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2016 Camp Season

It was a GREAT camp season this summer, as we had 145 campers on the ground over the seven weeks of camp this past June and July! Of these, 127 were Angel Tree children. We met many new campers who have not had the privilege of coming to camp before, along with 22 new counselors and staff. It was exciting to be at Sagrada and watch how God worked in changing lives, providing staff, and answering prayers!

Now we are working on discipleship with the campers. We have had one training session with staff, and are preparing to go where the campers live and disciple them in their home towns; teaching them how to live life as followers of Jesus!

From the Director

This has been an exciting year for Lucinda (Princess Lily) and I as we have seen God move in answering prayers and changing hearts of the campers. We have learned a lot and have met a lot of great counselors, support staff, guest helpers, and all the others who volunteered, to make possible the things that happened at SSBC. We thank each of you for all your support, whether it was via prayer, financial, work, or a combination thereof. You are a blessing to us as we see God working through you, to help reach the campers at SSBC with the Good News.

As most of you know from past years, the camp season is busy, and it can wear on a person. Up early enough to meet with the other staff at 5:30 am for devotions with Chief Fidelis, and up late nights trying to make sure the campers have had their devotional times, bedded down, and are going to sleep, makes for long days. But, no matter how tired one may be, when you have a couple of young girls come up and say, "We want to tell you something Chief Big Fish". It's exciting to sit down with them on the playground, as they tell me how, last night, in a wagon with their counselor, they made the decision to follow Jesus Christ as their Lord, and are now Christians. Talking through these things with them, knowing eternity has been impacted in their lives, makes it all worth while! All the work, all the sweat, all the long days and short nights, all these are forgotten as I sit talking with these young girls about their decision to follow Jesus. All I can say is, "Praise the Lord," and "I love my job!" It is a blessing to be here, to be a part of God's work at Sagrada. And so this story and others like it continue to be a part of the SSBC legacy, where for the past 20 years, the church, has pushed back the gates of hell with your prayers, and we have seen Jesus rescue the campers from eternal death. What a legacy! What a great job this is!

Chief Big Fish



Praises

- During camp, campers told us of their profession of faith in following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!
- We saw other campers' lives change over the week as they heard about the love of Jesus. Their actions/lifestyle changed after coming to understand God's love for them!
- We always had enough counselors/ staff, and we did not turn down any child who was able to come to camp.
- God provided financially for the camp and the campers through in-kind donations and financial support.



Prayer Requests

- For the campers that the Good News they heard continues to grow in their hearts and minds.
- That the campers would increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Lk.2:52).
- For all of us who have taken the Timothy Training and are working toward monthly meetings with the campers.
- For God's guidance as we prepare for the 2017 camp season.
- For us as we are speaking at different churches that have supported SSBC in the past, and also looking for new churches to come be on mission at SSBC.
- For YOUR church coming for a week as a mission trip serving at SSBC 2017 as counselors, cooks, support staff, photographer, Camp Grandparent, etc.



From the Campers

At camp the Campers were given Bibles and taught how to study them on their own using the SWORD method. They ask four questions: 1. What does this teach me about **God**? 2. What does this teach me about **Man**? 3. What should I **Not Do**? 4. What should I **Do**?

I was told this story from a Grandmother about an 8 year old camper. He went home after camp and told his mother he needed to read something to her from the Bible. He then read the whole book of Jonah to her. She told him that was good, but then he told her to wait, that they were not done. He then started to ask her the four SWORD questions about the verses he just read.

This is exciting, knowing that the Campers were listening, retaining what they learned, and are teaching others. That's discipleship in a nutshell!

Projects for Churches / Groups

The following are projects we will be working on to prepare to the 2017 camp season. Please pray about helping to raise funds for a project and/or coming to work as a group on a project.

◆ Concrete retaining wall needed on hillside of A-Frame, 3'x12'

◆ Remodel basement of A-Frame from flood,

◆ Chainsaw teams to help clean\thin out underbrush in wooded areas

◆ Fence teams to help clear fence row and set fence on property lines.

◆ 12' x 24' Pavillion at Bible Study area,

\$1,200.00

◆ Wagons to have canvas replaced with metal and ends closed in, \$1,000.00 per wagon





Needs List

- Rolls of Forever Stamps
- Lowes / Menards Gift Cards
- Riding Lawnmower
- Push Lawnmower
- Water shoes (child & adult)
- Verizon cell phone booster for office
- Stihl chainsaw
- Pull behind brush cutter
- Large Upright Freezer
- Set of wire metal shelves for kitchen pantry
- Wireless microphone system for barn
- Large capacity washer & dryer

Counselor Corner

During missionary story time, Chief Big Fish and Princess Lily shared about being missionaries in Nepal. One day he told about eating and drinking foods from Nepal; foods they were not used to eating. He even chose to consume congealed soured milk with a spoon in order to be gracious to the hospitality shown to him. By doing this Chief Big Fish let them know that he liked them. He wanted to demonstrate God's love and compassion for them; not dislike.

Later that morning I saw three girls who appeared to be not happy with each other. So I joined them and visited with them. There were some hurt feelings, and in a bit we talked about apologies. One girl did not feel she could apologize; the others did. They were reminded about the sour milk story earlier. The question was asked if they understood why he ate the soured milk. They were able to tell the reasons. Then it was explained that sometimes apologies are done to clear the air and start fresh, to show compassion and not dislike. I asked if she had ever done something like that. "Yes," she replied. I asked if she would be willing to try it this time. "Well, actually I don't think I could do it and mean it now. Maybe later," she replied. I responded that I thought that was a fair statement. The girl who really felt wronged then stated that was ok; she was still pretty upset, too.

In the afternoon the girl who felt she was wronged came to me and briefly told me that they had apologized to each other and were now friends and playing together. Then she skipped away to play. A concept heard and applied in the same day!

Princess Butterfly

