



Cleavers Communique



July 2021

One month down!

Two weeks of camp. Two community outreaches. Staff trained. Wow! Where did June go? As I write this July is just around the corner and is traditionally our busiest month at Camp Machasay. We would appreciate your prayers as we minister to staff and students this month.

We had a great week the first of June hosting the annual RFK camp. Sonja had a great helper in the kitchen that week! Me;-) Well, maybe you would have to ask her if that is true. I sure enjoyed working alongside her all week. I have a whole new appreciation for all she does to feed these crowds at camp. I was familiar with all the prep work she does before each camp but as we went to buy the food, which literally filled up our Suburban, and then spent each day in the kitchen prepping, serving and then cleaning up after every meal, well what can I say but that Sonja is way under paid! Thank you so much for supporting her with your prayers and gifts!

This week we have been hosting a team from Arkansas. They have partnered with us to provide outreaches in Grant and Holyoke each day. The childrens pastor and youth pastor did a great job of training the youth on their team to share the Gospel each day. While the outreach team was gone several of the support team worked with Mike each day on projects around camp. What a blessing this team has been in every way. Pray for them as they travel home.

This Saturday, the 26th, we will be training the staff for our Youth Challenge camps in July. I will be sharing a message from Romans 5 to start the day off focusing on our hope in Jesus. This is our theme this year. Please be praying for this training that God would unify our teams for each camp and He would use us to share this Hope we have with the campers.

We still have some spots left for our July camps. We have camps available for ages kindergarten through eighth grade. If you have a child or know of someone who would benefit from coming to camp this summer please let us know and we will help you get them registered.

Personal Update

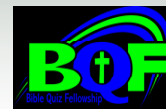
Last month I shared with you that our pickup had engine problems and we had made the decision to fix it. We are still, as the writing of this letter, waiting for the engine to come in. We have been juggling vehicles but God has been good. Thank you for praying. We would ask you to pray that all the parts would come in and that God would give the mechanic special skill in putting it all together and then make it run for another 100,000 miles or more.

Our family is doing well and our new granddaughter is a joy to be with. Most of our family were together at our house for Father's day. What a joy to spend time with them. We are so blessed to have family close. We miss Casey and Julie and the boys but we do get to see them often. Although it is never enough when you are grandparents;-)

Thank you so much for partnering with us over the years and making it possible through your prayers and financial support! Serving our Lord Jesus Christ alongside you, Rick and Sonja



- June 26 YC summer staff training
- July 6 Kindergarten—2nd grade day camp
- July 7-9 2nd grade-4th grade overnight camp
- July 12-15 5th grade-8th grade overnight camp
- July 29-31 Hispanic camp
- August 13-15 Horse camp #1
- August 20-22 Pheasants Forever youth fishing camp
- More fulltime workers for the ripe harvest!
- Camp director search



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