



## Cleavers Communique



# August 2017

### “...I must stay at your house today...”

*And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today. So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.”*

*Luke 19:5-6*

*Would it be that everyone would have the response that Zacchaeus had! That they would hurry and receive Him with joy. But unfortunately it is not always so.*

*This summer was filled with opportunities to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with many students and adults. Some responded excitedly to the Good News, some had no response at all and still*

*others were put out that we would even talk like this.*

*Nevertheless we will continue to share the truth of the Gospel with a lost and dying world. We will watch and wait to see hearts opened, life given and repentance granted to those that Jesus calls to Himself.*

*I am so glad that it is not up to us to produce results. We are called to be faithful ambassadors proclaiming and living the Gospel each day and then leaving the results to God.*

*I had the privilege of preaching in one of our supporting churches last Sunday. I preached on the 9 characteristics of an ambassador out of 2 Corinthians 5. At the begin-*

*ning I shared the definition of an ambassador from Webster's Dictionary. At the end of the sermon I restated the definition inserting who we are as God's ambassadors. I will share it with you here.*

*“We as Ambassadors for Christ are a diplomatic agent of the highest rank, a child of the King, accredited to the earth as a resident representative of the Kingdom of God appointed for a special and temporary assignment of reconciling humanity to their Creator/King.”*

*Does this describe you and me? Have you received Jesus with joy and accepted your role as an ambassador for Him? If not, don't delay.*

### Then and Now

*Last month was one of the busiest months that I can remember. But of course I don't remember like I use to..)*

*As I stated above we saw lives changed and seeds were planted. Thank you for praying for us so diligently.*

*Casey and Julie's wedding is coming on fast. Sonja and I*

*have been doing premarital counseling with them both. What a joy this has been! Please be praying for us on the 12th.*

*This month will be spent getting all of our fall programming up and going. Bible quizzing, missions trips, special events, fall camps, school activities, one on one disciple-*

*ship and volunteering. Keep us in your prayers as we plan. Pray for all of our staff as we raise our financial support for this school year. We are totally dependent on those that God moves to support us financially and eternally grateful!*

*Thank you for faithfully partnering with us!*

*Rick and Sonja*



- July 28-30 Hispanic camp
- August 12th Casey and Julie's wedding
- Fall planning and preparations
- August 17 School begins
- Teammates Mentoring program starts back up.
- September 22-24 Horse Camp
- October 2-6 Jamaica planning trip
- October 14th Bible quizzing begins!
- October 20-22 Pheasants Forever youth camp
- We need to find a new Camp Manager
- Dining hall and kitchen project

