

Camp Penuel East

Greetings from Camp Penuel East

Our 2008 camping season has shaped up to be an incredible season and we are excited to share with you what God has done here. We had a lot of kids here this season from all over New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Our goal for our first season here was 500 kids. We had 300 kids this year and our vision is already expanding for next year. Next year we want 700-1000 kids to fill our camp and hear about Jesus. So here is the greatest news that I could possibly share with you. Out of 300 kids 269 of them received Jesus as their personal savior and their lives were forever changed by the power of God. We saw kids opening their hearts and crying before God as they came forward to answer the altar calls week after week. As a pastor and evangelist to children it is something that I will never grow tired of seeing. God has a plan for every one of those kids' lives and we were just a small part of what God wants to do in and through each of them. I told the kids every week that God has a destiny for each of them and they weren't here by mistake, but that God brought them here for a purpose. Every person that sows into this ministry either by prayer, money, or labor was a part of the harvest that took place here this season. You were a part of God's plan to reach out and to seek and to save that which was lost, and for that we thank you.

We had some unforeseen expenses this season we already told you about the septic system that failed and cost us \$3,500 to repair. We also had to take out a \$5,000 loan so that we could have enough money to buy food and pay for the other expenses that are involved in running a free camp. We have many outstanding bills and debts and we know that God will take care of it. We have seen God do some awesome things here this season. One instance was we were running out of firewood and we called a Southern Tier Forest Products in Salamanca and asked how much it would cost to have some wood delivered. They donated four cords of wood and delivered it the day that we needed it for our bonfire service. Another thing was we had one of our staff members leave for a week for a prior engagement, and that same week we had a girl fly in from Orlando, FL at her expense to spend her vacation working here on staff for free. God is just incredible; He takes care of so many things that make this place keep going. So many people donated their time and effort to make our season run smoothly, and we thank everyone that came out here to work. There were many times when your effort lifted us up when we were weary and gave us the strength to physically keep going.

We have another opportunity for our donors a gentleman from Bradford, PA has offered to match donations up to \$5,000. We are just amazed by the generosity of all of the people that have decided to support Camp Penuel. We

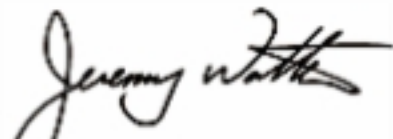
just want to make you aware of our finances we are very transparent and always want you to know what is going on here. We will need to pay off the rest of our debts for this season and start raising money for next season. We have estimated that we will need to raise around \$25,000 for next season, and we know that somehow God will provide all of our needs. We are expecting great things to happen next season and no matter what, money will not be an obstacle to what God wants to accomplish here. We just believe that He is bigger than what we sometimes see as problems.

The kids loved playing in the pools



In my last letter I spoke of our future vision to expand and see this place grow. Aside from adding more weeks of camp and bringing in more kids we want to add things to increase what we offer here. We have already remodeled cabins 1-5 and next season we will be taking on the task of remodeling cabins 6-10. This season we also completely rebuilt from the ground up a brand new carnival area for our Thursday night carnival. We are planning on adding an outdoor rock climbing wall that will be around 30 feet high. I would also like to add a 25 foot inflatable water slide by our pool area. I would like to get some canoe's to use at the lake our paddle boats had to be repaired almost every week just to keep them going. The biggest vision that I have been given for this place is we want to add a very large recreational center and a parking lot for it. This building will contain everything that we can pack into it like an indoor rock wall, indoor heated pool, ping pong tables, pool tables; if it will fit we want to put it in there. I know this seems like a lot, but when the weather is bad here during camp we have two choices, we can either sit in the lodge and play board games or the kids can go to their cabins with their counselors. We already have the nicest free Christian camp around, but God wants us to dream big and to do everything with excellence. We want to give every kid that comes here our very best and the new things will not take away from our purpose they will just enhance what we are here to do and that is to seek and to save that which was lost.

In Gods timing the vision that He has given us will come to pass. Thank you again for all who gave us prayer and monetary support to help us through this camp season. We couldn't have done it without you.



Jeremy Walter
Director

Needs List:

We would really like a Ping Pong table with paddles and ping pong balls for our rainy day games
Indoor rainy day activities (board games, beanbag toss, golf putting mat, coloring books and art supplies)
Over head projector to display media to the kids
if there is anyway that we could get a safe 4x4 family vehicle that will seat at least 5 donated to the camp it would be great. There were many times that my family and I were stuck here last winter with no way to leave.



Penuel Olympics was a big hit



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