



# Camp Penuel East

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Greetings from Camp Penuel East

We are writing you as the new directors of Camp Penuel East and we hope this letter finds you well. My name is Jeremy Walter my wife's name is Jena and we have three boys Noah age 7, Riley age 4, and Logan age 1. We have made the long move from Granite City, IL to Eldred, PA and we now reside in the house at Camp Penuel East. We have never been this excited to start a new job before or should I say start a whole new way of life. For those of you who may not know about Camp Penuel. We are a non profit, non denominational camp that for the past 35 years has provided free camp to 59,000 inner city kids from 7 to 11 years of age. Camp Penuel East is one of three camps that open their doors to inner city kids with the central camp in Ironton, Missouri with additional camps in Eldred, Pennsylvania and Costa Rica.

Who are we and what do we bring to this camp? My wife and I have been Children's Pastors for the past eleven years. Our goal in our ministry was to reach out to at risk inner city kids that haven't heard the Gospel of Jesus and to get them saved. We have had the privilege of leading thousands of kids to the Lord. Now we start a new chapter in our ministry through Camp Penuel East and we plan on seeing thousands more come to Christ. God does all of the work we just want to continue to be faithful to His will and go where He sends us.

What do we need from you? More than anything what we need from all of the people that support this camp in one way or another is prayer support. Please remember us in your prayers or in your church prayer meetings. Prayer laid the foundation on which this camp was built. Prayer is why over 59,000 kids have gone to camp for free. Prayer is why thousands of kids now know the Lord and it is what will bring in thousands more in the years to come. Money pays the bills and allows this camp to be a free camp, but prayer opens the windows of Heaven and gives us the favor of the Lord. Prayer is the reason why every year kids leave this place changed forever by the power of God.

What is our vision for 2008? We believe God for 500 kids to come to Camp Penuel East in 2008. I think that 500 kids is a realistic goal for our first year as the directors of this camp. We arrived here on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> we have a group committed to bring 100 kids. God is already opening doors to fill this place with kids. We are so excited to be a part of what God is doing and can't wait to share with you the testimonies of changed lives in this next camp season.

What are some of our immediate needs before this next season? We could really use some help with some of the problem areas that we inherited with the job. One such area is one of our cabins in which the pipes froze last season and burst causing damage to the cabin. This cabin was worked on and made so much better by a generous group of men that volunteered their time and materials to fix it. The job is not completely done and this must be fixed before next season or that will equal 50 kids that will not be able to attend camp. Another need is the area where we hold the carnival on the last night of each week of camp. It is very run down and needs to be completely rebuilt. Another thing that we would like to see happen is almost all of the cabins need some finish work done to the drywall and they need to be painted on the inside. I don't like asking for help, it is a difficult thing for me to do, but these are things that I just cannot do on my own. If you or your church would be willing to donate a monetary gift, materials, or labor we could see all of these things accomplished before next camp season which starts in the last week of June of 2008.

God Bless

Directors of Camp Penuel East

Jeremy and Jena Walter