



# Camp Penueel East

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Greetings from Camp Penueel East

Let me start by saying what a difference a year makes. We now have a greater understanding and perspective on what it takes to make this camp a successful ministry. We have seen the impact that the prayers of the many supporters can have in the lives of children. We have experienced firsthand how God wants to inhabit the atmosphere at this camp. We saw hundreds of children moved by the power of God and come forward for salvation. We watched as tears filled their eyes because God was changing them on the inside. Here the children find what they are in need of, a real Savior that loves them who will never leave them or forsake them. A lot of these children have experienced loss and abandonment in their short lives. We make sure that they know that Jesus will always be there and that they are never alone. We cannot say enough about how much all of you supporters are helping to transform lives with your gifts and prayers. We will never cease to be amazed at the love and generosity shown by everyone that supports this ministry it is truly amazing.

I would like to share with you some of the financial needs that we will have coming up this season. We feel it is important for everyone that supports this camp to know what is going on. We would like to add a bunk bed to each of our cabins this season. This will allow us to have ten kids in each cabin and two counselors. It seems insignificant but this extra bed in each cabin doesn't represent an extra counselor it means that the counselor won't be taking a campers place. It will allow us to still hold 100 campers and 20 counselors. We will need to buy the lumber for the bunk beds and ten extra mattresses the cost should be around \$200 per bed. We also really need our road repaired the estimates are between \$6,000 – \$8,000 some of the road is just mud now. We have been blessed with a \$2,000 donation for the road to be repaired, but we don't have enough to meet any of the bids yet. Our bussing this season is going to cost us around \$9,000 this number represents about 300 children coming here to camp that will hear the Gospel. In total we have 700 children booked for our 2009 season this number is dependent on each of the groups bringing the maximum of 100 kids each week. Of course having more children will be a greater expense, but what really matters is that around 700 kids will be offered Salvation. You can't put a price on a changed life so we believe that God will help meet our needs this year just as He did last year, this isn't called a faith based ministry for nothing.

We have updated our website which is: ([www.penueel.org](http://www.penueel.org)). We have redesigned it from the ground up, and we have been getting some great feedback about the new design so we would encourage all of you that have web access to check it out. One of the new features on our site is a Donate Button on the support page. Now we can accept credit card donations securely through PayPal from anywhere in the world. Any donation that is given online is still completely tax deductible and we will still send out tax receipts at the end of the year just make sure you include your current mailing address when asked. Our new web page also has a section called Penueel News it is there that you can find some of the things that we need for 2009, past letters, future plans and wish lists. There is a photo and video page that contains images and video of our 2008 camping season we plan to add more each year. There is also a section that tells a little more about where my wife and I have come from, and what our ministry has always been about. Our website is just one more way for us to stay connected with our supporters. Some of our supporters move away some go overseas our site will always keep you up to date with what is going on here at Camp Penueel East.

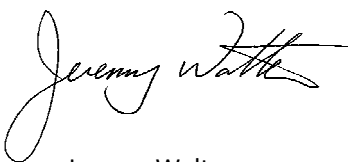
We are beginning to make preparations for camp this season and there are quite few things that we need for this season. We will need money to begin purchasing supplies for camp soon, and we will also need to pay deposits on our bussing to secure our contract. Our needs list is on our website on the Penueel News page, but for those of you that don't have web access here it is: One item that I would like to highlight is life

jackets we want every child that swims in the lake this season to wear a life jacket. It will give them a little more freedom at their swimming time, and it will make them highly visible in the less than clear waters of the lake.

- 1) Any first aid supplies (band aids, antiseptics, bug spray, sun block, etc.)
- 2) Sporting equipment (kick balls, volley balls, hoola hoops, basket balls, foot balls, jump ropes etc.)
- 3) Swimming equipment (lifejackets, rafts and inner tubes, paddle boats, canoes, etc.)
- 4) Ping Pong table + paddles and accessories - Air Hockey table - indoor basket ball game
- 5) Indoor games and rainy day activities (coloring books, markers, crayons, art supplies, board games, etc.)
- 6) A video projector to display media to the kids (we need this for our worship service the one we used last season was loaned to us)
- 7) Prizes to give away at our carnival (we would prefer small prizes in lots of 100 so that we could give every kid one of the same)

I have been thinking about some things lately and would like to share my thoughts with you. As my children get a little older they are getting more involved in school and activities. As I attend these events that they are a part of you would find me looking on just beaming with pride about their accomplishments. My children can tell by the look in my eyes and the smile on my face that I am proud of them and that they have my approval. They feel like they can do anything and they know that their mom and dad will always be there for them. My point is this the more I involve myself in the lives of my children the more I begin to understand the heart of God. We are all God's children we are His son's and daughter's. As a father I can't begin to fully understand the sacrifice that was made to pay for the sins of this world through God giving up His only Son. I can't even imagine the pain of losing a child, but to willingly give up their life to pay for someone else's... So the question that has been on my heart for so many weeks is this: Are the things that we're living for worth Christ dying for? It is a statement that has been around for years, but to me it is very imperative for us today. Can we look at our lives, our accomplishments, all that we have achieved and know for sure that God is looking on beaming with pride with a smile on His face; saying that's My son/daughter? Does our life make God proud or ashamed? I hope that this shakes your personal beliefs as much as it does for me. Sometimes I think we take for granted that God is Love and that He is full of Grace and mercy. Forget not that someday we will all be accountable for everything that we have said and done in this life, and I don't want to waste any time I want to use every minute that I have left to make God proud.

I don't want anybody to be offended by my personal thoughts, but I do want you to be challenged. I believe that these are timely words for Gods people. The Bible challenges us in Hebrews 12 to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. The Bible wouldn't mention endurance if it weren't difficult. It was difficult for Christ to endure the cross, but He knew it was the only way that any of us could receive forgiveness for our sins. To bring all of this back to what has been stirring my heart. There will be 700 kids here this summer, and right now most of them are running in the wrong direction. God however can and will turn their lives around. I believe that with all of my heart, and I believe that everybody that is helping to make that kind of difference in a child's life is also making God proud to call us His sons and daughters.



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