



Camp Penueel East

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Greetings from Camp Penueel

It has been a while since our last letter and we want to let you know what is in store for Camp Penueel East for 2012. We are in the process of contacting our group coordinators and filling up our camp schedule. We can't really estimate at this point how many kids are going to be coming through here this year. We did have some new groups ask for information about coming to camp this season. Hopefully we will have a full season with lots of kids each week. If you're out there and you know of a group or want to start bringing kids here contact us, we want to see this camp filled. Every year we always say we have the exact amount of kids that we are supposed to have, it seems that however many kids that we have is directly connected to how much money God provides. We have not been in the red financially for the last 3 years, and we are so thankful for that. It is because of all of the faithful supporters that have sown into this ministry. We want to see even more kids this year than in past seasons and we know it will cost more to reach that goal. We trust that God will not only increase the number of kids that we reach with the Gospel, but also the finances that we need to accomplish the task.

Our annual spring banquet is coming up it will be on April 21st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm here at Camp Penueel East in our lodge. If you or a group from your church or organization are interested please contact us we will be only preparing as many meals as we have confirmed RSVP's. You can use the phone number at the top of this letterhead or email: jeremy@penueeast.org with any questions or requests for tickets. We will be sending out tickets soon and it would be great to fill our lodge with people that love the ministry here at Camp Penueel East. Our banquet is free, but we do take an offering. Our fundraising banquet usually provides us with the seed money to start our camp season off strong and allows us to order food and supplies. Our banquet also provides money to do repairs and renovation before our campers arrive. This is a great opportunity to come and fellowship, enjoy a great meal and learn more about what God is doing here at Camp Penueel East.

We were so blessed this year to receive a truck and snow plow that was provided by Camp Penueel Central. This has been on our needs list for some time and we are so grateful to be able to plow our driveway and not be stuck here due to bad weather. Gods timing is very different than ours sometimes, but it seems to me that He is never late. Thank you to everyone that prayed about this need being met. We will be paying back half of purchase as the money becomes available from our camp to the Central camp so please keep our finances in prayer.

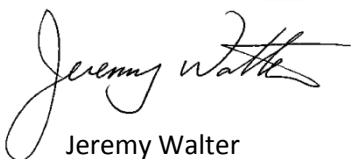
We tried something new last year and it was very successful. We submitted our needs list for supplies and food to all of our supporters. We just want to let you know that we saved thousands of dollars using this method. It was very successful receiving donations from individuals and groups that worked together. Last year we didn't give much time for people to rally around this idea before camp started, so this year we are starting much earlier. We won't need the supplies until June, but this will give you time to organize and plan how you or your church would like to help. If you are going to purchase something from the needs list please give us a call or email: jeremy@penueeast.org and let us know what you are buying and how much. We coordinated with several people last year and it's helpful to know not only for our sake, but for yours as well. Let's face it without some coordination we may end up with an excess of one supply and none of something we need. Our ultimate goal is that we don't have to spend money on food and cleaning supplies anymore. This would allow us to help out with transportation again for some of the groups that can't afford a bus to get here. We don't want anything to get in the way of kids coming here to learn about Jesus.

We expect to see great things happen this year. Please keep us in your prayers this season. We can't say enough about the importance of our supporters praying for the success of this ministry. Prayer is the best foundation to build upon and we know it has kept us sustained for all of these years. This is the 39th year of ministry for Camp Penuel as an organization. This is the 18th year for Camp Penuel East and our 5th year as the Directors of this ministry. You couldn't sustain this kind of ministry for this long without the love and support of a lot of wonderful people. It cost a lot to run a free camp, but think of the cost of not doing this ministry. Who would reach these children that so many have written off or considered them just another statistic? Who would tell them about Jesus and show them how to receive Him as their Savior? Thank you for considering the cost and believing in the mission of Camp Penuel. Thank you for believing in us and allowing us to fulfill our purpose in this world. Thousands of children have been reached already, and thousands of lives have been changed. The great thing about being an evangelist is that you're never satisfied or content. God has placed a burden in my heart to reach the lost. He never told me how many souls to reach or for how long to do this, it is just who I am. As long as I have breath I will fight for every one of these kids to have a chance to know Him as their Savior. I'll never stop pursuing the lost; I'll never give up, the same way that Jesus never gave up on me.

I just want to share some personal thoughts with you. I've been thinking about this for a while and I hope it challenges you as much as it challenged me. The question is ok you've found Jesus, now what are you going to do with Him? So many people get "saved" and to them that's the end of it. Sure they go to church every week, but is that enough? I say no, it's not enough, being a Christian one day a week is not living the life that Jesus intended for us. Jesus wants a relationship with us that's deeper than a thimble. If you only talked to your spouse once a week for about 2 hours, how long would your marriage last? The Bible is clear that God will never leave us or forsake us, but what about our part of the commitment. Are we spending time reading our Bible or in prayer every day? Or what about asking God what His plan for us today is? This thought really hit me hard; it's so easy to catch up on 4 to 5 hours of TV from the DVR, but what about catching up with God? It is easy to get into a rut and take God for granted because He's always there, but does that show how much we love Him. If prayer and reading the Bible are just an afterthought or just a mechanical response to an obligation, what are we and God going to get out of the experience? Better yet, what are we really giving to God if it's just out of some obligation, but not out of love? God want us to love Him and He desires all of our heart, not just what's left over from the things that consume all of our time that we truly love the most.

My personal challenge and I hope many of you will consider doing the same is to pursue a deeper relationship with our Savior. We were made to worship God; it's what we were created for. It is what we will do for all eternity in Heaven. So I say why not now, why not today. The world will know that we are Christians by our love. Who demonstrates what it's like to be in love better that a newlywed couple? You can look at a newly married couple and see love just beaming from them when they look at each other. When I talk about Jesus I want the world to be able to tell how much I love Him and be drawn to Him and want that kind of relationship for themselves. I want my relationship with the Lord to be tangible and more than just words. I already know that He loves us. How? He showed us the measure of His love. I want God to know that I love Him not just with my words, but with my life.

Passionately Pursuing God

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Walter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

Jeremy Walter

Camp Penuel East 2012 Needs List

Thank You to everyone that helps us fulfill this extensive needs list. I know that it's a lot, but we will be buying most of these items if we can't get them donated.

Food

Elbow Noodles- Need 85 boxes
Velveeta Cheese- Need 43 large boxes
Frozen Peas- Need 163 bags (small)
Canned Peaches- Need 130 large cans
Spaghetti Sauce- Need 50 jar
Pepperoni- Needed 25 packs
Frozen Green beans- Need 163 bags (small)
Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding mix- Need 66 large no bake boxes
Chicken Nuggets- Need 110 bags (small)
French fries- Needed 70 bags (small)
Frozen Carrots- Need 163 bags (small)
Apple Sauce- Need 9 jars
Frozen Corn- Need 163 bags (small)
Canned Fruit Cocktail- Need 130 large cans
Regular potato chips (individual serving) - 660 individual bags
Graham Crackers- Need 51 boxes
Hershey chocolate bars- Need 7 boxes of 36 count from BJ's
Big Marshmallows- Need 38 bags
Individual popsicles (the ones in the plastic wrapper) Need 7 boxes of 200 count
Chocolate Chip Cookies- Need 37 packages
Popcorn kernels (not microwaveable) - Need 15 bags
Hot dogs- Need 39 packs of 8
Spaghetti Noodles- Need 42 boxes
Bottled Water (for the staff or in case of well water problems)
Gatorade (for the staff)

Cleaning Products & Supplies

Windex

Mop cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine Sol)

Bathroom cleaner

Toilet cleaner

Toilet brushes

Rubber gloves

Brooms & dustpans (we could use a nice new broom & dustpan for each cabin)

Dusting cloths and cleaning rags

Mops (the kind that you use with a mop bucket that has a ringer, we have the buckets already)

Duster wands to remove cobwebs

Brillo pads

Empty spray bottles

Paper towels rolls & multifold paper towels from BJ's

Napkins

Plastic cups around 6 ounce size works the best (we use thousands of these)

Plastic forks & spoons

Toilet paper regular rolls and large 9" rolls from BJ's

Trash Bags (we can use almost any size 39 gal & 55 gal for the lodge & small bags for cabins)

Batteries (AAA & AA size)

Dish Soap

Medical Products

Band-Aids regular size and (large bandages for knees and elbows)

Ace Bandage

Anti-itch creams and sprays

Anti-biotic creams and sprays

Burn cream

Tylenol & ibuprofen

Tums

Neosporin

Sunblock

Sunburn Lotion/Spray

Bug spray

Children's Allergy Medicine (and Adult Allergy Medicine)

Visine eye drops

Pepto-Bismol

First Aid Spray

Mylanta & Maalox

Caladryl Lotion

Cough Drops

Ammonia (it takes the sting out of bee stings)

Hydrogen Peroxide

Rubbing Alcohol

Ice packs & heat packs

Cotton swabs

Activity & Sport Supplies

New basketball backboards, rims & nets (needs to be updated it's our most popular sport activity)

Life Jackets (we need about 20 youth and 20 adult Type II Life Jackets – these flip an unconscious swimmer face up)

Volleyballs

Tetherballs

Kick balls

Jump ropes

Hula hoops

Plastic inner tubes (kids would enjoy floating on these at the lake)

Fun noodles (the foam floatation toys – fun for the pool or lake)

Board games (with hundreds of different kids playing with them they wear out or lose pieces pretty fast)

Coloring books and art supplies

Camp Equipment & Utility Supplies

At least 4 twin camp mattresses – the type that has the waterproof antimicrobial covering

(12) ¾" 4x8 Sheets of plywood (not particle board)

Reciprocating saw (sawzall) – we keep borrowing one for certain projects

Gas powered leaf blower

Wish List

New John Deere Gator – or some type of utility vehicle with a dump bed (we have spent a lot of money fixing our current Gator and it needs extensive repairs again just to get it running)

A utility/landscape trailer (we have a truck now, but we need a trailer to haul our equipment to the mechanics shops for them to be serviced). It cost almost twice as much to have our Gator or tractors hauled to the Mechanics shop by them.