

Sufficient Grace ~ May 2010

a ministry update from Tammy Arrowsmith



Thank You

I want to start this letter by saying thank you so much to all of you who have prayed and given since my last letter. Two new people have joined my support team and many have given one-time gifts so that my account has been in the black for the past few months! I am amazed over and over again at how the Lord provides. Thank you for being His tool to bless me and continue to enable me to serve here at H*VMI!

Mom and Allen

Mom and Allen are doing pretty well these days. Allen is continuing his cardiac rehab and has not had any difficulties in the past few months. My mom continues to have some issues with her legs. She recently discovered that much of it could be related to side effects from some medications she is taking, so after consulting with her doctor she is stopping some meds to see what happens. She is also having an endometrial biopsy on May 20th. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Winter Retreat

We had a wonderful time at our winter retreat in March! The weather was PERFECT!! Many took walks outside or just spent extended time soaking in the sun. We had some good times of fellowship and fun. Chuck did a great job teaching us from Scripture and some guests even sought him out later for more counsel about issues in their lives. It was a joy to watch them all interact together. They all seemed to really enjoy Chuck and we look forward to how the Lord will now use him in our camping season.

Pre-Camp Thoughts

As I type, we are less than two weeks away from camp! Recently, I have been thinking and praying about my role there this summer. The Lord is giving me the responsibility to supervise the girl counselors and to supervise Christine as she leads the teenagers on our service staff. I know that there will be many, many opportunities to speak into lives and it both excites me and scares me a bit. I say scares me because I am realizing more and more each day that in my humanness it is so easy for me to say and do things that are not pleasing to Him. Would you please join in praying the words of Psalm 19:14 for me this summer?



“May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Would you pray also that the Lord would be with every person on our camp team? Chuck has not been able to be in the office much but is looking forward to jumping in with both feet in a few weeks. We all want to make this a good summer as we work together. We may need to step out of our normal responsibilities to help in new ways. Pray that we all would have eyes and hearts to see what needs to be done and we would truly work together. We praise the Lord that we have all the summer staff we need!! This year was unusual in that we had all the guys necessary and were short women and Bible teachers, but the Lord has now provided and we are thankful! Pray again that we would all serve together as the many new staff mix in with the veterans that are returning. The Lord truly is our Rock and Redeemer and the only one that can help us to bring glory to Him in all we do at camp! I can't wait to see what HE will do!

Camp Schedule

May 25 ~ Full-time staff move to Camp Sankanac. We load and unload a 24 foot U-haul. **Pray for safety for all and good weather.**

May 26 - 30 ~ Orientation begins. As mentioned, we have many new staff with a few veterans in the mix. **Pray for all to learn well and for us all to gel quickly as a team. Pray specifically for Chuck (Camp Director) and Christine (Service Staff Coordinator) as they jump into their new roles and lead those around them.**

May 31 - June 4 & June 7-11 ~ These two weeks are for adults (ages 21-40) with intellectual impairments. Some have physical impairments as well.

This year we are celebrating holidays Christmas, Easter, Valentines Day and Thanksgiving as we remember the great gifts that God has given us in Jesus. We will be having a carnival type day on "Christmas" as we journey to Bethlehem.



Along with the other fun activities of hayrides and swimming and many elective choices, a group from my church will be coming to have a time of worship as we celebrate Thanksgiving together.

Pray that the campers would grow in their love for Jesus and realize more than ever all that HE gives to us.

June 12 ~ This is a big day for us as we pack and load, travel to Malaga, NJ and unload that 24 foot U-haul. **Please pray again for safety in all things and good weather for this day.**

Some of us on staff will also be going to Malaga early that morning to help church groups clean and ready the camp for us to move in.

Pray that this part of the day would go smoothly as well.

June 14 - 19 ~ This is our first Bible Conference week for the summer. There will be adults with mild intellectual impairments and some with physical impairments as well. The theme for the conference weeks this year is Mission Possible. We are focusing on the fact that we are valuable to the Lord and He has a purpose to use each of us for His glory. There are many visitors coming to lead fun electives like scrapbooking, sandwich making ☺ and archery to name a few. We will also be taking a trip to Ocean City, NJ. **Pray for the Lord to do great things to encourage these adults that they are important in the kingdom of God.**

June 21-25 ~ This week is for children and teens (ages 9-21) with intellectual and some with physical impairments. The theme is the same as the first two weeks except that it is geared for younger children. For all the non-conference weeks we will be putting together gift bags to send to families in Ghana and Kazakhstan to help remind our campers to give to others as the Lord has given to us.

Pray for God to continue to work in campers hearts this week and for the staff as this is the week we usually begin to realize that we are TIRED!



June 28 - July 2 ~

This week will be teens through young adults with intellectual and/or physical impairments. The title for our lessons this week is "Lessons learned from the old guys."



I thought that was great! The focus will be on those in the Old Testament. During this week we will take another trip to Ocean City, NJ (one of our favorite places!) and have a special concert by a church in NJ. **Each week has some new campers that will be adjusting to a new place and meeting new friends, but this week is especially full of new attendees. Pray for all our new campers to have a great time at Handi*Camp! Pray too that lessons will truly be learned that will change hearts.**

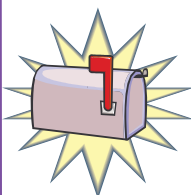
July 4 - 9 ~ This week we will be serving adults with physical impairments. This is our second week of Bible conference focusing on the Mission Possible theme. In addition we will be taking a trip to a local baseball game and even get to be out on the field a bit. **Pray again for the Lord to encourage these adults that they have great purpose in the kingdom of God.**

July 10 We load and say goodbyes and travel back to our homes.

Thank you so much for your prayers throughout this summer. It means so much to me to know you are praying! I know God uses you all as you pray!

May He richly bless your summer ~

Tammy



It is always fun to get mail at camp so if you would like to write, here are the addresses:

May 25-June 11 ~ Camp Sankanac (Handi*Camp) 68 Bertolet School Rd. Spring City, PA 19475

June 12- July 9 ~ Malaga Camp (Handi*Camp) 1755 Spruce St, Newfield, NJ 08344

My home address: 486 Brendon Dr., Leola PA 17540. Check out www.hvmi.org for office contact info.

My email address can be used all summer at mercifultam@gmail.com