

Dear Family and Friends,

I write twelve newsletters a year, and this is always my favorite one to write. Many of you have been praying for our camps this year, and I hope that this letter gives you a glimpse into some of the things God has done in answer to your prayers. In the span of a month, our summer camps were here and over. It was a wonderful summer of ministry for many reasons, and I can't possibly tell you everything in this newsletter. However, I will give you some of my personal highlights that barely scratch the surface of what God did, is doing, and will continue to do by His Spirit in the hearts and lives of our campers and summer staff. As you read, please know that all of the staff of Youth Challenge thanks you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry. This stuff simply doesn't happen without you.

This summer we had a great crew of volunteer staff. I mean, they were top-notch, fantastic servants and displayers of the love of Christ. We simply could not have camp were it not for volunteers who give of their time to help. Whether they volunteered for the whole summer or one camp, each and every volunteer made it their focus to love our campers. One of the neat things that I have learned through



doing camp ministry for seven summers is that the Holy Spirit creates a special bond and unity each summer among the people serving at camp. You really become a family as you serve, pray, laugh, and sometimes cry together. Thank you so much for asking God to give us a quality staff. He did over and above what we asked of Him!

On the final night of our 5th-7th grade camp and 7th-12th grade camp we have a campfire. During the campfire, we invite campers to share with everyone how God has spoken to their hearts during the week. We also pray for one another and worship the Lord together one last time before breaking camp the next morning. If I'm honest, I sometimes get cynical during these campfire times because it occasionally turns into who can tell the "biggest, baddest, saddest" story. However, during the 7th-12th our campfire time was one of the most special times I have experienced in my life, and I don't say that lightly. I really don't even have words to describe it other than it was a holy time of gut-wrenching confession, fervent prayer, and... God willing... healing, forgiveness, and restoration. It truly was remarkable, and was another answer to your many prayers for our campers.

As I run out of room in this letter, once again let me tell you thank you for all that you do for Youth Challenge and for me. I am very grateful and look forward to more ministry as we partner together. Have a great August!

Sincerely

Zac White

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Upcoming Events and Prayer Requests:

~ **September 22-24th: Horse Camp @ Camp Machasay**

~ **October 14th: Bible Quizzing @ Grant E-Free Church**

~ **November 11th: Bible Quizzing @ TBA**

~ **November 17-18th: Guys Only Weekend @ Camp Machasay**

~ **December 9th: Bible Quizzing @ Grant E-Free Church**

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Thank you for your prayers and support!

