



# Camp Penueel East

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Greetings from Camp Penueel East

God must have something amazing in store for our campers this season, because we have faced a lot of opposition every step of the way. Please pray for all of the groups that are coming here that everything will work out. There have been bussing issues, problems finding counselors, and even money concerns. On that note we still need lifeguards here at camp for this season. None of these are insurmountable problems, because our God is faithful. God cares about us on a level that we can't really comprehend. God has proven to us time and time again that He is with us, so to be honest I'm tired of worrying about all of the little things that may or may not go wrong. God is in control and we will follow Him wherever He leads us, because this is His camp and we are just its stewards. Our prayer is that we will always walk in Gods will and that His favor and His presence will always dwell here.

We just want to take a moment to remind everyone that the \$10,000 matching offer is still in effect. It will continue until August 1, 2009 so please tell everyone you know that now is the time to sow into this ministry. Every gift up to \$10,000 total will be doubled. We would like to thank everyone that has responded so far we are hopeful that we will exceed the matching amount by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We had our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet here at our lodge on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our attendance was a little low, but the banquet was a great success. The food was fantastic, the silent auction went over very well, and everyone seemed to have a great time. We were also able to give thanks and recognition to Tim Roudebush and his family. They made it possible for this camp to exist here through their kindness and generosity. There was a sweet presence of the Lord there throughout the entire evening it was just a great atmosphere. When the final tally came in we were able to raise over \$4,600 which was amazing considering we only had 56 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone that helped with the banquet and were there in attendance. It was a special night and we are looking forward to our next banquet in the spring of 2010.

This season we have determined that our weekly expenses will be around \$3,000. We have said it before it cost a lot to run a free camp. We know that God will supply our every need, but we just want to make everyone aware of what those weekly needs are. We will also put a detailed needs list on the back of this letter for some of the supplies that we need for this season. Please remember us in your prayers we need them now more than ever.

I would like to share some personal thoughts with you. I have had the opportunity to teach and speak at a few places lately, and it seems that God keeps giving me the same things to say at each venue. I don't think that I have ever been stuck on the same message this long before now. I believe that it is important for all of us to get this and apply it to our lives. For months now God has continued to show me the importance of unity in the body. We sometimes get caught up in our own agendas and schedules and we forget that we are just one part of the Body of Christ. The church was never established to divide us because of our differences, but to knit us together to be complete. Just consider your own physical body and how all of the thousands of parts work together in unity to allow you to live, and move, and breathe. That is why God uses the body as an analogy of the church.

