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Ministry Update

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## God's Power to Provide

Just last week in my time with Jesus I was reading about the events following the Israelites' exit from Egypt. They found themselves in a predicament - Pharaoh perceived that they were confused, hemmed in by the sea and the desert, so he went after them. There they were, Pharaoh's army on one side, the sea on the other, and seemingly no way forward.

Similarly, I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt heading to a bursting Bethlehem, Mary about to give birth with none of the extra help that they would've had in their hometown.

In comparison, my own concerns seem quite minor—especially knowing that God blew the Red Sea wide open and then closed it at the appropriate time, as well as blowing the sky wide-open with angels to bring the first welcoming crew to Mary and Joseph. In our times of great challenge God's great power is about to be shown.

As we look ahead to summer 2023, we are also watching for God to provide in regard to our staff team. As we've mentioned previously, Mary Ann Kresnik, our camp mom, will only be coming back for a few weeks this summer. Her investment behind the scenes and years of experience have been a huge blessing, and we look to God to fill the gaps left in her transition.

One of our big challenges last summer was finding head cooks. Please pray for God to provide people for this specific role. Our board plans to unveil a kitchen remodel project (set to begin Fall 2023) at our Dinner and auction March 18 at the Wayne City Auditorium. Thanks for praying for these needs!

In the past few years, we have been blessed with several very mature college students who have poured out their lives investing whole summers at camp. Because camp is a launching pad, young people grow with us for a season and then move to other more long-term careers or ministries. As some past staff may move on, we appreciate prayer for God to provide once again.

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## Stepping Out

One of the best parts of our ministry is seeing young people growing in their dependence on God and stepping out in leadership.



This year we have seen so many continuing to serve both with camp ministry and beyond. Joanna Gums is sending out birthday cards from Camp Assurance to

every camper. Mya and Layla Pedersen are helping their youth group with their church's first year of monthly Bible Club. Others are providing babysitting for parents in a recovery program. One summer missionary is leading a homeschool basketball team. Various others are involved in worship team, mission trips, work projects, Awana, and simply reaching out to friends with the gospel.

## Super Saturdays

Monthly 'Super Saturdays' this Fall at camp have included great speakers, service projects, and outreach through Bible clubs, all culminating in an evening of Oasis Coffee House. College students have come alongside to help mentor high schoolers, and several volunteers have helped with food prep.

The Shires family has brought us great encouragement and challenge during this year of home assignment before they return to their ministry overseas. Their presence at camp this summer, Super Saturdays, and Coffee House this fall has brought a freshness and eternal perspective as they have shared stories of God's powerful work in their corner of the world.





### **...God's power to provide (cont from front)**

We are praying that God will build a team to serve this summer at Camp Assurance. All kinds of gifts and roles are needed - summer missionaries who serve as dorm leaders, assistant directors, and VBS team leaders, as well as head cooks and kitchen helpers, nurses, grounds keepers, maintenance people, and more. If God puts it on your heart to serve, please fill out an application ([www.camp-assurance.com](http://www.camp-assurance.com)). Contact us -we would love to connect with you!

#### **Serving at Norfolk Rescue Mission**



### **Family Corner**

Last year at this time, Shannon's mother, Ruby was newly home from nearly a month in the hospital following a serious bout with Covid. Praise God that she is now doing well and that we are able to share life under the same roof. Pearl loves to spend breaks in the school day singing spontaneous songs of worship with Grandma.

Doing school at home this year we have more freedom in the evenings to serve together at the Norfolk Rescue Mission, host home Bible study and prayer meetings here at the farm, and host weekend ministry events. We are thankful for the time God is giving us to invest in our children and be involved in ministry together.

## **Merry Christmas from The Ardusers**



## **Thanks for being part of the Team!**

Words can't express our gratitude for your participation in this ministry. Camp Assurance truly is a family, and each member plays a significant part in the goal of reaching out with the Gospel to those who have not yet responded to Jesus and the salvation He offers. If you would like to give toward our support, please 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 Camp Assurance general fund.

### **Prayer Requests**

- College visits for staff connection and recruiting
- Home Bible study and prayer Tuesday evenings
- Forward progress on increasing electrical service at Camp
- March 18 Camp Supper and Auction at Wayne City Auditorium
- March 25 Team Up to Clean Up at Camp Assurance
- April 1 Men's Event
- Staff team for the summer