

West Bank Bible Camp 2008 Annual Report

As I sit down to write this report it is clear to me what the focus of this report should be. I am overwhelmed with the support we get from our local Churches and the team work that it takes to allow West Bank to minister each summer! Therefore, I would like to try to let you know just what those Churches (you) mean to us by highlighting just a few things as an example of the larger picture.

In the spring there is always a complete clean and overhaul of the entire camp. Last year about two dozen people, (mostly seniors) worked three full days to put everything in A-1 shape. Most of the work was done with laughter and singing. There were sore muscles and tired bones but the camp never looked better!

Each year we need eight camp speakers for chapel. This is quite a commitment! They not only speak twice a day for the week but have the priveledge of counseling children/teens at any time during the rest of the day. Often, I pass by the speakers cabin and he or she is outside on the grass with kids talking about whatever is troubling them. When they do have any spare time you can usually find them helping in the kitchen, "incredible!"

At camp kids are not only fed spiritually but physically as well. They need good meals to keep them happy. Many directors believe that your camp is only as good as your kitchen! Here again we need ten Head cooks that are gifted! Like our speakers, our cooks put in a long day. However, what I want to share about this group is the JOY that they serve with! As director if I need a "pick me up" in energy or attitude all I have to do is go into the kitchen. Those ladies and sometimes men will be talking and laughing about something fun. Their servant attitude is noticed and appreciated by everyone. Our camps are great because our cooks are great!

As a last example of teamwork, let me draw attention to the most important aspect of any ministry and that is PRAYER! It is not uncommon for me to be talking to church people and as we say goodbye they say, "we are praying for camp every day!" This means so much to us and we can actually feel the covering of the Holy Spirit in the summer. Many times Satan has tried to gain a foothold in this ministry and each time he has failed because you have covered everything in prayer! Praise God for His goodness!!

To conclude, I would like to thank you for allowing all of us at West Bank to join with you in this ministry! 2007 was a great year for us! Financially, we finished in the black and we were able to pay down our debt. Including school rentals and summer camps, over 2,000 kids had a lot of fun at West Bank without any significant injury; the worse was a sprained ankle! Most importantly, dozens of children were saved causing great rejoicing in heaven!

See you at camp this year! God Bless.

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