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## MVBC WishList

- Air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- Basketball set-up for the pool
- Used Skid-Steer with attachments
- Replacement water slide for pool

### ITEMS RECEIVED

- 23 – six foot lifetime picnic tables
- New 8 burner event gas grill
- Some sports items
- Food service items
- Six new swings for playground
- Movie screen for Bathhouse Pavilion
- Plastic outdoor chairs for front porch
- Portable 300 watt sound system



This newsletter is published for those interested in Mountain View Bible Camp. Letters, comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to:

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## Full-Time Workers

**Jonathan and Annemieke Stassel**  
*Administrator*

**Mark and Andrea Fuhr**  
*Operations Manager*

**Fritz and Lottie Geiger**  
*Operations / Bookkeeping*

**Jim Schulte**  
*Food Service Manager*

**MVBC is looking for a**  
**Foodservice Manager / Assistant!**



## Board Members

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# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2014



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*"For he shall be like a tree firmly planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots..."*

-JEREMIAH 17:8

Dear friends of Mountain View,

As the year draws to a close and colder temperatures arrive on this hill, I enjoy reviewing the countless blessings of 2014. In the absence of campers, I look out my office window and see the beauty of the fall colors and only hear the quieter sounds of nature. My mind, however, is filled with good memories of campers and staff busy in activities and discussions, which have left permanent imprints on many hearts. MVBC's underlying theme for the year was "Firmly Planted". Our prayer has been that each individual that came to camp would know for sure that they are firmly planted in the family of God, and not just surviving, but thriving.

As I write these thoughts, I am keenly aware of a number of past volunteers, staff and campers, that have passed from this life into eternity during 2014. For most of them, I have a peace knowing that they had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have entered the joy of heaven. For others, I trust they made a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior. These considerations help remind me of the great eternal impact this ministry can have and has had in so many lives.

How about you? Are you sure you are firmly planted in God's family? Romans 3:23 reminds us that we are all sinners and fall short of God's standard. Romans 6:23 tells of the payment due from each of us as sinners – death and separation from God. Nevertheless, hope can be found knowing that there is a gift of forgiveness and eternal life available. Like any gift, we only enjoy that gift if we receive it and make it our own. Romans 10:9-10 tell us how this is done. We must acknowledge we are a sinner and need

a Savior. This must be followed by belief in Jesus to save us from our sins. Once done, we can have assurance of salvation and know that we are "Firmly Planted" in God's family forever.

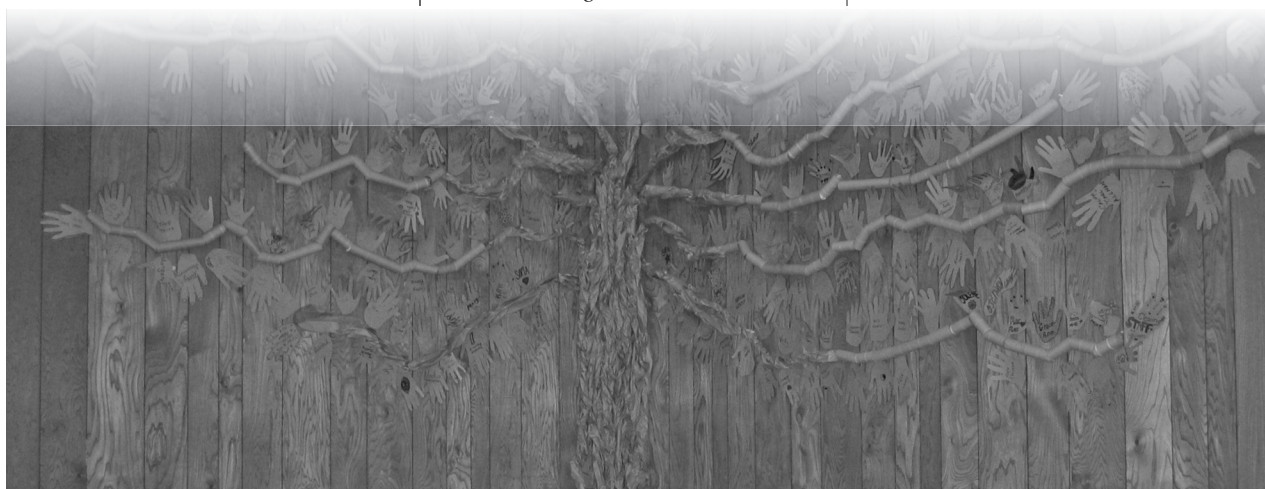
One of the visuals used this summer was to have campers and staff trace their hand on a piece of green paper, cut it out, write their name on it and hang it on a large tree in the Upper Room Chapel. This was designed to challenge all who took part in this project to be sure they were fastened to the true "Tree of Life", Jesus Christ (Revelation 22:14). Please pray with us that God will continue to do His wonderful work of saving souls and deepening the spiritual roots of all who will pass through these doors.

As 2014 draws to a close, my prayer for you is God's encouragement, peace, and the enjoyment of His presence in your life. He is faithful!

**Jonathan Stassel**  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

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## Prayer & Praise

### PRAYER

- For a Food Service Manager / Assistant to come alongside Jim Schulte
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For additional rental groups
- For health and safety for the Full Time workers
- For the completion of the Bath house Pavilion
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects as well as two additional duplex cabins

### PRAISE

- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For all the funds needed to complete the Bath House Pavilion
- For donations of some wish list items
- For all who willingly come to serve at each camp program
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker

# Report from Intermediate Camp

A total of 47 campers (21 girls, 26 boys) attended Intermediate Camp. We studied the life of Noah as described in Genesis chapters 5-9. Stephen Campbell gave the morning lectures, which were designed to convey the truth of Scripture in an understandable way to address the needs of 11- to-13-year-olds. We were all stunned by the immense size of the ark when the dimensions were illustrated on the playing field. The gospel was preached each evening and one camper made a profession of salvation while at least four others stayed behind for counseling. Another camper recommitted himself to Christ in the presence of his counselor.



The topic of Noah, the ark, and the flood generated several very interesting conversations between campers and counselors. The camp was well staffed this year by some "seasoned" individuals. We praise the Lord for His help during the week. We would



encourage others who have the time during the summer to assist with camp work and especially Intermediate Week. We are always in need of mature counselors to help with this work. We appreciate every parent and guardian who send their children to these sessions and who reach out to other acquaintances, encouraging them to attend as well.

Sam Headley, Director



# Report from Senior Weekend – Road Rally



Three of Berg's E-Gran Tour pedal karts were the centerpiece of our Fall Senior Weekend Road Rally during October 17-19, 2014. This was the first time Mountain View's camp programs had ever used Berg karts, and there was not one ounce of disappointment.

For two-plus hours during the weekend, our 23 teen campers fulfilled their pedal-kart dreams on an exhilarating race course. Rick, our activities director, used sports field marking paint to design a relay-style course through Mountain View's wooded area of tall pines.

Rick projected a sketch of the route on the wall so the whole group knew what was coming; then he divided the campers into three teams. Two riders per kart raced against the clock, navigating along straight paths, around cabins, and across pine-needle terrain. At various checkpoints, they jumped out of the kart to complete physical challenges while their teammates hopped in and continued on the course, racing through tree lines to reach the finish. Along the way, the camp staff met campers with smoke bombs and a hailstorm of foam balls, adding to the drama.

When the organized relays were done, the staff had their turn, with the campers gladly pelting counselors with foam balls as well. And later in the weekend, during other free moments, campers headed for the karts to get in another run. The EGran Tour pedal karts were a definite highlight of our program during Fall Senior Weekend 2014!

Mountain View thanks Berg for the opportunity to try



these karts, and we are happy to recommend them to any camping or youth programs that might be considering a Berg kart activity for their group. They're fun to ride, fun to watch, and a guaranteed success for any age.

Stephen Campbell, Director

Coming Soon

## Winter Escape

Ages 13-19

December 26-30

Winter Escape is just around the corner. Register early to reserve your slot. Remember, marking you are attending on Facebook does not count. Many campers tell their friends, but do not contact camp directly. You are responsible to contact camp yourself. Registration forms may be downloaded at [mvbcamp.org](http://mvbcamp.org). Also, don't forget about skiing and tubing and music and skits and games and food... See you on the mountain!

Cost: \$190 (+ Skiing \$36 - \$69 or Tubing \$22 - \$37)

Bus Fee \$25 extra

Registration Deadline: Dec. 12



# Up-date of "The Plan" for Future Projects

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen.*

-JEREMIAH 29:11-12 NLT

Mountain View Bible Camp turned 46 this past October. I am grateful to know that God has good plans for us, plans for a future and a hope. He surely has blessed this ministry over the years by providing campers, staff, rental groups, volunteers, health, safety, direction, finances... Even though we have made some plans, He has directed us, modifying some of those plans, refocusing some of those plans, erasing some plans and arranging the timing of others.

**The present – Bath House Pavilion Project:** During Fall Senior Weekend (October 17-19, 2014), the pavilion portion of this structure was able to be used for the Friday night activities. Campers and staff gathered to enjoy a snack, video and nearby camp fire. Though this building still requires completion of the change rooms, rest rooms and storage area, it is a joy to see some of the benefits this new facility will provide.

Though construction is still in progress, we are thankful that all the funds needed to complete it are now in hand. Juggling between the necessary maintenance projects, monthly and seasonal task items, new construction, scheduled camps and rentals (requiring set-up, clean-up and food service), there is no lack of things to do. With the Lord's help, we plan to complete the Bath House Pavilion before May of 2015.

**The future – Up-Dating of "The Plan":** The plan is to complete the bathhouse pavilion already under construction (Praise the Lord - All funds are in hand!) near the pool, maintain the Stony Pine Activity Center and Hardwood Lodge dorm which are in need of vinyl siding (\$ 9,000 funds still needed), window



replacement (\$6,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed).

There has been some progress made in preparation to construct two additional duplex cabins (\$85,000 per duplex). Originally, we had planned to start one this past October. That plan had to be modified partly because the Bath House Pavilion project is not complete, but also due to lack of funds and available manpower. We do have building permits in hand for both additional duplexes, but not the funds. The full time staff and Board have agreed to hold off until September 2015 to break ground, and then only proceed if the funds are in place.

**Financial Need:** As the Lord supplies the needed funds and manpower, we will proceed with construction and maintenance projects. Knowing that Missions-In-Focus (our largest attended program) is scheduled for August 8-14, 2015, we plan to have the Bath House Pavilion finished and, most if not all, the Hardwood Lodge and Activity Center projects complete. We kindly ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed with these projects. If you have time and would like to come and help with any or all of these projects, please let us know, so we can schedule accordingly.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in this area of the Lord's work.

## Mountain View's Mission

This ministry will strive to provide well maintained residence facilities and grounds in order to:

- Disseminate the truths of the Bible and glorify God in all areas of camp ministry.
- Stress the necessity of salvation, sound Biblical doctrine and a deeper consistent walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Provide innovative, challenging, nature-based educational camping for people of all ages.

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