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Help Wanted!

By Chris Jenkins

You would think that in the times in which we are living, with economic struggles and unemployment on the rise, a help wanted sign would be a welcome sight and would be accompanied by a long line of willing applicants. However, if that sign also spelled out the fact that the job included long hours, low pay and no benefits, the line would probably become significantly shorter because you and I both know that most people don't just want to help. They want to know what they will get for the help they provide. Like everyone else, I understand the need for a job that pays enough to provide for the needs of your family, and my intent is not to suggest otherwise.

It is interesting to note though, that it seems everywhere you turn today you hear of the need for help that organizations have, whether from the school, the church, the mission field or yes, even the camp. For whatever reason it seems like there are needs that are abounding everywhere, but yet there seems to be a tremendous dearth of willing individuals. We have all heard the statistics that in most churches 10%

of the people do 90% of the work. Why is that? Where are the willing individuals who just want to serve? In the spring newsletter I highlighted the individuals who volunteer their time to the camp at various times of the year, but this time I would like to look at a different group of people. I would like to focus on the summer staff that just spent a grueling 10 weeks of camp with us.

I am thankful for the 15 young people that comprised our summer staff for this summer. Fifteen young people who did not receive much by way of financial gain and who did not have glamorous jobs. Fifteen young people who were willing to give up the opportunity to make more money and who were willing to give up the opportunity for more sleep in between their college semesters. Yet 15 young people who had hearts willing to serve!

During those ten weeks they worked hard, often long hours, many times in behind the scenes jobs for the mere desire of serving others, seeing hearts revived and making sure the

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Memorial Gifts



In memory of:

Mrs. Ruth Camp

Given by:

Dave & Maryann Peterson

In memory of:

Rev. & Mrs. James McCoy

Given by:

Miss Joyce Murray
Miss Eleanor Riker

Honor a loved one or friend with a memorial gift to Tri-State Bible Camp.

In Memory of: Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Please send card to:

Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Given By:

Rev./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please designate my gift to the following area:

- General Budget Needs
- Camper Assistance Program
- Future Development and Improvements

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Projects

Alarm clocks(34)- \$8(ea)

Trees(5) - \$75(ea)

Window Shades(31)- \$15(ea)

Refurbish a mini golf hole(4) - \$225(ea)

Walk-in Freezer \$7,700

Recalibration of Combustion

Gas -Analyzer \$200

Mattress Pads(10) \$18(ea)

Drinking water fountain \$425

I would like to help with the following project(s) for Tri-State Bible Camp. Enclosed is a gift toward the cost of the indicated need. (Please circle the project you are contributing to.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Projects Completed

Alarm Clocks(2)

Refurbish a Mini-Golf Hole(5)

Playground Balls(3)

Walk in freezer \$300

Donations should be sent to:
Tri-State Bible Camp
2 River Road, Montague, NJ 07827

You can now make donations online!

www.tristatebiblecamp.org

Any gifts received above the actual project cost will be used to help with other camp project needs.




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campers had a good time. God used each of them in ways they may never know. There was not a task that was accomplished this summer that was accomplished in vain. Every job from washing the dishes, cleaning the facilities, cleaning the pool, enabling the rafting trips, and counseling the campers was of great importance in achieving our overall goal. Our goal this summer and for everything that is accomplished at the camp is to glorify God in all that we do so that campers can focus on the preaching of the Word of God so that hearts can be transformed. I am thankful for the willingness of each of these young people to selflessly give of themselves and dedicate themselves to the ministry of Tri-State for the summer.

As a result of their labor, it was a blessing to see seven campers trust Christ as Savior, three make assurance of salvation, and dozens surrender themselves to God's will for their lives. I pray they will be the next wave of people who will infiltrate our churches, schools, mission fields and yes, camps and will be ready to be willing servants.

In a few weeks I will be making a two week trek through portions of the country to various Christian colleges to find the next group of willing servants who will make up our summer staff for 2010. Please pray for my family and I that we will find those willing servants that God will be able to use in a great way in just nine short months from now.



Make your plans now to join us on February 5th and 6th for a wonderful weekend together. No work! No phone calls! No laundry! No meals to prepare! Ask your sweetheart now to set aside the time to take you on this Pocono mountain getaway. The weekend will afford you a relaxing time away from the daily distractions, great food, quality time with your sweetheart and heart stirring messages. Dr. Allen Griffith is our speaker for the weekend, and you are sure to leave the weekend strengthened in your relationship with your Lord and each other. Choice accommodations will fill quickly, so don't miss out!

WHAT'S NEXT

Work Retreat November 6-7

Plan now for your whole family to join us for this weekend. It is a great time of fellowship as we also accomplish some much needed projects around the camp before the winter. This fall we will be winterizing some buildings, gathering wood, starting the renovation of the third floor Inn bathrooms, fall cleaning, painting and more.

Teen Winter Weekend

January 15-16
(grades 7-12)

Evang. Seth Ferguson

Jr. Winter Weekend

January 22-23
(Grades 4-8)

Rev. Frank Sansone

Sweethearts Getaway

February 5-6
Dr. Allen Griffith

Ladies' Retreat 1

April 16-17
Mrs. Holly Stratton

Ladies' Retreat 2

April 23-24
Mrs. Patti Appleby

If you need more information for any of these retreats please call the camp at 973-293-3522 or check us out online at tristatebiblecamp.org



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Praise

The Lord gave us a tremendous summer camping season. There were 7 who came to know Christ as Savior, 3 who made assurance of salvation, dozens who surrendered their lives to God and many other decisions for which we give God all of the glory!

The safety and protection that God provided to our summer staff and campers throughout the past several months.

Prayer

That God would continue to provide for the camp's budget and capital expenses.

Continued growth in the campers that made spiritual decisions this summer.

Safety for the staff throughout the fall with much travelling and a number of projects that need to be accomplished for the camp.

We would see a continuing increase in the attendance of campers at TSBC.

Would you consider joining our growing list of prayer partners? Our prayer partners are those who would make a commitment to regularly pray for the camp, and in turn we send out an email to them every few weeks letting them know specific items to pray for.

Interested? Send an email to prayerpartner@tristatebiblecamp.org to join!