



Cleavers Communique



June 2021

Summer Camping season is here!

Yes! Two weeks from today we will be full steam ahead into our summer at Camp Machasay hosting the first of many camps this season. Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for their arrival on the 6th.

This is the time of year where we are finishing up all of the little details like ordering supplies, getting the pool cleaned, mowing and trimming, ordering Trading Post goodies and promotional material along with devotional material for campers and staff. So many little details go into running camp. Thank you for your prayers!

This year I, Rick, will be filling in as interim Camp and Program Director. I haven't held this position for several seasons and am feeling like a rookie. I have been asking God to give me wisdom and not forget anything. Would you be praying for me as I serve in this new capacity this summer? Thank you!

Sonja has been planning menu's and getting everything inventoried in the kitchen. There is a lot of planning that goes into feeding campers and staff not the least of which is finding out who has dietary restrictions. We have seen this grow over the years of ministry where more and more people have food allergies. Sonja does a great job of accommodating all of these needs. Keep her in your prayers as she plans, purchases and prepares the meals this summer. Pray also for the wonderful volunteers who help her in the kitchen. What a wonderful group they are!

This year I have had in front of me on my To Do List a reminder to focus on Jesus as our only Hope. I am sure we will have a large number of campers and staff who are running low on hope this year. We pray that Camp Machasay will be the refuge where they come and find hope in Jesus. We pray that when they leave they take Jesus with them into their homes and workplaces spreading the Good News as a sweet fragrance to all they come in contact with. Paul puts it like this in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?" Only through Christ Jesus can we carry out this mission to the world. He alone enables us through the power of his Spirit to bring hope to a lost and dying world. We are his hands and feet.

May God bless you this summer and demonstrate his love through you to those you whom he has put in your circle of influence. Share Jesus this summer!

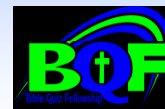
Personal Update

As most of you know from reading our weekly updates that the engine in our pickup decided it didn't want to go any further and started mixing it's oil with it's water which isn't a good thing. We have decided to put a new engine and transmission in it and drive it another 100000 miles plus. Thank you for praying for us as we made this decision. We are so grateful to have partners like you that genuinely care about us and our family. Thank you so much for serving alongside us here at Youth Challenge!

Rick and Sonja



- June 5 Outdoor Adventure student bowfishing
- June 6-11 RFK camp
- June 14 YC Board meeting
- June 19-25 Arkansas youth group camp
- 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
- Summer camp planning and recruiting of staff
- More fulltime workers for the ripe harvest!



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