



Handi*Vangelism
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Enhancing Trust

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart,..."
Phil 1:3-7a (ESV)

I had the opportunity again to write 5 devotionals that are part of this summer's devotional book. **Anchor**, for summer camp staff, published by Character Building Ministries. The verses above are from "Completion" and challenge camp staffers to claim the promise that God will help them finish well – their summer ministry at camp and their Christian walk with Him. It's a good reminder to all of us, isn't it? God keeps His promises and He will help us finish well all that He has given us to do.

BUSY DAYS leading up to Handi*Camp!

- Staff apps and reference forms processed. And last of camper application forms and missing pieces.
- Medication kardex sheets for every camper/guest – printed these from the info Leah entered into our camper database.
- Supply lists sent to groups who help us by donating needed items every spring.
- Prayer Partner notes on each camper/guest sent to people who committed to praying for one participant by name.
- Welcome letter emailed to all staffers before orientation with link for them to print needed forms from our website.
- Letters mailed to each camper/guest with arrival and last-minute details for their week.
- Lots of last-minute things printed for staffers before orientation - name badges, snack shop cards, staff lists/charts.
- Communicated with funding agencies as needed to provide registration confirmation, etc. - invoices for some, too.

Like I said - BUSY!!! So busy that once again my pre-camp **Robinsons' Review** didn't get written and sent out before camp. So – here's a look at the first several weeks and some prayer items for the weeks yet to come.

Staff Orientation – I helped get camp supplies loaded, moved and unloaded on May 23 and then helped again on the 24th as summer staffers began arriving. I was back on the 25th to teach the intro session. It's always neat to see the staff come together during these days in learning and unity – another great group of young people!

Weeks 1 & 2 – at Camp Sankanac (18 and 20 campers – down in number due to not enough men counselors on staff – sad that some guy campers couldn't attend). I enjoyed helping Tuesday morning first week with fishing and boating electives (and helped Hannah catch a bass on our first cast!). Jessie was an Assistant Nurse both of these weeks again (camper Debra loves Jessie as her nurse!).



Rain caused a few schedule changes (always does!), but both weeks included several swimming days (a bit cool in the pool!). Campers enjoyed a presentation by Forgotten Friends (a reptile show). I was back on June 9th to bring the UHaul truck and help with packing and loading and getting camp cleaned up before our departure for Malaga Camp on the 10th (I drove the truck down, helped with unloading and then brought the empty truck back to turn in). Good start to camp! So thankful for the good staff team!



Week 3 – at Malaga Camp. Sad to only have 16 Bible Conf-1 guests this week (5 additional men were registered, but our male staff shortage kept them from attending). Guests had a great week. Kyle arranged a painting party as an evening activity on Tuesday (check out pics of this activity!) and the Wednesday field trip was to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden (a really nice time from reports I heard). Jessie got her NJ nursing license and is working weeks 3-5 this summer, too. Guests enjoyed presenting some of their talents in a coffee house after the Thursday evening banquet.



Week 4: going on now, June 19-23. Our week for Challenger/Adventurer campers (19 in all now, hoping #20 feels well enough to come for a day or so yet this week). Kyle jumped in as a counselor this week so all of the guy campers registered could attend. Christine is filling in for him coordinating the program. Jessie is a counselor/nurse this week (and will be again next week – taking care of a camper and doing meds and other nursing care for her, too). And the Lord provided 3 other nurses in addition to Leah for the Health Care Team – WOW! Campers and staffers just returned this afternoon from their annual trip to nearby Parvin State Park for a picnic and canoe/rowboat rides on the lake. Meetings are morning Bible teachers. A lot of electives and other fun activities at campfire – with s'mores and silly singing, of course!). Here's a pic of some campers holding the memory verse signs.



Week 5: June 26-30 - Conquerors/Voyagers – 23 campers expected (our biggest week this summer).

- **Pray for Meghan (chapels) and Christine, Linda and Chris (morning teachers)** as they teach God's Word this week (teaching theme is "God Guides Us!").
- **Pray for Kyle** as he returns to his Program Director role (a jungle safari theme again this week). Banquet Thursday night followed by Forgotten Friends reptile show again.
- Field trip Wednesday morning after Bible class to TOUR CITIZEN'S BANK PARK (home of the Phillies!) and buy lunch there. Should be a great time. **Pray for a safe and fun trip there and back.**

Week 6: July 2-6: Bible Conf-2 - 12 guests expected. Our final session and always one of the most physically draining (almost every guest uses a wheelchair). Smaller number this year due to several veteran guests experiencing medical issues.

- Monday afternoon/evening trip to Ocean City Boardwalk. **Pray for safe travels and a fun time eating, shopping and maybe a few amusement rides for some guests.**
- **Pray for Tim (chapels) and Mark and Jackie (guys and gals morning teachers)** – as they teach this week.
- Kyle has a painting party planned again this week Wednesday evening – and a fun banquet time.
- **Pray as we clean up on Thursday afternoon** after our month at Malaga and prepare to head home on Friday (I'll be helping). **Pray for safe travels for all** – and for all the goodbyes. **Thank the Lord for a great summer of ministry!**

FAMILY UPDATE / SUMMER HAPPENINGS

- **Alicia** continues her schedule of working and volunteering. She enjoys reading and watching DVDs on her own and with family. We're planning visits to the Flight 93 Memorial and the new African American Smithsonian museum.
- **Kisha** has had a few hard weeks recently with health issues. Finally back to her happy self. Pray for upcoming appointments with various doctors to keep looking for answers going forward. She'll have a week of camp in MD.
- **Jessie's** home health nursing job with Bayada gives her variety (and the opportunity to have time off for H*C!). She's continuing her classes towards her BSN program – a few more to go!
- **Sandy** keeps busy with her Disability Ministries Director responsibilities at Calvary Church as well as many things at home. Her mom and dad have moved in with us as of late May. Dad is spending one or two nights each week back in NJ as he continues getting their house ready to list for sale soon. We have some caregivers coming in on a regular basis as companions for Mom. We're still getting things organized as Dad moves more things here from NJ. He's arranging for a shed on a deck to be built in our backyard for additional storage and a nice relaxing place to sit and enjoy the outdoors. We're adjusting to three generations under one roof and are thankful Mom and Dad are here with us.
- I look forward to my times teaching in kindergarten Sunday School twice a month and enjoy my time on the riding tractor mowing our half acre or so of grass – and other yard and garden work. I also enjoy riding my bike to give our dog a run.
- **Kyle, Leah, Hannah and Saul** are discovering what camp life is like with two kids and being busy with responsibilities. Sandy and I remember! We're so thankful for God's strength and wisdom each step of the way for them. Pray for them as they finish camp and then as Kyle and Tim Sheetz resume sharing the vision of our Property Project with HVMI friends. We hope to close on the golf course property in late October, but we need to have the \$520,000 purchase price raised by then (plus additional funds that will go towards engineering and other costs as the land development plan continues to be prepared). God is at work and we trust Him to provide through the many friends of HVMI.

More updates in our next letter. Until then, thanks so much for your prayers, love, support and encouragement!

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