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Ministry Update

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The View From Here

We are thankful for the opportunity to come again to December and look back on some of the things we have seen God doing this past year. We are reminded that in the scope of eternity and in the greatness of God, we are very, very small. And yet, God is real, and He seems to work through the weak and small things to bring about His purposes.

Christmas is a good reminder of that – God Himself entered the world in the simplest way, born as a baby to a poor displaced couple. Jesus' birth was announced to unlikely shepherds. This gives us great encouragement. We are thankful that in His grace, He has allowed us, unlikely and unworthy people, to be part of His family and has given us purpose at this place in time. Thank you for being part of this ministry.

God provided for a variety of improvements in the camp facilities this year. An increase in electricity to camp allowed for the installation of a new walk-in cooler, along with a convection oven and flat top grill in the kitchen which were a great help to our kitchen staff. Air conditioning was installed in the dorms in June – another great blessing to both campers and staff.

This past summer we had some of the biggest camps we had ever had. God provided a great staff team as well as speakers and a variety of volunteers. For the past 25 years, Shannon and then Shannon and I have served as solo full time missionaries at Camp Assurance. In recent years, we have



sensed a need for more full-time teammates, especially as our camp mom has stepped back significantly.

We are thankful for Steve and Felicia McDermott, who have stayed on at our sister ministry, Grace Haven, this Fall and Winter. Their participation in our home Bible study, serving and sharing at the Rescue Mission, and Grace Haven and Camp Assurance weekend events has been a great encouragement. We gathered for a Thanksgiving meal with our Bible study group, and as Marie worked in the kitchen, and Shannon connected with people, it was so good to see Steve & Felicia also connecting with and ministering to people.

We would love to see this Bible study continue to grow. Please pray with us that God would provide

the leadership team needed. One potential leader has stepped away for the time being to provide care for his wife who is in the early stages of dementia.

There is a spiritual need in this county, and we are praying for at least 3 men to share in spiritual leadership of this group.

Shannon has had several opportunities this Fall to take high school and trade school students to visit Bible Colleges including Frontier School of the

Bible, Calvary Bible College, Spurgeon College, and more. They connected with a dozen present and veteran staff and campers.



Christmas Gatherings

December 9 join us for “A Taste of Grace Haven,” Christmas Caroling, Christmas Cookie Exchange, and Oasis Coffee House, for all ages at Camp Assurance from 2-9 pm.

December 16, 11am-4pm Summer Missionary gathering at our farm for lunch & afternoon activities for all past summer missionaries.

December 28-29 Teen & Staff Christmas/New Year’s Party at Camp Assurance 5pm to 9am.

Save the Dates

March 15-16 Stint Discipleship Weekend in Kearney, NE for high school & college students. We plan to take a group of 15. Contact Shannon if you are interested in participating.

March 23 Camp Supper and Auction



Family Corner

Camp Assurance provides each camper with a quarterly devotional called, “Keys for Kids.” Since Pearl and Sicily were campers this summer, they have also been receiving these booklets in the mail. Reading the daily devotionals and Bible passages has become a part of our homeschool day.

Campers also receive hand-written birthday cards from Camp Assurance – a ministry carried on each month by Joanna Gums, a high school student who has attended camp and served on staff. We are so thankful for your support which allows these follow-up ministries to continue throughout the school year.

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Thank you for Partnering

We know that rising inflation and financial challenges make support of us and this ministry increasingly sacrificial. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity given us to serve here full time. Thank you for praying that God will continue to use this ministry to bring many people to salvation and prepare them to reach others with the Gospel.

If you would like to give toward our support, make checks out to Camp Assurance and send them to Bill Dickey, Camp Assurance Treasurer 1520 Claycomb Rd. Wayne, NE 68787. Designate on a separate note “for Shannon and Marie’s support.” Undesignated gifts go to the general camp fund.

Prayer Requests & Events

- Dec. 8 Camp Assurance Board Meeting
- April 6 Men’s Event
- Missions Trip details TBA
- Pastor/Youth Worker Refresh details TBA
- Check out our website for camp dates and to fill out staff applications
- Pray for these months of homeschooling, as by April we are stretched very thin till August. Please pray that God would send an individual to work with our kids during the summer
- That we would work effectively with ministry staff and volunteers