where, even for a little while, they can laugh, play, make friends, feel safe, and simply be children is an extraordinary gift.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to your entire team of counselors and staff. Their warmth, patience, energy, care, and dedication are what turn a camp into a place children truly love and remember. Please pass along our sincere gratitude to everyone who gave their time, attention, and hearts to these children. Sometimes the greatest gifts we can give a child are not things at all, but memories — of friendship, laughter, safety, kindness, and people who care.

With sincere gratitude and warmest wishes,
Alina & Elina

Our Big Beautiful Family Paul Oggier

The summer session of 2026 is one that will be remembered by campers and staff alike. This summer saw individuals come from such places as Ukraine, Bangladesh, Korea, Ecuador, Mexico, and Scotland.

With so much diversity and cultural differences one might think that creating a camp family would be challenging; however, one of the multitude of things that makes Camp Good News such a special place is its ability to bring people together through the Word of Christ! Each year new campers attend camp, many feeling both excited and nervous. At the end of every session each person leaves camp having become part of one big family of God!

At Good News campers foster their creativity in arts and crafts taught by Mrs. Deb. Each day they work with a wide assortment of materials which are then used to create an outstanding amount of beautiful artwork, which many campers then use to decorate their cabins. Every year Mrs. Deb enters artwork that has been

created by campers into the Barnstable County Fair, and each year without fail campers return with a spectacular array of awards!

Campers frequently go on off-campus outings throughout the summer. A particular favorite is going to the boardwalk! Campers from Taj-2 enjoyed jumping from the boardwalk at high tide so much that they decided to go there for cabin night. Jumping off the high railing of the boardwalk is a true leap of faith, especially since the water is extremely cold!! For many, bridge jumping is an entirely new experience and highlights the vast scope of unique experiences offered to campers here at Good News!

Campers also learn a wide assortment of skills which they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Perhaps one of the most challenging skills is learning to sail. For many it is their first time stepping onto a sailboat, let alone sailing one! This can be a very daunting experience. Each morning, we have instructional sailing and with each new outing on the boats the camper's confidence skyrockets. There is nothing more gratifying to see than a camper who has over the summer honed their skill on the water and glides across the pond with a sense of pride and joy!



Equally as popular as sailing, if not more, is fishing! Over the course of the summer many campers have become expert fishermen. And just like sailing, many learned to fish here at Good News. After one jam-packed day at camp, everyone gathered around the fire. We were soon met by the smell of searing fish cooked with lemons and oranges. They got to enjoy delicious, warm fish which their peers had worked so hard to bring to the table. As we gathered around the picnic tables, we were reminded how special our camp community is and how the Lord creates a true sense of family.

It has been yet another glorious summer here at Camp Good News! Every day spent at this beautiful place allows us to grow closer to the Lord and create many meaningful friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. We are all incredibly grateful to all the staff for sharing their time and most of all their love. SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

Reflections on the Summer

I am so glad to be in camp because I love how they teach sailing! When I first came to camp, I thought I would never make any friends but Scarlet, my amazing counselor, showed me the campus and my cabin and sat with me. Then Hannah A. and Marlyn played with me, and they became my best friends. My favorite activity is archery. On my first year I hit the bullseye. When I came to chapel and listened to the sermon, I became closer to God and His Word. I loved sleeping in the cabin. My counselors were so nice. My first year at Camp Good News was a very good experience. Hannah M.

I really love this camp because it has let me be myself. I used to always put on makeup, even when going to the store. But in camp I don't use makeup and really like how I look without it. Also, I love that we are not using our phones. They take up too much time. Now I understand how much free time I have and how many more things I can do per day. I like the fact that this camp is in the forest and we can breathe fresh air. Also that we swim a lot and use different boats, now I know how to sail. I also know how to go fishing. This camp gives me a lot of opportunities to learn new things every day. But the thing I love the most is how camp has brought me closer to God. I actually feel a strong connection with God now. I learned many prayers and new songs and really love them. I also love the people at camp. They are so nice and ready to help. I used to help only when I expected something in return, but here I feel myself becoming kinder, and I really like that. I have really enjoyed my time at camp and feel sad to leave. I hope to come back again next summer. Taia



I'm so grateful to be here for my very first summer at Camp Good News. My name is Mariana, I'm 21 years old and I'm from Mexico. I came here hoping to learn new skills and challenge myself. And yes, I've been learning to sail, to swim, and to teach dance. But the greatest lesson I've learned isn't any of those things. The most important lesson was about people. Every day I've met someone with a different story, a different culture and a different language and a different way of seeing the world. And through all of that, God has reminded me of something beautiful: every single person deserves to be loved (Matthew 22:39). It doesn't matter where you come from, how old you are, what you've been through, or what your past looks like. Every one of us carries a unique light inside. We all have gifts, dreams, and a purpose that makes us special. The light that God put in our hearts. Sometimes we don't realize how much a smile, a kind word, or simply listening can change someone's day. We may never know what another person is carrying in their heart, but we can always choose kindness. This camp makes me feel like I'm part of a big family where everyone feels seen, valued and accepted for who they are. Thank you for reminding me that our differences don't divide us, they make us stronger as a big family.

Please Pray about Our Finances and Give as God Leads

1. Five water heaters and a sixth needing to be replaced	\$17,500
2. Gate repairs	\$7,400
3. Camperships this summer	\$39,000
4. Return electricity to the Martin home	\$7,000
5. Credit card debt	<u>\$6,600</u>
Total:	\$77,500

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21