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MVBC WishList

- Air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- Basketball set-up for the pool
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Board games

ITEMS RECEIVED

- Construction supplies
- Good used Furniture

The Views



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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Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Spring 2016



Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

"Teach Us To Pray."

- LUKE 11:1

Dear friends of Mountain View,

I am thankful for this verse in Luke where Jesus set an example of prayer. As He finished praying, one of His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus did not scold the disciple, but instead gave a pattern for prayer. Jesus then gave an example of diligence in asking for what is needed followed by encouragement to keep asking, seeking and knocking. Jesus does not consider our requests as bothersome, but delights to hear our dependent needs verbally shared with Him.

Over the years, I have learned that God is not there to provide our requests like a

vending machine. He does know what we need before we ask, though He desires us to acknowledge our dependence on Him and ask in faith according to His will. He also desires us to be thankful for the many blessings He provides so liberally and abundantly.

For almost 48 years, the Lord has been providing for this ministry. I can remember when all that existed at camp was brush and trees, the main road into camp was only a narrow path and no buildings existed. A few years later, I remember sleeping in the main building before the windows and doors were installed, sleeping on the floor on a foam mattress. Housing, programing and foodservice facilities have all evolved into the wonderful ministry we know today.

Over the years, the Lord has taught us

something about prayer, asking Him to provide for campers, willing workers, safety, building construction, and all the many varied needs that exist in a ministry. We have asked Him for salvation of souls and spiritual growth for those who attend each program. We have asked for direction, wisdom and clarity of vision. He has helped in every area.

As we continue to serve the Lord in this ministry, we ask you to pray with us as we desire to meet the many needs of our ever changing world. Prayer is our life line to the throne of grace where we find help in time of need. Lord – Teach Us To Pray!

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

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Maintenance Never Ends...



Spraying Camp for Gypsy Moths



Painting the Pool



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Who is at MVBC year round?



Mark and Andrea Fuhr
Operations Manager



Fritz and Lottie Geiger
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**Jon and Annemieke Stassel
and Family**
Administrator

Additional support staff in training:



Usama (Sam) and Ruth Abdalla and Family
Food Service in training

Online Registration and Early Registration Rates

Mountain View Bible Camp has partnered with CampDocs.com allowing for campers to now register online. This new venture has already been a real help this past Spring Junior Intermediate Weekend. A number of campers did register on line. For them, registering for a future camp program will require only a few simple clicks.

For first time users, the total registration process does take about 15 minutes to complete per camper (depending on the speed of your internet connection). It does require all the information already requested on the current paper form, allows for a payment plan, electronic signature and remembers the information for the future. It does allow for the transfer of electronic immunization records right into the system as a pdf or jpg file.

Camp has also begun an Early Rate and Standard Rate fee structure. The Early Rate is available to campers registering two or more weeks before the scheduled camp session and paying the entire fee two weeks before a camp session. For the summer programs, this could save an average of \$30 per camp session. The early rate is automatically calculated when a camper registers on line and completes the process two weeks before the camp session. For those registering on a paper form, the form must be post marked a minimum of two weeks before the camp session and paid in full to be eligible for the Early Rate.

MVBC is considering going green (paperless) by 2017. We would encourage anyone attending this year to register online to help speed along this process. Please do not hesitate to contact camp if you have any questions regarding the registration process or the rate structure.

Please note, CampDocs.com may also reach out to those who register on line in an effort to sell you travel insurance or medications. These items are not required my MVBC. If you choose to utilize these services, they will be charged directly to you by CampDocs.com at your own personal expense. Campers needing specific medications during a camp session are still required to bring those to camp in their original dispensing containers. Thank you.

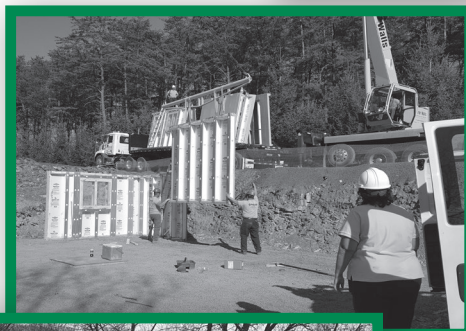
Up-date of “The Plan” for Future Projects

Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me. . . And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. –NEHEMIAH 2:18

Mountain View Bible Camp continues to be a great work sustained by the Lord. He chooses to use valued servants to fill many vital rolls of this ministry. Some He uses to direct programs and counsel children. Others He equips to serve in food service, maintenance and activities. Still others He has blessed so that they have the means to support the many financial needs that arise. Ultimately, His desire is to affect a positive life altering change in the heart of every individual who is touched through this ministry. After all, He has a plan for Mountain View Bible Camp and He has been orchestrating it since 1968 when He chose to start this ministry.

The present: Duplex cabin 2 & 3:

Presently, we have excavated the foundations for Duplex 2 & 3. We have set the basement walls, swung the floor trusses and installed the first floor plywood on Duplex 2. Rough plumbing and a concrete basement floor will be completed shortly on this building. As additional funds become available, we will continue work on both structures, with a goal to have them both usable for the summer of 2017 when the next Missions-In-Focus program is scheduled to take place. The current financial need to complete both units is \$150,000.



The future: Up-Dating of “The Plan”:

Outside maintenance on the Stony Pine Activity Center has been completed which included installation of vinyl siding and trim on the entire building. The Hardwood Lodge dorm which has also been in need of vinyl siding (\$ 3,000 funds still needed), window replacement (\$5,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed) is a work in progress. Renovations to the front lobby of Hardwood Lodge have already taken place. The Lord provided new front lobby windows and an entrance door. Additional insulation and new siding are completed on the front wall, leaving 3 walls to insulate and side.

Financial Need:

As the Lord supplies the needed funds, we will proceed with construction and maintenance projects. We kindly

ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed.

Manpower Need:

Many hands make light work. If you have time and would like to come

and help with any or all of these projects, please let us know. We would love to have you join us.

Thank you for your continued 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.

Up-Date – PA Law requiring Background Clearances for ALL Volunteers

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. –1 PETER 2:13-14 NKJV

Dear Friends of Mountain View,

As many of you know, the State of Pennsylvania has mandated background screening for all individuals wishing to work with children. Mountain View Bible Camp had implemented a screening package back in March of 2015. Some of that screening was processed through a third party vendor. Toward the end of the summer, the Governor of Pennsylvania waved the fees for two of the three required screenings. The PA State Police and PA Department of Welfare (Human Services) are now free for volunteers. This change has saved MVBC a reasonable amount of money. If you have resided in the State of Pennsylvania for the past ten or more years, you are required to complete the first two screening requirements. All other individuals are required to complete the FBI Finger Printing as well.

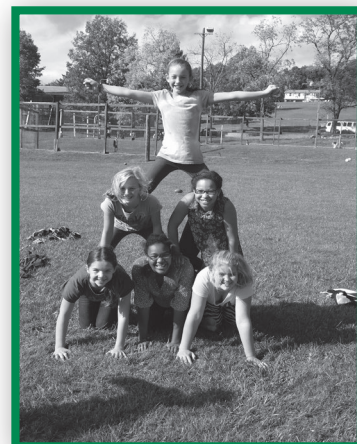
Required screenings include:

Criminal History Record check – *obtained from the PA State Police -FREE*

Child Abuse Clearance – *obtained through the PA Dept. of Public Welfare - FREE*

Federal Criminal History Record – *obtained from the FBI - \$25.75 paid by MVBC*

A good number of staff (Directors, Counselors, Food Service, Activities Staff, Nurses, etc.) have completed these required screenings. We would like to continue to enlarge our volunteer staff pool by having more individuals complete the screening process. If you are interested in serving at Mountain View Bible Camp in any capacity, please do not delay starting this process as it may take some time to complete all three steps. These clearances can also be used by the individual with any other ministry in Pennsylvania for a period of 5 years. To begin this process, please e-mail Jon Stassel at jstassel@yahoo.com. A helpful step-by-step instruction sheet, including fee waiver codes, will be e-mailed to guide you through the process.



SPECIAL REQUEST

Staff that have completed all the required screening procedures must be sure to forward electronic and/or paper copies of those files to MVBC as soon as complete. MVBC is required to have them on file. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please share this information with those presently serving, encourage others to consider serving, and pray for the Lord's blessing at MVBC.

Prayer & Praise

PRAYER

- For a growing pool of screened volunteers to serve at camp
- 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 2 new Duplex Cabins now under construction and the funds needed to complete them
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects

PRAISE

- For Usama (Sam) and Ruth Abdalla who are helping in the area of Food Service
- For the progress on Duplexes 2 & 3
- For the functional Online Registration system
- For many willing volunteers who have completed the mandatory background screening
- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For donations of some wish list items
- 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
- For some new and growing rental groups



Spring Junior / Intermediate Weekend 2016 Report

Jesus is Awesome!

"I am 'Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!'" was the cry of ninety five campers and staff as they echoed it over and over again in jubilation. We had a wonderful time at the Spring Junior/ Intermediate Weekend camp. The Lord placed upon my heart to have "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" as our theme. Now more than ever, we are constantly seeing insecurities rising because we are not comfortable with how we look. The clear reminder was ushered that we were created by an Intelligent Designer who never made a mistake in forming us. The lectures were simple and clear as we looked at the blind man in John 9 and examined how sin relates to creation, then Moses and how God was able to use him despite his speech impediment, and finally, the relationship between David and Mephibosheth, depicting how we should treat others who look different from us.

The Lord blessed with beautiful weather as most of our activities took place outdoors. The temperature was a little bit over 70 degrees, warm enough to have a Barbeque and to eat outside. The staff was absolutely phenomenal. It is not easy looking after seventy plus children, but they continue to work as a team and rely heavily on Divine help to make it through the weekend. I was delighted to see new campers mixed with our familiar campers, playing and singing together. The camp fire, which everyone looks forward to, was an extraordinary experience as everyone was singing to their Creator in one accord. By the time the weekend was finished, campers from all backgrounds, cultures and assemblies/churches were exchanging numbers and looking for ways to keep in touch. It was a blessing to see friendships being formed and the love of Christ being displayed. If the Lord permits, we are looking forward to what He has in store for us in the future!

-Joal Wilson, Director

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