

**WEST BANK BIBLE CAMP
2005 YEAR END REPORT**

As I sit down to write this report, I am once again overwhelmed by two things. The first is the size of this ministry. Each year we **have five to six hundred children through the camp** in the summer months and another two or three hundred children from school programs and classes that come as renters. When you add in family reunions, conferences, 4-H, special needs, senior, and family camps there are approximately **2,000 users of the camp each year**. The opportunity we have to reach and minister to these people is awesome in both privilege and responsibility.

The second aspect of camp that is overwhelming is the number of people needed each year to make camp work. It literally **takes a mighty army!** In no particular order let me give you an overview of the people involved: 10 camp speakers, 6-8 head cooks and another 30-40 kitchen helpers, 30-60 work bee helpers, 10 board members, 35 summer staff, 12-16 SIT's, 8 supporting churches with over 800 members and **hundreds of people praying!!** God does not have to open my spiritual eyes to see that there are angels all around.

With this being said let me confirm to you what you probably already know, that 2005 was an outstanding year. There were **more decisions for Christ** this year than anyone expected. We try to give each new believer a Bible and we happily ordered extra Bibles twice last year. We will not be caught off guard again this year, so in faith, we are already stocked up!

Also, many of you commented that our staff was possibly our best in recent years and I heartily agree. An **experienced and loving staff relying on the Holy Spirit** produces quality camping experiences for all.

Another highlight of the year was the sheer amount of work that was accomplished. Again, allow me to list the larger jobs completed in the last twelve months: we built a new porch on the camp house, painted the camp house, trenched in the new winterized water line to dining hall and pool, renovated the basement of the Gouldtown building into new washrooms, landscaped and built new flower gardens, built the new Zipline, built a new deck on the bunk house, finished the lower level maintenance building/work shop and lastly, just before the snow started to fly, a work crew built a new boardwalk from the dining hall to the pool. **God Is So Good!!**

To help pay for all of this work we did receive some grant money but year after year the majority for our non-registration budget comes from you our supporters. Your giving to camp is why we are able to minister each year and we thank God for you. Financially, the end result is that we finished the year with a deficit of \$15,000 at the bank but given the amount of work done in this a building year, we are not disappointed. If you are able, **we would welcome a special gift** to cancel out the deficit and look forward to partnering with you through this next camping season.

Well, you can now see why I believe **that 2005 was an awesome year** and in faith we claim 2006 to be as good or better. There are exciting new things on the horizon for West Bank and I want to assure you that as a board we may adjust our ministry in order to be relevant but **we will always stay anchored to the Rock, Jesus Christ!**

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Dennill