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Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE Mike James

In our latest newsletter, I was thrilled to share that ten children who attended our Winter Camp accepted the Lord's offer of salvation. Since then, seven members of one guest group, nine members of another guest group, and eleven young summer campers have also made this life-changing decision. Just last week, nine Teen Overnight campers were baptized! It's clear that the Lord is actively working here!

Summer Camp is in full swing, and the atmosphere is vibrant. The Summer Counselors, support staff, and the local community that has embraced the summer staff contribute to such a positive environment. Combined with the energy of the young campers and the various lake activities, you can imagine the joy and lifelong memories being made here.

It's truly remarkable and a privilege to serve in an organization that positively impacts so many lives.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers, we've made significant progress on various maintenance projects. All eight furnaces in Rest-A-While Lodge have been replaced, new mulch has been added to the playground, and a new giant tent canopy has been installed for summer campers. We've also created a new beach area and ordered a commercial steamer for the kitchen. In August, we plan to repave the walking road from the Office to Kandy Kabin.

Looking forward, we hope to complete the restoration of Torrey Auditorium (exterior paint, interior paint, and carpet), resurface the main entrance road, build a Pavilion in the field for the children, and convert the Veranda behind Oaks Dining into an outdoor amphitheater as funds become available. These are exciting times!

Please continue to pray for our ministry to effectively provide a life-changing environment for spiritual growth to all our guests. Also, join us in praying for our country.

Guest Services Update

TOP 10 NEEDS



WOW! Our camp is in full swing with guest groups now staying with us on weekdays as well as weekends. Many are choosing to take advantage of the facilitated activities we have to offer such as Archery, Tomahawks, and our Moveable Rock Wall. Our guest group leaders have expressed the desire to learn and grow in their relationships with Christ. One of our guest groups celebrated 30 years with Cedar Lake Ministries. Chicago Chinese Christian Missions has been having their Gospel Camp with us since 2012. They were here last month and shared that 7 people from their group made decisions to follow Christ. Jackie was here recently with Southside Pregnancy Center and commented. (CLM) "Always a peaceful environment with the lake. One reason we come is the spiritual atmosphere and welcoming space." We also had 9 teenagers from Mount Hebron accept the free gift of salvation as well!

Please pray for the Guest Services Team as we coordinate and host the many groups scheduled for this summer.

- Pickleball Set - \$90
- Archery Targets - \$482
- Archery Tag- \$4,900
- Campfire Skewers - \$200
- New Carpet Runners - \$560
- Sewer snake- \$4,000
- Golf Cart for Guest Services - \$3,000
- Acoustic Panels for Torrey - \$600
- Heating and A/C Units (PTAC Units) for Cedars 1-5 - \$5,000



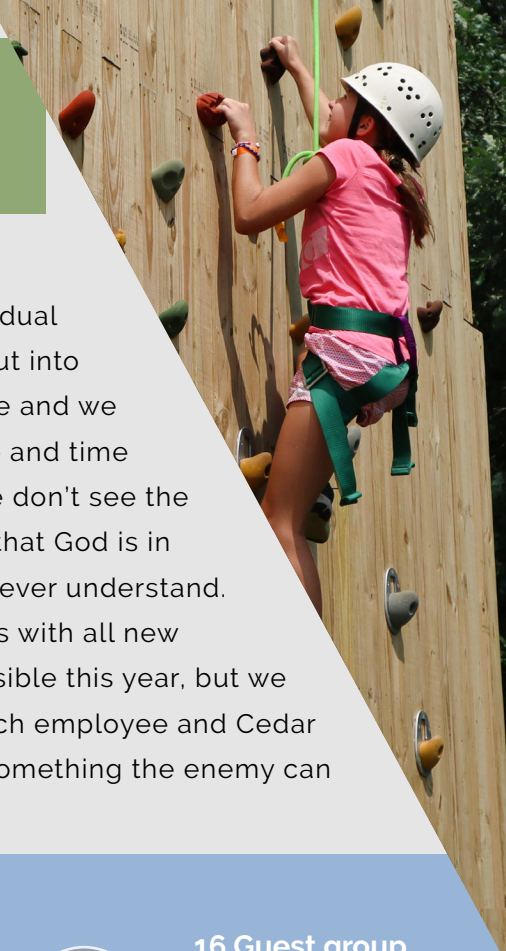
**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
- VOLUNTEER
AT CLM!**

Volunteering

This year, we have been incredibly fortunate with the support of numerous volunteers who have dedicated their time to our ministry. From Bethel Men's Ministry spreading mulch, to churches and schools assisting with cleaning, and even a very generous donation of mulch from a resident for our playground- our community has truly come together. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Paige C. at paige.c@cedarlakeministries.org

Housekeeping

Exciting things are happening this summer in Housekeeping! New summer staff have been hired! Our team is growing and each individual brings their own light to the team. In July all new bedding will be put into Rest-A-While North and Lower West wings! God is good all the time and we thank Him for what He is doing in our lives and in His ministry. Time and time again God shows us that He has our best interest in mind. When we don't see the whole picture or when things get hard, we try to remind ourselves that God is in control. It's all in His timing. His plan is greater than what we could ever understand. Our desire is to upgrade Rest-A-While South and Upper West wings with all new bedding and upgrade all curtains as well. This feat may not be possible this year, but we are planning for 2025. Thank you to those who continue to keep each employee and Cedar Lake Ministries as a whole in your prayers. The power of prayer is something the enemy can never stand against!



Life change



9 baptisms



21 program
attendees
accepted Christ



16 Guest group
members accepted
Christ



Program

Our program has had an amazing summer so far, despite the many challenges we've faced. Our faith has been a guiding light, and we've felt truly blessed and supported by our God. At the beginning of the summer, our Day Camp tent broke, but thankfully, it happened when there were no campers or staff inside. Although we weren't able

to replace it until Week 4, we made do by using Lower Oaks since there were fewer guest groups. This summer, we've been short-staffed, but everyone has been incredibly understanding and helpful, especially our supporters of our summer staff!

An incredible moment occurred during our teen overnight camp this year! We had 11 kids accept Jesus into their hearts for the first time, and 8 campers plus 1 counselor were baptized! On a Wednesday night in Torrey, we experienced a small revival where people were repenting, worshipping, and moved to tears for 3 hours—the Lord moved in incredible ways during Teen Camp!

If you ever question the impact of your donations on summer camps, consider this: children who have never heard the Gospel before are hearing it and their lives are being transformed!

While this summer hasn't been without its challenges, we've seen God's fingerprints in every situation as a staff.

UPCOMING WAYS TO PARTICIPATE



September 13th - 15th



October 11th - 13th

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our growing ministry team and staff transitions
- For our country
- Guests to experience and revitalize their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Summer staff as they finish up summer

More information, including ticket pricing and purchasing, is available on our website, cedarlakeministries.org.

MAKE AN IMPACT

We invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of the work of Cedar Lake Ministries through giving. Our Make an Impact partnership is a simple, hassle-free method that allows you to support the ministry and its life-changing work on a monthly basis. You can opt for automatic transfers from your bank account or credit card for easy management of your contribution. Even \$10 a month makes a big difference. Your giving correlates to direct influence on hearts and lives as campers and guests of all ages are enabled to encounter their Savior – a true Kingdom impact!

