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Good News Camp Update

By the time you receive this letter, we will be entering our fourth week of camp; the weeks have really flown by! At Good News Camp, we have had the opportunity to share the Gospel with over 300 children so far. This would not be possible without the amazing volunteers and staff that we have at camp. The junior counselors have invested so much time into these children's lives, playing with them, singing and dancing with them, and teaching them how to grow in their relationship with Christ through a personal quiet time. It's beautiful seeing so many teens willing to volunteer their time to serve the Lord. Our teachers have talked about the wonderful experiences that they have had during their shepherding times with their children, helping these children understand that God loves them and wants them to know Him. Emily has done an amazing job leading chapel, crafting a very energetic and Gospel-oriented time for all the kids. She understands very well how to get these kids engaged and excited to learn. Emily and I have had a great time leading the helpers and assisting in guiding them to be the future junior counselors of camp. Nathan and I have both been incredibly busy during and after camp, some days not getting done until past 10:00 PM. Camp can be very exhausting at times, getting pulled in every direction, but without a doubt it is all worth it to be able to serve God and love these children as He would. Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry and for all your prayers

- Colin Donatto

Soccer Party Club Kickoff!

These clubs are dynamic, single-day events lasting up to 2 hours. There will be soccer-themed games, songs and a Bible Lesson geared to children ages 5-12. Through the familiar highs and lows of sports, the story, "Xavier's New Team," examines how competition can show such heart attitudes as joy, humility, anger, anxiety and pride. As Xavier's attitude toward his teammates reveals his need for forgiveness, children will be challenged with their own need for forgiveness through Jesus. Children will be invited to become part of God's team, live for His glory and share His love with others.

CEF of PA has set a goal of reaching 10,000 unreached children through soccer party clubs. Franklin-Fulton County will host 4 clubs, Aug. 3-6, 2026, from 5-7 pm. We invite you to be part of this ministry outreach!

A Full Circle Moment

14 summers ago, at the age of 5, I came to Good News Camp. I had heard about Good News Camp from all my older siblings. I couldn't wait for my turn to be a camper! My biggest fear was that, to be in the youngest girls' group, Mohawk, I actually had to have a Mohawk. Luckily for me, I didn't. At some point that week, I was taken aside to talk with my teacher one-on-one. I sat on one of the swings, and she sat on her chair. We talked all about God and my church. She then asked me something my older brother had warned me they would ask: "Do you want to ask Jesus into your heart?" After talking it through and understanding what that truly meant, I accepted, and together my teacher and I prayed to ask Jesus to become Lord of my life.

When I was 11, my 13-year-old brother (the same as mentioned before) asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up. At that time, I didn't really know, but I knew I liked helping the little kids at my church. So I told him maybe something with children. His response was fast: "How are you going to use that for God?" Another good question! Without thinking much, and quite dismissively, I told him, "Maybe I'll be a children's pastor". I loved my church's children's pastor at the time and looked up to her immensely. There was a seed planted.

My calling to ministry was not an audible voice, but a bunch of tiny doors God opened and opportunities that could only have come from Him. God has equipped me in a bunch of little ways, pointing me towards His will for me. My most memorable confirmation happened at Good News Camp 2 summers ago, when I was a counselor and about to go into my senior year of high school and dual-enroll in college. After my teacher heard me express what I believe to be my calling, she came to me on the last day of camp and sweetly stated, "If you have any doubts that you should be pursuing children's ministry, I feel I should tell you that it is clear to me that this is a calling from the Lord." I didn't tell anyone, besides God, that I was starting to have my doubts. My calling wasn't like those I hear of most pastors, so I was beginning to question God. That was my final confirmation; from that summer on, I have been running towards God's will for me with all I can, not looking over my shoulder to make sure I wasn't wrong. I've been teaching at Church, Good News Club, last year at camp for the first time, furthering my education in Children & Family Ministries at Lancaster Bible College.

Last August, Colin texted me asking if I wanted to try working at camp in the paid teacher role. I was hesitant; it's my last summer home before moving on campus in the fall. I would have to quit the job I've had for 4 ½ years. There was so much that scared me, but I felt like it was something I still longed to do. As I prepared for this summer, I was starting to get anxious. I told myself that if I could just get through the first week, I would be able to coast through all 8. But that all changed when I walked into camp on the first day of the summer to find that I would be working as a teacher alongside Mrs. Brown, my Mohawk teacher who helped me take the first step in walking with Christ. As she said that Monday morning after I spoke with her, "That is why we do what we do; it makes it all worth it."

Social Media

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We have also created an online platform to make giving easier. Here is the website for online giving: <https://franklincef.breezechms.com/give/online>

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