

SAGRADA SCHOLARSHIP BIBLE CAMP

Praises

- ✦ For the campers who made decisions during camp to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- ✦ For God's provision both in volunteers for the 2017 camp season, and for His financial provision.
- ✦ Our Facilities Director, Dylan has returned home safely from his year long deployment.
- ✦ For Larry W. stepping up and working to fill in during Dylan's deployment.

Prayer Requests

- ✦ For the campers to get involved in a local church body so they may fellowship and grow in their walk with the Lord.
- ✦ For the planning for the 2018 camp season.
- ✦ For volunteers, prayer support, and financial support for the 2018 camp season.

Photo: "I love S'mores"



From the Director

Hello everyone. I want to apologize for the lateness of this update. We have been busy since the summer months were completed. After the six weeks of camp with the Angel Tree children, we had one Fish Camp with a select few of the Senior Boy campers. Then the following week, we had a three day Youth Camp for Nepali Refugees that we had met and shared with, who live in the Kansas City area. After camp, we had many opportunities to travel and speak at several churches and schools, giving reports of what God has done, and looking for potential volunteers for the 2018 year.

This was our second year here, at SSBC. We are blessed to be here, working with the great group of volunteers God has provided. We had 130 campers that came through SSBC this year in the normal camp season. There were five who came to the Fish Camp, and 16 Nepali/Bhutanese Refugees that came to our first Nepali Youth Camp. We had over 188 positions filled by volunteers over the camp season this year! Of these, 27 were brand new volunteers, which is great! Four of these were campers who qualified to return as helpers, coming back multiple weeks in that role. God's provision was evident!

That's the nuts and bolts report of who took part on the campground over the summer. The exciting thing was to see God

work in these young people's lives. Several made decisions to follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior. One young girl told me about how several other young people made fun of: her looks; the way she talked; and the way she acted. When she was talking with her counselor, hearing about how God loves her and created her perfectly, as He wanted her, she came to understand God's love for her, and repented from her sins and confessed Jesus as her Savior.

Listening to these children, and some of the hurtful remarks that they hear from other kids, or sometimes at home, breaks my heart. We are blessed to be here and to have the opportunity to share about a loving God who sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins. To see them and listen to them pray and tell how they understand this truth, is truly a blessed miracle!

We had our Senior Campers come the first two weeks of the summer, and we identified potential leaders from the group, qualified as helpers. They were paired with counselors to be mentored/discipled during the week. They had opportunities to begin learning how to lead in the devotions at night in the wagons, and other responsibilities during the camp days. I believe this will help us in the future to grow more counselors from among our campers. In Luke 10:2, Jesus tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore pray to the LORD of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Jesus doesn't say it, but where do all these workers come from? I believe that some of them come from the harvest itself. That's what we are working on, at Sagrada, with this program. To grow and disciple these Angel Tree campers in their Christian walk with the LORD. But also to teach them how to make disciples, as we are commanded in Matthew 28:18-20, and to give them opportunities to be obedient to this Great Commission.

It's been exciting, and we are now looking toward the 2018 season. We already have some exciting events planned, and continue to work on the new year's camps.

We thank you for your prayers for this year's camps. We thank all of you who volunteered: before camp to get it ready; during camp working with the campers or in support roles; and after camp to help finish projects and winterize the camp. We thank you for your financial support to make this all possible.

Chief Big Fish

Photo: Campers Tubing

Photo: Senior Camp Bible Study, Pastor Jason



Ways to Give

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2018 PROJECTS

NEW SHOWER HOUSE

The existing Shower House at SSBC was the first building on the grounds. It has served us well over the past 21 camp seasons. But it is old, and has some structural issues, along with plumbing issues, and it has either sunk or the ground rose, as it is below the ground level. So, every time it rains, mud flows into the building. It is time for a new updated Shower House. We submitted a drawing to an architectural firm and we are hoping to get some plans drawn up soon for this project. The new building will have a similar layout but with an added toilet and shower on each side, both which are in compliance with ADA specifications. It will also have a Laundry Room across the back side of the structure.

The building will be a split-face concrete block with a metal roof, that will make it easier to clean for the support staff. Also, it will be constructed with the idea of keeping it operational year round, so we can have additional training and retreats during other times of the year, not just the summer time.

The material cost for this new building has been estimated at \$66,500. We hope to begin on this project after the 2018 camp season has been completed. If you would like to support this project, please put a note, or on the memo line of a check "Shower House".

WAGON METAL TOP & ENCLOSURE

We have two wagons that now have metal tops and enclosed ends. This worked very well for the summer, and we need to get additional wagons done this year, before camp begins. This project costs \$1,000.00 per wagon, and takes about two full days to complete. If your church would be willing to help raise the funds for this project and then put a team together to come enclose a wagon, please contact Tracy.

Photo: 9-Square In The Air



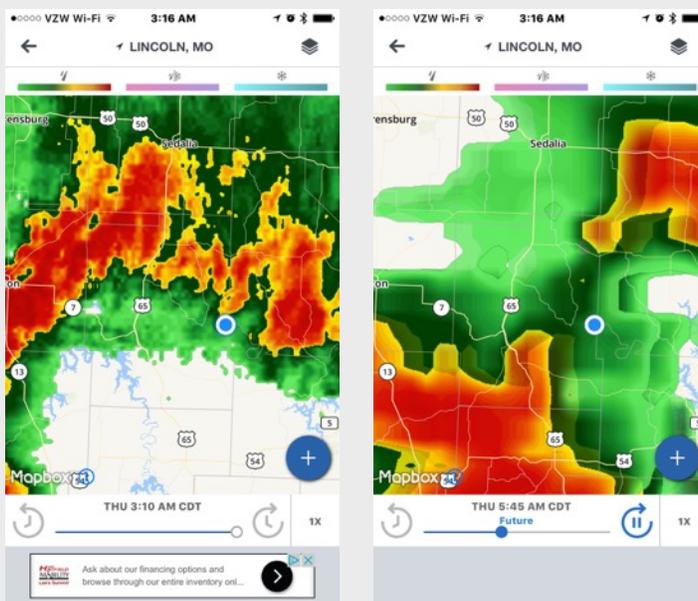
NEEDS:

- Champion Power 37 ton Log Splitter (Tractor Supply)
- Graco Pro LTS 190 Airless Sprayer
- 12 gallon Shop Vac
- Briggs & Stratton Powerflow Gas Pressure Washer
- Sleeping / camping mattresses for wagons
- Twin size mattresses for wagons (for counselors, vinyl covered)
- Midland LXT630PA Walkie Talkies

Answered Prayer

One Thursday afternoon, the weather was looking bad. Several of the volunteers and staff talked over what to do for the bad weather. We gather all the campers and everyone else in the barn so that everyone is together and easier to move to shelter if needed. And we pray.

God is the same today as He was in the Old and New Testament times as He continues to answer prayers. As you can see from this first screen shot of the current weather. SSBC is the small donut looking dot in the right-center of the screen. As we continued to watch and pray, the weather started to change. And as we watched the forecast and then what actually happened, the storm front split in half, and went around SSBC to the north and to the south.



We serve an amazing God who watches over and protects us, and continues to hear our prayers and answer in amazing ways! Praise God!

Additional Prayer Request

This past July I had my PSA checked to continue to followup on my past prostate cancer. The numbers were higher than what we would have liked but continued to watch. In October they again were higher, so I had a CT scan and Bone scan which showed my cancer has spread from my prostate to my bones and a lymph node.

I am beginning immunology treatment for the cancer this month before Christmas. God has been faithful through this journey, and while this is not a path I would have chosen, this is what I DO know: God has a pure love for me and wants what is best for me; He is all-wise and knows what is best for me; and He is all-powerful to make whatever is best for me to happen! Therefore, God has allowed this in my life for my good and His glory.

As we walk this journey down the cancer road, Lucinda and I cherish your prayers. We know many of you have been lifting us up to the Father and we thank you for your outpouring of love and support.

If you are on FaceBook, please friend us, as many times it is the quickest way we can keep you all informed for prayer requests and praises.

Thank you and God bless you this Christmas season.

Tracy (Chief Big Fish) & Lucinda Guppy



We hope and pray you have a joyful Christmas this year. It is a special time of year when we remember the greatest gift that was given, Jesus. God gave us His One and Only Son as the propitiation, the payment, for our sins. It's only because of this gift that God freely gave to us that we may have our sins forgiven and our relationship restored with our Loving Father God.

Share this hope with your family and friends this year. This is the hope that will change our personal lives with God. It will change our community, our state, our nation, and the world. It is the Good News that EVERYONE needs to hear and respond to! Merry Christmas.

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2018 Camp Season

We have the dates set for the 2018 season. They are:

June 4-8, Senior Boys
 June 11-15, Senior Girls
 June 18-22, Junior Boys #1
 June 25-29, Junior Girls #1
 July 2-6, OFF
 July 9-13, Junior Boys #2
 July 16-20, Junior Girls #2
 July 23-25, Boys Fish Camp*
 July 26-28, Girls Cook & Sew*
 July 30-August 3, Nepali Youth Camp
 * By invitation only
 ** Junior Campers ages 8-12
 Senior Campers ages 13-17

We have scheduled for June 6, Senior Boys week, Real Encounter. Check them out at realencounter.org. They are a Gospel sharing Motorcycle & BMX bike stunt team. We will be inviting others from the community for this event.

We continue to prayerfully plan as we look forward to the 2018 camp season. I would ask that you also prepare your heart, and seek God's face whether He would have you to come to Sagrada this coming summer to work and share the Good News with the children of prisoners, whom God will bring to Sagrada. Remember to: Listen, Believe, Obey.

God bless you all.
 Chief Big Fish